

**COWETA COUNTY SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**CONSTITUTION**

PROPOSED-December 16, 1984  
APPROVED-May 16, 1985  
AMENDED-July 10, 1988  
AMENDED-July 13, 1990  
RETYPED-January 12, 1993  
AMENDED-May, 1997  
AMENDED-November 5, 2003  
AMENDED – June 7 2007

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The association shall be known as the Coweta County Soccer Association, herein referred to as the CCSA. The select program offered by CCSA is known as the Cannons Soccer Club.

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The purpose of this association shall be to develop, promote, and administer the game of soccer among boys and girls ages 4-19 in Coweta County, Georgia. Association members shall provide a program to all interested youth in this age group without regard to race, creed, national origin, or any factor prohibited by applicable law. The association will offer recreational soccer opportunities as well as select, competition-based opportunities for players within the county.

**ARTICLE III – TERRITORY**

This association shall consist of a majority of members and players within the Territory of Coweta County.

**ARTICLE IV – STATUS**

It is not the objective of this organization to show any profit. The CCSA is a non-profit organization and is listed as a 501C3 company. Any excess monies will be used to improve the programs involved or are earmarked for the long-term growth and expansion of the Association.

**ARTICLE V – AFFILIATION**

This Association shall be affiliated with the Georgia State Soccer Association, Inc., and its affiliate organizations.

**ARTICLE VI – HEADQUARTERS**

The headquarters of the Association shall be located within the legal boundaries of Coweta County Georgia. Location of headquarters shall be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

**ARTICLE VII – GOVERNMENT**

This association shall be governed by its Constitution, By-Laws, Working Rules, and regulations except when any of its rules are superseded by the Georgia State Soccer Association or the United States Soccer Federation. The governing body vests with power the Board of Directors. In addition, the Officers of the Association fill the following positions of responsibility: Recreation Equipment Coordinator, Tournament Coordinator, Recreation Age Group Coordinators (Boys U12+, Girls U12+, Boys U10, Girls U10, Boys U8, Girls U8, Muppets U6, Muppet U5, Adult Coed, TopSoccer), Field Coordinator, Sponsorship Coordinator, Recreation Registrar, Select Registrar, Referee Assignor, Director of Coaching, Technical Director, Select Equipment Coordinator, Website Coordinator, Select Coordinator, and Goalkeeper Trainer. The Board of Directors shall consist of the member-elected President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Risk Management Coordinator as well as five (5) member elected representatives. The five (5) elected representatives can be any member or Officer of the Association with the following exceptions due to payment for services: Recreation Registrar, Select Registrar, Referee Assignor, Director of Coaching Technical Director, or Goalkeeper Trainer.

### **ARTICLE VIII – CONSTITUTION CHANGES**

Amendments to the CCSA Constitution shall be made by a vote of three-quarters of active members present at the annual meeting of the members or by a vote of three-quarters of active members present at any specially called meeting of the CCSA Board of Directors for the purpose of amending the Constitution. The president or any three members of the Board of Directors may call for a special meeting to amend the constitution. Any specially called meeting for the purpose of amending the Constitution must be advertised for one month prior to the meeting on the CCSA website. The advertisement must include the date, time, and location of the meeting and clearly state the meeting's purpose. The advertisement must also include an explanation of the proposed changes to the constitution and explain their effect.

### **ARTICLE IX – MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be open to all interested persons and to parents with a child involved in any Coweta county soccer programs. This shall include coaches, referees, trainers, adult program participants, Officers of the Association, and members of the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE X – MEETINGS**

A general meeting of the membership shall be held at least once annually pursuant to guidelines defined by the CCSA By-Laws. Board of Directors' meetings shall be held monthly. Additional meetings of the Board of Directors (other than special meetings for the purpose of amending the constitution which is governed by Article VIII herein) may be called by the President or any three members of the Board of Directors with due notice given as required in the By-Laws.

### **ARTICLE XI – BY-LAWS AND WORKING RULES**

By-laws and working rules shall be maintained within the spirit of what is best for the children involved.

### **ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES**

The Board of Directors may establish subcommittees for any of its programs or purposes. The committees will operate under the authority of the Board of Directors and keep a record of the minutes of any meetings to be added to the minutes of the next Board of Directors meeting. The number of committee members shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the power at any time to remove any member of any committee, with or without cause, and to fill vacancies in or to dissolve any such committee. A general listing of the purpose of each standing committee shall be as follows.

#### **Section 1 – (Rules)**

Shall be responsible for annually reviewing the CCSA Constitution, By-Laws, general procedures and specific rules; present the Board of Directors with recommendations, and provide the Board of Director members and Association officers with copies of the CCSA Constitution, By-Laws, general procedures, and specific rules. The Vice-President shall be the chairman and others are appointed by the President.

#### **Section 2 – (Discipline and Procedure or D & P)**

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 the CCSA, GSSA, GYSA, USYSA, USSF. The chairman shall be responsible for notifying the CCSA Board of Directors of the rulings for approval. The President shall appoint members to this committee.

#### **Section 3 – (Finance)**

Shall review previous year's budget and make recommendations for upcoming year's budget (July 1 – June 30) to present to the Board of Directors for approval at the meeting. The chairman shall obtain the accountant to prepare tax returns. This committee is chaired by the Treasurer and includes two others appointed by the President.

#### **Section 4 – (Ethics and Grievances or E & G)**

Shall hear all grievances and questions of an ethical nature. The committee shall make recommendations in writing on these matters to the Board after hearing all charges and reviewing any evidence in regard to these matters. The chairman shall make these recommendations to the Board in writing for final determination.

#### **Section 5 – (Nominating)**

Shall seek out and submit the name or names of interested and qualified candidates for the Board of Directors and officers of the Association. The President chairs this committee and points .

**Section 6 – (Hardship)**

Shall review team preference requests for hardships and make recommendations to the Board of Directors to determine placement of a child on requested team. The Recreation Registrar chairs this committee with others appointed by the President for Recreation hardships. The Director of Coaching chairs this committee with others appointed by the President for Select hardships. The Director of Coaching has the final say on team placement of players in the Cannons select program.

**ARTICLE XIII – OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS’  
POSITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Board positions and responsibilities are listed in the CCSA By-Laws.

**ARTICLE XIV – DISSOLUTION**

In case of dissolution of the CCSA, all assets shall be held in a trust until such time as a properly-organized body replaces the Association.