

**BYLAWS
OF THE ADULT COUNCIL
OF THE UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION**

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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Council shall be The Adult Council as required in the Bylaws of the United States Soccer Federation.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Bylaw 313 of the United States Soccer Federation, Inc., establishes an Adult Council composed of specified Organization Members registering adult players with the Federation and an Administrative Commission of the Council. The purpose of this policy is to provide for the administration and operation of the Council as provided by those bylaws and articles.

ARTICLE III

Responsibilities

The Council shall have responsibilities as provided by section 2 of Federation Bylaw 313. The Administrative Commission shall have responsibilities as provided by section 3(a) of Federation Bylaw 313.

ARTICLE IV

Members

Section 1. Member Definition / Voting Strength

- A. As provided by Section 1 of Federation Bylaw 313, the Adult Council shall be composed of: (a) State Associations of adult players that are admitted directly as members of the Adult Council and are not members of any National Association; (b) National Associations that have been admitted as members of the Adult Council; and (c) National Affiliates that have been admitted as members of the Adult Council.
- B. The total number of votes on the Adult Council is equal to the total number of adult players registered with the Federation by members of the Adult Council.
- c. Voting strength
 - a. Commissioners shall each receive a single vote
 - b. Members of the Adult Council (i.e., State Association(s) directly affiliated with the Federation, National Association members, and National Affiliates) shall receive a pro rata vote of the remaining non-Commissioner votes, based on their percentage of adult players registered with the Federation.

National Association members shall distribute votes to their members based on a credential report filed with the Federation.

Section 2. The Administrative Commission

- A. As provided by section 3 of Federation Bylaw 313, the Administrative Commission shall be composed of 8 Commissioners, who shall be elected for 2-year terms at annual meetings of the Council. The elections for 4 of the Commissioner positions shall be held in even-numbered years.
 - a. In the event of a vacancy in a position, the Chairperson shall nominate to the Administrative Council a candidate to serve the remainder of the term. The Candidate shall be accepted by the vote of the Majority of the Administrative Commission.
- B. As provided by section 2 of Federation Bylaw 313, the Council has a Chairperson who is elected by the Council from among the 8 Commissioners. The election shall be for 2-year terms at annual meetings of the Council held in even-numbered years.
 - a. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Chairperson, any serving Commissioner may nominate to the Administrative Commission a candidate to serve the remainder of the term. The Candidate shall be accepted by the vote of the Majority of the Administrative Commission.

Section 3. The US Soccer Federation Representatives

- A. As provided by section 1 of Federation Bylaw 412, 2 Adult Council Representatives (one of whom must be the Chairperson of the Adult Council) shall be elected by the Council to be members of the USSF Board of Directors. They shall be elected for 2-year terms at annual meetings of the Council. Half shall be elected in even numbered years and the remainder shall be elected in odd years.
 - a. In the event of a vacancy in one of these positions –
 - i. In the case of the Chairperson, the new chair, once nominated and voted on by the Administrative Commission shall serve the remainder of the term

In the case of the non-chair seat, the Chairperson shall nominate to the Administrative Commission a candidate to serve the remainder of the term. The Candidate shall be accepted by the vote of the Majority of the Administrative Commission.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section 1. The Council shall hold an annual meeting, which shall be announced with at least 90 days' notice. If no such notice is given, the meeting shall be held when the Federation holds its annual general meeting. The Administrative Council shall designate the date, time, and location of each annual meeting.

Section 2. The Council shall hold one semiannual meeting each year. The Administrative Commission shall designate the date, time, and location of each semiannual meeting.

A 90-day notice shall be provided to all members of said Meeting. If no Notice is

given, the meeting shall take place during a membership meeting of the largest National Association in the Adult Council of USSF.

Section 3. A special meeting of the Council shall be held at the request of a majority of the Commissioners of the Administrative Commission. Notice of the special meeting shall be issued within 14 days of the request, and the meeting shall be held within 60 days of the request.

Section 4. Quorum. 60% of the Council shall constitute a quorum for a Council Meeting; 60% of the Administrative Commission shall constitute a quorum for an Administrative Commission Meeting.

Section 5. Except as otherwise provided in this policy, the bylaws of the Federation, or special rules of order that may be adopted, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised apply as appropriate.

ARTICLE VI

The Administrative Commission

Section 1. Composition. The Commissioners of the Council, including the Chair, shall constitute the Administrative Commission.

Section 2. Administrative Commission's Duties and Powers. The Administrative Commission shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Council between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Council, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Administrative Commission shall be subject to the orders of the Council, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Council.

Section 3. Administrative Commission Meetings. Meetings of the Administrative Commission shall be held at least quarterly. Special meetings of the Administrative Commission may be called by the Chairperson or may be called upon the written request of three members of the Administrative Commission.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

Section 1. The Chairperson may create ad-hoc committees at their discretion. There must be at least one current Commissioner on each Committee who shall act as a liaison between the Administrative Commission and the Committee. Committee members shall be nominated by the Chairperson and approved by the Administrative Commission.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments to Charter and Bylaws

Section 1. Proposing Amendments - Any amendment to the charter, Bylaws, or policies of the Council may be proposed by: a Council Member, a member of the Administrative Commission, or a member of the USSF Board of Directors.

Section 2. Notice

- A. Any proposed amendment to the charter, Bylaws, or policies of the Adult Council must be submitted in writing to the Administrative Commission at least 90 days in advance of any meeting of the Adult Council,
- B. Each proposed amendment received in compliance with section A of this Policy shall be sent in writing by the Chair, or their Designee, to each Council Member, the Administrative Commission, and the USSF Board of Directors at least 30 days in advance of the National Council meeting.
- C. A proposed amendment to the charter, Bylaws or policies of the Adult Council not timely submitted in compliance with Section 1 of this Policy may be considered by the Adult Council if submitted in writing from the floor of the Adult Council meeting and, by a 90 percent vote, the Adult Council agrees to consider the amendment.

Section 3. Voting Requirements. Any amendment to the charter or Bylaws of the Adult Council requires a two-thirds vote of the Adult Council. Any amendment to the policies of the Adult Council requires a majority vote of the Adult Council.

Section 4. Priority. An amendment that is inconsistent with the articles of incorporation, Federation Bylaws, policies, and/or requirements of the Federation may not be passed by the Adult Council. In the event of a conflict, the Federation articles, Bylaws, policies, and requirements of the Federation govern.

Section 5. Effective Date. Unless otherwise provided, any amendment to the charter, Bylaws, or policies of the Adult Council is effective immediately after the amendment is adopted.