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This charter is currently used in it's
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Signed,

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President - OCSL

OLD CAPITAL SOCCER LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

Adopted August 7, 1992

Article I Name

This League shall be known as the OLD CAPITAL SOCCER LEAGUE, also referred to as "OCSL".

Article II Purpose

The purpose of this league is to develop, promote and administer the game of soccer among the boys and girls under nineteen (19) years of age in the Milledgeville - Baldwin County area. League members shall provide a program to all interested youth in this age group, with out regard to race, creed, or national origin.

Article III Territory

This League shall consist of all the territory in Baldwin Co, Georgia. At any Annual Meeting, this league may extend its boundaries to include other "counties" and cities in the area. The acceptance of these new "boundaries" into the league will only take place after GSSA approval.

Article IV Headquarters

The headquarters of this league shall be located within the legal boundaries of the league.

Article V Affiliation

This League shall be an affiliated branch of and comply with the authority of the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the Georgia State Soccer Association (GSSA). This League shall be a division of the Georgia Youth Soccer Association.

Article VI Government

Section 1 - Authorities

This League shall be governed by its Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations, except when these are superseded by the USYSA, GSSA, or the GYSA. The governing Authority of the League, whose powers shall be designated by the By-Laws, shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this League.

Section 2 - Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President, Vice-president, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar.

Article VII Membership

Section 1 - Members

Membership in this League shall be as players, with proper GYSA registration form, copy of birth certificate, and fees paid in full.

Section 2 - Procedures, Rules and Fees

The Board of Directors will annually evaluate the procedures, rules and fees required by the League. Any changes to existing procedures, rules, or fees, being made by the Board of Directors, shall be forwarded in writing to all members of the League, at least (30) thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

Section 3 - Unaffiliated Leagues and Teams

The "DCSL" shall not, without prior written permission from the "GYSA" Board of Directors, have any relationship with leagues/teams within the State of Georgia, which are not affiliated with "GYSA" nor shall the League have relationships with leagues/teams within or without the State of Georgia which are not in good standing with the "USYSA".

Article VIII Annual Meeting

Section 1 - Date

The President of this League, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, shall call for an Annual Meeting of the membership at least once in the seasonal year. Written notification of such meeting shall be made at least thirty (30) days prior to said Annual Meeting.

Section 2 - Order of Business

The Order of Business at the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Introduction of Guests
- D. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting
- F. Reports
 1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer
 5. Registrar
 6. Coach Coordinator
 7. Referee Assignor/Coordinator
 8. Publicity Director
 9. Field Scheduler

Section 2 - Order of Business (cont)

- G. Unfinished Business
- H. Proposals for changes to Constitution, By-Laws, Rules
General Procedures,
- I. New Business
- J. Election of Officers

Section 3 - Voting Representation

Voting Representation at the Annual Meeting shall be one (1) vote per member if in good standing with the league. Parent or Gaurdian of minor "members" (under 18) may vote for that member. Member must be present at the Annual Meeting to cast his/her vote.

Article IX Changes

Section 1 -- Proposed Changes

Each member of the League, Coaches, Referees, each member of the Board of Directors, may submit proposed changes to the existing Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, or General Procedures of the League to the "OCSL" Rules and Revisions Committee. These proposed changes shall be submitted in writing thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 2 -- Approval of Changes

Amendments to the Constitution of this League shall be made at the Annual Meeting and shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the authorized votes at the meeting. The By-Laws, General Procedures, and Specific Rules, may be adopted and or changed at the Annual Meeting by a simple majority of the authorized votes.

Article X GYSA Representative

The "OCSL" shall appoint, designate, elect, or otherwise identify one person other than the League President or other Directors to serve as a representative to the Georgia Youth Soccer Association. The name of said representative shall be submitted to the President of the "GYSA" with the League Application for Affiliation each year.

Article XI Dissolution

In case of dissolution of the Old Capital Soccer League, all assets shall be held in trust by the Milledgeville - Baldwin County Recreation Commission, until such time as a properly organized body replaces this League.

BY-LAWS

Adopted - August 5, 1992

ARTICLE I - AFFILIATION

Section 1

As specified in Article VIII of the Constitution, affiliation is an annual requirement. The specified form must be used, and submitted to the Association Secretary. Acceptance of the applicant league shall be provisional, dependent upon the submission of a Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2

Each league shall annually submit the following

1. Full payment of all required fees.
2. A completed player registration form for each player registered with the GYSA.

Section 3

Upon initial player registration, each league is responsible for verifying the authenticity of the date of birth. The Association may require verification of date of birth prior to accepting teams into Cup Competition.

Section 4

All fees for teams shall be payable at the time of player registration. Teams will not be eligible for any competition sanctioned by the Association until all fees are paid.

ARTICLE II - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

At each annual meeting the League shall elect among themselves a Board of Directors to be comprised of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and other appointed positions. The Immediate Past President shall be an automatic member of the Board of Directors. This Board of Directors shall take office immediately after the adjournment of the annual meeting.

Section 2

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

A. President

The President shall chair all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie vote. The President shall appoint Standing Committees and their chairpersons at the beginning of each seasonal year. He/She shall submit an annual report in writing to the membership at the GYSA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

B. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall chair meeting in the absence of the President and shall assume the office of President if that office is vacated.

C. Secretary

The Secretary shall maintain an accurate record of all meetings, handle correspondence, provide notice of meetings and maintain files of the League. He/She will mail copies of the Board of Directors Meetings minutes thirty (30) days following such meetings. The Secretary will be responsible for the preparation of the League's Annual Report.

D. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall maintain records and receipt of all monies to be deposited in a recognized bank in the name of the League. He/She shall assure that all accounts are paid by check and shall bear two (2) signatures: the Treasurer's and the President's or the Vice-President's. He/She will produce all financial records when required by the

Board of Directors and shall provide a financial report at each Board meeting. The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing any and all document's pursuant to Article of Incorporation and the Tax Exemption status of the League and any required tax returns.

E. Registrar

The Registrar shall keep a complete and accurate record of all teams and players for the purpose of player registration and team affiliation. He/She shall submit a status report in writing at the Semi-Annual Meeting and the AGM.

F. Past President

The Immediate Past President shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors. He/She shall provide a continuity between the past administration and the new Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III - AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for and have sole authority for the following:

- A. Enforcing and interpreting the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules.
- B. Approving Registered Teams.
- C. Approving all interstate and international youth games by registered teams and affiliated leagues.
- D. Approving the formation and operation of all Youth Cup Games.
- E. Shall from time to time make temporary rules and regulations for specific cases or occasions not provided for in the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules, but which are deemed necessary, by the Board of Directors, to carry out the objectives of this League.
- F. To review and approve league By-Laws and insure consistency with the GYSA Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall have the right and authority to suspend, ban completely or otherwise discipline any player, coach, manager, team official, league officer or referee from any member team, league, or organization for violations of the GYSA Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures, or Specific Rules. The Board of Directors shall have the right and authority to suspend any of its own members for substantial failure to perform their mandated duties, for violation of GYSA Constitution and By-Laws, failing to attend (eight) 8 consecutive meetings or (four) 4 in a 6-month period. Such action may be taken only by majority consent of those present and voting. In the event of such action the President shall designate an acting replacement for the suspended Board member. Such nominations must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Board at its next meeting. The action of the Board in suspending one of its own members shall come before the GYSA membership at the Annual General Meeting or Semi-Annual General Meeting, whichever comes first. Ratification of such action and permanent removal of a Board member shall require a majority vote of those present and voting. Board of Director vacancies created in any manner may be filled on an interim basis by nomination of the President and confirmation by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 3

Any member of the OCSL Board of Directors or a committee member who has a vested interest in the outcome of a particular matter brought before that Board or Committee shall be required to excuse themselves from proceedings on that particular matter. In the event that a chairperson must excuse themselves, he or she shall notify the vice chair or vice president to act for them. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in disciplinary action by the OCSL Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV - STANDING COMMITTEES

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President as soon as possible following the AGM.

A. Executive Committee

As appointed by the President and responsible for the following committee assignments:

Rules and Revisions Committee
Ethics and Grievance Committee
Nominating Committee

B. Discipline and Protest Committee

This committee shall hear appeals and protests which are directly related to game incidents and rule on such matters in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of GYSA, the USYSA and the USSF. The chairperson of the committee shall be responsible for notifying the OCSL Board of Directors, in writing, of the rulings of the committee. The committee to be appointed by the OCSL President shall be composed of a chairperson and up to eight (8) other members no more than two (2) of whom can be from same league.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Section 1

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors will be held at the call of the President. Special meetings of the Board of Directors will be called by the President whenever specifically instructed to do so, in writing, by three (3) or more members of the Board. At all meetings of the Board of Directors six (6) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2

Roberts' Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority for all meetings of this league unless otherwise agreed to by the participants.

Section 3

At all Board of Directors Meetings the agenda will be:

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Introduction of Guests
- D. Acceptance of Minutes
- E. Correspondence
- F. Treasurer's Report
- G. Registrar's Report
- H. Classic Division Representative Report
- I. Recreational Division Representative Report
- J. Junior Division Representative Report

- K. Girls Division Representative Report
- L. Special Events Representative Report
- M. Premier Division Representative Report
- N. Region/District Reports
- O. President's Report
- P. Committee Reports
- Q. Unfinished Business
- R. New Business
- S. Good of the Game
- T. Adjournment

ARTICLE VI - SEASONAL YEAR

The Seasonal Year for OCSL shall be from September 1 through August 31. Insurance coverage shall be for the same period of time.

ARTICLE VII - PROTEST AND APPEALS

In the matter of protests and appeals, no player, coach, manager, team official, league official, referee or organization shall engage a lawyer or invoke the aid of the courts of any state of the United States, without first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate soccer organizations as set forth in USSF Administrative Rulebook, Section 4.1.13.

ARTICLE VIII - RESPONSIBILITIES

All member leagues shall be responsible for governing those persons associated with their operations. Teams shall abide by the league rules under which they are registered and in which they are playing.

Falsification of records shall be ground for disbarment from future participation and/or membership in this League.

A plea of ignorance to the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Procedures of this League is not sufficient and violators may expect appropriate action by the Board of Directors of this League.

Any person found guilty of violating the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Procedures of this League may be asked to appear before the Board of Directors in order to explain his/her action.

ARTICLE IX - FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

This League shall not assume, nor be liable for the debts and/or the financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, of any player, coach, manager, team official, league official or referee from any member team, league or organization.

ARTICLE X - LIABILITY PROTECTION

All officers of this League and officials of member teams and leagues shall be covered against personal liability claims by the Georgia Youth Soccer Association for performing acts and duties directly related to the work of this League.

ARTICLE XI - GYSA REPRESENTATIVE

A. Length of Appointment

Persons appointed, designated, elected or otherwise identified as their GYSA Representative by member leagues shall be expected to serve for a full seasonal year unless otherwise prevented from serving due to personal, extenuating circumstances.

B. Removal

If the appointed league representative refuses to serve on a committee, the President of the OCSL may request that the member league appoint a new representative within thirty (30) days of such notification to the league President/Commissioner/Director. The league representative may also be removed for dereliction of duties and responsibilities as determined by the OCSL President.

TO: ALL BOARD MEMBERS
OLD CAPITOL SOCCER LEAGUE
DATE: AUGUST 22, 1994

A MOTION WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD ON AUGUST 22, 1994 THAT THE LEAGUE HAVE A POLICY ON WHETHER A REGISTERED LEAGUE PLAYER SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PLAY ON AN OLDER AGE BRACKET TEAM.

THE PURPOSE WAS TO SET A STANDARD POLICY THAT WILL PROTECT THE PLAYER FROM POSSIBLE INJURY. THE LEAGUE HAD A 13 YEAR OLD PLAYER WANTING TO PLAY IN THE UNDER 19 BRACKET.

AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES OF DEBATE, THE MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE ATTACHED BY-LAW.

THERE WAS ALSO A MOTION THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MOVE PLAYERS UP TO THE NEXT AGE BRACKET FOR THE PERPETUATION OF THE LEAGUE.

THIS MOTION ALSO PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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