



CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE  
**DOWNTOWN SOCCER TORONTO**

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# **Constitution**

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## **1 Name and Status**

- 1.1 The name of the league shall be: Downtown Soccer Toronto (DST, hereafter 'the League').
- 1.2 The League is incorporated as Downtown Soccer Toronto, bearing the Ontario Corporation Number 001611254.
- 1.3 The League is a not-for-profit amateur sporting organization.

## **2 General Purpose**

- 2.1 The purpose of the League is to provide gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer-positive individuals the opportunity to play recreational soccer.
- 2.2 The League:
  - 2.2.1 Operates recreational sporting and social events;
  - 2.2.2 Promotes the development of leadership, coaching and playing skills in the game of soccer;
  - 2.2.3 Encourages fair play;
  - 2.2.4 Fosters a friendly atmosphere free from all forms of harassment or discrimination;
  - 2.2.5 Encourages a sense of community and teamwork.

## **3 Membership**

- 3.1 The membership of the League comprises all persons 19 years of age and older who are registered in the League.
- 3.2 No person registered in the League will be denied membership because of his or her sexual orientation, age, race, creed, colour, national origin, nationality, ancestry, citizenship, religion, political affiliation, sex, marital status or health status.

## 4 The Executive Committee

4.1 The Executive Committee (hereafter 'the Executive') includes the following positions:

4.1.1 Commissioner;

4.1.2 Treasurer;

4.1.3 Secretary;

4.1.4 Events and Fundraising Coordinator;

4.1.5 Women's Representative and League Ombudsman;

4.1.6 Operations Coordinator;

4.1.7 Membership Coordinator;

4.1.8 Communications Officer.

4.2 If an Executive role is not filled, Executive members must ensure the successful functioning of the League. In such a case, the Executive must share the duties normally performed by that role until a suitable replacement is found.

4.3 An Executive member must resign if:

4.3.1 He or she demonstrates ongoing incompetence by neglecting critical duties assigned to his or her role as set out in the By-laws, or;

4.3.2 He or she wilfully acts outside the best interests of the League or its membership with the intent to negatively impact the League;

4.3.3 The membership presents the Executive with a petition signed by a simple majority (50% plus one vote) of members in good standing who support the removal of that Executive member.

4.4 If a member of the Executive clearly meets any one of the criteria above but does not resign, the Executive may hold a vote to remove that Executive member. This vote will be held by closed ballot, carried by a two-thirds majority (66% of the entire Executive).

4.5 If an Executive position becomes vacant mid-term, the Executive may consider candidates from the membership for that position. The

Executive has the authority to appoint a suitable candidate at its discretion in such a case.

## **5 Subcommittees**

- 5.1 Subcommittees are created in response to operational needs identified by the Executive. Subcommittees may be created and dissolved by the Executive at any time.
- 5.2 Each Subcommittee will have a minimum of three (3) members, one of whom must be a member of the Executive.
- 5.3 Subcommittees are accountable to the Executive.

## **6 Finances**

- 6.1 The League elects a Treasurer to oversee the responsible management of its financial assets.
- 6.2 The Treasurer will present the Executive with the League's bank statements for review every two (2) months.

## **7 By-laws**

- 7.1 The Executive has the authority to create By-laws, which define protocols for the functioning of the League.
- 7.2 By-laws must conform to the Constitution of the League.
- 7.3 If any conflict between the Constitution and a By-law exists, the Constitution takes precedence.
- 7.4 The Constitution, By-laws and Policies of the League are made available to members as published on the League website.

## **8 Amendments**

- 8.1 This Constitution may only be amended, repealed, altered, suspended or ratified at an open membership meeting, provided that:
- 8.1.1 A minimum of 20% of members in good standing are present at the meeting;
  - 8.1.2 A vote is held, and;
  - 8.1.3 The vote reaches a two-thirds majority.
- 8.2 A member in good standing may propose an amendment to the Constitution.
- 8.3 Adopted amendments are effective immediately unless otherwise stated in the amendment. Any such changes to the Constitution shall be published to the League's web site within thirty (30) days of ratification.

## **9 Dissolution**

- 9.1 The Executive can recommend to the membership that the League be dissolved.
- 9.2 Dissolution of the League by the membership must be achieved through a majority vote (50% of the entire membership plus one vote), followed by Executive assent. Executive assent in this case will be achieved through an Executive vote held by closed ballot and carried by a two-thirds majority (66% of the entire Executive).
- 9.3 In the event of dissolution of the League, the Executive shall oversee the distribution of all assets.
- 9.4 No member or sponsor of the League shall profit from the dissolution of the League.