
Framingham United Soccer Club

CHARTER

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PHILOSOPHY

Framingham United Soccer Club is dedicated to the development and promotion of soccer in Framingham.

To achieve that goal, the club provides training and competitive play for all interested Framingham residents.

All persons who join the club, regardless of ability, are guaranteed the opportunity to develop their skills, to participate in team play, and to enjoy the benefits of club membership.

FRAMINGHAM UNITED SOCCER CLUB, INC.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF FRAMINGHAM UNITED SOCCER CLUB

ARTICLE I GENERAL

Section 1: These rules and regulations are promulgated under the authority of the Framingham United Soccer Club, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Club.

Section 2: The purpose of the Club shall be to foster and assist in the development of soccer; to promote and encourage social, civil, educational and athletic activities; to acquire, rent or own such real and personal property as may be necessary or convenient for the furthering of these purposes.

Section 3: The Club, in relation to its functions and activities, shall be non-profit, non-partisan and nonsectarian.

Section 4: The official Club colors are red and white. All teams, with the exception of the intramural teams, must wear some combination of red and white. No other colors are acceptable. The Committee must approve the design of all uniforms, jackets, etc.

Section 5: These rules and regulations may be amended by a majority of the stockholders present at the Annual Meeting or a special meeting.

Section 6: A special meeting may be called at any time during the year. At least two stockholders must request the meeting and the request must be in writing to the Club secretary. An exception to the two person requirement shall be made in the case of a stockholder who has been suspended and wishes to appeal the suspension to the voting stockholders.

Section 7: Notice of any stockholders meeting must be postmarked fourteen days prior to the date of said meeting.

Section 8: The Annual Meeting shall be held between November 1 and December 31 of the year. Business shall include, but not be limited to, a report from the president; financial reports from the treasurer and the Boosters Club; and the election of the Club Committee for the following year.

Section 9: All meetings of the stockholders, including the Annual Meeting, shall be chaired by the Club president. If the Club president is not a stockholder, a chair shall be chosen by the stockholders at the beginning of the meeting. The Chair shall appoint a member to take notes of the meeting.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership in the Framingham United Soccer Club, Inc., shall not be denied to any person because of race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

Section 2: There shall be three levels of membership:

A. **Playing Member** - This level of membership is obtained by signing up to play for the Club and paying the seasonal fee.

(1) Persons under the age of nineteen must be Framingham residents to be Playing Members, subject to exceptions below. At the adult level there is no residency requirement.

(2) All youth teams fielded under the name of Framingham United Soccer Club must be made up of Playing Members. Players from other towns/cities are not eligible to play on Club teams except as listed under "exceptions".

(3) A player, assigned to a team, may be reassigned by the division director for good and sufficient reason. The player shall not return to his/her original team after being reassigned.

(4) Any player who signs up to be on a Club team but plays on a team not sanctioned by the Committee ceases to be a Playing Member. The individual may rejoin the Club in the next consecutive season by fulfilling the requirements of Section 2A

(5) Exceptions:

(a.) An exception to the residency requirement may be made in the case of a player who lives in a city or town which does not have a soccer program, or does not provide the proper level of play.

(b.) A player who has been selected for a team but moves out of Framingham before the season begins or moves during the season, may complete that season. A player who lives in Framingham on a part time basis only shall still be considered a Framingham resident.

(c.) Non residents may be allowed to play on FUSC teams when such an exception is to accommodate player(s) otherwise unable to play, and where such an exception will also serve the convenience of the Club, providing that such an exception for a non-resident does not impact negatively on any Framingham player.

(d.) All petitions for an exception to the Framingham Residents Only rule must be submitted in writing to the Club secretary. Approval by a majority vote of the Committee must be obtained.

B. Associate Member - Members of the Committee, coaches, assistant coaches and guardians of players shall automatically be considered Associate Members. There is no residency requirement for Associate Members.

C. Stockholder - From time to time, individuals are recognized for their extraordinary contributions to the club and to soccer through nomination and election to the body of stockholders. Nominations may be made by the nominating committee, by stockholders prior to and at the Annual Meeting, and by individual petition. Election is by majority vote at the Annual Meeting. Upon notification of election, the new stockholder purchases one unit (\$10.) of the Club's voting stock.

There are no formal requirements and no residency requirements for being nominated and elected a stockholder.

(1) Stockholders are an extension of the Club's founding members. Their responsibilities include overseeing the general operation of the Club; maintaining, revising and interpreting the Club's Charter; and electing members to the Committee and to the body of Stockholders at the Annual Meeting.

(2) Stockholders are elected for life. A stockholder may relinquish his/her position by submitting a letter of resignation to the Club president. A stockholder will be considered inactive after he/she has missed three annual meetings in a row. An inactive stockholder may resume active status by notifying the Club in writing of his/her desire to do so.

(3) Stockholders are entitled to all privileges of membership and are not subject to seasonal fee.

ARTICLE III .SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: A member or stockholder is a member in good standing unless suspended in accordance with either of the following provisions:

A. The membership of any member may be suspended by reason of failure to fulfill the seasonal fee as specified by the Committee.

B. The Committee shall have the power at any time to cancel the membership of any member who, in the opinion of the Committee, has been guilty, on or off the field, of conduct discreditable to the Club, providing that the Committee shall not

exercise such power without first giving the member concerned sufficient opportunity to justify his/her conduct.

Section 2: A two-thirds vote of all members of the Committee shall be necessary to approve suspension.

Section 3: If the member suspended is a voting Stockholder, the suspension may be appealed to the body of Stockholders at the Annual Meeting or a special meeting.

ARTICLE IV .SUBSCRIPTION

Section 1: The cost of becoming a Playing Member of the Club shall be set by the Committee. There is no charge for Associate or Stockholder membership.

Section 2: The seasonal fee of a member in difficult circumstances may be abated in part or in whole by any Committee officer.

Section 3: Persons who have not kept their subscriptions current shall, at the recommendation of the treasurer, be ineligible to play.

ARTICLE V .THE RULING BODY

Section 1: The ruling Body shall be a Board of Directors known as the Committee. The Committee is elected by the Club's voting stockholders at the Annual Meeting. Only persons in good standing with the Club are eligible for elective office. In the event a Committee member is unable to complete his/her term in office, for whatever reason, the Committee shall choose a replacement to serve the remainder of the term'. The person elected shall have all the rights and responsibilities associated with his/her office, including full voting rights, for the remainder of the term.

Section 2: The Committee shall consist of three officers: President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a number of directors including Girls Director, Boys Director, Referees Director, Field Director, Tournament Director, Education Director, and Equipment Director and Registrar. The Boosters Club President also sits on the Committee and has full voting rights, as does any other member elected by a majority of the active stockholders.

Section 3: The Club Committee shall be responsible for the control and management of the funds and property of the Club.

Section 4: Members of the Committee shall officially take office following the Annual Meeting of the voting Stockholders and their term of office shall be for a period of one year. An elected officer cannot serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. The President shall not be elected to any office in the year following a consecutive term as president.

Section 5: At all meetings of the Committee a quorum shall consist of 50% of the members, including the presence of at least two members holding the office of President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

Section 6: Elections shall be held annually between November 1 and December 31 of the year. The Nominating Committee shall submit in writing to the voting stockholders a slate of officer and director candidates at least 14 days prior to the election. Additional nominations may be presented to the Nominating Committee including but not limited to, from the floor, at the meeting as well as prior to the meeting; by the voting stockholders; providing that permission from the person being nominated has been obtained. A majority of those present and voting shall be necessary to elect any officer or director. Votes shall be counted by a member of the Nominating Committee, if present.

Section 7: The outgoing President will automatically be a member of the Club Committee with full voting privileges during the year following his/her term in office.

ARTICLE VI- DUTIES OF THE CLUB COMMITTEE

Section 1: Officers and Directors shall be active in the government of the Club, available to organize activities in which the Club may become involved, form committees as the need arises and generally support the club in all agreed ventures.

Section 2: The President shall direct and supervise the affairs of the Club and shall make an Annual Report thereon to the voting stockholders.

Section 3: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and shall be responsible for facilitating communication within and without the Club in distribution and mailing of information as needed. The Secretary shall collate a seasonal Coaches' Guide. The Secretary will be responsible for publicity about the club to the media. The Secretary shall maintain a policy manual of all Club decisions. The Secretary will chair the Scholarship committee and Sportsmanship Review committee.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall report quarterly in detail to the Committee all sums received and expended, all outstanding obligations, and such matters as may be deemed proper. The Treasurer shall have custody of the financial records, shall maintain a bank account in the Club's name, and shall be the only member designated to commit Club funds.

Section 5: The Girls and Boys Directors shall oversee all aspects of their respective sections, including appointment of division directors for each level of play, ensuring distribution of players in accordance with Club policy, and resolving routine problems.

Section 6: The Referees Director is responsible for assignment of officials to all Club matches. He/she will organize an annual referee's clinic for all members who will officiate intramural games.

Section 7: The Field Director/Scheduler is responsible for assigning fields and scheduling games, coordinating maintenance of all fields, and acting as liaison between the Club and town officials.

Section 8: The Tournaments Director oversees all FUSC sponsored tournaments. The Director provides information to Club coaches about available tournaments and assists them with applications and qualifications.

Section 9: The Education Director is responsible for the education of coaches and for player development.

Section 10: The Equipment Director is responsible for inventorying ordering and maintaining all equipment belonging to the Club.

Section 11: The Registrar is responsible for registration of players and adults in the Club. The registrar also registers the Club with leagues (BAYS) and state (MYSA). The registrar records nil financial assistance and coaches refunds. All reports and listings regarding registration are generated by the registrar.

Section 12: Annually, the stockholders shall nominate and elect a Stockholder's Representative to be a liaison between the body of stockholders and the Club Committee.

ARTICLE VII- TEAM COACHES

Section 1: The Committee shall select coaches for the Club teams. The Committee shall, in selecting such coaches, use a list of criteria reflecting such requirements as service to the Club. knowledge of the game, licenses and clinics, exemplary conduct, and demonstrations of good sportsmanship.

Section 2: Any coach who, in the opinion of the Committee, becomes unsuitable in terms of his/her behavior during the course of the season, shall be replaced. A two-thirds vote of the entire Committee is necessary to authorize replacement.

ARTICLE VIII- COMMITTEES, DIVISIONS, AFFILIATES

Section 1: The Committee may appoint such special committees as it may deem necessary to accomplish the athletic, social and charitable objectives of the Club. The committees so formed shall exist until such time as their specific tasks are completed or they are dissolved by the Committee:

Section 2: There shall be a division known as the Framingham United Boosters Club. This division shall be governed by Section 1 of this article. The Boosters Club's rules and regulations must be approved by the Committee and are part of these tides and regulations. The president of the Boosters Club is automatically a member of the Club Committee.

Section 3: There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of five members whose function is to prepare a slate of officer/director candidates for presentation to the voting stockholders at the Annual Meeting. The chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall be a member of the Club Committee and will be appointed by the President with the approval of the Club Committee. The remaining members shall be appointed by the chairperson with the approval of the Club Committee. The President may not be a member of the Nominating Committee. At least one member of the Nominating Committee must be an active stockholder. The Nominating Committee may nominate more than one person for any office. The Nominating Committee must submit, along with its slate of candidates, details of each candidate's qualifications. In the instance where more than one person has expressed an interest in a position, reasons for recommendation of a nominee must be included in the report.

The Nominating Committee may also nominate stockholder candidates for consideration by the voting stockholders at the Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee is automatically dissolved following the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX . CHARITABLE MATCHES

Section 1: It shall be the policy of the Club to play matches for worthy, non-sectarian, nonpolitical causes.

Section 2: The Club may request a contribution from sponsors to be used to defer expenses.