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WILBRAHAM SOCCER CLUB CONSTITUTION

ORGANIZATION NAME

This organization shall be known as the WILBRAHAM SOCCER CLUB, hereafter referred to as the WSC. The WSC will be an affiliated club and will join the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association, hereafter referred to as the MYSA, each year to maintain that affiliation.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the WSC is to develop and promote a vital and exciting soccer program within the Town of Wilbraham area. This will be accomplished through programs designed to educate players and parents about the sport of soccer and develop public awareness. These programs will provide the opportunity for training and play for all interested parties, subject to the to certain limitations, and shall be designed to develop individual skills, fitness, teamwork and fair play.

DESCRIPTION AND GOVERNING BODY

WSC will be responsible for setting policy objectives, providing for game and field scheduling, game rules, officials, equipment, recruiting and training coaches, and organization.

The governing body of WSC will be the Executive Board, hereafter referred to as the Board, which shall consist of the following:

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| - President | - Vice President |
| - Secretary | - Treasurer |
| - Uniform Manager | - Coach Director |
| - Fund Raising Director | |

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They shall be elected at the General Meeting in the Spring. All appointed Directors shall be approved by a majority of the Board.

OFFICERS - TERM OF OFFICE

Officers shall hold office for a one year term, and are eligible for re-election.

BOARD DECISIONS

All matters of policy shall be decided by a simple majority vote, except as noted in the FINANCIAL POLICY. A majority of the current active Board members shall constitute a quorum.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The General Meeting shall be held in the Spring. Notice of the General Meeting shall be disseminated via the Board and active coaches at least 15 days prior to the meeting. Special meetings may be called by the Board as necessary.

Voting members at general meetings shall be parents or legal guardians of any player registered during the current year, coaches, assistant coaches, and Board members, whether or not they have children enrolled in the WSC.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties and responsibilities of the members of the Board shall be as follows:

President

The President shall officially preside at all meetings; be Chairman of the Board; be the official representative of the WSC; be authorized to sign checks; vote only to break a tie at general and board meetings.

Vice-President

The Vice President shall succeed to the office and powers of the President in his absence, or for the remainder of his term if vacated for any reason.

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In the event of such a vacancy, the Board shall elect a successor to the post of Vice President. He/she shall resolve grievances as described in the By-Laws, be responsible for inventory and equipment purchases, and shall be one of those authorized to sign checks.

Secretary

The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence for the WSC, keep detail minutes of all Board and general meetings, keep records as necessary, be responsible for public relations and correspond on behalf of the WSC only with the knowledge and permission of the President.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have charge of the finances of WSC. He/she shall report on the finances at all Board and general meetings, and shall submit and distribute a full written report of the financial transactions and the status of the finances at the Annual General Meeting. He/she shall be authorized to sign checks.

Uniform Manager

The Uniform Manager shall be responsible for the maintenance, distribution, collection, and establishment of adequate inventory of WSC owned uniform components.

Coach Director

The Coach Director shall be responsible for recruiting, training and developing quality coaches for the WSC.

Fund Raising Director

The Fund Raising Director shall have the responsibility of determining and carrying out public awareness programs and fund raising as agreed upon to further the WSC and foster soccer in the Wilbraham area.

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Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Managers

Team coaches and assistant coaches, and team managers shall be seasonally approved by the Board.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the WSC shall be open to all.

CONDUCT

The Board shall have the authority to suspend any member of the WSC whose conduct is considered detrimental to the organization.

FINANCIAL POLICY

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year will be from 1 September through 31 August. This will coincide with the Soccer year. The tax year shall close on 30 April.

Budget

A balanced budget for the forthcoming year shall be prepared by the Treasurer and approved by the Board before the fiscal year.

Major Expenses

Major non-budgeted expenses over \$250 from any individual or corporation shall require approval by a majority of the Board.

Bank Account

All monies shall be promptly deposited in either a saving or a checking account in the WSC's name.

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Expenses

Bills shall be paid when due. Checks shall be signed by two of the three authorized signers.

Expenditures

Funds shall be spent only in the interest of WSC.

DISPOSITION OF FUNDS

Should the WSC be dissolved, all funds currently in the treasury will be donated to a recognized 501C(3) organization.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board shall have the power to deal with any matters not explicitly covered by the By-Laws.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution, or any section thereof, may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Annual General Meeting or at a special meeting. Written notice of any proposed changes shall be made to each member of the Board and each member of the WSC at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which such proposed changes shall be submitted to a vote.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE BYLAWS AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE OF PLAY

The Bylaws and Exceptions to the Rules of Play, or any section thereof, may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Board members present at a Board meeting. In addition, changes may be proposed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting and approved by a simple majority of the voting members present.

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ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution was approved on January 26, 1993.

Harry Labadorf	-	President
Gary Nickerson	-	Vice President
Marjorie Pessolano	-	Secretary
Roberta Perry	-	Treasurer
Thomas Campagna	-	Uniform Manager
Coach Director	-	<vacant>
Fund Raising Director		<vacant>

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WILBRAHAM SOCCER CLUB General Guidelines

The WSC is established primarily to provide an alternative to Town recreational soccer programs with highlight of the following differences:

- provide fall and spring seasons
- provide separate boys and girls teams
- provide a "travelling" team league framework
- provide access to local and regional tournaments
- foster more rapid individual and team skill development in a higher competition environment

The WSC is independent of the Town of Wilbraham recreation program except for affiliation for the purposes of coordinating field facilities and sharing information regarding members and schedules of each program.

The WSC is affiliated with the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League (PVJSL), which in turn is affiliated with the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (MYSA). The PVJSL provides a league structure for scheduling games with other affiliated organizations for both fall and spring seasons.

WSC teams can, and are encouraged to, participate in tournaments, local or travel, at any time of the year. All such tournaments shall have official sanction by the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA).

In general, coach actions regarding team player selection, practices, schedules, coaching style, etc. shall be determined by respective coaches with the exception that the Board, by majority vote, may intervene in the actions of the coach if the interests of the WSC would otherwise be deemed compromised.

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Specific Guidelines

In additional to the General Guidelines described above, some additional guidelines are appropriate to help in the administration and direction for the WSC programs.

1. All practice and game facilities shall require the prior approval of the Board.
2. Due to affiliation restrictions and limitations by the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association, only teams, facilities, tournaments, etc. affiliated with the MYSA or the USYSA shall be authorized.
3. Scheduling of practices and use of facilities is expected to be a cooperative activity among the coaches. The following provides a guide to priority use of facilities:
 - a. Owner of facility has priority use
 - b. Town recreational programs have priority use unless otherwise arranged
 - c. PVJSL scheduled games
 - d. scrimmage games between WSC and visitor teams
 - e. scrimmage games between WSC teams
 - f. earlier (at least 25 minutes) scheduled practice time
 - g. coin toss or other mutually agreed method to determine priority
4. Facilities shall not be modified, moved, etc. unless the sole reason is to improve safety of play.
5. As an incentive to encourage teams to participate in tournament play, the WSC shall, unless otherwise stipulated by the majority of the Board, provide monetary subsidy for each participating team for one tournament per fall or spring season. The amount shall be determined by the Board prior to each season. The cost shall be distributed uniformly within the general registration fee.

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6. Players shall be rostered on the youngest year age group team which is fielded and for which they are eligible (not withstanding non-selection by the eligible team coach) unless there is mutual agreement between coaches of the eligible team and the older team to which the player is requested to be included. The safety and welfare aspects of the decision to allow a player to roster on an older team than eligible shall always be considered before any other rationale. The best interests of the player shall be considered equal to or more important than any other rationale other than the safety and welfare consideration.

7. Every WSC team shall have at least one parent (of a player on the respective team) to be responsible as either the coach, the assistant coach, or the manager and who shall attend every practice and game. The name or names of designated parent shall be known to the WSC Board and shall be registered with the MYSA.

8. The Coach, or designated responsible adult, shall be in attendance at practices and games, and shall remain after these activities until all players have appropriately left the area.

9 Teams will be fielded subject to limitations of available coaches, fields and equipment.

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Bylaws and Exceptions to the Rules of Play

RULES OF PLAY

Current FIFA International rules shall govern play with exceptions as formally adopted by the USYSA, MYSA, and/or PVJSL organizations.

AGE GROUPINGS

Teams will be fielded in single year age groups, as signups permit, in accordance with the rules established by MYSA and/or PVJSL. Year age group eligibility is determined by the age of the player on August 1st for the immediately following Fall and Spring seasons.

ROSTERS

The maximum number of rostered players on any team is determined by age group in accordance with MYSA and/or PVJSL rules as follows:

Under-9 and Under-10	14 maximum players
Under-11 and older	18 maximum players

BALL SIZES

The ball sizes are determined by USYSA rules as follows:

Under-9 through Under 12	Size 4
Under 13 and older	Size 5

UNIFORMS

The players shall wear uniforms selected and approved by the Board.

REFEREES

In accordance with FIFA rules, the referee is the ultimate authority in the rules of the game during play. All WSC coaches and representatives will strictly adhere to the referee rulings. Within PVJSL, disputes shall be resolved through the WSC Board representative to the PVJSL Executive

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Council. Note that the referee can declare a game terminated before regulation time elapse but does not determine the winning team.

EJECTIONS

If a player or a coach is ejected from the game by a referee, the eligibility to play is determined by the ruling authority of the game, and continued association with WSC shall be determined by the WSC Board.

FRACAS

If a player or a coach is involved in a fracas, they will not be allowed to play/coach in the next game played by his/her team. In addition, the Board will hold a special meeting/hearing to decide if any other further action is appropriate.

UNBECOMING CONDUCT

Player, coach, or parent behavior that is judged unbecoming or inappropriate shall be referred to the Board for review and action.

PROTESTS

Protests regarding PVJSL scheduled games must be expressed in writing to the WSC Board which will in turn present the protest to the PVJSL Executive Council for consideration.

OTHER GRIEVANCES

In the event a parent feels their child is not being treated fairly by the coach in the program, the following procedure is recommended:

Talk with the coach and try to resolve the differences.

If not satisfied, contact the Vice-President who will follow up with the coach and report back to the parent within one week. The Vice-President will also inform the full board of the situation at the next Board meeting. If the Vice-President deems it necessary, they can convene the Board to resolve the situation.

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FEES

Fees for participation and uniforms shall be decided at the annual meeting and shall be due and payable at registration.

PLAYER PLAYING TIME

As a coaching philosophy, the WSC encourages every coach to provide fair and equitable game playing time to each player during each season. WSC does not establish a minimum playing time rule. The coach shall, however, advise every parent before the season starts as to their philosophy with regard to playing time and any other matter which should be considered by the parent as part of the decision to participate on the WSC team.

PARTICIPATION

Players are expected to participate in practices and games. Parents are expected to participate by insuring that their children are on time and picked up for both practices and games, and that they have their equipment with them. If a player cannot be present for a scheduled game or practice, the coach should be notified in advance. Parents are expected to support the coach, help maintain discipline, and promote good sportsmanship. If problems arise that cannot be resolved between parent and coach, they shall be brought to and resolved by the Board.

EXPECTATIONS OF COACHES

Promote good sportsmanship.

Do not tolerate unsportsmanlike behavior by coaches, players or spectators.

Promote good soccer through development of individual and team skills.

Prepare and submit all registration and uniform paperwork to the WSC as required.

Provide a list of potential candidates for voting and non-voting members of the Board.

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Be present, or designate a registered alternate, for practices and games, and schedule at least one practice per week.

Notify their Division Coordinator of game results according to PVJSL requirements.

Develop potential coaching talent of others.

ADOPTION AND REVISION DATES

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