

**BY LAWS OF THE  
METRO TULSA Soccer Club, USC**

**ARTICLE I  
GOVERNMENT**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the METRO TULSA Soccer Club, USC ("MTsc").

Section 2. The purpose of MTsc is to provide (1) a learning environment with a variety of alternatives for all youth ages to play soccer, (2) a experience that allow families to cherish their time together and where athletes regardless of capability can develop, compete and learn in a positive and fun environment, (3) focus on enhanced individual as well as team achievement and instill self-confidence regardless of a player's skill level, (4) teach life lessons and positive character traits such as good sportsmanship, fair play, the importance of a team, to always do your best, to never give up, to respect your opponents and the officials, and to honor the game, (5) be *Where Kids Come First* meaning, MTsc is where decisions related to rules, programs or processes, are done in a manner to benefit the collective whole or significant majority of the kid (player) membership of the club or a club program. Implementation or lack thereof of any rule, program or process for the benefit of a single child is presumed to be at the expense of many others in the collective whole and shall not be permitted. Exceptions to the rule may be obtained through successful appeals to the MTsc Executive Board, not to a single MTsc board member and will be available to all Members.

Section 3. Terms such as director, his, he, etc. shall be understood to be inclusive of both sexes; no official title shall be considered to be either male or female.

Section 4. The MTsc Board of Directors shall consist of a five (5) member committee. The Board of Directors shall have the ability by vote to expand the number of Director positions at any time deemed necessary as well as to establish an operations committee as required to facilitate day-to-day implementation of club programs.

Section 5. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to administer the affairs of MTsc.

**ARTICLE II  
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership ("Members") in MTsc shall consist of (1)players who are properly registered with the MTsc, (2)parents and/or legal guardians of registered players and (3)the Board of Directors

Section 2. "Voting Members" shall be limited to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. MTsc shall not be restricted to any boundaries for Membership such school districts, counties or other.

**ARTICLE III**  
**OFFICERS**

Section 1. The elected Directors of MTsc shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by Voting Members. No individual shall simultaneously hold more than one Director position. A Director may be a salaried employee of MTsc but will have to abstain from voting on issues that are a conflict of interest.

Section 2. Directors ("Officers") are to be elected to a two-year (2-year) term and they may succeed themselves in office. The election of such officers shall be staggered to ensure continuity and knowledge transfer relative to MTsc operations from one year to the next.

The following Officer positions shall be up for election in June of each odd numbered calendar year (i.e. 2007, 2009, etc.):

Director #1  
Director #2

The following Officer positions shall be up for election in June of each even numbered calendar year (i.e. 2006, 2008, etc.):

Director #3  
Director #4  
Director #5

Notwithstanding the above, if any Officer of the Board chooses by their own free will to opt out of completing their elected term at any time thereby resulting in their position being vacant, the Board of Directors may elect a new Director to such position and the elected Officer's term shall continue until the above respective position election year.

Section 3. All Officers shall be elected by a 4/5 majority vote and their office shall be effective immediately at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected. All officers shall serve until their successors are elected.

Section 4. An officer of the Board of Directors may be removed from his position for just cause; such removal shall require a majority vote by the remaining voting Officers. Additionally, any Officer of MTSC that is absent, without just cause, from three (3) consecutive Board of Director meetings may be removed by a majority vote of the remaining voting Officers, provided notice of this intention is provided to all officers at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting involving such vote.

Section 5. To be eligible for an Officer position, the nominee must have served at least twelve (12) consecutive months as an administrator of a youth sport unless waived by the Board of Directors by majority vote.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**BOARD of DIRECTOR MEETINGS**

Section 1. Executive Board Meetings shall be held each month.

Section 2. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall vote only in cases of a tie. Each other officer of the Executive Board shall have only one vote.

Section 3. The Chairman shall submit the agenda for the Board of Directors and their monthly meetings.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall be subject to these Bylaws and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by MTsc.

Section 5. An Officer of the Board of Directors shall be obligated to abstain from voting on issues that have a unique and direct impact upon any interests he is associated with.

Section 6. The Board of Directors may enact by vote new rules, resolutions and/or policies, or amend or delete existing rules, resolutions, programs and/or policies that govern and administer the activities of MTsc. In order for the Board of Directors to enact any new or amended rules, resolutions, policies or programs, there must be a quorum at such Board meeting. A Board of Directors quorum consists of a minimum of a vote by five (5) Directors be either present physically, by phone or by written proxy (where such proxy must be specific to the issue at hand) at such meeting.

#### **ARTICLE V FINANCES**

Section 1. The fiscal year will be January 1- December 31.

Section 2. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year the Treasurer shall prepare a budget of estimated income and expenditures for the ensuing year and submit it to the Board of Directors. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, the budget shall stand as the limit of expenditures for the purpose specified. Additional expenditures, whether in excess of budget or for other purpose, shall not be made without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Board of Directors for special committees/purpose may set special funds aside. The committee chairperson/responsible person as determined by the Board of Directors may disburse these funds pursuant to the approval of the Board of Directors. An accounting for the special funds shall be made monthly to the Treasurer by the committee chairperson/responsible person.

Section 4. All Officers and other approved persons handling MTsc funds shall be bonded as required by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall hear appeals of any decision of any MTsc committee.

Section 2. GAMES AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Shall consist of one Board of Directors designee as committee Chairman and not less than three (3) or more than five (5) non-Officer members representing the diversity of the age groups and/or programs without conflict of interest. Members shall be appointed by the Chairman subject to their approval by the Board of Directors. Such Committee shall:

- Discipline coaches, players, spectators, members and/or other for misconduct of US Club Soccer, USYSA, MTsc and/or other bylaws or standing rules and resolutions whichever is applicable.
- Assure all games are played in accordance with US Club Soccer, USYSA MTsc and/or other standing rules and resolutions whichever is applicable.

Section 3. TEAM FORMATION COMMITTEE

Shall consist of one Board of Directors designee as committee Chairman and not less than three (3) and not more than five (5) committee members. Members shall be appointed by the Chairman subject to their approval by the Board of Directors. Such Committee shall:

- Shall be responsible for team formation guidelines and seeing that teams are formed according to said guidelines.
- Shall be responsible with registering all players with the USYSA or US Club Soccer whichever is applicable.

Section 8. COACH AND REFEREE EDUCATION COMMITTEES

Shall consist of a Chairpeople appointed by the Board of Directors and committee members as needed. Such Committees shall:

- Oversee coach and referee education training programs, and maintain documents relative to coach and referee qualifications, past performance and recommend program enhancements for greater referee and coach development.

**ARTICLE VII**  
RIGHT OF APPEAL

Decisions of MTsc may be appealed to the appropriate organization applicable to the appealed item if any which might include the United States Youth Soccer Association, US Club Soccer or the US Soccer Federation.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current addition of The Roberts Rules of Order shall govern MTsc in all cases where they are applicable and in which they

are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order that MTsc may adopt.

**ARTICLE IX**  
NON PROFIT STATUS

This corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit, nor shall it have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit to any Member, Director, trustee or individual. The balance, if any, of all money received by the corporation from its operation, after payment in full of all debts and obligations of the corporation of whatsoever kind and nature, shall be used and distributed exclusively for carrying out the purpose or purposes of the corporation, as more particularly set forth herein above. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Law, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes provided further that in no event shall any of the corporation's assets or property in the event of its dissolution go or be distributed to any Director, Member or individual, either for the reimbursement of any sums subscribed, donated or contributed by such Director, Member or individual, or for any other purpose.

**ARTICLE X**  
MERGER WITH 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY CLUBS

In the event that MTsc merges with another soccer club, the Board of Directors may at its discretion set up such merged entity as an operating unit of MTsc. Such operating unit shall be subject to all the provisions within these Bylaws. Additionally, the Board of Directors reserves the right, by majority vote, to establish operating unit Director position to serve as an Officer of the Board of Directors subject to the Bylaws herein.

**ARTICLE XI**  
AMENDMENT OF THE BY LAWS

The Bylaws can be amended by vote at any Board of Directors meeting, provided that the amendment has been available in writing to the Voting Membership with reasonable prior written notice.

**ARTICLE XII**  
EFFECTIVE DATE

These Bylaws became effective 12:01am, July 1, 2004.