

## **BY-LAWS FOR THE DANSVILLE SOCCER CLUB**

### **ARTICLE (1): NAME**

The name of this Organization will be the Dansville Soccer Club

### **ARTICLE (2): PURPOSE**

Section (1): Promote and encourage athletics, good sportsmanship, and team play through the game of soccer.

Section (2): Act as liaison with the New York State West Soccer Association and the athletes of this club.

Section (3): Provide the safest environment and equipment.

Section (4): Develop soccer skills while having fun.

Section (5): Cultivate the development of basic to advanced soccer skills and to support a higher level of competition for those athletes who seek it.

### **ARTICLE (3): MEMBERSHIP**

Section (1): The membership of the Dansville Soccer Club will be open to all soccer players between the age of five (5) and nineteen (19) years, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials not subject to suspension under Section 4 of Bylaw 241 of the USSF Bylaws.

Section (2): Application for membership is open to all athletes regardless of sex, race, or nation of origin.

Section (3): Applications will be available at any time. However, the membership year will run from August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Section (4): Annual dues for the athletes will be adjusted annually, by the Board of Trustees and payable to the treasurer, upon receipt of application.

Section (5): Membership renewal will occur when the Treasurer receives the annual dues and renewal application.

Section (6): Additional fees, in excess of athletes dues, may be necessary for any indoor tournament fees.

Section (7): Parents and/or guardians of athletes will be considered shareholders in the Dansville Soccer Club.

#### **ARTICLE (4): THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Section (1): The Board of Trustees will consist of a minimum of five (5) to a maximum of nine (9) Trustees. Officers of the Board will include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section (2): The Board will handle the regular business of the Dansville Soccer Club.

Section (3): Meetings of the Board of Trustees will be held a minimum of eight (8) times Per membership year.

Section (4): A quorum for conducting business of the Board of Trustees will be a minimum of five Trustees present at any meeting called.

Section (5): The Board of Trustees will appoint Ad Hoc committees when necessary to further the purpose of the Dansville Soccer Club.

#### **ARTICLE (5): ELECTED OFFICERS**

Section (1): All Board of Trustees will be elected for a term of two years from August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. The initial Board of Trustees will server a one year term from August 1 to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Thereafter one-half of the current members of the Board of Trustees will be Elected every other year for a two year term.

Section (2): An elected Trustee who does not comply with assigned responsibilities may be relieved of their office by a majority vote of the remaining Board of Trustees. This vacancy will be filled by appointment of the Board of Trustees to complete the unexpired term.

Section (2): Chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees will be selected by the Board of Trustees immediately after installation of newly elected Officers and approved by a simple majority of Trustees.

#### **ARTICLE (6): ELECTIONS**

Section (1): Nominations - A nominating committee consisting of a Chairperson and two members will be established to recruit members for the Board of Trustees. The initial Board of Trustees will be selected by this nominating committee.

Section (2): Elections – Elections will be by secret ballot during the regular membership meeting in July. Voting Privileges: All shareholders will have the right to vote.

Section (3): Term of Office – The term of office of each Trustee will be for a period of two Years to conclude at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees

and until his successor has been duly elected.

### **ARTICLE (7): DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section (1): Presidents duties to include:

- (A) Preside at all meetings of the Dansville Soccer Club
- (B) Co-sign all checks with the Treasurer
- (C) Co-sign and execute all contracts with the Secretary after approval by the Board of Trustees.
- (D) Call for special meeting when necessary.
- (E) Call for Committee reports as needed.

Section (2): Vice-Presidents duties to include:

- (A) Perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.

Section (3): Secretary's duties to include:

- (A) Record the minutes of all meetings of the Dansville Soccer Club.
- (B) Co-sign all contracts with the President.
- (C) Maintain all Club records
- (D) Receive all correspondence directed to the Dansville Soccer Club
- (E) Act as liaison to the New York West Youth Soccer Association in conjunction with High School Coaches and other Leagues.

Section (4): Treasurer's duties to include:

- (A) Responsible for the care and administration of all funds of the Dansville soccer Club.
- (B) Provide an annual financial report to the Board of Trustees.
- (C) Co-sign all checks with the President.
- (D) Maintain an accurate accounting of all business transactions.

### **ARTICLE (8): MEETINGS**

Section (1): All meetings will be on call of the President with notification to Trustees by the Secretary.

Section (2): There will be a minimum of eight regular meetings per membership year. This will include the annual meeting to be held in July.

### **ARTICLE (9): INDEMNIFICATION/APPEALS**

Section (1): Indemnification

The Dansville Soccer Club will in all cases indemnify any person who shall become a party to any suit or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of the Club, against expenses, including attorney's

fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such suit or proceeding. No indemnification shall be provided for any person with respect to any matter as to which he has been finally adjudicated in any action, suit, or proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interest of the Club or with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Indemnification will be made by the Dansville Soccer Club upon a determination by  
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The Club that indemnification is proper under the circumstances.

#### Section (2): Appeals

The Dansville Soccer Club will provide equitable and prompt hearing and appeal procedures to guarantee the rights of individuals to participate and compete. These procedures shall include that all grievances involving the right to participate and compete in activities sponsored by the USSF, the NYSWYSA, and the Dansville Soccer Club may be appealed to the USSF's Appeals Committee in accordance

with

NYSWYSA bylaws and policies. The Federation's Appeals Committee shall have jurisdiction to approve, modify, or reverse a decision. A decision rendered by the Dansville Soccer Club or the NYSWYSA from which an appeal is taken is not suspended pending the final decision of the Federation's Appeals Committee unless the Committee otherwise orders. The decision made by the Dansville Soccer Club or the NYSWYSA may be upheld, revised or reversed and remanded.

#### **ARTICLE (10): Ammendments**

Section (1): The by-laws of the Dansville Soccer Club may be amended, altered, repealed or added by the affirmative vote of a majority vote of the Board of Trustees at any regular or special meeting convened by the Board.

#### **ARTICLE 11: DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the organization shall after necessary expenses thereof be distributed exclusively for the purposes of the organization 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 116(a)(4) of the New York State Sales and Use Tax Law, as the governing body of the organization shall determine.

#### **ARTICLE 12: NON INUREMENT PROVISION**

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization), and no member,

trustee, officer of the organization or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets on dissolution of the organization.

**ARTICLE 13: RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION PROVISION**

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.