



Susquehanna River United Soccer Association

Constitution and Bylaws

Article 1 Organization

Section 1.

The name of this association is Susquehanna River United Soccer Association (known hereafter as SRUSA).

Section 2.

Purposes and Powers

- a. To dedicate the association to the promotion of the sport of soccer at all levels of participation in and around the Towns of Binghamton, Conklin and Kirkwood.
- b. To promote good sportsmanship and cooperation within the community and school district.
- c. To participate in local, county, state, national and international soccer development.

Article 2 Membership

Section 1.

Membership in the association shall be extended to all interested individuals. Members will be bound by the proper and lawful actions of the Board of Directors. This agreement constitutes a contract in order that the purpose of the association may be accomplished.

All adult members of the association including coaches, board members, managers, ect. must complete a Risk Management form provided by NYSWYSA. Without completion of form and the approved card being received, said member may not participate in SRUSA activities directly involving the children.

Every effort will be made to allow any interested player to participate in the SRUSA program. However, if there are to many players for a particular age group to roster, and no qualified coaches can be recruited, the coach of that age group has the final decision as to who will be included on his/her roster.

Evidence of membership will be by player pass or being included on a certified team roster. Requirements for same will be: proof of age, a medical release form signed by parent or guardian, and payment of the required club registration fee as set by the board of directors annually.

In case of financial hardship, a coach or manager may present a player anonymously to the board of directors and request financial support for said player. If the board approves the request the coach/manager and treasurer shall be the only persons who know the identity of the individual. The board may withdraw this support at any time, if the players financial situation should improve.

Article 3 Meetings

Section 1. Meetings

Meetings will be held monthly on the 2nd Thursday of each month, or as determined by the majority of the board members. Additional meetings may be called with adequate notice to active board members. Meetings are open to all members of the association. If matters need to be discussed in a confidential setting, board members may hold an executive session. A quorum must be present or proxies provided to vote on disbursement of club monies. Notification will be made to the entire club membership of the June meeting, at which time elections for the following year will be held. If there is only one candidate for a position, the secretary will cast one vote for that candidate. Public notification of the officers will be made via the local newspaper, the Country Courier.

Article 4 Board of Directors

Section 1. Number

The number of directors shall be 9 (nine). They shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Field Coordinator, Equipment Coordinator, and Publicity Coordinator. They shall be elected by members at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Term

The term of office for each position shall be two years. At the expiration of any term, any director may be re-elected.

Section 3. Vacancies

When a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the board at the next regular meeting. That person shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the board.

Section 4. Nominating Committee

There shall be a nominating committee consisting of three members appointed by the board of directors, one of whom shall be the chairman. Nominations may also be made by any member to the chairman of the nominating committee. Nominations shall be presented at the May meeting, to be voted upon at the June meeting. Nominations and notice of the annual meeting shall be published in the Country Courier two weeks prior to the meeting.

Article 5 Finances

Section 1.

SRUSA is a not for profit corporation, and therefore has tax exempt status. All vendors that provide products or services to the club must be provided with the tax exempt number.

Section 2.

A checking account and a savings account have been established. The treasurer and assistant treasurer each has the power to sign club checks. No individual other than the members of the board of directors, with board approval, have the authority to use the SRUSA name or tax exempt number. An exemption may be made with board approval for a group that includes SRUSA members that has funds being used to promote soccer development. SRUSA would not include such funds in their accounts or be responsible for handling such funds.

Section 3.

Upon dissolution of the association, the assets shall be distributed exclusively to charitable or educational organizations which also have non for profit status.

Section 4.

With board approval, donations may be made to local schools, clubs and organizations which have a common goal of advancement of soccer, or other activities beneficial to the youth of the community.

Section 5.

Scholarships are granted each year to graduating senior girls and boys of the Susquehanna Valley High School who are going on to further their academic careers. Recipients will have demonstrated good sportsmanship, leadership, and participated in soccer programs in the school and community. Recipients will not be the same students who receive the Saber Soccer Boosters Club scholarships or the SV Booster Club scholarships. The number of scholarships and the dollar value of each will vary based upon the number of deserving candidates and the funds available. An application will be made available to the interested individuals at the guidance office of the SV high school.

Article 6 Adjudication Committee

Section 1.

An adjudication committee shall consist of the president of the board of directors and at least one other person selected by the board. This committee shall be responsible for considering and ruling upon:

- a. Allegations of assaults and abuses on referees and assistant referees.
- b. Decisions of any individual, committee, or group having responsibility for administering an activity sponsored by SRUSA, and to conduct review of any SRUSA disciplinary action for which review is sought, and shall exercise that jurisdiction in conformity with the rules promulgated by the United States Soccer Federation and the United States Youth Soccer Association.

A decision of the adjudication committee is the final decision of the SRUSA board of directors and may be appealed only to US soccer.

Article 7 Amendments

Section 1.

These by-laws may be amended or repealed in whole or part, by the majority vote of the membership present and voting at any duly organized meeting of the membership.