

Lafayette Referee Association

Constitution

Article 1 Name and Purpose

- Section 1. The name of this association is “Lafayette Referees Association”.
- Section 2. The purpose of the association is to:
- A. To provide qualified referee’s to officiate soccer games in the Lafayette area.
 - B. Provide training for soccer referees and linesmen.
 - C. To provide evaluation for referee’s for advancement and skill level within the USSF system.
 - D. Provide centralized procurement for uniforms, supplies, and educational material.
 - E. To protect the rights and interests of its members.

Article 2 Membership

- Section 1. Any person who has passed the written exam shall be eligible for membership.
- Section 2. To serve as an officer, you must be a Level 2 Class USSF Referee.
- Section 3. Each member will be allowed to cast one vote.
- Section 4. Each member shall officiate a minimum of 5 LYSA games per season to retain membership in the association. (Spring & Fall are separate seasons)
- Section 5. The executive committee may waive Art 2 Section 4; given sufficient justification.

Article 3 Rules of the Game

- Section 1. The members of the Association shall officiate according to the FIFA Laws of The Game, incorporating any modifications approved by the playing association.

Article 4 Government

- Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:
- President (Elected)
 - Secretary (Elected)
 - Treasurer (Elected)
 - Schedulers (Appointed; Recreational, Adult, High School, Premier)
 - Training / Evaluation Chair (Appointed)
- Section 2. Executive Committee Members shall serve for a term of one year. Elections will be held at the General meeting in May, with officers taking office the following August. Re-election is permitted.
- Section 3. Any member of the Executive Committee shall not be an officer of any playing association during their term of office.

- Section 4. Meetings of the Executive Committee will called at the discretion of the President.
- Section 5. Any vacancy will be filled by at the next regular meeting, to complete the unexpired term. Method of filling will be either by election process or appointment.
- Section 6. The President shall vote at the General Meetings only in the event of a tie.
- Section 7. Duties of the Executive Committee:
- A. President – the president is charged with the overall administration of this association and shall interact with the ruling bodies of all playing associations served by this association.
 - B. Secretary – the secretary shall record the minutes of each meeting and with prior approval, can act on behalf of the President.
 - C. Treasurer – the treasurer shall record and pay all of the bills. Maintain the association checking account.
 - D. Training Chairman – the training chairman will provide formal training of new and existing referee’s; additionally any informal instruction for teams, parents, and coaches will be done by the training chairman.
 - E. Scheduling Chairman – will assign referees to all approved games and coordinate all requests for referees.
- Section 8. The Executive Committee shall cooperate with the State Referee Administrator and the Assistant State Referee Administrator.
- Section 9. The intent rather than the letter of the constitution shall prevail. Parliamentary procedure will be followed according to Roberts Rules of Order.

Article 5 Meetings

- Section 1. Meetings will be scheduled at least monthly during the Soccer Seas
- Section 2. Additional meetings may be held upon call from the President.

Article 6. Discipline

- Section 1. All members of the Association are required to uphold the highest standard of competence and conduct in all endeavors related to soccer. Being recognized as soccer referees, we are individually responsible for the collective public esteem, confidence, and respect accorded to all referees.
- Section 2. The executive Committee shall be responsible for reviewing, investigating, and acting on all written complaints.
- Section 3. Any member of the Executive Committee who is associated with a case being considered by the committee shall not be empowered to sit with or vote with the committee. Any Committee member under probation or suspension is disqualified from the Committee membership. All reports of the committee concerning discipline of members shall be referred in writing to the referee’s affected.

Article 7. Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting, provides the members have been given two weeks notice and a quorum of not less than 12 members are present.

Section 2. April 30, 1984 – Scheduling Chairman changed to Secretary and elected.

Section 3.