

THE CONSTITUTION
of the
EL RENO SOCCER CLUB

Name

The name of this organization shall be El Reno Soccer Club, hereinafter referred to as ERSC, a non-profit organization.

Article II

Purpose and Affiliations

Section 1. The ERSC is formed as a non-profit organization to support and propagate the game of soccer in El Reno, Oklahoma, area, which includes the El Reno and Canadian County School District.

It is associated with the Frontier Country Soccer Association, Oklahoma Soccer Association, United States Soccer Federation, United States Youth Soccer Association and the Federation Internationale de Football Association. Through these associations the ERSC is the officially sanctioned Youth Soccer Program for the defined area, it is understood that any youth soccer group which is not a member of the ERSC, but is based within the ERSC boundaries, will not be officially affiliated with USSF.

Section 2. The jurisdiction of the defined area shall be all lands within the boundaries described by the limits of Canadian County, except for the corporate boundaries of the Cities of Yukon and Mustang. Included shall be El Reno, Banner, Maple, Darlington, Concho, Riverside and Union City School Districts.

Philosophy

Section 3. At the center of the ERSC lies the belief that soccer should be played in a friendly, disciplined, and competitive manner. As parents, we have been disheartened by the stressful, argumentative and overly competitive atmospheres that has persisted in other youth sports and while it is understood that tempers may flair during any athletic event, this behavior must be eliminated to preserve the congenial surroundings of friendly competition. All parents and members of the ERSC are urged to adopt this

attitude, for it is the foundation upon which this club is based. Since this club is dedicated to the area youth, it shall be the purpose and requirement that all youths participating in the program should be allowed to play at least one-half of every soccer match involving his or her team.

Article III Members

Section 1. A soccer team within the boundaries defined in article II, Section 2, shall be admitted to membership in the ERSC upon written application to the acceptance by the executive board.

Section 2. The organizations admitted to membership may be teams which are formed by the ERSC or they may be independently formed teams.

Section 3. In order to continue membership, members must maintain good standing with respect to payment of dues and fees, and be in compliance with ERSC Bylaws and Constitution.

Section 4. A recognized voting member of the ERSC shall be any active officer, member of the Board of Directors, Head Coach, or authorized representative of a member team. The member shall have one vote in all General Membership Meetings.

Article IV Government

Executive Board of Directors

Section 1 A. The Executive Board of Directors of the ERSC shall be composed of the office holders of the following described offices and shall be the governing body of the ERSC.

- (a) President
- (b) Executive Vice President
- (c) Vice President
- (d) Secretary
- (e) Treasurer

Section 1 C. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

Section 1 D. The initial office holders listed above shall be elected by the voting members at the ERSC organizational meeting. Thereafter the entire Executive Board of Directors shall be elected annually by the General Voting Membership.

The General Board of Directors

Section 2 A. The General Board of Directors shall consist of the above named officers and the following elected and appointed officers.

- (a) Under 8 Commissioner-elected
- (b) Under 10 Commissioner-elected
- (c) Under 12 Commissioner-elected
- (d) Juvenile Commissioner-elected
- (e) Registrar – appointed
- (f) Public Relations Director – appointed
- (g) Equipment Manager – appointed
- (h) Referee Coordinator – appointed with suggestion from referees.

Section 2 B. The initial elected officers mentioned in Section 2 A shall be appointed by the Executive Board of Directors. Thereafter these officers shall be elected annually by the General Voting Membership. Newly created directorships shall be appointed by the Executive Board of Directors. All non-elected directors shall be appointed by the Executive Board of Directors.

Section 2 C. The number of Directors which shall constitute the whole, the number of Directors may be increased by resolution of the Executive Board of Directors or by the members at the annual meeting. The directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members or a special meeting of members held for that purpose.

Section 2 D. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

Voting Rights

Section 3 A. Each of the officers listed in Section 1 A above shall be entitled to one vote at the Executive Board of Directors, General Board of Directors and General Membership meetings.

Section 3 B. Each of the officers listed in Section 2 A above shall be entitled to one vote at the General Board of Directors and the General Membership meetings.

Section 3 C. The President shall vote only in case of a tie.

Section 3 D. Each member team shall be represented by its head coach or a designated representative and be entitled to one vote in the General Membership meetings provided the Coach has signed a USSF registration form which entitles him or her to a voice in voting matters affecting this club during his/her tenure as a coach. Any team represented by a member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one vote; as long as, that board member is present and voting, his/her vote shall count for the team only and the vote normally cast as an Executive or General Board Member shall be negated by virtue of the dual role. In no case shall an Executive or General Board Member-Coach cast two (2) votes.

General Information

Section 4. Any member of the General Board of Directors who shall be absent from three consecutive regular meetings or be declared to be inactive through his/her lack of interest or performance as per his/her job description, shall have his/her office declared vacant upon majority vote of the Executive Board. The President shall then appoint another person to fill his/her vacancy.

Section 5. The term of office for the elected Directors shall be effective July 1 of the year elected and to conclude June 30 of the following year.

Section 6. If an officer of the Executive Board desires to run for another office, it shall not be required of him/her to resign his/her present position in order to seek the new office.

Section 7. Any vacancy or newly created offices not covered elsewhere in this Constitution or by its Bylaws shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Board.

Duties of the Executive Board

Section 10 A. President

- (1) Responsible for the overall administrative and executive functions of this club and shall be the General Manager.
- (2) Appoints committees as necessary to carry out these functions.
- (3) Assigns duties to all officers as required.
- (4) Takes prudent and reasonable action in cases not covered by the Bylaws.
- (5) Casts the deciding vote in case of a tie.
- (6) Appoints an auditing committee to certify the treasurer's annual report.
- (7) Is an authorized co-signer on all checks of this club.
- (8) Presides at monthly General Membership meetings of this club and provides proper written notice of these meetings.
- (9) Presides at the election of officers at the General Meetings.
- (10) Call Emergency Committee meetings as deemed necessary.
- (11) Calls additional General Meetings as necessary upon written request of at least three (3) officers or at least ten (10) voting members of this club within two weeks of the request. This request must be in writing and signed by all parties desiring the meeting.
- (12) Fills by appointment any office declared vacant by the Executive Board.
- (13) Presides at regular meetings of the Executive Board and has the authority to call additional Executive Board Meetings as deemed necessary.
- (14) Provides one week written notice to all members of a General Meeting that requires resolution of amendments to the Bylaws.

Section 10 B. Executive Vice President

- (1) Assumes all duties and responsibilities of the President in his/her absence.
- (2) Is an authorized co-signer of all checks of this club.
- (3) Attends all Emergency Committee Meetings.
- (4) Processes all complaints and determines whether these should be presented to the Executive Board for discussion or resolution.
- (5) Selects a protest committee.

Section 10 C. Vice President

- (1) Assumes all duties and responsibilities of the Executive Vice President in the absence of the President and the Executive Vice President.
- (2) Shall act as Parliamentarian at all meetings.

Section 10 D. Secretary

- (1) Records the minutes of all meetings.
- (2) Attends to all correspondence and collects all mail from the Club post office box.
- (3) Shall have general custody of all records of this club.
- (4) Keeps a current list of all club teams.
- (5) Assumes all duties and responsibilities of the Vice President in his/her absence.
- (6) Attends all Emergency Committee Meetings.

Section 10 E. Treasurer

- (1) Collects all monies of this Club.
- (2) Keeps a detailed account of income and expenditures.
- (3) Is an authorized co-signer of all checks of this Club.
- (4) Pays all bills approved by the majority of the Financial Board, which consists of the President, Executive Vice President and Vice President.
- (5) Submits a report of finances at each General Meeting and a written report upon request of the Executive Board.

Section 10 F. Age Division Commissioners

- (1) Insures that his/her division is continuously represented.
- (2) Co-ordinates playing schedules.
- (3) Co-ordinates and manages fields and equipment at the direction of the Executive Board of Directors.
- (4) Appoints committees as needed for the administration of his/her division.
- (5) Co-ordinates all player forms and processes them through the Club Secretary.
- (6) Subject to call to serve on the protest committee to provide action on complaints and/or protests outside his/her division.

- (7) Receives all protests or complaints from the coaches in his/her division and determines whether said protest or complaint was submitted in accordance with the Bylaws of this Constitution.
- (8) Acts as a member of the General Board of Directors.

Section 10 G. Director of Public Relations

- (1) Endeavors to obtain prompt and concise recognition of the Club's activity in the news media.
- (2) Participates as a member of the General Board of Directors.
- (3) Has authority to appoint photographers and/or correspondents to help as needed to perform duties outlined in item 1 above.

Section 10 H. Registrar

- (1) Co-ordinates all registration.
- (2) Assists in generating all necessary records in regards to Club teams and members.
- (3) Participates as a member of the General Board of Directors.
- (4) Keeps current records of all players and teams.

Section 10 I. Fields and Equipment Manager

- (1) Maintains, coordinates and inventories all Club equipment.
- (2) Performs other duties as requested by the Executive Board.

Section 10 J. Referee Coordinator

- (1) Coordinates referees for all matches.
- (2) Communicates Club information to referees.
- (3) Presides at monthly referee meetings during the playing season.

Article V

Meetings

Section 1. The General Membership meetings of this club shall be held on the third Monday of each month.

Section 2. Meetings of the Executive Board will be held at the request of the President. Additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by two or more members, exclusive of the President.

Section 3. The President, Executive Vice President and one other Executive Board member of the Club shall constitute an Emergency Committee on matters demanding immediate attention.

Section 4. The President must call additional General Membership meetings upon request of at least three (3) officers or at least ten (10) voting members of this Club within two weeks of the request. This request must be in writing and signed by all parties desiring the meetings.

Section 5. A majority of voting club members present and in good standing shall constitute a quorum for transacting business in all general meetings except for amending this Constitution.

Section 6. All board meetings shall be open to all Club members.

Article VI

Discipline

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be responsible for all discipline to all teams, coaches, and players under the jurisdiction of this Club, concurrent with all rulings from the ERSC Games Committee and/or the Playing Committee of FCSA.

Section 2. Any officer may be removed by a three-fourth majority vote of the members present at any properly constituted General Membership meeting providing 2/3 of the eligible voters are present.

Article VII

Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the General Membership by a majority of 2/3 (two-thirds) of the total voting membership.

Section 2. Article I and Article II, Section 1 and 3 may not be amended, deleted, or changed during the life of this organization.

Amendment 1. Section XI. The Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the General Board of Directors by a majority of the members present and in good standing provided the proposed amendment is presented to the Executive Committee at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Amendment 2. Section VIII C. Player passes will not be required for local club games where all participants are members of the El Reno Soccer Club.

Amendment 3. Section IV A 8. Any coach not playing each player at least one-half of a game may be subject to disciplinary action. A referee, parent of either club, or coach of the opposing club may protest a coaches action. A Protest Committee will be formed as outlined in Section VII E. Disciplinary action will include warning and replay of the match for the first offense; forfeiture of the match and one game suspension of the coach for the second offense; forfeiture and suspension of the coach for one year for the third offense.

Amendment 4. A 30 second break will be given by the referee near the middle of each half to permit coaches to substitute. Play should not be stopped unless play is near a neutral spot such as the center of the field.