

# AHFSH CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I NAME

**1.1** The name of this organization is Alamo Heights – Fort Sam Houston Youth Soccer, which is also referred to as "AHFSH". AHFSH is incorporated in the State of Texas and is subject to the laws of the State of Texas and to its own Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Procedures.

## ARTICLE II PURPOSE

**2.1** The purposes of AHFSH are charitable, educational and athletic, as defined by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act and include teaching of good sportsmanship; the educating of youth participants and adult sponsors in the fundamentals of soccer; promoting soccer through sponsorship of regularly scheduled youth soccer competitions; and conducting such other activities as AHFSH shall deem appropriate.

## ARTICLE III AFFILIATION

**3.1** AHFSH shall comply with the authority of the Alamo Area Youth Soccer Association ("AAYSA"), the South Texas Youth Soccer Association ("STYSA"), the United States Soccer Federation ("USSF"), and the United States Youth Soccer Association ("USYSA"). AHFSH shall also comply with the following:

**3.1.1** Participation in AHFSH will be open to soccer players, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and officials not subject to suspension;

**3.1.2** AHFSH will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin;

**3.1.3** AHFSH will register all of its players, coaches, teams and administrators with AAYSA and STYSA at least once per year and timely pay all dues and fees;

**3.1.4** The actions and policies adopted by the Board of Directors will be reported to the membership, or their authorized representatives, at least once each year at a meeting of AHFSH's membership, with notice to the Members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting;

**3.1.5** AHFSH will obtain and maintain its tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

**ARTICLE IV  
BOUNDARIES**

**4.1 AHFSH BOUNDARIES.** AHFSH's geographic boundaries shall generally include the San Antonio Independent School District, Alamo Heights Independent School District and Fort Sam Houston, although participation in AHFSH shall not be limited to those within this general geographic area.

**ARTICLE V  
AHFSH JURISDICTION**

**5.1** AHFSH shall have jurisdiction over all of its teams, administrators, coaches, players and supporters.

**ARTICLE VI  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

**6.1** Membership in AHFSH is granted exclusively to teams. Each team registered with AHFSH during the seasonal year is a Member of AHFSH.

**ARTICLE VII  
SEASONAL AND FISCAL YEAR**

**7.1 SEASONAL YEAR.** The seasonal year of AHFSH shall be the same as the seasonal year of STYSA.

**7.2 FISCAL YEAR.** The fiscal year of AHFSH shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following year.

**ARTICLE VIII  
GOVERNING BOARD**

**8.1 GOVERNING BOARD.** AHFSH shall be governed by a Board of Directors, who shall be elected as provided herein and/or the AHFSH By-Laws.

**8.2 GENERAL POWERS.** The Board of Directors shall transact all business of AHFSH and shall have the power to enforce the laws of the game, the rules of the United States Youth Soccer Association and the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Procedures of AHFSH. It shall have the power to settle all disputes not pertaining to the Discipline, Protest and Grievance Procedures.

**ARTICLE IX  
MEETINGS**

**9.1 BOARD MEETINGS.** The regular meetings of the AHFSH Board of Directors shall be held monthly from August through May and, at the discretion of the President, June and/or July.

**9.2 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.** The Board shall be elected at an annual General Membership Meeting and shall hold office until the next annual meeting, except as otherwise provided herein.

**9.3 SPECIAL MEETINGS.**

**9.3.1 BOARD MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at the discretion of the President at the time and place designated by the President or may be called by a written request to the Secretary signed by Board members representing a majority of the voting power. Notice of any special meeting and of the time, place and purpose of such meeting shall be provided to each member of the Board at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date on which the special meeting is to be held. Only those items included in the notice may be addressed at the special meeting. A Board member may participate in a special meeting in person or by telephone conference call.

**9.3.2 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the General Membership may be held at the discretion of the President and a majority of the voting power of the Board at the time and place designated by the President, upon two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the voting power of the Board at the time and place designated by such majority of the Board or by a written request to the Secretary signed by a majority of the Members from the season in which the special General Membership meeting is requested at a time and place designated by the President. Notice of any special meeting and of the time, place and purpose of such meeting shall be provided to each Member and the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the date on which the special meeting is to be held. Only those items included in the notice may be addressed at the special meeting.

**9.4 ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.** All other aspects of the meetings of AHFSH shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.

**ARTICLE X  
BOARD MEMBERS**

**10.1** The members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

President  
President-Elect  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Fort Sam Houston Commissioner  
Commissioner of Fields  
Fund Raising Commissioner  
At Large Member - Recreation Boy  
At Large Member - Recreation Girl  
At Large Member - Academy Boy  
At Large Member - Academy Girl  
At Large Member - Fire Boy  
At Large Member - Fire Girl

**10.2 TERMS.** Board members shall take office on the date of the General Membership Meeting of the calendar year in which he/she is elected and remain in office until the following General Membership Meeting, unless sooner recalled by the Board as described in this Constitution.

**10.3 VACANCY OF AN OFFICE.** ~~In the event any Board position becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by a simple majority vote of the Board members.~~

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- If there is a vacancy in the office of president created by death, resignation, or incapacity, the President-Elect shall immediately assume the office of president.
- A vacancy in any office other than president created by death, resignation, or incapacity shall be filled by a simple majority of the Board members.
- Standing vacancies (i.e., positions unfilled since previous membership meeting) shall also be filled by a simple majority vote of the Board members.

The person who fills the vacancy shall any serve until the next regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting.

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**10.4 RECALL OF A BOARD MEMBER.** The Board shall have the power to recall any AHFSH Board member. This power may be exercised at any regular or properly called special meeting of the AHFSH Board of Directors. A recall motion must be adopted by Board members representing at least two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of the voting power of the Board.

**ARTICLE XI  
NOTICE**

**11.1 NOTICE TO MEMBERS.** Where in this Constitution or the AHFSH By-Laws it is required that notice be provided to the Members, such notice requirement shall be satisfied by posting the necessary information to the AHFSH website, unless another form of notice is specifically identified.

**11.2 NOTICE TO BOARD MEMBERS.** Where in this Constitution or the AHFSH By-Laws it is required that notice be provided to the members of the Board of Directors, such notice requirement shall be satisfied by providing the necessary information by way of email or written notice, unless another form of notice is specifically identified.

**ARTICLE XII  
AMENDMENTS**

**12.1** Any proposals or motions to amend the Constitution must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be signed by one-fifth (1/5) of the voting power of the Members or one-third (1/3) of the voting power of the Board. The Constitution may be amended at any General Membership Meeting by two-thirds (2/3) of those Members present and voting. The Constitution may also be amended at any duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors by three-fourths (3/4) of the total voting power of the Board of Directors. Any amendment of the Constitution, and the purpose(s) therefore, must be provided to the Secretary not less than forty five (45) days prior to the General Membership Meeting or Board meeting at which such amendment shall be presented for a vote and may be voted upon only after being posted on the AHFSH website for at least thirty (30) days. Amendments to the Constitution shall include an effective date.

**ARTICLE XIII  
DISSOLUTION**

**13.1** In the event that AHFSH shall be dissolved or cease to function, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of AHFSH, dispose of all of the assets of AHFSH exclusively for the purposes of AHFSH in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine; any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a District Court located in Bexar County, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**Adopted 6/23/04**

**Article 10.1 amended and adopted effective 08/12/2015.**

**Article 10.3 amended and adopted effective 11/13/2018.**

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