

Kentwood Soccer Club Constitution

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Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the Kentwood Soccer Club. The club has been established as a non-profit educational association. The organization is committed to equal participation of all athletes in the game of soccer. This organization will not discriminate against person on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, age, national origin, or ancestry.

Article II - Purpose

A) The purpose of the association shall be: 1) teach and develop skills in the playing of soccer among youth 19 years of age and under; 2) promote the growth of competitive amateur soccer, and to encourage good sportsmanship and fair playing among the participants therein; 3) offer and participate with team programs in international and national competition, as well as state, regional and national championships; 4) participate in individual Olympic development programs offered by the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) and the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) for the development of players for state, regional and national teams and the development camps that will lead to player selection for teams to represent the United States in the Olympic, Pan American games and other national and international competition as required.

B) To achieve the purposes, the Association shall:

1. Organize teams to provide and regulate competition between other Regional Leagues, e.g Grand Valley Soccer Association (GVSA) , USA Champions League (USACL).
2. Provide opportunities for instruction and training of players, coaches and referees.
3. By its rules and regulations of play, promote the practice of good sportsmanship and fair play.
4. Provide the opportunity for competition with teams from other states and countries, by participating in the organization and operation of US Youth Soccer sanctioned tournaments.
5. Participate in such other educational activities as may be deemed appropriate and consistent with the goals of the Association.
6. Participate in the Olympic Development Program.
7. Participate in state, regional and national championships.

C) No part of the revenue of the association shall be for the benefit of, nor be distributed to its members, officers or other private persons; except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II A and II B hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The association shall not participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The association shall not carry on any other activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 © (3) or a corporation to which contributions are deductible under Section 170 © (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

D) In the event of the dissolution of this association, the trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the association, dispose of all the assets of the association exclusively for the purposes set forth in Article II A and II B hereof or to such organization or organizations. Pending formal approval of the clubs application as a Section 501© (3) tax exempt organization, this dissolution shall qualify as exempt under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code).

Article III - Affiliation

This association shall be a member of the Grand Valley Soccer Association (GVSA). Through it affiliation with GVSA it will also be members of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA)., who is a member of the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and through it shall be affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), and Federation International de Football Association (FIFA). The Association may also be affiliated with other leagues as applicable.