

LASALLE STOMPERS SOCCER CLUB

CONSTITUTION

Description of Amendments – December 2023

Article 2 – Amended

ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS (Amended December 2023)

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- 2.17 **WADSL** means the Windsor and District Soccer League

Article 6 – Amended

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1. **Regular Member**

A regular Member is either:

- a) a registered player
- b) a registered Club coach
- c) a registered Club game official
- d) a registered Club administrator
- e) a parent or guardian of a registered youth player
- f) a member of the BoD

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2. **Discipline of a Member**

A member may be fined, censured, suspended or expelled from Club membership for cause and only after charges have been laid in accordance with the Club's published rules and hearing held in accordance with the Club's and OS's published rules. An individual whose membership has been suspended loses all rights of membership until the suspension has been terminated.

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These individuals shall hold the positions of:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer Registrar
Directors-at-large at the discretion of the current BoD

Note: the current BoD may elect to have a non-board member as Treasurer

1. The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar shall be nominated and voted on separately and in that order when up for re-election. Each will be completed before nominations for the next position are opened. Election in each case shall be by absolute majority (50% plus one of the ballots cast). The person that has been voted in by absolute majority must then be voted on by the current board. To be appointed, the nominee must receive 50% plus one votes from the current board members.
 2. All Directors other than those named in Articles 7.3.5. and 7.3.6 will be nominated and voted on as a group. Those receiving the highest number on a single ballot shall be declared elected. This must be accompanied by 50% plus one vote from current Board members.
 3. Secretary

the Secretary shall:
 - a) keep a record of all minutes of the Club
 - b) keep on file all committee reports
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- c) notify officers and committee members of their election or appointment
 - d) furnish committees with those documents required to do their duties

- e) sign all certified copies of acts of the club, unless otherwise specified in the clubs published rules.
- f) maintain record books in which the constitution, published rules and minutes are entered and to have the current record books available at each meeting whether in paper or electronic format:
- g) send out to the Membership a notice of each general meeting
- h) send out to the Board notice of each meeting
- i) conduct the general correspondence of the club that is not the proper function of another office or committee
- j) prepare, prior to each meeting in consultation with the presiding officer an order of business and
- k) in the absence of the President or Vice President to preside until the immediate election or appointment of a chair pro tem

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 Eleven (11) Directors-at-large

1. **Nomination and Election of the Board of Directors** (Ammended Sept 2012)
 - 1.1. To be nominated for the position of Director, a person must be 18 years of age or older, shall not be an undischarged bankrupt, shall be a regular member of the club and shall not have been previously removed from the position of Director with the Lasalle Stompers SC.
 - 1.2. Only regular members of the club in good standing and defined in Article 5 shall be eligible to nominate and vote for members of the BoD. No proxy or absentee ballots shall be allowed.

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- 1.3. Voting shall be by secret ballot and scrutineers shall be appointed by the President to count the ballots and report the result to the membership.

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- 1.5. The offices of the President, Secretary, and six (6) Directors at Large shall be elected during odd numbered years.
- 1.6. The offices of Vice President, Treasurer, Registrar, plus five (5) Directors at Large shall be elected in even numbered years.
- 1.7. Where several candidates stand for election to one position, the candidate receiving the fewest votes will be dropped after each ballot until a candidate receives the required majority.
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- 3.1. The AGM shall be held the last Monday in November of each calendar year, unless otherwise directed by the BoD.

Article 13 – Amended

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2. The audit shall be presented at the AGM for acceptance by the membership.
3. At the AGM of the Club, an auditor shall be appointed to perform the audit. If the previous year's audit is not completed by the date of the AGM, financial statements will be presented, and the audited statement must be shared when available.
4. The fiscal year of the Club shall end on Dec 31st of each year, unless otherwise ordered by the BoD.
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