



**Tacoma-Pierce County, Federal Way, Highline,  
Auburn, Mount Rainier. Greater Renton, Narrows,  
Maple Valley, and Kent Youth Soccer Associations**  
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# *District III Constitution*

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## **Article I: Name and Duration**

### Section 1

The District III Soccer Association Inc., hereafter referred to as the "District", is a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington.

### Section 2

The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

## **Article II: Objectives and Purposes**

### Section 1

The objectives of the District are to:

- A. Promote and further develop the game of soccer.
- B. Organize and govern the game of soccer for youth within District III.
- C. Assign administrative responsibilities to member organizations.
- D. Establish uniform procedures and rules applicable to youth soccer competition in this District consistent with the principles and laws of the Federation International de Football Association (FIFA, the world-governing body for soccer), and those of United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), and those of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF, the national governing body for soccer, affiliated with FIFA), and those of the Washington State Youth Soccer Association (WSYSA)
- E. Develop the game in non-affiliated areas within the District.
- F. Provide programs for membership as required.
- G. Administer and conduct District competitions as required
- H. Represent this District in all matters of organized youth soccer with regard to USYSA, USSF, WSYSA, and interested parties.
- I. Where conditions and circumstances prevent full compliance, the District shall effect

deviations best suited to its own particular needs.

#### Section 2

The purpose of the District are educational and include the following:

- A. Teach and train players, coaches, and referees
- B. Teach through the game of soccer, sportsmanship, physical health and mental alertness.

### **Article III: District Colors**

Present Rule:

#### Section 1

The representative colors of the District shall be Kelly green and white.

### **Article IV: Jurisdiction**

#### Section 1

The District shall have jurisdiction over all its member organizations, including associations, clubs, teams as well as associated individuals, such as players, coaches, and administrators.

### **Article V: Affiliation**

#### Section 1

The District shall be a member of the Washington State Youth Soccer Association (WSYSA), the United States Soccer Federation ("the Federation"), and the United States Youth Soccer Association.

### **Article VI: Finances**

#### Section 1

The District is and shall be a non-profit organization. The District shall maintain its tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.

#### Section 2

Each Member Association desiring its own separate non-profit status (registered charitable organization) must obtain it independently from the State of Washington (Olympia) and the Internal Revenue Service.

#### Section 3

District III specifically disclaims financial responsibility for, and shall not assume nor be held liable for, the debts or the financial obligations, either expressed or implied, of any affiliated Association, club, or team, or of any of the coaches, managers, officers, officials, or members of any affiliated Association, club, or team.

### **Article VII: Administrative Authority**

#### Section 1

The District III Executive Board and Board of Directors shall have the authority from time to time to issue policies or instructions necessary to interpret, clarify or further define the Bylaws, procedures and rules.

### **Article VIII: Membership**

#### Section 1

The membership of the District shall consist of incorporated and unincorporated organizations engaged in youth soccer within the area designated as District III by WSYSA, which agree to be bound by the Bylaws, procedures, and rules of the District and which shall be admitted to membership in accordance with the Bylaws of the District.

#### Section 2

Individual players, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and officials are members of the District through their association with said member organizations or with District committees, or as elected officers of the District.

#### Section 3

The District will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age,

sex, or national origin.

#### **Article IX: Administration**

##### Section 1

The governing authority of the District shall be vested with the Council.

##### Section 2

The Council consists of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors.

##### Section 3

The Executive Board consists of the officers of the District.

##### Section 4

The Board of Directors shall be composed of one (1) Member Association Representative (MAR) from each Association.

##### Section 5

The District shall be governed by its Bylaws, procedures and rules.

#### **Article X: Meetings**

##### Section 1

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of all members of the District shall be held for the primary purpose of electing the Executive Board

##### Section 2

Meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board are considered business meetings and shall be called as defined in the Bylaws.

##### Section 3

All meetings of the District shall be conducted using the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" as a guide

#### **Article XI: Amendments**

##### Section 1

Purposed changes or amendments to this constitution can only be effected at the annual general meeting (AGM)

##### Section 2

Such proposed changes or amendments can be made by member associations, Association representatives, or elected officers of this District, and must be made in writing to the District Secretary at least 60 days prior to the AGM at which time they are to be acted upon.

##### Section 3

The District Secretary shall notify each member association representative and elected officer at least 30 days prior to the AGM by mailing out such changes or amendments to this constitution

##### Section 4

All approved changes or amendments shall be included in the AGM minutes.

**District III Constitution, adopted and amended March 7, 2005, AGM.**