

SOUTH JERSEY SOCCER OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC. (“SJSOA”)

CONSTITUTION

Revised by: SJSOA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 10/2015

President - Allen Stout

Vice President – John Hartnett

Secretary - Geoff Filinuk

Rules Interpreter – Dave Herwig

Assignor - John Barna

Member at Large - Joe Knowles

Treasurer – Jim Wells

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization is The South Jersey Soccer Officials Association, Inc. (SJSOA).

SJSOA is hereby affiliated with the following organizations and is subject to the By-Laws of those organizations insofar as they affect and prescribe the function of the local chapters and are not in conflict with these By-Laws:

- The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA)
- The National Federation of High Schools (NFHS)

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1 –

The purpose of SJSOA is:

- To provide an official who holds an active SJSOA license, who is competent, and is wearing the properly licensed soccer official's uniform, depending on the particular game.
- To provide a better understanding of the rules/laws of soccer by proper interpretation, instruction, and enforcement of said rules/bylaws.
- To create a feeling of respect and confidence for the soccer official, both on and off the field.
- To cooperate with the organizations officially related to the game of soccer in furthering its interests and ideals.

Section 2 –

SJSOA does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, nationality, ancestry, age, sex/gender, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, familial status, religion, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identify or expression, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, or genetic information. This Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Policy Statement will be made available to all SJSOA members. All SJSOA members must comply with this policy.

Section 3 –

SJSOA is established as a non-profit educational organization.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

Section 1 –

The governing authority of SJSOA is in the Executive Committee, and consists of the following elected officials:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Assignor
- Treasurer
- Rules Interpreter
- Member at Large

Section 2 -

Election of officers is by secret ballot. However, when only one (1) candidate is seeking an Executive Committee position, except when only one candidate for any office is presented, in which case a Motion shall be placed on the floor by an active member. Said Motion may only be made by an active member whose dues have been paid in full prior to the deadline for nominating a candidate. The ballot may be dispensed by Motion with a second.

Section 3 –

The Bylaws shall provide for the elections, appointments and meeting of SJSOA.

ARTICLE IV – GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

Section 1 –

SJSOA's geographic boundaries include the counties of Camden, Gloucester, Salem and Burlington, New Jersey, as defined by the League of Leagues

ARTICLE V – AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

Section 1 –

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of 2/3 majority vote of present, active members in good standing of this organization at any regular scheduled or special meeting provided the Amendment has been submitted in writing by the Secretary to the general membership, and has been read at two meetings. Twenty-five percent of the membership shall be present at the time of the vote.

***Superseding the Constitution of SJSOA, Inc. Passed and Adopted by SJSOA on
this ____ day of _____ by a vote of ____ for, ____ against, ____ abstaining.***

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