



# Constitution of The Northwest District of C.J.S.A.

## **PREAMBLE**

*WE THE PEOPLE of The Northwest District C.J.S.A., in order to ensure order and the absence of chaos, acknowledging with gratitude, the good providence of God in having permitted enjoyment of quality administration and fair play, do, in order to more effectually define, secure, and perpetuate the liberties, rights and privileges which have been delivered by the predecessors, in an effort to secure the blessings of said privileges for ourselves and our posterity; hereby, after careful consideration and revision, ordain and establish the following Constitution and By-Laws.*

## **ARTICLE FIRST**

The Northwest District of CJSA (hereinafter referred to as 'NW') shall be governed by by-laws and an executive Board of Directors (a.k.a. Executive Board or Committee), consisting of a District Vice-President (Chairman of the Executive Board), Secretary, CJSA Representative, Treasurer, District Referee Administrator, Registrar, Boys Classic Competition Commissioner, Boys Classic Recreation Commissioner, Girls Classic Competition Commissioner, and Girls Recreation Commissioner. Appointed representatives from each club in the NW (club presidents) in cooperation with the Executive Board, shall constitute the entire Board of Directors. This constitution shall supersede any and all adopted constitutional items and is hereby itself adopted **this Nineteenth day of April in the Common Era 2000.**

## **ARTICLE SECOND**

Every club sponsoring a team or teams in the NW shall designate a member of the organization who shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors. In addition, each club shall name an alternate who will have the authority to serve as a member of the Board of Directors in the absence of the appointed member. The name of the member and alternate shall be filed at least annually on June 1<sup>st</sup> to the District Vice-President.

## **ARTICLE THIRD**

The number of votes each member casts in all meetings except the Annual General Membership Election Meeting (AGM) in November, shall constitute one (1). Electoral votes based upon the club's total number of registrants for the previous seasonal year shall constitute the total number of votes cast by any given club at the NW AGM Elections. For changes to the constitution, a 2/3 majority of the total board members present shall be required. The election of The District Vice-President in even numbered years only, governed by the By-Laws of CJSA, shall be by a simple majority of CJSA votes cast at the CJSA AGM after the NW election of said District V.P. at the NW AGM. CJSA votes are defined as one (1) vote for each complete increment of fifteen (15) players registered to any given club for the present or prior seasonal year whichever is greater, plus one (1) vote for each CJSA Board Member.

#### **ARTICLE FOURTH**

Votes may only be cast by singly appointed NW club representatives and individual members of the Executive Committee with the exception of the District Vice-President whose vote acts as a tie-breaker only.

#### **ARTICLE FIFTH**

The District Vice-President, elected pursuant to the By-Laws of CJSA, or in his absence, the CJSA Representative, shall serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and shall have no vote except in the case of a tie.

#### **ARTICLE SIXTH**

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order*. Minutes of each meeting shall be kept and archived by the NW Secretary for no fewer than three (3) years.

#### **ARTICLE SEVENTH**

The Board of Directors shall meet no less than eleven (11) times a year in accordance with a schedule of Meetings adopted at the AGM. Said AGM shall be conducted in November of each year. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, the representation of no fewer than 2/3 of total registered NW clubs shall constitute a quorum.

#### **ARTICLE EIGHTH**

Amendments to the constitution may be made at the AGM by an affirmative vote as described in ARTICLE III.

Any proposed change to the constitution must be submitted to the District Secretary no later than Midnight September 15<sup>th</sup> and distributed to the District Vice-President, Executive Committee, Club Presidents, and other Board Members by Midnight October 15<sup>th</sup> of the same year for vote at the immediately subsequent AGM.

#### **ARTICLE NINTH**

This proposed constitution submitted to the Board of Directors by the current acting District Vice-President in collaboration with the Executive Committee of 2000 C.E., shall become The Constitution of The Northwest District C.J.S.A. upon ratification by The Board of Directors. Such ratification shall constitute proclamation by the acting District Vice-President pursuant to the requirements herein.

### **AMENDMENTS HERETO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

#### **THE FIRST AMEMDMENT (November 2000)**

The Board of Directors shall meet no less than eleven (11) times a calendar year in accordance with a schedule of Meetings adopted at the AGM. Said AGM including elections, shall be conducted in November of each year. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, the representation of no fewer than 1/2 of total registered NW clubs shall constitute a quorum.

#### **THE SECOND AMENDMENT (November 2005)**

The Northwest District of CJSA (hereinafter referred to as 'NW') shall be governed by by-laws and an executive Board of Directors (a.k.a. Executive Board or Committee), consisting of a District Vice-President (Chairman of the Executive Board), Secretary, CJSA Representative, Treasurer, District Referee Administrator, Registrar, Boys Commissioner, and Girls Commissioner. Appointed representatives from each club in the NW (club presidents) in cooperation with the Executive Board, shall constitute the entire Board of Directors.