

North Kitsap Soccer Club



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ARTICLE 1. NAME AND OBJECTIVE**Section A.**

1. The name of this organization shall be “North Kitsap Soccer Club”, hereinafter referred to as The Club or NKSC.
2. The Club may be affiliated with the Northwest Sound Youth Soccer Association (NSYSA), State of Washington, hereinafter referred to as The Association or NSYSA.
3. The Club, by its affiliation with The Association, may also be affiliated with Washington Youth Soccer Region IV, hereinafter referred to as The Region, and may also be affiliated with Washington Youth Soccer, hereinafter referred to as The State.
4. The Club may be affiliated with US Club Soccer.
5. The Club may be affiliated with other entities as deemed appropriate and approved by the NKSC Board.

Section B.

The club is and shall be nonprofit, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan. The Club is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purpose, including for such purposes, making the distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section C.

The purpose for which NKSC is organized is as follows:

1. The purpose of North Kitsap Soccer Club shall be to promote youth soccer in the greater Kitsap County area of Washington State and to further promote the development of leadership, character, sportsmanship, tolerance, discipline, and athletic ability, and to nurture youth fitness, volunteerism, and a lifelong love of sports. The Club is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, more specifically to provide sports participation and youth services for the youth of greater Kitsap County
2. The Club will make every effort to make sure that every child with the desire to participate gets the opportunity, without regard to prior experience, athletic ability, or size.
 - a. We are committed to instilling honesty, loyalty, integrity, teamwork, discipline, sportsmanship, respect, leadership, trust, commitment, and the importance of education in our young participants. We believe these values and virtues are important to their growth and to them becoming active members of our community and society.
 - b. We will instill in our youth the challenge of competition, the joy of victory, the reality of defeat, and the importance of commitment and community service.
 - c. These goals will be achieved through organizing our dedicated volunteers, caring parents, and business associates who wish to partner with our great youth sport program.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP**Section A.**

1. The membership of The Club shall consist of the parents/guardians of all properly registered players and other registered adult participants 18 years of age or older.
2. A “Member in good standing” is defined by The Club as a member who:
 - a. Is not currently under and Washington Youth Soccer suspension from all soccer activities and;
 - b. Is not in financial arrears to The Club, his/her team, or any other US Soccer affiliate and;
 - c. Has a current “Cleared” Risk Management Status according to Washington Youth Soccer and/or US Club Soccer, if required to have such a clearance for his/her position (i.e. Board Member, Team Staff Member, etc).
3. Members shall re-register annually to continue their membership. Those who do not re-register annually will be dropped from The Club’s membership roles.

ARTICLE III. ADMINISTRATION**Section A.**

1. This club shall be governed by its Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and all Association, US Club Soccer, and State governing documents.
2. The business of The Club will be carried out by the NKSC Board of Directors. The NKSC Board is the voting members of the North Kitsap Soccer Club Board, whose roles, responsibilities, and obligations shall be defined in the NKSC Bylaws.
3. The primary team colors of the organization shall be NK Dark Royal (**#004688**), White (**#FFFFFF**), and NK Gold (**#F4CE28**).

Section B.

The NKSC Board will consist of the duly elected Officers of the Club.

1. Elected Officers:
 - a. The elected officers will consist of the following:
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Vice President
 - Technical Director
 - Director of Equipment
 - Director of Fields
 - Director of Community Outreach
 - Director of Registration
 - Director of Competitive Program
 - Director of Recreational Program
 - b. These elected officials shall be from within members of The Club and shall be elected at The Club’s Annual General Meeting, for a term of two (2) years.
 - i. The following positions shall be elected on even years with terms commencing on the first board meeting following their election:

- President
- Secretary
- Director of Fields
- Director of Registration
- Director of Competitive Program

ii. The following positions shall be elected on odd years with terms commencing on the first board meeting following their election:

- Treasurer
- Vice President
- Technical Director
- Director of Equipment
- Director of Community Outreach
- Director of Recreational Program

c. The elected officials may also consist of up to two (2) player representatives.

- These positions are non-voting positions.
- Players must be at least 14 years old to be considered and must have their parents' or guardians' permission to be considered.

2. Appointed Positions:

- a. Any position created and appointed, or contracted, by the NKSC Board, shall have defined roles, responsibilities, and obligations added to or included in the NKSC Bylaws at the discretion of the NKSC Board with final approval by the NKSC President.

Section C. Contracts

1. All contracts within regular NKSC Board position responsibilities will be covered in monthly board reports.
2. All special contracts outside of regular NKSC Board position responsibilities shall be presented to the NKSC Board for full review and approval.
3. Prior to execution of a contractual obligation; all contracts shall be signed by the NKSC President or the designated Board Member assigned by the NKSC President.
4. A copy of all executed contracts shall be provided to the NKSC Board and to be placed in the Club files.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section A. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

1. The purpose of the AGM shall be for the election of NKSC Board officers, considerations of proposed amendments to the Constitution, and NKSC Bylaws.
2. The AGM shall be held annually in the designated month as defined in the NKSC Bylaws.

3. The AGM is open to the NKSC membership in accordance with the NKSC Bylaws.

Section B. NKSC Board Meetings

1. The purpose of the Board meetings shall be to conduct The Club's business.
2. The monthly Board meetings are to be open to the membership in accordance with the NKSC Bylaws.
3. Closed meetings will be conducted separately in accordance with the NKSC Bylaws.

ARTICLE V. AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Section A.

1. Any member in good standing may submit a proposed amendment or resolution. Proposed amendments and resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary before the 1st day of the month, not less than 2 months before the Annual General Meeting.
2. The Secretary shall present the proposed amendment at the NKSC Board meeting under "New Business".
 - a. Upon entry into the minutes, it shall be tabled until the following Board meeting.
3. At the following NKSC Board meeting, the order of business will be discussed following the approval of the previous NKSC Board meeting minutes. At this time the Secretary shall present the proposed amendments for consideration by the NKSC Board.
 - a. Debate on the proposed amendments shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes.
4. To be approved, the proposed amendment must pass by a two-thirds (2/3) vote from all NKSC Board Members present.
5. Example Timeline:
 - a. January 24th 2024 – Proposed amendments or resolutions to the Constitution must be submitted in writing.
 - b. January 28th 2024 – Proposed amendments or resolutions to the Constitution are entered into the minutes at the NKSC Board meeting.
 - c. February 25th 2024 – Proposed amendments or resolutions to the Constitution are considered and discussed by the NKSC Board at the board meeting.
 - d. March 24th 2024 – Proposed amendments or resolutions to the Constitution are voted on by NKSC Board Members at the Annual General Meeting.

Section B.

Once the amendment is approved by the NKSC Board, the Secretary will ensure it is posted on the Club's website for all members to review at least fourteen (14) days before the AGM.

Section C.

For final approval, the amendment or resolution must pass by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Club Members in good standing present at the AGM.

ARTICLE VI. RESOLUTIONS

Section A.

North Kitsap Soccer Club shall strive for openness, impartiality, equality, and equity, and therefore resolves that:

1. Any member in good standing may submit a proposed amendment to the NKSC Bylaws or NKSC Rules and Regulations at any NKSC Board meeting, pursuant to the NKSC Bylaws.
2. Teams shall receive equal benefits within each program of Club facilities, equipment, and services.
3. No Club team, without notification and approval of the NKSC Board, shall seek or obtain material goods, services, or financial means.
4. NKSC specifically disclaims financial responsibility for, and shall not assume nor be held liable for, the debts or the financial obligations, either expressed or implied, of any affiliated team, or any of the coaches, managers, officers, or officials.
5. The membership holds harmless NKSC and all elected, appointed, and hired representatives of NKSC for any claim, demand, cause of action, loss or damage incurred by them, and the defense thereof arising out of member(s) violation of the NKSC Constitution, Bylaws, and/or Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE VII. DISSOLUTION OF NKSC

In the event of the dissolution of The Club, legal counsel shall be retained by the Board for distribution of assets after all liabilities have been settled, as specified in Section 501(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended from time to time.