

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON SOCCER REFEREES ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION  
(AMENDED AUGUST 1, 2015)**

**ARTICLE I – NAME AND MISSION**

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the “Metropolitan Washington Soccer Referees Association” (The Association). It shall be abbreviated as “MWSRA”.

Section 2. The mission of this Association shall be to provide efficient, capable, and high quality professional soccer referees, assistant referees, and other officials for scholastic, club, collegiate, independent, and recreational games; to impart the knowledge of the rules and laws of soccer; and to promote soccer to the best of its ability.

Section 3. The Association may adopt the status of a “not-for-profit” corporation under the laws of Virginia, Maryland, or the District of Columbia as the membership so desires. It shall have no authority to issue stock.

Section 4. Upon approval of the membership, the Association may affiliate with other appropriate soccer organizations such as USSF, NISOA, NFHS, and/or others.

**ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. There shall be three classes of members: active, inactive, and lifetime.

Section 2. All classes of members may attend meetings of the Association and participate in discussions.

Section 3. Only active or lifetime members may hold elected offices or vote upon matters concerning the Association.

Section 4. The Association shall have the power to assess fees, collect dues, and impose fines, as provided for in the Bylaws and the MWSRA Rules and Regulations.

Section 5. Active members are those members in good standing who have met all required qualifications as set forth in the Bylaws and pay any dues or fees assessed annually.

Section 6. Inactive members are those members who have not met all required qualifications as set forth in the Bylaws and/or have not paid dues or fees assessed annually.

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Section 7. Lifetime members are those members who have been active members in good standing for at least ten years and are retiring from active membership. Lifetime membership shall be granted as provided for in the Bylaws and Lifetime members shall be free from dues or assessments.

**Deleted:** Section 7. Associate members are those members who have been active members but who are no longer able either permanently or temporarily to referee games because of health, work, travel, etc., and who have requested of the Executive Board transfer to this class. An Associate member may at any time request reinstatement to Active class membership by application to the Executive Board.¶

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Section 8. Individuals transferring from other geographic areas, who are members in good standing with credentials from other recognized soccer referee associations, may be admitted as active members providing they meet all other membership requirements and their membership is approved by the Executive Board.

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### ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall include a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In the absence of the President, the next officer in the chain set forth above shall serve in their place. The officers shall be elected at the biennial election meeting as provided for in Article VI of the Bylaws and shall take office immediately.

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Section 2. The officers shall perform their duties as prescribed in the Bylaws and such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Association and Executive Board.

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### ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers as defined in Article III, the Immediate Past President and seven other Board members at-large elected in a manner similar to the officers. In the event of the reelection of the sitting President, an additional Board member at-large shall be elected in lieu of the Past President.

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Section 2. At least two of the at-large Board members must be 25 years old or younger on the date of election. If there are not at least two eligible Board members 25 years old or younger, these positions will remain vacant until filled by active members meeting the age requirement.

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Section 3. The Executive Board shall conduct the regular day-to-day business of the Association at Board meetings as prescribed in the Bylaws, and shall perform other duties as prescribed by the Association.

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### ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

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Section 2. The President may appoint such other committees as the President or the Executive Board deem necessary.

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Section 3. The President shall appoint all of the positions necessary to implement the goals and requirements of the Association.

**ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS.**

Section 1. Membership meetings shall be called by the President as provided for in the Bylaws or by a three-quarters vote of the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS.**

Section 1. The Constitution and the Bylaws may be amended as follows:

- a. A proposed amendment may be moved at any general meeting of the membership. It must be seconded and may be discussed and amended.
- b. The proposed amendment must be voted upon by the membership and passed by a majority of the votes of those eligible members present and voting.
- c. The proposed amendment will then be published to the membership in advance of the next regular membership meeting.
- d. At the next regular membership meeting the proposed amendment will be brought to the floor for discussion and possible amendment. A second vote will then be taken and upon affirmation by the vote of at least two-thirds of those eligible members present and voting, the amendment shall be in full force and effect.

**ARTICLE VIII – PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.**

Section 1. “Robert’s Rules of Order”, revised, shall govern the conduct of all membership and Executive Board meetings. Any inconsistency between Robert’s Rules of Order, revised and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association shall be superseded by the Association’s Constitution and Bylaws.

**ARTICLE IX – ENACTMENT**

Section 1. This Constitution and the Bylaws enacted to supplement it shall be in full force and effect upon the passage thereof as set forth in Article VIII and will replace all previous Constitutions and Bylaws.

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This Constitution was originally adopted on October 21, 1967. It has subsequently been amended and approved on November 21, 1985, June 10, 2002, and August 1, 2015.

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