



PIERCE COUNTY SOCCER REFEREE'S ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this Association shall be the PIERCE COUNTY SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION, hereinafter called the PCSRA.

Section 1 The PCSRA shall be affiliated with the WASHINGTON STATE SOCCER REFEREE COMMITTEE, hereinafter referred to as SRC, The UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, hereinafter referred to as USSF.

Section 2 The address of the PCSRA shall be the mailing address of the current President, or a designated mailing address.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

- A. Provide competent officials for all organized soccer matches;
- B. Represent, control, promote and teach soccer refereeing in Pierce County;
- C. Uphold the rules set forth by FIFA, USSF, and their designated affiliated associations;
- D. Maintain a registration of all soccer referees in Pierce County;
- E. Have jurisdiction over all properly registered referees in Pierce County;
- F. Unite in Pierce County all persons interested in soccer refereeing;
- G. Represent and protect the interests of all soccer referees in Pierce County;
- H. Provide ways and means for the members to improve the quality of soccer refereeing through activities planned to inspire, educate, and elevate the participants. Advance soccer

refereeing in both theoretical and practical applications;

I. Encourage a spirit of pride, unity, and cooperation within all ranks of soccer refereeing.

ARTICLE III: GOVERNMENT

Section 1 There shall be a BOARD OF DIRECTORS, hereinafter referred to as the Board. The Board shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Referee Assessment, the Clinic Coordinator of Pierce County, Youth Representative, State Representative, Youth Director, and Four At Large Directors.

Section 2 The authority of the PCSRA shall be vested in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association as approved and/or amended by the membership.

Section 3 A The fiscal year for the association shall be the calendar year from January 1 to December 31.

Section 3 B Dues or other assessments shall be set at the direction of the Board.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Any person desiring to become a member of PCSRA may do so by meeting the qualifications set forth by USSF.

A. Persons wanting to transfer from another soccer referees' association may do so by meeting: Local dues requirements; Arranging for a letter of introduction; Supplying games record from the previous referee affiliate; and Supplying results from physical and written tests.

B. The Board shall be responsible for the examination of candidates for membership, following the clinic and membership regulations of affiliated referee association, and reviewing credentials and references.

C. Contributing Members shall be persons, organizations, or funds whose purposes agree with the purposes of the PCSRA who contributes financially or in kind support for activities of the organization.

Section 2 Members of the PCSRA shall be either, Voting Members or Contributing Members. Voting members will be a member of USSF. Dues for Voting members and/or Contributing Members will be as provided for in policies and procedures as established by the Board.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1 Board Meetings

The Board shall meet at least once a month unless situations prevent a quorum of members. A quorum of the Board shall be a simple majority of the number of members of the Board.

Section 2 Regular Meetings

The PCSRA shall conduct training sessions for its members besides the basic Referee Clinics. The training sessions shall be once a month unless otherwise directed by the Board.

Section 3 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held annually in May. The Annual General Meeting shall be conducted for: Election of officers; Voting on proposed amendments to the Constitution, and By-Laws; The reading and filing with permanent records of annual reports of all the officers. In addition, the Annual General Meeting shall conduct other business which shall properly come before the membership.

- A. The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as set by the Board, thirty days before the Annual General Meeting.
- B. A quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be a majority of those members in attendance.
- C. Any member may call for a written ballot on any pending motion.

ARTICLE VI: DENIAL & TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The Board shall establish a procedure to afford any member notice and an opportunity for a hearing where a member is in violation of this constitution or the ethics of refereeing as a profession.

ARTICLE VII: FEES AND FINANCES

Section 1 All monies paid into the PCSRA shall be placed in the Treasury.

Section 2 All dues, fines, and other money matters shall be listed in the policies and procedures, as well as game fees and mileage charged to soccer leagues, associations, clubs and/or teams, all as established by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII: RECORDS

Section 1 Only one copy of the Constitution shall be made available to any member upon request.

Section 2 A membership list of officers and members shall be made available to the membership, and a copy shall be on hand at all meetings. It shall be updated as often as necessary to be current.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by an affirmation vote of two-thirds of the Members of the Board, and that vote ratified by a two-thirds vote of Voting Members present at the Annual General Meeting, or special meeting called for the purpose of amending the Constitution.

Section 2 Any proposed change in the Constitution must be given to the membership at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or special meeting called for the purpose of amending the Constitution.

Section 3 Members abstaining or voting a blank ballot shall not be counted in the accounting.

ARTICLE X: SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any part of this CONSTITUTION be declared illegal under the laws of Federal, State, or Local Government, or improperly inconsistent with the constitution of a higher referee affiliated association, the remaining parts shall remain in force.

ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for the PCSRA in all matters not covered by PCSRA policy under this Constitution, the By-laws, or the Standing Rules and Regulations.