

BYLAWS

MID-IOWA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE SOCCER OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC. 'MI-NISOA'

ARTICLE I - MANAGEMENT

Section 1 . The active management of the affairs of the organization shall be delegated to the officers who shall be the governing body of the organization. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall hold office until such time as their successors have been elected.

ARTICLE II - CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 . Membership shall consist of those persons who meet the requirements of the Constitution for membership and who are not delinquent in payment of dues, and meet other qualifications set forth in these Bylaws. There shall be the following categories of membership:

- A. Active membership shall consist of applicants meeting the requirements as outlined under Section 2 and 3 of this article.
- B. Associate membership shall be open to any and all persons interested in the sport of soccer, and in National Intercollegiate Soccer Official Association, Inc. ("NJSOA"). They shall not have the right to vote, hold office, and furthermore, are not approved to officiate intercollegiate soccer games under the aegis of NISOA. They shall pay dues.
- C. Life membership may be awarded to those persons who are or have been active members of NISOA, and who have distinguished themselves in the interests of soccer. Membership shall be approved by a majority vote of the officers. They shall have full benefits and shall enjoy all rights and privileges of active membership. They shall not pay dues. Life membership shall be granted to all Past Presidents and Honor Award Recipients.
- D. Honorary membership may be bestowed, by a majority vote of the officers,~ on those persons who have distinguished themselves in the interest of soccer. They shall not have the right to vote or hold office and shall not pay dues.
- E. Inactive membership may be granted to any *active* member for a period not to exceed one (1) year. They shall not have the right to officiate intercollegiate soccer games or hold local or national office.

- F. Affiliate membership shall consist of those persons interested in serving the organization as an assessor. Dues shall be set by the officers.
- G. Interscholastic membership shall be open to any high school referee. They shall not have the right to officiate intercollegiate soccer games. Dues shall be set by the officers.

Section 2 .Eligibility -(For Active Membership Only)--Candidates must be members in good standing prior to application for membership in NISOA through a membership Chapter. Members shall be restricted to one Chapter only.

Section 3 .Duties and Privileges of chapters

- A. Chapter Purpose-Chapters shall organize themselves• to promote the purposes of NISOA within the area of their jurisdiction. They shall conduct regular and interpretation meetings, as well as to take those means necessary to increase the efficiency, the effectiveness, and the officiating techniques of its members.
- B. Chapter Finances-Each chapter shall have the responsibility of collecting and forwarding NISOA dues to the Chairman of the Examination and Membership Committee and shall have the right to levy such other charges as may be deemed necessary. Chapter rosters and NISOA dues must be sent to the NISOA Examination and Membership Chairman by a pre-established date for the ensuing officiating season.
- C. Required Meetings-Chapters shall conduct a minimum of three (3) meetings a year, with at least two (2) of the meetings being devoted to rules study and officiating procedures and techniques.
- D. Official Chapter Rules Interpreter-The President shall appoint, annually, one of its members who shall function as the Official Chapter Rules Interpreter for the ensuing year. The official interpreter of member chapters will be recognized as such by the National Rules Interpreter of NISOA, and furthermore, will receive all interpretive materials disseminated by NISOA, and/or its National Rules Interpreter.
- E. Governing Authority-Chapters shall be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of NISOA and its Executive Board. When a Chapter Constitution and/or By-Laws are in conflict with NISOA's Constitution and/or By-Laws, NISOA's shall take precedence. A copy of the Constitution of each chartered chapter must be approved by the Executive Board of NISOA and placed on file with the Examination and Membership Committee Chairman.
- F. Representatives to NISOA-Chapters shall select their official representatives to the annual business meeting of NISOA on the basis of representation as previously set forth in the Constitution.

Section 4 .Honorary and Life Membership may be proposed to the Recognition and Awards Committee by any member of NISOA.

Section 5 - A change in the annual dues may be recommended by the officers.

Section 6 .New Membership

- A. All new membership applicants must apply through the nearest authorized NISOA chapter.
- B. All new applications for Chapter status must apply through the membership chairman of the NISOA. Ten (10) NJSOA members in good standing with the NISOA are required in order to qualify for Chapter status.
- C. All members of the NISOA must register through their local Chapters. The local chapter treasurer, or other designee, will forward a single check representing the total chapter dues for the ensuing soccer season for that Chapter. The local chapter designee shall forward a list of approved NISOA officials, with addresses, zip code, and dues to the Examination and Membership Committee Chairman of the NISOA prior to 31 December of the ensuing soccer season.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 1 .The President shall preside at all meetings, shall be a member ex officio of all committees, and shall be the official representative of NISOA unless otherwise delegated to another member. The President shall not succeed himself or herself as president if elected to a previous term. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, be chief parliamentary officer, and shall have all other executive powers not specifically granted to another officer.

Section 2 .The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President should a vacancy occur prior to the annual election.

Section 3 .The Secretary shall be the recorder and custodian of the minutes of the organization, keep the membership records, notify the membership of annual meetings and perform all other secretarial duties.

Section 4 .The Treasurer shall be responsible and account for all funds held by the organization; establish budgets at the beginning of the year; collect dues and disburse funds upon proper authorization to do so, keeping a record of such activity; submit a current financial report at each meeting of the officers, for examination and approval; submit an annual report to the members at the annual meeting, for examination and approval; keep a current list of assets; and otherwise perform the usual duties of the office of Treasurer. All financial matters shall be conducted in connection with MISOA and whenever

possible its identification numbers and accounts shall be used.

ARTICLE IV . ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1 . All parliamentary business shall be governed by the Roberts Rules of Order (revised).

Section 2 . The President shall select, for his term of office, a Parliamentarian.

ARTICLE V . QUORUM

Section 1 . A quorum for voting at general membership meetings shall consist of one member over 25% of the voting members. A quorum is required to hold general membership meetings.

Section 2 . A quorum for voting on amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws shall consist of one member over 40% of the voting members. A quorum is required to ratify such amendments.

Section 3 . A quorum for a meeting of officers shall be three (3) officers. The President shall not vote except in case of ties.

ARTICLE VII- VIOLATIONS

Section 1 . Responsibilities. This organization shall deal with violations of the rules of the game, the rules and regulations of this organization, or the misconduct as it affects any member of the organization. This organization shall resolve differences and controversies which may arise between one or more of the members.

Section 2 . Disciplinary Actions. The officers may discipline, fine or suspend members after due process. Suspension imposed by this organization shall be recognized by all members. Sanctions imposed by this organization shall be recognized by all members.

Section 3 . Appeals. Individual members may appeal any disciplinary action of the officers to the general membership within sixty (60) days of their having been notified in writing of said disciplinary action.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 1 . These Bylaws may be amended by:

- A. A two-thirds vote of those present and voting at the Annual Meeting provided that said proposed amendments are submitted in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting; or
- B. By written consent of all members as shown by written consent to the amendment.

ARTICLE IX - RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSIGNED GAMES

Section 1 Assignments. Assignments for all games within the jurisdiction of this organization shall be made by special committees appointed by the President.

Section 2 Appearance. Failure to report at assigned games without prior notification to the organization shall be reviewed by the appropriate committee appointed under Section 1 above with recommendations presented to the officers for possible disciplinary action.