

**BY-LAWS**  
**OF**  
**GENESESO SOCCER CLUB**

**ARTICLE ONE – ORGANIZATION**

1. The name of this organization shall be the Geneseo Soccer Club.
2. The organization shall have a seal which shall be in the following form:

Geneseo Soccer Club  
Corporate Seal  
Not for Profit
3. The organization may at its pleasure, by a two-thirds majority vote of its Board of Directors, change its name.

**ARTICLE TWO – PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of the Geneseo Soccer Club (hereinafter called “GSC”) shall be located at P.O. Box 144, Geneseo, IL 61254.

**ARTICLE THREE – MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Geneseo Soccer Club is to build a competitive soccer program through which the participants are encouraged to develop good sportsmanship, the appropriate technical skill, tactical knowledge and insight into the game for their age and skill level.

**ARTICLE FOUR – AFFILIATIONS**

- 1) In order to provide a managed risk environment for the youth rostered on GSC sponsored teams, all players on GSC sponsored teams will be properly registered

with a State, Regional or National soccer association. The selection of this soccer association shall be made by the Board of Directors. The relationship between GSC and the soccer association may be initiated or terminated upon a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will review GSC's established relationship with its current soccer association annually.

2) In order to provide a competitive soccer experience for the youth rostered on GSC sponsored teams and to facilitate the scheduling of games with other competitive teams, GSC will maintain an affiliation, membership or relationship with one or more soccer leagues. The Board of Directors shall select this soccer league. The relationship between GSC and a soccer league may be initiated or terminated upon a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. GSC's established relationship with each soccer league will reviewed annually by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE – OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1) This organization shall have a twelve member Board of Directors, consisting of members at large and the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, registrar, director of risk management, director of coaches, director of referees & fields, equipment manager, league representative, and a Geneseo Youth Soccer liaison. Each director shall serve a three-year term and officers shall be elected each year by the Board of Directors and serve a one-year term.

2) The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this organization. Such Board of Directors shall only act in the name of the organization when it shall be regularly convened by its chairman after due notice to all the directors of such meeting.

3) Each director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy.

4) The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary.

5) The president of the organization by virtue of the office shall be chairperson of the Board of Directors.

6) A year shall be from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

- 7) Prior to the annual meeting, a nominating committee of three shall be appointed by the president to nominate the officers and board members. The nominations shall be made at least 7 days prior to elections. It is recommended the nominating officers are second year board members and the nominated president is a third year board member to have the benefit of experience when they hold office.
- 8) Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the balance of the term of the vacancy.
- 9) Quorum and Voting: A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be comprised of a simple majority of those board members in office for the transaction of all business. The affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present shall be the action of the Board of Directors.
- 10) Resignation and Removal of directors: Any director or officer may resign at any time. The resignation of a director shall be in writing and shall take effect at the time specified therein, and if no time is specified, at the time of its receipt by the board. Directors may be removed for good cause, including repeated failure to attend meetings, by a two-thirds vote of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Notice of removal shall be given at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The Board of Directors may entertain charges against any director. A director may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing. The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules as it may in its discretion consider necessary for the best interests of the organization, for this hearing.
- 11) Advisory Committees: The Board of Directors shall be authorized to establish one or more committees, comprised both of persons who are and are not members of the board directors, for the purpose of advising the board of directors.

## **ARTICLE SIX – GSC FUNDS**

All funds of GSC not otherwise employed shall be deposited in such banks, savings

and loan associations or trust companies as the board of directors may from time to time determine.

#### **ARTICLE SEVEN – FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year for GSC shall be July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> in any given calendar year.

#### **ARTICLE EIGHT – ACTION BY CONSENT**

Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting via email or telephone. All members of the Board of Directors will sign a written consent to such action and such written consent will be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board.

#### **ARTICLE NINE – AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the directors then in office at a duly scheduled meeting or by email ballot of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE TEN – COMMITTEES**

- 1) The president shall appoint committees as necessary for the efficient functioning of GSC programs.
- 2) There will be no standing committees carried from year-to-year, but rather appointed at the beginning of each year.
- 3) The president shall appoint all committee chair people. Each chairperson shall secure all committee members for said committee as seen necessary by that

chairperson; shall be responsible for completing the work of the committee; and shall be responsible for reporting all progress to the president and to the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE ELEVEN – MEMBERSHIP**

All parents of players on every GSC sponsored team and all coaches are automatically members.

### **ARTICLE TWELVE – MEETINGS**

- 1) There will be at least six board meetings each year, one prior to and one immediately following each soccer season.
- 2) The president may call special meetings of this organization when he or she deems it for the best interest of the organization. Notices of such meeting shall be mailed to all directors at their addresses as they appear in the membership roll book, or by email, at least but not more than five days before the scheduled date set for such special meeting. Such notice shall state the reasons that such meeting has been called, the business to be transacted at such meeting and by whom called.
- 3) At the request of three members of the Board of Directors or ten members of the organization, the president shall cause a special meeting to be called but such request must be made in writing at least seven days before the requested scheduled date.
- 4) Special meetings may be called at any time during the year.
- 5) No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present at such meeting.

### **ARTICLE THIRTEEN – VOTING**

- 1) At all meetings, all votes shall be via voice, except when a paper ballot is approved by a simple majority of directors. Then ballots shall be provided and there

shall not appear any place on such ballot any mark or marking that might tend to indicate the person who cast such ballot. All reasonable efforts shall be made to assure the casting of secret ballots.

2) At all votes by ballot the chairman of such meeting shall immediately prior to the commencement of balloting appoint a committee of three who shall act as “Inspectors of Election” and who shall at the conclusion of such balloting certify in writing to the chairperson the results and the certified copy shall be physically affixed in the minute book to the minutes of that meeting.

3) No Inspector of Election shall be a candidate for office or shall be personally interested in the question voted upon.

#### **ARTICLE FOURTEEN – ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- 1) Roll call.
- 2) Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting.
- 3) Treasurer’s report.
- 4) Reports of committees.
- 5) Reports of officers.
  - a. Registrar
  - b. Director of Risk Management
  - c. Director of Coaches
  - d. Director of Referees & Fields
  - e. Equipment Manager
  - f. League Representative
  - g. Geneseo Youth Soccer Liaison
- 6) Old and unfinished business.
- 7) New business.
- 8) Guests & coaches corner
- 9) Good and welfare of the Club
- 10)Adjournments.

## **ARTICLE FIFTEEN – OFFICER DUTIES**

**President:** The president shall preside at all membership meetings and Board of Directors meetings. By virtue of the office, the president is chairperson of the Board of Directors, and shall present to the Board of Directors an annual report of the work of the organization. The president shall appoint all committees, temporary or permanent, see that all books, reports and certificates as required by law are properly kept or filed, be one of the officers who may sign the checks or drafts of the organization, and have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of any organization.

**Vice-President:** The vice-president shall in the event of the absence or inability of the president to exercise the office, become acting president of the organization with all the rights, privileges and powers as if they are the duly elected president.

**Secretary:** The secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the organization in appropriate books, file any certificate required by any statute, federal or state, give and serve all notices to members of the organization, be the official custodian of the records and seal of the organization, present to the membership at any meetings any communication addressed to the secretary of the organization, submit to the Board of Directors any communications which shall be addressed to the secretary of the organization, attend to all correspondence of the organization and exercise all duties incident to the office of secretary.

**Treasurer:** The treasurer shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the organization, be solely responsible for such monies or securities of the organization and be one of the officers who shall sign checks or drafts of the organization. No special fund may be set aside that shall make it unnecessary for the treasurer to sign the checks issued upon it.

The treasurer shall render for every meeting of the Board of Directors, and at stated periods as the Board of Directors shall determine, a written account of the finances

of the organization and such report shall be physically affixed to the minutes of the Board of Directors of such meeting and shall exercise all duties incident to the office of treasurer. The treasurer shall prepare for and present to the Board of Directors a written, annual budget for GSC for coming fiscal year.

Registrar: The registrar shall be responsible for registering the players for all GSC sponsored teams with the appropriate State, Regional or National Soccer Association and the soccer league(s) that GSC is affiliated with; maintain copies of all required, signed forms for those players; maintain copies of insurance claim forms for the current soccer association and soccer league(s); register teams with the appropriate soccer league(s) . . .

Director of Risk Management:

Director of Coaches:

Director of Referees & Fields:

Equipment Manager:

League Representative: The league representative shall be responsible for communicating GSC concerns and wishes to the league and for attending league business meetings and representing GSC's interests at those meetings. The league representative shall also communicate league action, concerns and issues arising from league business meetings to GSC. As appropriate for GSC's current league affiliation and membership, the league representative shall serve as a member of the league's board. The league representative shall report on league business at GSC board meetings.

Geneseo Youth Soccer Liaison:

## **ARTICLE SIXTEEN - SALARIES**

- 1) No officer or director shall for reason of the office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation, but nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an officer or director for receiving any compensation from the organization for duties other than as a director or officer.
- 2) The Board of Directors shall hire and fix the compensation of any and all employees which in their discretion they may determine to be necessary for the conduct of the business of the organization.

## **ARTICLE TWELVE - AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by an affirmative vote of not less than a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors.