

Grand Lake United Soccer Club

CONSTITUTION

Article 2 (Tax Exempt Status) of this document was adopted on December 19, 2010 by the Grand Lake United Soccer Club Executive Board by a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this club shall be Grand Lake United Soccer Club (may be referred to as GLU throughout this document). GLU is a non-profit, educational soccer organization for the youth of Auglaize, Mercer, & Shelby Counties. GLU is an organization of its own, responsible to itself.

ARTICLE 2 – TAX EXEMPT STATUS 501(C)(3)

This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried out an (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (C)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government , for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE 3 - AFFILIATION

The Grand Lake United Soccer Club shall be an affiliated member of the Miami Valley Youth Soccer Association (MVYSA), of Ohio South Youth Soccer Association (OSYSA), of the US Youth Soccer Association and through it shall be affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

ARTICLE 4 - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to develop and promote youth soccer in the counties of Auglaize, Mercer, & Shelby counties. The association shall be responsible for organizing competitive travel teams. To achieve the purposes, the club shall:

- a) Promote, Develop and Organize youth soccer teams
- b) Promote and encourage the practice of good sportsmanship and fair play among all participants
- c) Provide opportunities for instruction, training and educating of players, coaches, referees and officers to develop and improve their abilities.
- d) Provide the opportunity for competition with teams from other leagues, by participating in the Organization and operation of Ohio South Youth Soccer Association sanctioned tournaments

ARTICLE 5 - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in GLU shall consist of all properly registered players of travel teams with payment of fees approved by the Executive Officers. Membership is also open to any coach, trainer, manager, or administrator appointed to a position in the current seasonal year by the Executive Officers. No player, coach, trainer, manager or administrator suspended under Section 4 (or renumbered) of the United States Soccer Federation, Inc (USSF) Bylaw 241 holds any membership in GLU. Members of GLU are also members of Miami Valley Youth Soccer Association, the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, the US Youth Soccer, and the United States Soccer Federation. All members shall abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of GLU, MVYSA, OSYSA, US Youth Soccer and the United States Soccer Federation. The organization will not discriminate against any individual or team on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin.

REQUIREMENTS of MEMBERSHIP

- A. All players must complete the MVYSA Player Registration Form and provide a copy of their birth certificate for verification of age (one time only)
- B. Each coach/manager and the other volunteers that are in direct contact with youth players must complete an MVYSA Coaches Registration Form & KidSafe Employment/Volunteer Disclosure Statement. (Coaches and/or adult volunteers may be fingerprinted if necessary)
- C. All registration material must be turned in to the appropriate club member by the registration deadline and all league fees, as set by the Executive Officers, must be paid before the season begins.

ARTICLE 6 - PRECEDENCE

The order of precedence is USSF, US Youth Soccer, OSYSA, MVYSA, and GLU. Members agree to abide by the articles of incorporation, constitutions, by-laws, policies and requirements of these organizations.

GLU will abide by all requirements of MVYSA and OSYSA including, but not limited to: submission of membership information, holding hearings and protecting the rights of members, registration and other matters.

ARTICLE 7 - BOUNDRIES

The GLU Soccer Club shall be open to participants who reside in Auglaize, Mercer & Shelby counties. Participation may be extended to other interested players upon petition to and approval of the Executive Officers.

ARTICLE 8 - LOCATION

The official location for the GLU mailing purposes shall be Wapakoneta, Ohio.

ARTICLE 9 – COLORS

The colors of the GLU Soccer Club shall be Navy and White.

ARTICLE 10 – ADMINISTRATION

The Governing Body of the GLU Soccer Club shall be the Executive Officers. The Executive Officers shall be responsible for the daily operations and financial business of the club.

ARTICLE 11 - MEETINGS

Section I – Club Meetings

The Grand Lake United Soccer Club shall hold its Annual General Meeting every November after the conclusion of the Fall Season. The Club Secretary shall notify all Executive Officers and all other club members in good standing of the time and place of the AGM at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting. Notification may be by postal mail, email or newspaper. Executive Officer Meetings shall be held on a quarterly basis beginning in October. The AGM and Executive Officer Meeting shall be open to all members and the general public.

Section II – Special Meetings

Committee Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Officers, by notifying interested or involved persons by postal mail or email at least two (2) days in advance. The topic(s) of the special meeting will be enclosed in the notice, and the meeting will be restricted to that topic(s).

Section III – Order of Business (for all meetings)

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| a) Roll Call of Officers | f) New Business |
| b) Minutes of last meeting | g) Open to the public |
| c) Financial Report | h) Announcements |
| d) Committee Reports | i) For the good of soccer |
| e) Old Business | j) Adjournment |

In case of doubt as to procedure, the latest edition of “Roberts Rules of Order” shall govern.

Section IV – Quorum

A quorum needed to conduct business at Club or Special Meetings will exist when a simple majority of officers are present. For an AGM, a quorum will exist when at least three (3) voting members are in attendance at the time called for the meeting.

ARTICLE 12 - DISSOLUTION

Three-fourths (3/4) vote of the voting members of GLU is required to dissolve and end this association. In that event, the assets of this club shall be dispersed in accordance with Article 2 of this Constitution.

ARTICLE 13 – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Executive Officers. Such proposals require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Officers present.

Board approved and recommended Constitution Amendments may be voted on by the voting members at the next league meeting, AGM or specially called meeting. Amendments must be approved by three-fourths (3/4) vote of those present and voting. Proper written notice of any proposed amendment changes must be mailed to all Executive Officers at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Notice shall list the date, time and place. Amendments shall become effective after the adjournment of the meeting upon which it was voted.

ARTICLE 14 - RATIFICATION

The formal ratification of this Constitution shall take place immediately after the meeting at which it was voted upon.

Approved & Adopted by GLU Members:

Amy Godwin, Secretary
Thomas [unclear], president

Effective:

16th Jan 2011