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Part 1 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I Name

This organization shall be known as the Illinois State Soccer Association (ISSA).

ARTICLE II Territory and jurisdiction

The territory and jurisdiction of the ISSA shall be that granted by the USSF. This currently comprises the State of Illinois. Within this territory, the ISSA shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining or relating to the game of soccer and the conduct of its affiliates and members.

ARTICLE III Affiliate Relationships

The ISSA is, and shall maintain, its status as an affiliate of the:
United States Adult Soccer Association (USASA),
United States Soccer Federation (USSF),
Confederation of North, Central, and Caribbean Associations of Football (CONCACAF), and the Federation International de Football Association (FIFA).

ISSA shall recognize the superseding authority of the USASA, the USSF, and FIFA. The ISSA and its members shall abide by the rules and policies of those organizations.

The ISSA will not join or partner with any organization that has rules or policies that conflict with ISSA, USASA, USSF, or FIFA articles, bylaws, policies or requirements.

The ISSA shall:

1) Register all of its players, coaches, teams, referees and administrators, as required, at least once each year with USSF, and shall pay in a timely manner all dues, and fees of the Federation.
2) Maintain policies prohibiting sexual and physical abuse that meet the criteria established by the USSF.
3) Provide the USSF with a copy of the ISSA's Constitution, bylaws, and other governing documents upon request.
4) Submit to the USSF changes to the documents above for approval not later than 90 days after adoption; and, shall make copies of those documents available to ISSA members electronically, or in written form, if requested.

ARTICLE IV Purpose and Function

The purpose and function of the ISSA shall be to serve its membership by developing, promoting, supervising and administering soccer within its territory.

The ISSA shall make every effort to promote the game of soccer in its territory through contact with the media, authorities, other sports, and the general public.

The ISSA shall promote the various Cup competitions (e.g., National Open, National Amateur, National Over-30, State, etc.).

The ISSA shall promote the games of its own Association and Select teams, and may also promote international games.

The ISSA shall maintain, and will not engage in actions that may jeopardize, its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.

The ISSA shall not intentionally violate any local, State or Federal Laws.

ARTICLE V Offices

The location of the principal and registered offices of the ISSA shall be within the State of Illinois.

ARTICLE VI Colors

The representative colors of the ISSA shall be navy blue and orange.

ARTICLE VII Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the ISSA shall start on the first day of September of each year, and end on the last day of August the next calendar year.

ARTICLE VIII Membership and Affiliation

The ISSA and its members shall not discriminate against any individual or affiliate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, ethnic or national origin.

Membership in the ISSA shall be open to any person not suspended under USSF Bylaw 241, Section 4, and to any soccer organization in its territory fulfilling the requirements of Sections 1- 6, below, as applicable. Unless exempt under the rules, no individual or

association may be an ISSA member until all applicable annual affiliation fees, required insurance payments and other dues have been paid or waived by the Executive Board. These fees shall be due in full prior to September 1.

Section 1 Types of Membership

1. CLASS A - League Membership

Membership in this category is open to adult leagues headquartered in the State of Illinois who have:
a. a minimum of six teams qualified under USSF rules
b. a league constitution which has been approved by the Executive Board.

2. CLASS B - Professional and Divisional Membership

Membership in this category is open to clubs and leagues headquartered in the State of Illinois, who meet the following criteria:
a. B-1: Any club whose league has been granted professional membership in the USSF.
b. B-2: Any club whose league has been granted Divisional (National or Inter-Regional league) status by the USASA.
c. B-3: Any club whose league has been granted Divisional (Regional) league status by the USASA-Region II, and whose players are registered by the ISSA.

3. CLASS C - Statewide Associate Affiliation

Affiliation in this category is open to any organization chartered by the State of Illinois as a not-for-profit corporation, for the purpose of advancing the Game, but not for the purpose of fielding adult teams. Affiliation in this category may include, but not necessarily be limited to referee, coaches, youth, and scholastic associations.

4. CLASS D - Local Associate Affiliation

Affiliation in this category is open to any organization chartered by the State of Illinois as a not-for-profit corporation, for the purpose of advancing the Game, but not for the purpose of fielding adult teams. Affiliation in this category may include, but not necessarily be limited to referee, coaches, youth, and scholastic associations.
Members under this category must demonstrate a geographically or numerically significant focus area, as determined by the Executive Board of the ISSA, and may not be in conflict with, nor an integral part of, an existing Class "A", "B" or "C" member.

5. CLASS E - Limited Associate Affiliation

Affiliation in this category is open to developmental leagues and geographically isolated teams, whose intention it is to attain Class "A" membership within a two-year period. Teams who are members of such leagues may receive permission to participate in games with Class "A" or "B" member teams, on a case-by-case basis. The Board of Directors may extend membership under this category on an annual basis.

6. Honorary Membership

Non-voting honorary membership may be extended to individuals and groups who have distinguished themselves in the Game or who have made significant contributions to the ISSA or USSF. All fees are waived for this category.

Section 2 Notice

Upon initial acceptance into the ISSA, members shall be electronically furnished with a copy of the ISSA and USSF constitutions and by-laws, unless a written copy is requested, both of which shall be deemed notice of the same.

Section 3 Withdrawal or Disaffiliation from the ISSA or a League

i) No league-affiliated club shall apply to another league for membership until it has received withdrawal clearance from the league in which it most recently competed. Such clearance shall not be denied without reasonable cause.
ii) Any league wishing to withdraw its membership, to not renew its affiliation, or requesting a leave of absence from the ISSA must give notice by certified mail to the ISSA, requesting such approval.
iii) No withdrawal or disaffiliation from the ISSA shall be allowed until the leagues obligations to the ISSA and other affiliates have been settled, and the ISSA has granted such approval. Such approval shall not be denied without reasonable cause.
iv) In case of such proposed withdrawal or disaffiliation activity, or the proposed dissolution of a league, the following rules shall govern:
    (1) The ISSA must be notified of any meetings related to such activity, and must be represented at the meetings where such action will be voted upon.
    (2) Leagues shall not be permitted to disband, withdraw, or request a leave of absence while under suspension.
    (3) Any release or registration of players from a club in a league under suspension shall be handled by the ISSA in accordance with the rules of the league to which the club last belonged, as well as those of the USSF, or according to the discretion of the ISSA, if there are no valid rules concerning the circumstances.

ARTICLE XI Voting Rights

Section 1

Members who are not in good standing shall not be granted voting rights.
Voting rights shall be granted to members in good standing under the following scheme:

1. Class "A" Members

Each "A" member that has been at this level for the preceding period of twelve months shall be entitled to five votes, plus additional votes based on the number of its member teams:
6 - 20 teams: none
21 - 40 teams: one vote
41 - 60 teams: two votes
61 - 80 teams: three votes
81 - 100 teams: four votes
Over 100 teams: five votes
An "A" member for a preceding period of less than twelve months shall be entitled to one vote only.

2. Class "B-1" Members

Each member shall be entitled to two votes, plus additional votes based on its level of competition:
3rd Division Team: none
2nd Division Team: one vote
1st Division Team: two votes

4. Class "B-2" Members

Each member shall be entitled to two votes.

5. Class "B-3" Members

Each member shall be entitled to one vote, plus additional votes based on the number of Illinois teams its membership includes:
1 team: none
2 or 3 teams: one vote
4 or 5 teams: two votes
6 or 7 teams: three votes
Over 8 teams: four votes

6. Class "C" Members

Each member shall be entitled to two votes.

7. Class "D" Members

Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

8. Class "E" Members

Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 2 Voting Delegates

1. Members must register each voting delegate with the ISSA, by submitting, in writing, their name, address and telephone number. Such registration shall control eligibility for voting until the ISSA is notified, in writing, of any changes by members. One alternate delegate may be designated, for each delegate, to vote in the absence of a voting delegate.
2. A delegate may not cast more than five votes, nor cast votes for more than one member. Therefore, a member with more than five votes should be represented by an appropriate number of delegates.
3. At any meeting of the membership, any question or dispute relating to the validity or result of any vote shall be submitted to the incumbent Executive Board of the ISSA for determination; the decision of the Board's majority shall be binding.

ARTICLE X Meetings

Section 1 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the ISSA shall be held on the last Saturday in September. The ISSA shall provide an Agenda for the meeting at least fifteen days in advance, and shall give thirty days written notice of the time and location of such meeting, to its members. The President at the start of the meeting shall appoint a Parliamentarian and Sergeant-At-Arms. The former shall have the authority to resolve any parliamentary dispute that may arise during the proceedings.

Section 2 Special Meetings

A Special Meeting may be called by the ISSA President, or by a majority of the Executive Board, or by a petition submitted to the ISSA containing:
1) The purpose of the Special Meeting, and,
2) The signatures of persons holding two-thirds of the voting rights of the membership.

Written notice shall be prepared by the party calling the meeting, and this shall then be sent by the ISSA to all the members as soon as possible. The purpose of the Special Meeting shall be stated in that notice, and no other matter may be considered at that meeting. A Special Meeting shall be held within thirty days of a valid request.

Section 3 Quorum

Fifty-one percent of the voting rights of the registered delegates shall constitute a quorum at the Annual General Meeting, or any Special Meeting. A majority vote of the voting rights held by the delegates present shall decide all matters brought to a vote, except in an impeachment, as below. Oral votes shall be allowed, unless a member requests a roll call. All votes shall be a matter of public record, and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

ARTICLE XI Board of Directors

Section 1 Jurisdiction

The ISSA shall be managed by an Executive Board (the Board). It shall have jurisdiction in all matters involving the ISSA. Members of the Board shall conduct themselves in a manner that avoids even the appearance of impropriety, in relation to ISSA affairs.

Section 2 Board Positions-General

The Board shall have no more than eleven positions: President, Executive Vice-President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing, Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and three Directors-at-Large (in order of election).
Each Board Member should perform any duties assigned to them by the Board, and shall serve as the Board's liaison to their ex-officio committee memberships, listed below. The Executive Board Members shall be bonded and insured by the ISSA.

Section 3 Terms of Office

Each Executive Board Member may hold office for four years from the date of their election, or, if appointed to fill a vacancy, until the completion of the term of that vacancy.

Section 4 Vacancy

The Executive Board may declare vacant the office of any Board Member absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without reasonable cause.

Section 5 Successor

If a vacancy occurs in an office (except that of President), the President may appoint, with the approval of the Executive Board, a successor to fill the vacancy.

Section 6 The President

1. Shall make an annual report at the Annual General Meeting
2. Shall preside at all Board meetings, when present
3. Shall pass upon and approve all expenses incurred by the ISSA, in a timely manner
4. Shall have the authority to sign ISSA checks
5. May appoint all ISSA committees, with the approval of the Executive Board, and shall be an ex-officio member of each of them
6. Shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie at meetings of the Executive Board, and
7. Shall provide an annual activities report and current financial statement to the Federation's General Secretary, within 90 days after the start of the Federation's seasonal year

Section 7 The Executive Vice-President

1. Shall succeed to the powers of the presidency in the President's absence.

2. Shall be an ex-officio member of the Hall of Fame Committee.

Section 8 The Vice-President for Administration

1. Shall be responsible for the management of the administrative and arbitrative functions of the ISSA.
2. Shall coordinate the purchasing of goods and services for the ISSA. All purchase orders shall first go through the Vice-President before consideration by the Executive Board, and if subsequent approval is given by the Board, the Vice-President shall coordinate with the Treasurer to ensure the best product/service is attained for the most competitive price.
3. Shall coordinate the effective management of the ISSA office and personnel.
4. Shall ensure that the activities of the Executive Board, the various committees, and the office staff are coordinated.
4. Shall be an ex-officio member of the Appeals Committee and Trial Board.

Section 9 The Vice-President for Marketing & Public Relations

1. Shall manage the promotional functions of the ISSA.
2. Shall coordinate all matters related to sponsorship, publicity, media relations, and ISSA representation.
3. Shall be an ex-officio member of the Coaching and Referee committees.

Section 10 The Secretary

1. Shall attend to ISSA correspondence, at the President's pleasure, and shall oversee the maintenance of all ISSA records not delegated to another official.
2. Shall prepare the agenda for Board meetings, under the direction of the President.
3. Shall be an ex-officio member of the Rules Committee.

Section 11 The Recording Secretary

1. Shall record the minutes of all meetings.
2. Shall be an ex-officio member of the Trial Board.

Section 12 The Treasurer

1. Shall have charge of the finances of the ISSA.
2. Shall maintain a detailed account of the income and expenditures of the ISSA.
3. Shall oversee the deposit of all ISSA funds immediately upon receipt to a bank account in the name of the ISSA.
4. May sign those checks which must be countersigned by the President or Vice-President
5. Shall be a voting member of the Budget Committee.
6. Shall make a financial report at the meetings of the Executive Board, and upon request of the President or of a majority of the Board.
7. Shall submit a full report at the Annual General Meeting of the financial transactions for the year and of the balance which is at hand.

Section 13 The Financial Secretary

1. Shall maintain all records of the ISSA dealing with income and expenditures.
2. Shall assist the Treasurer in the preparation of reports and statements, with specific emphasis on budgeting and legal requirements.
3. Shall attend to correspondence dealing solely with financial matters.
4. May, upon specific authorization by the President, for a specified time period, sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer.
5. Shall be an ex-officio member of the Budget Committee.

Section 14 Directors-at-Large

These three shall perform those duties assigned by the Executive Board, such as assisting or substituting for officers; acting as liaisons to various committees and/or external entities; and coordinating projects.

Section 15 Meetings of the Executive Board

1. Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board.
2. Forty percent of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of the Board members present shall decide all matters brought to a vote.

Section 16 Location

All meetings shall be held at the ISSA headquarters, unless changed by the Executive Board, or the President. Timely notice shall be sent to all Board Members in the event of a location change.

Section 17 Guests

Guests may attend and/or speak at meetings, with the permission of the President.

Section 18 Order Of Business

Unless changed by the President, the order of business at meetings of the Executive Board shall be:

a. Roll Call
b. Minutes of previous meeting
c. Correspondence
d. Financial reports
e. Committee reports
f. Unfinished business
g. New business
h. Miscellaneous items
i. Adjournment

ARTICLE XI Elections

Section 1

The members of the Executive Board shall only be elected by receiving an outright majority from a ballot of the registered delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special Meeting. In the event of a plurality, the candidates with the two greatest numbers of votes shall undergo a run-off election. Candidates shall be allowed to briefly state their qualifications for office prior to any vote.

Section 2

The President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and two Directors-at-Large shall be elected in every other odd-numbered year; and the three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Financial Secretary, and the one remaining Director-at-Large shall be elected in every other even-numbered year, commencing with 2005 and 2006, respectively.

ARTICLE XII Impeachment and Removal from Office

Section 1

Members of the Executive Board can only be impeached at a Special Meeting. The grounds for removal from office must be stated in the notification of the Special Meeting.

Section 2

Seventy-five percent of the votes present at the Special Meeting must be in favor of the impeachment for it to pass. The Member of the Executive Board is stripped of his or her position as of passage.

Section 3

No officer under threat of impeachment shall preside at a Special Meeting. The Chairperson shall be the first eligible person listed in the order of officers in the Article entitled "Board Positions-General".
In the event that no Board Member qualifies, a non-Board member shall be selected, by the Board, to preside over an election held amongst the ISSA members present, of a Chairperson, who shall come from the general membership. This person shall then preside over the Meeting.

ARTICLE XIII Amendments

Section 1

1. The Constitution of the ISSA may only be altered, amended, or repealed during an Annual General Meeting, or during a Special Meeting. Two-thirds of the votes of the delegates must be in favor for passage.
2. Amendments to be considered at the Annual General Meeting must be submitted in writing to the ISSA at least ninety days prior. The Rules Committee shall receive the proposal forthwith, and shall investigate the proposal's conformity with the Rules. It shall report its findings to the next Executive Board meeting. The Executive Board shall inform the members of their recommendations at least thirty days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
3. Amendments submitted for Special Meetings need not undergo such review, as above.

Section 2

1. No Amendment inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the USSF and FIFA shall be adopted by the ISSA.
2. If such Amendment is adopted, it shall be declared null and void by the Rules Committee, as of the date that the Rules Committee makes such a determination. The prior Rule, if any, shall then be reinstated.
3. Any dispute as to the validity of such a Rules Committee ruling shall be referred to the superseding body concerned for determination. Unless and until this decision is returned, the Rules Committee determination shall stand.

Section 3 Matters Not Provided For and Disputes

Any matter not provided for in, or dispute arising under, this Constitution may be submitted to the Executive Board for determination by the majority. Such decision shall be binding until voted upon at the next Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting. Any decision not approved by the members shall be voided or rescinded to the extent possible at that time.

ARTICLE XIV Dissolution

In case of dissolution of the ISSA, all of its assets and liabilities shall be turned over to the USSF in trust.

ARTICLE XV Right of Appeal

All decisions of the ISSA may be appealed to the governing body having jurisdiction over the subject matter.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1 Changes to these Rules and Regulations

The ISSA Executive Board may add, delete, or revise these rules at any time. Timely notice shall be given to the affiliates when such changes occur.

Section 2

The Executive Board of the ISSA may adjudicate all cases wherein a dispute arises under these rules.

RULE 1 Player Registration and Release

A player may not be restricted as to the team he/she may play for due to his/her race, religion, ethnic or national origin. Teams and players may be penalized for any registration rule violations.

Section 1 Registration Rules

1. Every player participating in an ISSA-sanctioned event must be either registered with the ISSA, or be otherwise eligible, as below, by virtue of possessing a valid Player ID Pass issued by a USSF-affiliated entity. A player may be registered for only one team under the jurisdiction of organized soccer, except as provided under "secondary registration rules and regulations."

2. An amateur player may become ISSA-registered by submitting either an Amateur Player ("A") Registration Form or an Amateur Player Detention ("AD") Registration Form, executed in ink, to the ISSA for approval. Any player not registered with a USSF-affiliated State Association within the previous two years, will need clearance from the USSF before approval may be granted. Once approved by the ISSA, a player ID pass can be issued.

3. The registration and player ID pass will be valid only for the year in which it is issued, and expires on August 31. [See also Section 7 - temporary extensions of validity.] All players' ID passes are the property of the ISSA and must be returned to the ISSA at the conclusion of the year or upon demand.

Section 2 Secondary Registration

Secondary registration and multi-league participation may be allowed, such as in 23 and under competition, on Select Teams, in Cup Competition, etc. Specific regulations covering each such instance may be issued by the ISSA as necessary.

Section 3 Roster Size

1. Each adult team shall have a roster of no more than eighteen players. Clubs having both an adult and reserve team shall have a roster of no more than thirty-six players, who may play interchangeably on either team. Teams in an over-30 league are permitted rosters with up to twenty-five players per team. Youth players will count against roster size limitations.

Section 4 Release

Amateur players can only be released on an Amateur Player Release Form. The player ID pass must be returned with the release form before the release will be processed. A player released from any club is required to wait fourteen days before that player will be eligible

to play for another club, except for participation in indoor competition, where the waiting period shall be seven days.

Section 5 Youth Player Participation

1. Youth players are those players who are under-19 and registered with a USSF-affiliated youth organization. Youth player participation in ISSA adult games is allowed, provided that they have received written permission:

a. from their youth team to do so;
b. from their USSF-affiliated youth association; and
c. from the ISSA.

Youth players may play an unlimited number of amateur games without losing their youth eligibility.
2. Youth players may use a valid Player ID Pass issued by the player's USSF-affiliated organization. (Youth players count against roster size limitations.)

Section 6 Professional Players

The USSF has jurisdiction in the registration, release, or transfer of professional players, with the following exceptions:
1. Every professional player playing under the ISSA's jurisdiction shall be registered through the ISSA, according to the policies and procedures of the National Council of the USSF, by using a USSF Professional Player ("P") Registration Form.
2. The player ID pass can be issued upon registration, subject to subsequent verification by the USSF.

Loan of Professional Players
Professional players may be loaned from one team to another according to the policies and procedures of the National Council of the USSF.

Release of Professional Players
Form "PR" is to be completed and submitted to the ISSA, with payment of the required fees, for players registered under registration form "P", in order to process a player release.

Section 7

1. A fee may be charged, to either players or teams, for each late, lost, or missing ID pass (see Schedule).
2. Any person or team found guilty of applying for or knowingly issuing a fraudulent ID pass shall be subject to a fine (see Schedule).

RULE 2 Enforcement and Appeals

Section 1

1. The ISSA shall deal with differences and controversies which arise between affiliates, or any other matter not covered in these rules and regulations.
2. The ISSA shall deal with violations of the rules of the game; of its own rules and regulations, as well as those of the USSF; and with misconduct by any affiliate, member club, team, player, or official, at all levels of competition, in the event that such violation or misconduct is not dealt with by the proper organization or authority in the proper manner. Decisions of the ISSA may be appealed to the ISSA Appeals Committee which shall have jurisdiction to approve, modify, or change a decision.
3. The ISSA shall have the authority:
a. To enforce the laws of the game and the rulings of the USSF and FIFA, and well as its own rules and regulations.
b. To suspend for any given period of time any affiliate, member club, team, player, or official, for any wrongdoing or acts detrimental to soccer.
c. In all matters concerning international matches under its jurisdiction.
d. In all matters of amateur registration.
e. To oversee all matters related to referee through the State Referee Committee.
f. Through its Trial Board, to handle all cases as reported by game officials.
g. To settle all disputes between affiliates.
h. To provide equitable and prompt hearings to guarantee the rights of individuals to participate and compete. These procedures shall include the provision that all penalties denying the right to participate or compete in activities sponsored by the Federation, State Association or its members, may be appealed to the Federation Appeals Committee, which shall have the jurisdiction to approve, modify, or repeal the decision.
i. To conduct coaching clinics and issue state coaching licenses.
j. To conduct an investigation into the condition of any affiliate, whenever in its sole and exclusive judgment it shall find this necessary.
k. To demand that any affiliate, member club, or team produce any books, letters, documents, or other evidence necessary for the conduct of any ISSA investigation or hearing.
l. If, after an investigation, it finds it to be in the best interest of the game, to appoint a committee to administer the affairs of any delinquent affiliate, until a meeting to resolve such situation can be conducted.

Section 2

1. Any member club, team, player, or official has the right to appeal, to the ISSA, any decision rendered against them by their immediate governing body. The appeal must be written and accompanied by the appeals fee (see Schedule) and made within fourteen days of the date of the decision. If the appeal is denied, the fee may be forfeited; otherwise it will be returned.
2. All interested parties shall be notified in writing of the date that the ISSA is to consider the matter being appealed.

3. Only bona fide affiliate members can represent any affiliate, member club, or team at the hearing of a dispute or claim of the organization concerned.
4. The Appeals Committee shall decide all matters presented to it. For the purposes of a hearing, a quorum of the Appeals Committee shall be three members.
5. Decisions of the ISSA may be appealed.

RULE 3-A Competitions Committees

Section 1

Cups Committee

Shall have the responsibility of administering the various Cups competitions, in accordance with their respective regulations.

Section 2

Select Teams Committee

Shall have the responsibility of administering competitions involving select and/or all-star teams.

Section 3

All competitions committees should ideally have at least three members, and may include members of the Executive Board. A commissioner shall head each committee.

RULE 3-B Administrative Committees

Section 1 Auditing Committee

1. This committee shall review the financial records of the ISSA, and shall submit a written report and recommendations, if any, to the Executive Board within ninety days of the end of the fiscal year following its examination.
2. A Certified Public Accountant shall be appointed by the Executive Board prior to the Annual General Meeting to perform a compilation and review of the Treasurer's books and accounts, and shall submit a written report to the affiliates at the Annual General Meeting.

Section 2 Coaching Committee

This committee shall administer all issues relating to coaching; shall conduct coaching clinics; and shall issue state coaching licenses, under the direction of the Executive Board.

Section 3 Hall of Fame Committee

This committee shall recommend to the Executive Board any official, manager, coach, officer, referee, player, or any other individual who, through fervent dedication to the game, deserves induction into the Illinois Soccer Hall of Fame.

Section 4 Nominating Committee

This committee shall review all potential candidates' backgrounds and determine their ability to successfully execute the duties of such offices of the Executive Board which they are seeking. Nominations for President, Vice- President, Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, wherever possible, should be submitted at least thirty days in advance of an election, to this committee. The Nominating Committee shall make its recommendations at the meeting at which an election is held.

Section 5 Referee Assignment Committee

This committee shall have the responsibility for the assignment of referees to all games played under the jurisdiction of the ISSA, under the direction of the Executive Board.

Section 6 State Referee Committee

1. This committee shall have the responsibility of administering all issues relating to referees in administration, registration, referee testing, development in accordance to the guidelines by the National Referee Committee, and collect appropriate registration fees as set forth by the U.S.S.F, of which 50% will stay with the SRC for Referee education. This committee shall review all matters of alleged misconduct of referees, grievances between referees, and complaints concerning referees from affiliates, under the direction of the Executive Board.
2. The ISSA and the IYSA shall appoint the State Referee Administrator (SRA), jointly. The SRA shall work in cooperation with the National Referee Committee in administering referees. The SRA shall coordinate the testing, grading, instruction, assessment, and registration of referees in the State of Illinois.
3. IYSA and ISSA shall appoint a State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA) jointly.

Section 7 Rules Committee

This committee shall review the governing documents of affiliates applying for membership to the ISSA, as well as any amendments submitted to this Constitution and bylaws, and shall propose new or modified rules under the direction of the Executive Board.

Section 8 Trial Board

1. The Trial Board shall handle misconduct of players as reported by the game officials, under the direction of the Executive Board. Appeals are to be heard by the Executive Board.
2. The Trial Board shall rule all cases based on "Trial Board Guidelines for Misconduct of Players". The handling fee (see Schedule) may be used to cover the expenses of the Trial Board.

3. The Trial Board may assess fines upon players, teams and leagues appropriate to the degree of misconduct found at trial.

Section 9 Budget Committee

1. The Budget Committee shall be responsible for creating a budget for each fiscal year, and shall operate under the direct authority of the Executive Board.
2.Each ISSA committee as well as the Executive Director shall, and each member of the Executive Board may, submit individual budget proposals for evaluation and review by the Budget Committee. The Committee shall revise all individual budgets and subsequently submit a complete budget for approval by the Executive Board. Upon approval, the budget will be effective for the fiscal year, subject to confirmation of the delegates at the Annual General Meeting. The delegates shall have the authority to make amendments as well as to suggest general modifications.
3. If the Executive Board rejects the budget proposed by the Budget Committee, it shall pass back to the Committee, which shall reconvene and submit a modified version for approval. This process shall continue until final approval; the Executive Board shall not have line item veto power.
4. Each calendar quarter, the Budget Committee shall review continued budget feasibility and may modify the budget at that time; such modifications shall be subject to Executive Board approval. An emergency meeting of this committee may be called at other times by the President or by a majority of the members of the Executive Board.
5. The adopted budget shall be balanced, meaning that projected expenditures may not exceed reasonably anticipated revenues.
6. The composition of the Budget Committee shall be as follows, not subject to the limitations of Section 10 of this article:
a. The Committee shall be comprised of three voting members.
b. The Treasurer shall hold a permanent position; the President and the Financial Secretary shall be ex officio members.
c. The Executive Director, at the discretion of the Executive Board, shall be either a voting or a non-voting member.
d. The President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint the other position(s).
e. Each voting member of this Committee shall have one vote.

Section 10 Appeals Committee

1. The Appeals Committee shall be responsible for appeals by affiliates or member clubs. The committee shall be comprised of members of the ISSA.
2. The Chairman shall send written notification of a hearing within fifteen days after the receipt of a properly filed appeal to all parties involved in the dispute. This notification shall include the nature of the dispute; the names of the parties involved and provide for the date, time and place of the hearing. In addition, copies of all pertinent documents received shall also be sent to all committee members prior to the date of the hearing. A hearing on any appeal shall be conducted by not less than two, nor more than five, Appeals Committee members, plus a Chairman, who shall conduct the hearing.

3. The Appeals Committee may expedite the appeals process.
4. The hearing shall permit the parties to confront one another, and shall permit reasonable time for questioning. The hearing need not be governed by formal rules of evidence, but is subject, instead, to the discretion of the Chairman.
4. Decisions shall be determined by a majority vote after the evidence has been presented, with the Chairperson voting only in case of a tie.

Section 11 Administrative Committees

All administrative committees shall have a minimum of three members, not more than one of who may also be members of the Executive Board. A chairperson shall head each committee. Where warranted and appropriate, such individuals may be compensated for their services, unless they are members of the Executive Board.

RULE 4 Playing Rules

Section 1 FIFA Rules Govern

The Rules of the Game, as promulgated by FIFA or the USSF, shall be followed in all games under the jurisdiction of the ISSA. The ISSA shall timely disseminate and implement any rule changes.

Section 2 Women's Soccer

The Rules shall apply equally to women's and men's soccer, unless an alternative rule has been adopted by the superseding bodies, pertaining specifically to women's soccer.

Section 3 Inter-League competition

Any select or representative team of a league, member club, or team wishing to play either a friendly game or participate in a tournament involving teams from other associations or other leagues, either as a sponsor or as a guest, must first obtain permission from its own league, and then permission from the ISSA and must make application to play at least fourteen days before the match or tournament on ISSA forms.

Section 4 Conduct

1. Players, Officials, Members, Known Followers, and Spectators' Conduct

Every affiliate, member club, and team is responsible to the ISSA for the conduct of its players, officials, members, and known followers, and, as such, is required to take all reasonable precautions to prevent players, officials, members, known followers, and spectators from threatening or assaulting officials or players prior, during, and after a game, be it on or off the field of play.

2. Penalties

Section 1 Fines

No amateur player, affiliate, league, club, or team official, shall be monetarily fined, unless specifically permitted in this Constitution and Bylaws. They shall be subject to probation or suspension for infractions of the rules. The Board of Directors may levy fines in instances of blatant disregard of its rules by its membership, however.

Section 2 No to be points deducted as penalty

No team can have points deducted from games already played for any infringement of the rules of any affiliate or league or the ISSA (for example, because of referee attack, violation of the constitution, nonpayment of fines, etc.).

In the event that any affiliate, member club, team, player, official, member of, or known club follower is proved guilty of misconduct or a violation of the Laws of the Game, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations of the ISSA, or of the USSF, the ISSA shall have the power to order the offending party to be removed from the ISSA, suspended for a stated period, or dealt with in such manner as the ISSA may deem proper. Any affiliate, member club, team, player, or official, after such removal or during such time of suspension, participating or playing with or against the offending party shall be dealt with as the ISSA may deem proper.

3. Referee attack

a. A player, official, member, or known follower of any affiliate or member club, who attacks a referee at any game played, shall be suspended automatically for a minimum of one year.
b. The respective club shall be placed on probation and shall be required to post a bond for the probation period. The Executive Board shall determine the length of the probation and the amount of the bond.
c. The respective club must remain in good standing during the probation period or the bond will be forfeited. If the bond is forfeited, a new bond must be posted for the remainder of the probation period.

RULE 5 Miscellaneous

Section 3 Insufficient Funds

Anyone issuing a check to the ISSA, which is returned for insufficient funds, shall be subject to a fine for each offense (see Schedule).

Section 4 Debt

Any debt to the ISSA shall be paid in full within fourteen days of such notification. Failure to comply may result in suspension.

Section 6 Association Pass

Each official of the ISSA shall be furnished with an Association Pass, which shall not be transferable, and all affiliated bodies shall honor this pass.

Section 7 Appeals

In cases of disputes, no legal proceedings shall be taken without first exhausting the Appeals Process, above.

Section 8 Notice

All notice to the ISSA required under these rules shall be addressed to the offices of the ISSA.

Schedule of Fees and Fines

The monetary amounts for fees and fines may be reviewed and set at the Annual General Meeting.

Annual member: $ 100.00

Plus the league affiliation fee per team, which includes team liability insurance, as assessed by the USSF, and player medical excess insurance.

Note: For fees collected according to USSF policy, rules, and regulations (e.g., team insurance, player registration, etc.) consult the USSF Official Administrative Rulebook.

Late, lost, or missing player's ID pass: $10.00

Fraudulent player's ID pass: $1000.00

Appeals fee: $75.00

Trial Board handling fee: $15.00

Returned check charge: $50.00

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