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ARTICLE 1 - Order Of Business

The order of business at all regular meetings will be:

- Roll Call
- Membership Committee Report
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Communications (Agenda Items from Members)
- Committee Reports
- Financial Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Miscellaneous Items
- Adjournment

ARTICLE 2 - Concurrent Actions

KENNESAW FC will resource, in a manner consistent with the needs of club members, the concurrent development requirements of recreational and competitive player programs, players, coaches, referees, committees and the Board of Directors. The use of club seasonal registration and supplementary activity "fees" and "in kind services" will provide a balanced approach towards meeting member satisfaction with player as well as coaching, refereeing and administrative development.

ARTICLE 3 - Standing Committees

Section 1. The following committees are required to conduct KENNESAW FC activities:

- Membership
- Coaching
- Referee
- Registration
- Discipline and Protest
- Protest and Appeals
- Ethics and Grievances
- Field Management And Scheduling
- Publicity
- Affiliation/Representation

Section 2. Committee chairpersons are appointed by the Board of Directors (BoD) and may assign tasks to a BOD approved reasonable number of committee members. No person may serve on one more than two committees except the President and Vice President, who may serve as ex-officio members on all committees.

Section 3. Chairpersons are required to submit an annual budget for approval at the AGM. Potential expenses for purposes other than those expressly identified in approved budgets and/or in excess of approved budgets

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must be identified in advance and presented to the BoD for approval in advance of the potential expenditure in question.

ARTICLE 4 - Player Rules

Player rules are governed by available programs offered through the national governing body (USSF) and its affiliated organizations, including USYSA and GSSA/GYSA, as adopted and amended by KENNESAW FC for local (intra-club) practices and games. Games between KENNESAW FC teams and other affiliated clubs are governed by rules applicable to the level of play, generally GSSA/GYSA or USYSA player and competition rules, subject to the most recent FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME (Guide For Referees United States Soccer Federation).

ARTICLE 5 - Courtesy/Comity

Section 1. The presence and/or use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and all Firearms/weapons is strictly prohibited at KENNESAW FC activities, including recreational and administrative sites used for games/meetings and vehicles used to transport members to and from KENNESAW FC activities.

Section 2. All KENNESAW FC activities will be supervised by at least one (1) adult volunteer, and preferably with a minimum of two (2) adults present for conscientious event management. Parents are encouraged to be present at team meetings, practices, games and recognition parties. This guideline applies when youth players are invited to provide clinics and seminars for the development of KENNESAW FC players of all ages.

Section 3. A visitor may be granted the privilege to attend and/or speak at club meetings at the discretion, of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Board of Directors (BoD) will appoint a committee of three (3) certified/qualified auditors who are not members of KENNESAW FC to examine the accounts of the club and to report written findings at the first BoD meeting following the conclusion of the September - August Fiscal year.

Section 5. KENNESAW FC will recognize rulings of all organizations under the jurisdiction of the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) when notified thereof.

Section 6. Members and spectators are permitted to take part in club sponsored activities provided they maintain compliance with club, state association (GSSA/GYSA) and national governing body (NGB/USSF) rules. Visiting affiliated clubs/leagues are responsible to KENNESAW FC for the conduct of its players, officials and spectators. Visitors must exercise every reasonable precaution against disturbance or disorderly conduct before, during and after KENNESAW FC sponsored activities.

Section 7. Betting or gambling in any form on any game or part thereof, at any place, is expressly prohibited. Any KENNESAW FC member found in violation of this rule will be suspended from KENNESAW FC membership permanently.

Section 8. All inter-club/league competition among KENNESAW FC and other affiliated organizations requires the assignment of duly registered referees in good standing with the USSF.

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ARTICLE 6 - Dissolution

If the club dissolves for any reason, its property and assets shall be held in abeyance and in temporary custody of a duly elected Board of Directors (BoD) officer executor for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days. A committee consisting of three (3) officers and four (4) members elected at an open BoD meeting will determine, document and enable the disposition of property and assets within thirty (30) days of the appointment of the executor with proceeds subdivided on an equitable percentage basis to all creditors, including affiliates and members.

ARTICLE 7 - Appeals

Section 1. The club will maintain a Discipline & Protest Committee (DPC) to hear all charges of breach of KENNESAW FC, GYSA, USYSA rules brought by a member (player, coach, referee, committee member or officer). The Discipline and Protest Committee (DPC) is chaired by the Vice-president and consists of the following individuals: Vice-President (Chair), two current coaches, one current referee, and one current Select player, one current parent of a registered player. Written charges must be filed with the Secretary. The Secretary will distribute the document to DPC members, the Board of Directors (BoD) and parties of interest. If the DPC determines that the information warrants further action than the standard penalties, the Secretary will set a date of a hearing to be conducted within 30 days of the date of distribution.

If the Discipline and protest Committee determines that action needs to be taken, it shall be the duty of the Chairperson, upon the advice of a majority of the DPC, to contact the offender, apprise him or her of the situation, inform him or her that DPC action is pending, and provide the date, time, and location of the hearing to that individual. The Chairperson shall inform the offender that matters in rebuttal, mitigation, or extenuation may be presented in writing or in person. All written defenses must be received by the Chairperson at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled hearing if they are to be considered.

Section 2. The DPC hearing will be confined to charges contained in the written statement presented to the parties involved. DPC has the authority to, summon members/volunteers involved with club activities to appear at a hearing relative to any matter which comes to this association for investigation. If new/different charges are raised or discovered at the hearing, the appropriate parties may exercise the right to have a separate filing of those charges.

Section 3. The DPC chairperson will prepare a written summary of the hearing detailing the charges, findings and DPC decisions, affirmed by DPC majority vote, taken in the case. The summary will be distributed to DPC members, the Board of Directors (BoD) and parties of interest within 14 days of the date of the hearing.

Section 4. An appeal of a DPC decision may be filed with the Secretary within five (5) days of the date of the DPC written summary distribution. The matter will be adjudicated by the Protest and Appeals Committee. Decisions of this committee will be in writing and final, subject nevertheless to appeals and to decisions of senior affiliated bodies such as the GSSA/GYSA and the USYSA/USSF in cases where these bodies exercise jurisdiction.

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Section 5. The Protest and Appeals Committee is chaired by the Vice-President and also includes, one current coach, and one current referee, one current parent of a registered player. This committee shall have jurisdiction to act on mis-applications of the FIFA laws of the game and to hear appeals arising from automatic disciplinary actions, decisions by the disciplinary committee, appeals of disciplinary committee decision of KENNESAW FC or decisions of KENNESAW FC officials on behalf of KENNESAW FC. The Protest and Appeals Committee will meet within fourteen (14) days of receipt of an appeal, unless otherwise ordered for good cause. All decisions of the Protest and Appeals committee shall be by majority vote in writing. Decisions of the Protest and Appeals Committee will be in writing and final, subject nevertheless to appeals and decisions of senior affiliated bodies such as GSSA/GYSA and the USYSA/USSF in cases where these bodies exercise jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 8 - By Law Modifications

Changes to KENNESAW FC bylaws will be handled in the same manner as modifications to the club constitution.

ARTICLE 9 - Incorporation

The KENNESAW FC will initiate and maintain affiliated status with the national governing body for soccer and a certificate of incorporation with the State Of Georgia to protect the interests, public and financial safety and security of its officers and members. The Board of Directors must comply with applicable affiliation and federal, state, county and city regulations including but not limited to legally binding contractual obligations, fees, taxes, third party audits and reports.