

# BY LAWS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL STRYKERS SOCCER CLUB

## ARTICLE I

### LOCATION

The principal office of the North Central Strykers Soccer Club (The Club) shall be located at all times in Hardin County, Iowa

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE

**Section I Purpose-** The Purpose of The Club is to promote “the establishment and development of soccer programs for the cities of Iowa Falls, Alden, and the surrounding communities.” “Surrounding community” shall be interpreted to extend The Club programs to players from school districts which border the Iowa Falls and Alden Community School Districts or towns which do not have an area soccer club. “Surrounding Community” is further defined to require that a minimum of 75% of all players on each team sanctioned through The Club must be students in the Iowa Falls or Alden Community School Districts, unless the board in its sole discretion, on a case by case basis, chooses to waive the minimum 75%.

**Section II Funds-** The Club may charge fees and accept personal, corporate, and governmental grants or gifts to secure the funds necessary for the activities of the club as well and provide the acquisition, maintenance, or use of real estate for the performance of the club’s stated purpose

**Section III Non-Profit Status-** This Club is not organized for profit and it shall not have any power to issue certificates of stock, dividends, or ownership certificates. No part of the net earnings of The Club shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, officer, or individual. The balance, if any, of all funds received by the club from its operations, after full and complete payment of all debts and obligations shall be held, accumulated, used, and distributed exclusively for carrying out the purpose of the club.

**Section IV Non-Discrimination-** No person shall be denied membership or participation in the activities of The Club due to race, sex, religion, or national origin.

**Section V Geographic Area of Club Activities-** The geographic area from which The Club’s activities are to be located shall be Iowa Falls, IA, or such other areas as the board of directors may determine.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP

**Section I Qualifications for Membership-** Membership in the club shall be granted to:

1. A parent or legal guardian of all soccer players for whom a membership fee has been paid
2. Coaches and assistant coaches of all soccer teams.
3. All officers, directors, or coordinators of The Club.



**Section II Termination of Membership Status-** Membership in The Club for any member hereof shall be terminated:

1. For the failure of any member to remain in good standing with respect to the payment of all fees and charges.
2. A member's disregard, violations, or breach of the rules and regulations of The Club  
or
3. Upon 2/3 vote of the board of directors.

**Section III Annual Meetings-** An annual membership meeting shall be held by The Club each year, in -November for the purposes of electing board members and conducting any other business that is submitted either by the board of directors or to the board of directors by any member.

#### **ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS**

**Number of Directors-** The initial board of directors shall consist of SEVEN (7) directors. The number of directors shall thereafter be the number designated by the board of directors from time to time by resolution of the board, but shall not have less than six (6) or more than fifteen (15) persons.

**Election-** The board of directors shall be elected by the members of The Club at the annual meeting of The Club. A candidate for director must be a member in good standing at the time of the election. Members interested in appearing on the ballot at the annual member meeting for open director positions shall give notice to the president or secretary of The Club to be placed on the ballot not less than one month prior to the annual meeting. The directors may also appoint a nominating committee.

**Term-** The initial board of directors shall have the following terms: Three (3) directors to one (1) year terms, two (2) directors to two (2) year terms, and two (2) directors to three (3) year terms. Thereafter, directors shall be elected into three nearly equal terms and each term shall serve three (3) years. No director shall serve more than two consecutive terms as director. Filling a partial term does not count toward the consecutive term requirement. The board can, at its sole discretion, on a case by case basis, chooses to waive the term requirements.

**Section I General Powers-** The business of the club shall be managed by the board of directors. These powers include but are not limited to:

1. to purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise of bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated for the benefit of The Club.
2. To elect or appoint officers and agents of The Club who may be directors or members, and define their duties.

**Section II Designation of Officers-** Following each annual member meeting, the board of directors



shall elect from among the directors the following officers who shall serve until after the next annual member meeting: President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Administrator, Registrar, and Website Manager and Scheduler.

**A. President.** The president will: determine and schedule regular board meetings; conduct the affairs of The Club within the guidelines of these bylaws; keep the Board working as a unit; oversee the operation and management of The Club; sign official documents and agreements on behalf of The Club; prepare monthly board meeting agendas; and assist other board members, officers, and committees as needed.

**B. President Elect.** The president elect will: assist the president; act in the absence of the president; and assist all board members, officers, and committees as needed.

**C. Secretary.** The secretary of The Club will: maintain a roll of all individuals present at meetings; record the minutes of all meetings; maintain all records and correspondence of The Club; post minutes of the previous meeting to the directors at least one week prior to the next meeting.

**D. Treasurer.** The treasurer of the club shall: maintain financial records of The Club; pay expenses and make deposits; prepare an annual financial statement for the annual member meeting and assist other board members, officers and committees as needed.

**E. Club Administrator/ Director of Referees (CA/DR).** The Club Administrator/Director of Referees will serve as the point of contact with The Club, overseeing competition and collecting game reports, ensuring compliance with all league and The Club rules and procedures, and administering disciplinary matters. The CA/DR will also contact and hire referees for each home game. The Director of Referees will also have the ability to sign checks for referees.

**F. Registrar.** The registrar will: coordinate spring and fall registration; assign players to teams, and maintain registration information and submit data as required to the Iowa State Soccer Association; inform the treasurer of any refunds; and assist other board members or officers as needed.

**G. Website Manager.** The website manager will: Update the website on an as needed basis and update the online registration site.

**H. Scheduler:** The Scheduler will contact other leagues to make game schedule after the registrar has notified the scheduler of how many teams there are.

## ARTICLE V

### COMMITTEES

**Section I Committees-** The Board will establish and maintain committees to assist in the general operation and long-range planning of The Club. Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the President of the Board and approved by the Board. Membership to committees may be drawn from the Board and the membership at large.

**Section II Board Nominating Committee-** The committee shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members of the Board. The Board Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board President and shall be responsible for nominating officers for the Board of Directors. The Board Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers for election at the annual meeting. The report of the Board Nominating Committees shall be filed in the office of The Club at least twenty-one (21) days prior to



the date of the annual meeting and distributed to the membership via the club website. Each nominee shall be given the opportunity to prepare a single sided one-half page biography submitted to the Board Secretary thirty (30) days prior to the established election date. A slate of officer positions with said bios shall be used as the ballot for the membership. All bios will be available on the club website. A plurality vote of the membership present at the annual meeting for an individual candidate shall constitute the elected officer.

**Section III Finance Committee-** The chair will be the Treasurer of the Board. The committee will consist of no fewer than three (3) members as appointed by the Committee Chair with concurrence of the Board, but need not be members of the Board. The Finance Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing fiscal procedures and an annual budget, in consultation with staff and Board members. The Board must approve the budget and all expenditures must be within budget. The Board or Executive Committee must approve any material change (amounts that exceed one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars) in the budget.

**Section IV Disciplinary-** The Disciplinary Committee will consist of the board officers to hear cases that may require disciplinary actions. The committee meeting shall be called whenever required by the President and a report shall be filed with the President immediately after a decision has been made. Implementation of the committee's recommendations shall begin immediately upon notification of the President. All disciplinary actions shall remain confidential and unavailable to the membership. Any case that cannot be resolved shall be referred automatically to an appeals committee.

**Section V Appeals-** A player, coach, or referee wishing to appeal an ejection or suspension must notify the club's President in writing within ten (10) days of the decision of the disciplinary committee. The President then appoints a committee of five (5) persons to adjudicate the appeal. The decisions and recommendations of the committee must be approved by the executive board prior to implementation. Any case that cannot be resolved shall be referred to the next level of authority within the organizations with which The Club is affiliated.

**Section VI Other Committees-** The Board may also designate other standing (on- going) or ad hoc (special) committees that do not exercise Board authority. Members of each such committee may be directors and must be members of The Club, except as otherwise provided. The President of The Club shall appoint the members thereof, subject to approval of the Board. The Board may remove any member of a committee whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of The Club shall be served by such removal. Potential committees include, but are not limited to: Fundraising, field maintenance, concessions, equipment, coach and referee training.

## **SECTION VI**

### **AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

These bylaws may be amended or repealed by two thirds (2/3) vote of the board of directors then in office or by the members; provided, however, that the members may from time to time specify particular provisions of the bylaws which shall not be amended or repealed by the board of directors.





## **SECTION VII**

### **INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS**

To the extent allowed by Iowa Code Chapter 504A, The Club will indemnify the directors, officers and others serving this corporation to the fullest extent possible against expenses, including attorney fees, incurred due to the position with The Club.

## **Section VIII**

### **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of The Club shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB**

Upon dissolution of The Club, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all its liabilities of The Club, dispose of all the assets of the club exclusively for the purposes of The Club in such a manner, or to such organization operated solely for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes.

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