

Sonoma County Women's Soccer (SCWSL)

Bylaws

Effective August 15, 2021

ARTICLE I - Name and Purpose

This Association shall be known as the Sonoma County Women's Soccer League also referred to as SCWSL.

The Purpose of this league is to develop, promote and administer the game of soccer among adult women of the age eighteen (18) years and older, within Sonoma County.

SCWSL seeks to foster and build an all-inclusive community of women soccer players by welcoming women of all playing levels through competitive, fun, and fair play. SCWSL believes in celebrating the diversity of our membership through respecting all players and treating all players with dignity and fairness, on and off the soccer field.

ARTICLE II – Team Membership and Eligibility

1. All new teams to the league must be accepted by the SCWSL. To be eligible to join a team, each player must complete the SCWSL registration process as set forth in the policy and procedures and be in good standing with the league.
2. Teams returning or newly accepted by the SCWSL must fulfill all requirements (i.e. register, pay registration, pay any occurred fines, etc.) each season to continue team eligibility.
3. All members shall abide by the Bylaws of this League and all applicable rules and regulations as well as all general policies and specific rules set forth by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III –Governing Authority/ Board of Directors

1. The Governing authority of this league shall be vested in the Board of Directors through its Bylaws, Procedures and Polices.
2. The Board of Directors, shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member at Large. Other assigned board members may be appointed as deemed necessary by a majority vote among the current board members. Other assigned board members who are present at all board meetings do not vote.
3. There will be a minimum of four (4) Board Meetings a year, which will be set by the President, in addition to two (2) Manager Meetings. All Board Members must attend all scheduled Board Meetings and Manager Meetings.
4. A Board Member is not allowed to represent a team of SCWSL during a Managers Meeting. All Board Members may only represent the League.
5. One half of the Board of Directors of this league shall be elected every other year at the Managers Meeting and shall hold office for two (2) years or until their successors are elected and seated.
 - The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member at Large can serve a maximum of two terms or (4) years.
 - Extenuating circumstances may allow a board member to serve more than the maximum term for the good of the SCWSL. This may include but is not limited to:
 - A board member who is elected to fill a board position that was vacated early
 - The leagues inability to fill a board position

- Loss of league play for an extenuated period of time
- A Board Member may be removed from their position prior to their term ending (if there is one) by a majority vote of the other Board Members.
- Assigned Board Members can serve unlimited terms, until they resign their position or the board removes them from their position.
- Voting for new Board Members will be at the Fall Season Team Managers Meeting, and the term will begin in January of the following year.

Board of Directors

See list of duties in Policy and Procedures

1. **PRESIDENT** (2 year term that changes in the even years)
2. **VICE PRESIDENT / DISCIPLINARY** (2 year term that changes in the odd years)
3. **SECRETARY** (2 year term that changes in the odd years)
4. **TREASURER** (2 year term that changes in the even years)
5. **MEMBER AT LARGE** (2 year term that changes in the even years)
6. **ASSIGNED BOARD POSITIONS** (not term limited)

ARTICLE IV - Responsibilities

1. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for and have sole authority for the following:
 - Enforcing and interpreting the SCWSL By-Laws, Policy and Procedures.
 - Making temporary rules and regulations for specific cases or occasions not provided for in the Bylaws, Policy, or Procedures, but which are deemed necessary by the Board of Directors to carry out the objectives of this League.
 - Ultimate authority to suspend, bar completely, or otherwise discipline any player, coach, manager, alternate manager, team assistant or league official from any team registered with this league per recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee.

ARTICLE V - Voting Policies and By-Law Changes

- A. Any changes to the Policy or Procedure will be addressed at the Board meeting and voted upon. The changes will then be presented to the Team Managers at the Managers Meeting for final approval.
- B. Any registered player of the league is eligible to submit proposed changes to the existing Bylaws, Policies, or Procedures to the Board of Directors.
 - **Bylaws**
 - Changes to the Bylaws must be submitted 90 days prior to a Board Meeting. All changes to the Bylaws must be passed by a two thirds (2/3) vote of all participants (all registered players) of the league who choose to vote.
 - Changes presented to league participants must outline all changes to the Bylaws in a clear manner.
 - **Policy and Procedure**
 - Changes to current Policy and Procedure shall be deemed adopted with a majority vote of the Managers present at the Managers Meeting or via e-mail when necessary.
- C. Each Team shall be entitled to one (1) vote by the Team Manager or player from the same team designated by the Team Manager. Voting shall be restricted to those affiliated teams that have been registered during the current season.

ARTICLE VI - Disbanding

1. In the event the SCWSL disbands, its assets are to be donated to a non-profit organization committed to the advancement of women's sports as voted on by the remaining team managers and board members.