# SOUTH JERSEY SOCCER OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.

# ***CONSTITUTION***

**Revised by vote of the Members on _____, 2026**

## ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization is the **South Jersey Soccer Officials Association, Inc**., referred to herein as the "***SJSOA***" or as the "***Association***."

The SJSOA is affiliated with the following organizations:

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

The SJSOA has agreed to be subject to the By-Laws or policies of these organizations insofar as they govern the function of local chapters, provided that such provisions are not in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the SJSOA.

## ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

**Section 1** –
The SJSOA is established as a non-profit educational organization. The purpose of the Association is:

- To provide to participating scholastic organizations qualified officials who hold all currently required licenses and are registered with the SJSOA (each referred to herein as a "***Member***," and collectively as the "***Members***"), who are competent to officiate interscholastic soccer, and who are properly uniformed and equipped to officiate each game to which an official is assigned.
- To provide a better understanding of the laws, rules, and objectives of scholastic soccer by proper interpretation, instruction, and enforcement of the same.
- To create a feeling of respect and confidence for soccer officials, both on and off the field.
- To cooperate with the organizations officially related to the game of soccer in furthering its interests and ideals.

When the term "Member" is used herein with respect to any voting or approval of matters covered by this Constitution, the term shall refer to Members in good standing authorized to vote by the By-Laws of the Association, and who is current with respect to any dues or fees payable to the Association.

**Section 2 –**

SJSOA is committed to providing an environment that is fair, respectful, and free from discrimination and harassment. SJSOA does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, nationality, ancestry, age, sex or gender, gender identity or expression, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, familial status, religion, affectional or sexual orientation, disability, pregnancy or related medical conditions, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, or genetic information, or military or veteran status.

This Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Policy applies to all SJSOA members, officers, assignors, evaluators, and volunteers. Retaliation against any person who raises a good-faith concern or complaint under this policy is strictly forbidden. This policy will be made available to all SJSOA members, and all SJSOA members are expected to comply with this policy.

## ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

**Section 1 –**

The governing authority of SJSOA shall be vested in its elected officers. An officer must be a Member of the SJSOA. Each officer shall perform the duties assigned to his or her office by the By-Laws of the SJSOA as the same may be adopted and revised by the members from time to time. The officers shall be:

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

The elected officers shall constitute an ***Executive Board***, which shall conduct the operations of the SJSOA in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the SJSOA, and in accordance with policies duly adopted by the Board.

## ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

A quorum of Members entitled to vote must be present at a meeting of the Association in order to conduct business. Thirty-three percent (33%) of the active Members in good standing who are entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

A Special Meeting of Members may be called by the President, by a majority of the Executive Board, or by petition of 20% of the voting Members. Notice of the Special Meeting shall be provided by the Secretary to all eligible Members not less than twenty days before the proposed date of the Special Meeting. The By-Laws shall set forth such policies and procedures as shall be appropriate for such meetings.

## ARTICLE V – BY-LAWS

The SJSOA shall adopt By-Laws addressing, and not inconsistent with, the requirements of this Constitution. Such By-Laws shall provide for the operations of the Association, the establishment of subordinate officers, the establishment and duties of committees, and such other matters as may be deemed appropriate by the Association.

## ARTICLE VI – GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

**Section 1 –**

SJSOA's geographic boundaries within which it shall assign its Members to officiate scholastic soccer matches include the counties of Camden, Gloucester, Salem and Burlington, New Jersey, as defined by the League of Leagues. If an organization with the authority to assign additional territory proposes to allow SJSOA to serve schools outside these limits, or a similar referees' organization serving other territories seeks to combine with SJSOA, then the Association may alter these geographic limits by a majority vote of the Members

**ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENT PROCEDURE**

**Section 1 –**

This Constitution may be amended by the affirmative vote of 3/4 of Members in good standing of the Association who are present at any regular scheduled or Special Meeting of such Members after due notice of the proposed Amendment as set forth below. The membership shall be advised by the Secretary of a proposed Amendment in writing or by e-mail within ten days of receipt of the proposed Amendment by the Secretary, and notice of any Special Meeting called for the purpose of voting on any proposed amendment shall be mailed or e-mailed to the Members at least twenty days prior to such meeting.

As duly elected and incumbent Secretary of the South Jersey Soccer Officials Association, I hereby certify that written notice of the proposal to amend the Constitution of the Association, and the text of the amendment, was submitted to the Members of the Association, and that at a meeting on _____, 2026, at which a quorum was present, two-thirds of the Members present voted in favor of adopting the revised Constitution as set forth above.

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Geoff Filinuk - Secretary