

SOUTHERN INDIANA UNITED, INC.

BYLAWS

Article 1 - Name

This organization shall be known as SOUTHERN INDIANA UNITED, INC. (hereafter referred to as "SIU").

Article 2 - Purpose

The purpose of SIU is to support the development, education, and enjoyment of soccer.

Article 3 - Exempt Status

SIU will operate exclusively as a non-profit organization. Any and all assets of SIU are permanently dedicated to exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of future laws). SIU shall not be operated for pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock and shall make no distribution of dividends to its members, Directors, officers or persons having a private interest in the activities of SIU, except that SIU shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Bylaws. No substantial part of the activities of SIU shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and SIU shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution or statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. In the event SIU is dissolved, the Board shall pay, satisfy and discharge all liabilities and obligations of SIU or make adequate provisions therefore and distribute all remaining assets of SIU to an organization or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of SIU and organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of future laws).

Article 4 - Membership

SIU has two classes of members: Voting and Participating.

4.1 Voting member - elected members of the Board of Directors.

4.2 Participating member - parents of registered players, coaches, managers and any person who is involved in the operation of SIU not qualifying as a Voting member. A Participating member is entitled to attend and participate in any discussions at any meeting of the Voting Members but shall have no voting rights.

Article 5 - Expulsion of a Member

A member found to be in noncompliance with the Bylaws or Policies & Procedures of SIU may be expelled from the membership on approval by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Article 6 - Board of Directors

6.1 All authority of SIU shall be vested in a Board of Directors unless specified otherwise in these Bylaws. The Board of Directors is responsible for developing and enforcing the Bylaws and Policies & Procedures of SIU, including but not limited to decisions affecting membership status and appeals procedures. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one vote on any issue. The President only votes in the case of a tie. The Board of Directors may delegate responsibility for day-to-day operations associated with these activities.

6.2 The elected Board of Director positions shall consist of the following and shall be the sole club Board of Directors:

President
Vice President-Competitive Division (Boys)
Vice President-Recreational Division
Vice President-Competitive Division (Girls)
Secretary
Vice President-Finance
Vice President-Registration
Vice President-Referees
Vice President-Fields

A. The President shall oversee and coordinate the activities of SIU and the Board of Director's designee(s), including ensuring compliance of affiliation rules and regulations.

B. The Vice President-Competitive Division (Boys) shall be responsible for all aspects of the boys competitive division.

C. The Vice President-Competitive Division (Girls) shall be responsible for all aspects of the girls competitive division.

D. The Vice President-Recreational Division shall be responsible for all aspects of the recreational division.

E. The Secretary shall oversee communication between SIU and its Members and is responsible for recording the minutes of all board meetings.

F. The Vice President-Finance shall ensure the sound financial operation of SIU through generally accepted accounting principles.

G. The Vice President-Registration shall be responsible for enforcing all State and National Rules, Bylaws, and policies and procedures governing player registration and team assignment and shall ensure the confidentiality of player information.

H. The Vice President-Referees shall schedule adequate referees and keep referees informed about pertinent issues.

I. The Vice President-Fields shall develop and follow a detailed plan of action to prepare and maintain fields and facilities as may be reasonable and necessary for the current use and future growth of the soccer program.

6.3 The term of office for all Board member positions shall be a two-year term. Board members may be re-elected. Offices shall be staggered with the election of President, Vice President-Competitive Division (Boys), Vice President-Referees and Vice President-Fields on even years; and the Secretary, Vice President-Recreational Division, Vice President-Competitive Division (Girls), Vice President-Registration and Vice President-Finance on odd years.

6.4 In case of a Board of Director vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification, disability or any other cause, such vacancies may be filled by a candidate approved by two-thirds vote of the remaining officers. The Board of Directors is not obligated to elect a successor.

6.5 A Board member can hold only one office at a time.

6.5 Any Board Member, administrator or agent whether elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Directors when in its judgment, the best interests of the soccer club is served. A vote by proxy may be accepted in this case.

Article 7 - Election of Officers/Board of Directors

7.1 Candidates for Board of Director positions shall be presented by a Nominating Committee that is chaired by the Secretary. The Nominating Committee shall consist of no less than three members, which includes the chairperson. Nominating Committee members shall be appointed by the chairperson. Any member in good standing may present candidates to the Nominating Committee at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting in January. Candidates will make a presentation at the Annual Meeting prior to the election.

7.2 Each year at the Annual Meeting, all Directors and Officer positions needing to be filled will be elected in accordance with these Bylaws. The Nominating Committee shall present a list of proposed candidates for each position to the members at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the membership. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a ballot for consideration by the members at the Annual Meeting, which shall include at least one name for each position to be filled. Voting shall be by secret ballot with each Board member present getting one vote.

7.3 The Nominating Committee shall count the votes. No person counting the votes may be on the ballot. If the Nominating Committee is unable to count the votes, then another Board Member who is not on the ballot shall be responsible to count the votes.

7.4 The President shall preside over the Annual Meeting.

7.5 The election for the Board of Directors shall take place in January with the actual transfer of the office occurring at that time. The past officer will be expected to continue in an advisory role for at least three months but relinquishes his or her voting rights with the transfer of office.

Article 8 - Meetings

8.1 The Board of Directors will meet on a regular basis.

8.2 The location of the Board of Directors meeting shall be held at a place designated by the President. If the meeting location changes from the "standard" location, notice shall be given to the Board members prior to the meeting.

8.3 A special meeting may be called anytime by the President or two-thirds of the Board of Directors. The Secretary is responsible for the notification distribution. A special meeting notice must include the day, time, location and specific purpose of the meeting. No business shall be transacted at the special meeting other than its designated purpose.

8.4 An Annual Meeting and election will be conducted in January for the Board of Directors. Notification of the Annual Meeting shall be provided to the members at least 30 days in advance. Information provided will include the day, starting time and location of the meeting.

8.5 In the absence of the President, the Vice President-Finance shall preside over the meeting of the Board and shall act as chairperson. If the Vice President-Finance is unavailable, the Vice President-Registration shall preside. If the Vice President-Registration is unavailable, the Vice President-Recreational Division shall preside.

8.6 If at any meeting a quorum shall fail to attend at the time and place for which such meeting was called, or if business of such meeting shall not be completed, after the expiration of one-half hour, the meeting is adjourned.

8.7 *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, most recent edition, shall govern SIU in all cases except where they are inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order SIU may adopt, as well as Indiana law.

Article 9 - Amendment of Bylaws

9.1 These Bylaws shall be effective from the date of its adoption by an affirmative vote of the Board of SIU as attested by the Secretary.

9.2 Bylaw modifications must be reviewed and discussed at two consecutive meetings prior to ratification by the Board of Directors.

9.3 Approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors must be satisfied before ratification.

9.4 These Bylaws amend, modify, supersede and restate in their entirety all previous versions and amendments of the bylaws that governed this soccer association under any previous names.

Bylaws of Southern Indiana United, Inc.

Adopted August 1, 2004

Revised 6/15/05 after board approved at 6/14/05 meeting.

Article 4 (defining members)

Section 6.1 (each board member entitled to one vote)

Section 6.2 added new board position (VP-Competitive Girls Division)

Section 7.5 (transfer of office taking place immediately in January) with new officer getting the vote.

Removed Article 10 after board approved at 1/10/06 meeting