

VICKSBURG SOCCER ORGANIZATION, INC.

CONSTITUTION

1. Name, Purpose and Affiliation

- a. Name: This organization shall be the Vicksburg Soccer Organization (VSO), Incorporated, doing business as Vicksburg Soccer Organization, also referred to as VSO.
- b. Purpose: The purpose of this organization shall be the control, regulation, promotion, education, and development of soccer within the boundaries of Warren County, Mississippi. The corporation shall be non-profit and no shares of stock shall be issued. The corporation is an educational society, a civic improvement society, a sports club, and an Amateur Athletic Association.
- c. Affiliation: This organization may be affiliated with state and national associations such as the Mississippi Soccer Association (MSA), the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), and the United States Amateur Soccer Association (USASA); may be an integral part of those associations; and if so associated, shall at all times recognize the authority, rules, and laws of these bodies.
- d. Membership: This organization shall be open to any team, player, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, and official not subject to suspension under any of the associated organization bylaws, and to any amateur soccer organization in Warren County, Mississippi. All members must be registered on forms provided by the VSO, MSA, or USYSA. The Council shall have sole power to determine qualification for membership and may accept/reject any applicant. VSO will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin.

2. Territory and Headquarters

- a. Territory: The territory is Warren County, Mississippi.
- b. Headquarters: The legal headquarters domicile, and residence shall be in the County; Judicial District, if any; and the city, if any, of the President. The Council may designate other business headquarters as appropriate.

3. Administration

- a. Governance: The organization shall be governed by its Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Policies, and Regulations and as supplemented by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Policies, and Regulations of any of the associated state and national organizations.
- b. Other Organizations: VSO will not join any organization that has requirements that conflict with articles, bylaws, policies and requirements, unless amended in accordance with VSO Bylaws.
- c. Dues: Membership dues shall be set by the Council and shall be paid upon demand of the Council. Failure of any member to pay dues as herein provided

shall be cause for immediate suspension of membership after a fifteen (15) day period. VSO shall register all its players, coaches, teams, referees and administrators with its state (MSA) and national organizations at least once each year and timely pay all dues and fees.

- d. State and National Association Review: VSO will allow it's state and national associations to review the documents and procedures of the VSO, on request, not less than once every four (4) years, to determine compliance with these bylaws.
4. Rules Suspension: Any rule may be suspended at any Council meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present in order to deal with an emergency and to protect the purpose of the Organization (Section 2.b).
 5. Disaffiliation, Savings Clause and Amendments
 - a. Disaffiliation: This Organization shall not disband or withdraw from a state or national association except on a two thirds (2/3) vote of VSO members-in-good standing at any business meeting as defined in the VSO By-Laws. If the membership chooses to dissolve for any reason, it shall immediately notify the state and national associations.
 - b. Savings Clause: If any word, phrase, sentence, or other provision of this Constitution or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect the other words, phrases, clauses, sentences, and provisions of this Constitution, and to this end, the provisions of this Constitution are declared to be severable. In the event that state or national associations of which VSO is a member shall deem any provision of the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules illegal or contrary to; or amended, such portions shall be changed administratively.
 - c. Amendments: This Constitution shall only be amended at the Annual General Meeting by a two thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members acting on proposed amendments. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary of this Organization at least one (1) month in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Each member shall be given ten (10) days notice in writing of the proposed amendment. Except where provided in Section 5.b. above, any additions or amendments to this Constitution, By-Laws, or Rules or policies shall not be effective until they are set down in writing and physically appended to this document as a part thereof. Copies of the VSO Constitution and By-Laws shall be posted on the VSO website, available to any member of VSO.

This is a draft revised Constitution, patterned similar to that of the parent organization, MSA. It is to be reviewed and considered for membership adaptation at the AGM of MAY 2008.

***** The parts of the Constitution that are missing from the current version are being addressed in the proposed by-laws and will be posted as soon as they are available. *****