

BRANCBURG TRAVEL SOCCER CLUB

CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Branchburg Travel Soccer Club (BTSC), a New Jersey Non Profit Corporation.
- Section 2. The principal office of this organization shall be located in Branchburg Township at the discretion of the President.

Article II - Affiliation

- Section 1. This organization shall be and hereby is affiliated with the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer Association, Elite Development Program, New Jersey State Youth Soccer Association, United States Youth Soccer Association, United States Soccer Federation, FIFA, and is subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of these bodies insofar as they affect and prescribe the functions of a local club and are not in conflict with this Constitution or Bylaws.

Article III - Purpose

- Section 1. This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation 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 Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propoganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 3. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction 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.

- Section 4. The purpose of this organization shall be:
- a. The promotion of highly competitive traveling soccer teams for the children of Branchburg Township and the Borough of Somerville.
 - b. To provide the children constituting its membership training and techniques in the art of competitive soccer.
- Section 5. This organization shall be nonpartisan, non-sectional, non-sectarian, and shall wholly abstain from any political affiliations or endorsements of candidates for public office.

Article IV - Participating Membership

- Section 1. Any child falling within the USYSA/FIFA approved age groupings is eligible for active participation in this membership organization with full privileges thereof.

Article V - Voting Membership

- Section 1. The voting privileges in this organization are limited to the following:

Board of Directors
Active, licensed BTSC coaches (up to two per team)
Parent or legal guardian of children in the club

each with one (1) vote when they have attended four (4) meetings in a rolling calendar year, not missing more than three (3) in a row during that time period.

Article VI - Government

- Section 1. The government of this organization shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of the following Directors: President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Team Formation, Tournament Director, Fundraising and Equipment/Uniforms.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors of the organization shall be elected in the number prescribed by the Bylaws and shall hold office for a period of two years or until their successor are duly elected and charged. Interim elections will be held to fill vacancies that result from vacated positions. The term of these interim elected positions will expire in accordance with the original period of the position being filled. Past Board of Directors may be called upon to serve in a non-voting advisory role at the discretion of the current board of directors.
- Section 3. A member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office by affirmative vote of no less than 2/3 of the entire Board of Directors, for the following reasons:
- i. Manifesting conduct, actions, aims or pursuits which are detrimental to the interests, goals, and/or reputation of the organization.
 - ii. Repeated absenteeism from board meetings without valid cause or excuse, such valid cause or excuse being medical reasons or family or work related emergencies.
 - iii. Repeated failure or refusal to perform designated tasks and responsibilities, as determined by the Board.

Article VII • Amendment

- Section 1. This constitution may be amended by two thirds vote of the eligible voting membership present (with a minimum of 2/3 of the board of directors present) at a general membership meeting provided that written notice of the proposed amendment has been emailed to the last known email address of each voting member at least ten days prior to the date of such meeting and provided that a quorum is in attendance.
- a. Proposed changes to the constitution and the bylaws require 2/3 approval of the Board of Directors prior to presentation to the eligible voting membership.

BYLAWS

Article I- Participating Membership (Players)

- Section 1. Active participating membership in this organization shall be as provided in the Constitution.
- Section 2. An applicant for participating membership shall be accepted as a member when the following steps are accomplished in the order specified.
- a. Submission of membership application
 - b. Placement on a team approved by the Board of Directors
 - c. Payment of fees
 - d. Approval of USYSA player pass
- Section 3. Annual tryouts for team membership shall be scheduled during the Spring season or at special sessions as required by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. All Branchburg Township, Somerville and Neshanic Station children who are deemed qualified to participate in the travel program will be given first consideration; there will be no exceptions without the approval of the Board of Directors.

Article II- Coaching

- Section 1. The head coach for each team shall be appointed by the Board of Directors,
- Section 2. This organization will require a minimum of a USYSA "F" license which must be obtained prior to consideration for any team head coaching position.
- Section 3. If any BTSC coach is levied any payment or fine by the BTSC, MNJYSA, EDP, NJSYSA, or other applicable body, the individual coach, not BTSC, will be responsible for payment of such fine.

Article III - Fees

- Section 1. BTSC club fees will be due upon acceptance onto a team. Additional team fees will be established prior to the start of the season.
- Section 2. Any participating member with club and/or team fees in arrears shall forthwith be suspended from membership at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Article IV - Government

- Section 1. The government of this organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors which shall be subject to the will of the voting membership.
- Section 2. General Elections for Board of Directors
- a. Voting Requirements: refer to Article V Section 1 of the Constitution.

b. Nominations:

Nominations will be solicited the month prior to the General Election.

All nominations submitted to the Board of Directors at least 7 days prior to the General Election will be accepted.

c. Elections:

General elections will be held every two years at the last general membership meeting of the calendar year. Under special circumstances, interim elections may be held at other times as provided for in the Constitution. Adequate notice must be provided to all coaches via email and at the General Meeting at least two (2) months prior to the election.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall have control and management of the property and management of the organization subject to the will of the voting membership. Funds of the organization shall be withdrawn from the bank or banks with which they are on deposit by a joint signature of the Treasurer and one other Board member, except as may be authorized by the voting membership.

- a. No financial commitment in excess of budgeted funds shall be made by any member on behalf of this organization.
- b. It shall be the duty of the President to inform the Directors and committee chairpersons the amount budgeted for their operation.
- c. This organization will not pay or authorize for payment any financial expenditure or commitment unless same shall have been duly authorized as aforesaid, and where a receipt invoice or other substantiation has been received.
- d. Any expenditures over \$1,000 which are not normal operating expenses must be voted on by the voting membership at a general membership meeting.
- e. The fiscal budget is to be prepared by the Board of Directors in alignment with the pre-determined fiscal year. The budget will then be presented to the voting membership. The budget will take effect immediately following the voting membership meeting at which the budget is approved by the voting membership.
- f. An audit of the financial records will be made every two years, or whenever the treasurer vacates the office. The auditors will be appointed by the Board of Directors. In the event that an audit is needed as a result of an interim election, the auditor will be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Since this organization is fully affiliated in the United States Youth Soccer Association, no member of the Board of Directors shall participate in any non-affiliated soccer program. Non-adherence will result in automatic expulsion. There will be no exceptions.

Article V - Level of Competitive Play

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall determine the number of teams.

Section 2. The Board of Directors, with the input of the proposed team and coaching staff, will approve the level of entry for team competition subject to their respective league/association.

Section 3. This organization shall only sponsor and authorize for entry teams that fall under the USYSA/FIFA age grouping guidelines of the participating members which would under normal circumstances compete within the USYSA divisional environment.

Article VI - Meeting

Section 1. The organization shall hold a meeting at least once quarterly.

Section 2. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at regularly scheduled dates or at the call of the President.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held for any purpose at any time by call of the President or, if the President is absent or refuses to act, by any two elected directors.

Section 4. Voting requires 2/3 of the Board of Directors present at a board meeting.

Section 5. Voting at a general membership/coaches meeting shall require 2/3 of the Board of Directors and 10 percent of the eligible voting membership present. Eligible voters are defined in Article V Section 1 of the Constitution.

Article VII - Committees

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall determine the committees deemed proper and necessary to fulfill the object and purpose of the organization.

Section 2. All committee chairpersons shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors

Article VIII - Rules of Order

Section 1. A simplified version of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings of the organization and its constituent parts except as provided in these Bylaws.