

BV United Soccer Club Bylaws

Overview

BV United Soccer Club (BVU) is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Burnsville Athletic Club (BAC) and the Valley Athletic Association (VAA). BV United (formerly named Burnsville Fire Soccer Club) is managed by a Board of Directors whose actions are governed by BV United Bylaws.

BV United operates soccer programs sponsored and governed by the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) and/or Twin Cities Soccer League (TCSL). BV United programs are planned, promoted, and administered by unpaid volunteers and a paid staff.

Mission

Our mission at BV United is to provide all players in Burnsville, Apple Valley and the surrounding communities the opportunity to reach their full potential as people and soccer players through a positive soccer experience.

We accomplish this through the teaching of teamwork and sportsmanship and with technical, tactical, physical, and psychosocial skills in a way that is specific to every player's developmental needs.

Player learning objectives are met through a variety of soccer programs led by a staff of Directors of Coaching and Player Development, coaches with soccer playing and coaching backgrounds, as well as USSF (United States Soccer Federation) licensed coaches.

Article I: Name

Section 1 – Name

The name of this organization shall be BV United Soccer Club, with an operating name of BV United. The principal offices of this organization shall be in the City of Burnsville, Minnesota.

Article II: Purpose

Section 1 – Objectives

To promote the development of soccer primarily in the cities of Burnsville, Apple Valley, and Savage, including School Districts 191, 196, 194, and 192.

To promote the community-wide support and interest in the sport of soccer

Section 2 – Incorporation

This organization shall be incorporated as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

Article III: Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility

Any adult who actively participates in our soccer programs and/or that has a child registered in one of our programs is considered a member of the organization.

Section 2 - Annual Meeting Voting Membership

Any member who has participated in BV United activities over the previous twelve months shall have one vote at the Annual Meeting. Vote by proxy is not permitted.

Section 3 - Honorary Membership

An honorary member shall be a person to whom the membership extends a membership (excluding voting rights) for a specified period of time. This requires a two-thirds vote of members present at the meeting.

Article IV: Government

Section 1

The government of this organization shall be vested in a Board of Directors, which shall consist of the current officers and directors.

Subject to the will of the majority of the membership, the Board of Directors shall manage the organization and shall control its property.

Vacancies on the Board of Directors, in any office other than the presidency, may be filled by appointment by the President with the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors. The appointee(s) shall serve the remainder of the term.

If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice President shall automatically become the President for the remainder of the term and will fill the position of Vice President.

Each elected officer, elected director, and appointed director shall have full and equal voting rights on the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Officers

The current officers of this organization are the President, the Vice President, Club Administrator, and the Treasurer. Their duties are as follows:

President: As chief executive officer of the organization, the President shall supervise the organization's affairs and activities and shall preside over all meetings of the general membership and the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint Committees to address specific tasks of the Club.

Vice President: The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence and shall serve as the organization's risk manager and oversee quality of member services.

Club Administrator: The Club Administrator shall give notices of all special and regular meetings of the Board of Directors and the membership. The Club Administrator shall keep a permanent record of those meetings and shall be custodian of all official records of the organization except the financial.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep the books of the organization, disburse funds at the direction of the Board of Directors, and shall report at all meetings the financial condition of the Club. The Treasurer shall submit in writing to the membership a detailed financial report of the year's activities within sixty days after the completion of the fiscal year.

Section 3 – Directors

Elected Directors. There shall be not less than three (3) nor more than fifteen (15) Directors (exclusive of officers) elected on an at-large basis from the general membership at the annual general meeting. An odd number of Elected Directors is ideal.

Appointed Director. The immediate past president of the soccer club shall serve as an appointed director.

Invited Directors. The following persons shall be invited annually to serve in an advisory capacity as nonvoting board members:

Burnsville High School and Apple Valley High School Boys and Girls Varsity Soccer Coaches

Director of Coaching

Section 4 - Executive Committee

An Executive Committee shall be formed consisting of the President, the Vice President, Boys Competitive Director, Girls Competitive Director, and a Director at large. The Director of Coaching will attempt to attend any and all Executive Committee meetings in an advisory role.

The Executive Committee has the same decision making power as the Board of Directors and will be used to facilitate decision making that may be necessary between regular meetings of the Board of Directors.

A new Executive Committee will be formed at the same time as the regular election of officers.

Article V: Management

Section 1

The fiscal year shall begin on January 1 of each year.

Section 2

Funds of the organization may be disbursed from the financial institutions in which they are deposited by either the signature of the current President or Treasurer provided the expenditure has been approved in accordance with the following schedule:

Authorization	Maximum
President or Treasurer (only)	\$500
President and Treasurer (jointly)	\$3,000
Majority of the Board of	Unlimited

Any authorization of expenditures by other than the Board of Directors must be confirmed by the Board of Directors at the next meeting and before a second authorization is exercised.

Article VI: Elections

Section 1

The officers and directors shall be elected at the annual general meeting (AGM) of the organization. They shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Section 2

During December of each year, an annual general meeting will be held to nominate and elect officers and directors for the next term.

Section 3

Voting shall be by secret ballot when more than one individual is running for an office. Proxies will not be recognized.

Section 4

Officers-elect and directors-elect shall take office immediately following the completion of the annual general meeting.

Section 5

No officer shall hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive full terms.

There shall be no limit on the number of consecutive terms served by elected or appointed directors. The Board of Directors are authorized to waive the two term limit if the incumbent officer possesses unusual expertise and qualifications for the office.

Section 6

Officers and directors shall serve for three (3) year terms. To insure continuity in leadership and to provide the opportunity for new participation each year, elections for officer positions and board positions shall be conducted at each AGM as follows:

The election of elected directors shall be staggered so that approximately one third of the director's positions are voted on each year.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1

The organization shall hold a minimum of six (6) Board of Director meetings during the year except as otherwise designated by the membership.

Section 2

At all meetings of the Board of Directors, fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of its voting members including the presiding officer shall constitute a quorum. Vacant positions shall not be counted in determining a quorum.

Section 3

At all meetings of the Executive Committee, three of five members present shall constitute a quorum.

Article VIII: Parliamentary Authority

Section 1

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall apply to all meetings of the organization and its constituent parts as otherwise provided in these by-laws. The President may appoint a parliamentarian to advise and assist in matters of procedure.

Article IX: Amendment of By-Laws

Section 1 The bylaws may be amended from time to time to further the purposes and objectives of the organization. Such bylaws may be created, rescinded, amended and repealed by a two-thirds vote of the directors present at any regular or special meeting provided that written notice of such addition or change has been posted on the Club website, and emailed, mailed, or personally delivered at least seven (7) days prior to the date of such meeting to each member entitled to vote.

