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Article 1: NAME

The name of this Club shall be the STORRINGTON MINOR SOCCER CLUB, hereinafter referred to as the Club. The headquarters of the Club shall be located within the District Boundaries of the SOUTH EAST Soccer Association, hereinafter referred to as the District Association.

Article 2: OBJECTS

The Club shall have the following objects:

1. To promote and develop the game of soccer within its boundaries.
2. To help individuals to develop their character as resourceful and responsible Members of their community by providing opportunities, through the game of soccer, for their mental, physical, social and leadership development.

Article 3: AFFILIATIONS

The Club shall be a Member of the SOUTH EAST Soccer Association and shall follow the published rules of the District Association and Ontario Soccer, hereinafter referred to as The OSA. The Club is subject to the published rules in declining order of authority of the following governing organizations to which it is affiliated:

The OSA
The District Association
The Club

Article 4: MEMBERSHIP

Storrington Minor Soccer reserves the right to accept players previously registered with Storrington or new players from the Storrington District ahead of players registered with other clubs the previous season or who reside outside of Storrington District.

There are three classes of Member, namely, regular Member, honorary Member and life Member.

Regular Member

A regular Member is:

- A registered Player
- A registered Club coach
- A registered Club game official
- A registered Club administrator
- A member of the Board

Although an individual may qualify for, and be registered under, more than one of the above categories, each individual holds only one Membership in the Club, and is entitled to one vote at Members' meetings.

A player shall become a regular Member when approved by the Club's Registrar.

Upon application, a coach shall become a regular Member upon acceptance by the directors of the Club. A coach is an individual who is registered with The OSA to teach, instruct, train and guide players to play the game of soccer.

Upon application, a game official shall become a regular Member upon acceptance by the directors of the Club. A game official is an individual who is registered with The OSA to officiate soccer games.

An administrator shall become a regular Member upon election or appointment by the directors of the Club. An administrator is an individual who is registered with The OSA to be responsible for one or more of the functions required to operate a Club. For purposes of this definition, a team manager and a Director shall be classified as an administrator.

Honorary Member

The Board of Directors may designate an individual as an honorary Member for a specific period of time.

An honorary Member is afforded all rights of Membership, including the right to attend and speak at Members' meetings, but is not entitled to vote.

Life Member

The Board of Directors may designate an individual as a life Member.

A life Member is afforded all rights of Membership, including the right to attend and speak at Members' meetings, but is not entitled to vote.

Fees

Membership fees for regular Members shall be set annually by the Board of Directors and ratified or amended by the Membership at a general meeting of the Club.

Discipline of Member

A Member may be fined, censured, suspended or expelled from Membership for cause and only after charges have been laid in accordance with the Club's published rules and a hearing held in accordance with the Club's and OSA's published rules. An individual whose Membership has been suspended loses all rights of Membership until the suspension has been terminated.

Player, team and team official discipline for game infractions is governed in accordance with the procedures published by The OSA.

Any Member, who infringes the articles or rules of the Club or brings the Club into disrepute, may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the Club after a hearing by the Board of Directors of the Club at which hearing the Member is entitled to attend.

Termination of Membership

Membership in the Club shall be deemed to have been terminated:

- If the Member submits a signed letter of resignation to the Club;
- If the Member is expelled by the Club's Board of Directors
- If the Member is no longer registered with the Club

Article 5: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Club shall be governed by a Board of Directors which shall consist of at least 4 individuals, or such number not to be less than 4 as may be amended from time to time in accordance with the Club's By-Laws. These individuals shall hold the positions of:

- President
- Vice- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Registrar
- Director of Officials
- Director of Sponsorship
- Director of Fund Raising
- Director of Coaches
- Directors and Co Directors of Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Adult Over 35.
- Director of Facilities.
- Directors at Large.

A Director may hold more than one position.

A Director shall be 18 years of age or older, shall not be an un-discharged bankrupt and shall be a Regular Member of the Club.

A Director shall serve for a term of two years or until his or her successor is elected or appointed.

After an initial Board of Directors has been appointed, the positions of President, Secretary shall be elected in even numbered years while the positions of Vice-President, Treasurer, shall be elected in odd numbered years.

Director Vacancy

A Director has the right to resign her or his position by submitting a signed letter of resignation to the Club.

A vacancy on the Board of Directors and their respective position(s) held, caused by death, or resignation which has been accepted by the Board of Directors, shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The successor Director shall hold his or her incumbent's position(s) for the remainder of the term being filled.

Removal of Director

No Member of the Board of Directors shall be removed for arbitrary reasons but may be removed if:

The Director is unable to perform the duties expected of the position due to, but not limited to, any of the following reasons:

If she/he becomes incapable of performing the business of the Club

If she/he is absent from two or more meetings of the Board without satisfactory reason

If she/he no longer resides in reasonable proximity to the Club

If she/he becomes, or is discovered to be, an un-discharged bankrupt;
or

The Director has compromised the integrity of the Club due to, but not limited to, any of the following reasons:

If she/he has been found guilty of an offence under the Harassment Policy of The OSA

If she/he has been found guilty of an offence involving violence under the Discipline Policy of The OSA

If she/he has failed to properly account for monies or other property belonging to the Club

If she/he has been found guilty of a criminal offence regardless of whether or not the offence directly affected the Club.

A Member of the Board of Directors holding his or her respective position(s), as Director

or other position(s), may be removed from office by the Board of Directors for good and sufficient cause by a 2/3's vote of the Board of Directors present, provided notice to remove the Director has been given to all Directors of the Club. If a Director is removed by the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may appoint a successor to the position(s) for the remainder of the term(s) being filled.

A Member of the Board of Directors may also be removed from office for good and sufficient cause at a meeting of the Members of the Club provided notice to remove the Director has been given to persons entitled to attend the Members' meeting. If a Director is removed at a Members' meeting, the Members entitled to vote may elect a successor to fill all position(s) held by the removed Director for the remainder of the term(s) being filled.

Conflict of Interest and Standards of Conduct

The Directors shall be subject to the [*Conflict of Interest Policy 21.0*](#) in the OSA's published rules.

Duties of Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall conduct the business of the Club during the periods between general meetings of the Club and in accordance with the authority granted to it in the published rules of the Club.

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the appointment and renewal of appointments of all positions within the Club except for those positions elected by the Membership of the Club. This shall include the appointment of volunteer and paid positions for coach and administrator positions within the Club's operations. The selection process and the appointments shall be based on procedures outlined in the Club's published rules.

The Board of Directors may also revoke, for cause, any appointment providing that it has followed the procedures for the revoking an appointment as outlined in the Club's published rules.

Duties of Directors

President

Except:

As provided for in the Dispute Resolution Policy of the OSA, and where the President delegates the responsibility to another person, the President shall preside at all general meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors. The President shall be ex officio a member of all committees, except any nominations committee; shall appoint all chairs of standing and special committees

subject to ratification by the Board; coordinate all duties of the Board, committees, staff; and shall be the spokesperson for the Club.

Vice-President

The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President and shall have other powers as assigned by the Board of Directors.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall ensure that full and accurate records are kept of the accounts of the Club; shall report to the Board of Directors at least once per quarter; and shall submit an Annual Report to the Annual General Meeting.

Secretary

The Secretary shall maintain a record of all minutes of the organization; maintain copies of all committee reports; notify officers and committee Members of their election or appointment; furnish committees with those documents required to perform their duties; sign all certified copies of acts of the organization, unless otherwise specified in the Club's published rules; maintain record books in which bylaws, published rules and minutes are entered and have the current record books available at each meeting; send to the Membership a notice of each general meeting; send to the Board of Directors notices of each meeting; conduct the general correspondence of the organization that is not the proper function of another office or committee; prepare, prior to each meeting in consultation with the presiding officer, an order of business; and, in the absence of the president and vice-president, preside until the immediate election or appointment of a new presiding officer.

Other Director Positions

The duties of other Director Positions shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Nominations and Elections

Nominations for positions on the Board of Directors may be made by any Member at the annual general meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

Nominations and elections for positions open shall be held in the order of the positions listed in the Constitution.

Election shall be by secret ballot, but in the event only one candidate is nominated, no vote is required and the nominated candidate shall be declared elected by acclamation.

A majority of the votes cast shall be required to elect Directors. In the event no

candidate receives a majority, the candidate with the least votes shall be dropped from the ballot and another vote shall be held.

Article 6: MEETINGS

General Meetings:

An official notice of each meeting shall be given to all Members at least 14 days before the meeting is to be held, at such place, and at such date as the Board of Directors may determine. Such notification shall be by; email or advertisement,

Twenty five voting Members or 25% of the voting Membership, whichever is less, shall form quorum at all general meetings of the Club. Any question shall be decided by a majority of the votes unless otherwise required by this By-Law or other law.

Annual General Meeting:

The Club shall hold its Annual General Meeting not later than January 31 of the following year. The agenda of the Annual General meeting shall include:

- Roll Call
- Credentials Report
- Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting
- President's Address
- Officers' Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- Auditor's Report
- Appointment of Auditors
- Other Reports
- Unfinished Business
- Amendments to the By-Laws
- Roll Call
- Election of Officers and Directors
- Any Other Business
- Adjournment

Special General Meeting:

A Special General Meeting of the Club:

- a) may be called by the Board of Directors, or
- b) shall be called by the Board of Directors upon receipt of a written request submitted to the Club by registered mail, certified mail, trace mail, courier service, hand delivery, fax or e-mail, signed by not less than 25 Members or 25% of the

voting Membership, whichever is less, setting out the items of business to be conducted at the Special General Meeting. The Special General Meeting shall be held within 30 days of receipt of the written request from the Members.

Only the business set out in the notice of the Special General Meeting shall be considered.

Voting at General Meeting:

Every regular Member aged 16 and over shall have the right to attend, speak and cast one vote at Members' meeting of the Club.

Every regular Member under the age of 16 shall have the right to attend and speak at Members' meetings, but any vote must be cast by a parent or guardian who shall also have the right to attend and speak on behalf of that Member at Members' meetings.

Proxy Voting at General Meeting:

Every regular Member, or parent or guardian of a regular Member under the age of 16, is entitled to vote at a meeting of Members may by means of a proxy appoint a person, who need not be a Member, as the Member's nominee to attend and act at the meeting in the manner, to the extent and with the power conferred by the proxy.

An individual may only hold one proxy.

The format for the proxy, and the issue, or issues, for which the proxy may be cast are as defined in the Rules and Regulations.

Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board of Directors shall meet at least 4 times per year, upon 14 days notice given by the President and Secretary, at such place and time as the Board of Directors may determine.

A majority of the Members of the Board of Directors shall form a quorum at all meetings of the Board. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes where each director is entitled to cast one vote.

Article 7: COMMITTEES

The Membership at any general meeting, or the Board of Directors at any meeting of the Board, may establish a standing committee or special committee to carry out specific business or programs of the Club.

Article 8: PROCEDURES GOVERNING MEETINGS

All meetings of the Club shall be conducted in accordance with the most recently published Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised except as may be otherwise stipulated in this By-Law or other Rules and Regulations of the Club.

Article 9: BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS

- (a) By-Law amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors, or submitted by a Member to the Club in writing at least 21 days prior to a general meeting of the Club; and must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and by a 2/3's vote of the Membership voting in person or by proxy at a meeting of the Club duly called for that purpose.

- (b) All Members entitled to vote shall be notified with the Club's notice of the said Members' meeting about By-Law amendments.
Such notification shall be by email.

Article 10: RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Club shall have Rules and Regulations which shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- a) discipline of a Member: summary of charges regarding misconduct
- b) discipline of a Member: procedures for discipline hearing
- c) duties of Board of Directors: authority granted to Board regarding the business being conducted
- d) duties of Board of Directors: selection process and appointment process for the appointment and renewal of appointments to the League's paid and volunteer positions
- e) duties of Board of Directors: process for revoking appointments
- f) voting at General Meeting: format for the proxy, and the issue, or issues, for which the proxy may be cast

The Board of Directors may approve and publish Rules and Regulations which are not inconsistent with this By-Law and are not inconsistent with the Rules and Regulations of a higher level governing organization.

Amendments to the Rules and Regulations may be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or the Members at a General Meeting.

Article 11: INDEMNITY

Members of the Board of Directors or other servants to the Club, their heirs, executors, administrators and estate and effects respectively shall be indemnified and saved harmless at all times by the Club against all costs, losses and expenses incurred by them respectively in or about the discharge of their respective duties, except such as happens

from their own respective willful neglect or default.

Article 12: FINANCE

The financial statements of the Club shall be

- a) presented annually subject to the minimum requirements as defined in d);
 - b) based on a defined fiscal year end as defined in f);
 - c) presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting;
 - d) signed with a Notice to Reader prepared by a Public Accountant, Certified General Accountant or a Certified Management Accountant less than \$100,000 but greater than or equal to \$10,000.00
- e) if an auditor is required:
- a) at each Annual General Meeting, the Members will appoint an auditor to audit the books, accounts and records of the Club who will report to the Members at the next Annual General Meeting. The auditor will hold office until the next Annual Meeting. If an auditor is not appointed, the auditor in office will continue in office until a successor is appointed;
 - b) the members may, by special resolution passed by at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a general meeting of which proper notice has been provided, remove any auditor before the expiration of the auditor's term of office;
 - c) the auditor will not be a director, officer or employee of the Club or any affiliated Club or who is a partner, employer or employee of any such director, officer or employee;
 - d) the auditor will report to the members at the annual general meeting the auditor's financial statement which presents fairly the financial position of the Club and the results of its operations for the period under review in accordance with generally accepted account principles; and
 - e) the auditor's report will be open for inspection by any member of the Club.
 - f) the fiscal year of the Club shall end on October 31 of each year, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors.

Article 13: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Club shall adhere to the Dispute Resolution process as published and approved by The OSA from time to time.

Any Member of the Club may initiate the Dispute Resolution process by communicating in writing to The OSA, with a copy to the Club and District Association, the nature and facts of the dispute. The OSA, at its discretion, may proceed with the Dispute Resolution process by assigning one or more neutral persons to the dispute.

The Dispute Resolution process shall not to be used for game discipline which follows the normal discipline and appeals process.

The Club shall make available to any Member the Dispute Resolution process when requested.

Article 14: HARASSMENT

The Club shall adhere to the Harassment Policy as published and approved by The OSA. The Harassment Policy shall apply to all employees, directors, officers, volunteers, coaches, game officials, administrators, players, Members and registrants of the Club.

Harassment is defined as any comment, conduct, or gesture directed toward an individual or group of individuals which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, malicious, degrading or offensive. It includes, but is not limited to, sexual harassment.

The Club shall make available to any Member the Harassment Policy when requested.

Article 15: APPEALS

- a) Any Member or registrant of the Club directly affected by a decision of the Club may appeal such decision. The denial or termination of Membership in the Club may be appealed by a non-Member.
- b) A decision of the Club may be appealed to the District Association with which the Club is affiliated.
The appeal shall be conducted in accordance with The OSA's and District Association's published rules.
- c) An individual shall not appeal a decision made by the Board of Directors regarding the appointment, non-appointment, re-appointment or revocation of an appointment of an individual to any coach or administrator position within the Club's operations, except where the selection, appointment and relocation process outlined in the Club's published rules has not been followed.
- d) An individual shall not appeal a decision made by the Club regarding a player's team assignment.

Article 16: DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Club, and after payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining property shall be distributed or disposed of by the Board of Directors to one or more not-for-profit soccer related organizations, or any not-for-profit athletic community organizations, which operate solely in Ontario.

Article 17: DEFINITIONS/TERMINOLOGY

Executive Meeting:

The executive shall meet not less than four times per year.

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall form a quorum at all meetings.

Finance:

The accounts of The Club shall be audited annually by an Audit Committee consisting of 2 members of the Executive and the correctness of the Financial Statement ascertained by the Committee. An audit may be requested by a majority of the Executive at the recommendation of the committee.

Audit Committee will be composed of the President, and Vice President.

Protest/Disputes Committee will be composed of the Convener of Officials, Vice President and an Executive Member At Large.

A team in Divisions 1 and 2 must field a minimum of 6 players and divisions 3, 4, 5, must field a minimum of 7 players in order to play an official game. If a team cannot field the minimum number of players, the game will be forfeited, players will be shared and an exhibition game will be played.

If a player is ejected from a game the referee must report it to the Convener of Officials.

If a player who participates in a league game is ineligible (IE not registered) it must be reported to the Division Convener who in turn must report it to the league Executive.

TEAMS

The Club will operate Representative and Recreational teams at all age levels consistent with player registration and competition availability.

The Club will operate mini-soccer teams up to and including the U-9 age group.

Mini-soccer and Recreational teams can be made up from players from both genders.

Players will be assigned to Club Teams and All Star teams at the sole discretion of The Club.

MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS

Movement of players between recreational and representative teams are allowed and must follow the rules established by the South Eastern Ontario Soccer Association.

UNIFORM

The Club uniform will consist of a colored shirt. The Club crest will be emblazoned on the center of the shirt.

Any other marking on the shirt, including sponsors names shall be subservient to the Club Crest.

Optional colors can be used in The Club recreational program.

EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

The Club will provide the following equipment to each player: Shirt and socks. The uniform consists of shirt, socks, shin pads, shorts or sweats and shoes. Soccer shoes must conform to F.I.F.A. rules but running shoes with good treads may be used. No hats are allowed. Shirts must be tucked in and shin guards covered while playing. SHIN GUARDS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. IF A PLAYER IS WITHOUT SHIN GUARDS HE CANNOT PLAY OR PRACTICE. In addition to the normal playing uniform, Representative players will be provided with an alternate Club colored shirt.

All equipment remains the property of The Club and may be requested returned at any time. The bench area will be 2 meters back from the touch line. All coaches, players, and other team officials must stay within that area.

NO BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS OR ROLLER BLADES ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD DURING CLUB PROGRAMS. ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED.

RECREATIONAL TEAMS

The Convener of each Division is delegated the responsibility of determining the players allocated to each Recreational team. The Convener will attempt to balance team strength and has the option to switch players up to and including the second game of the League schedule.

A minimum of 10 games is guaranteed for each team.

In the event a game is canceled attempts will be made to reschedule that game. The Club however, retains the right to not play the game and in that event will consider the game tied.

Game Durations and Ball Sizes are as follows:

AGE	DIVISION #	BIRTH YEAR	GAME DURATION	BALL SIZE	FIELD SIZE
Under 6	# 1	11-12	2-20 minute halves	3	custom
Under 8	# 2	09-10	2-20 minute halves	4	custom
Under 10	# 3	07-08	2-25 minute halves	4	custom
Under 12	# 4	05-06	2-25 minute halves	5	full
Under 16	# 5	04-03-02-01	2-25 minute halves	5	full
Under 18	# 6	00-99-98	2-45 minute halves	5	full
Under 21	# 7	98-97-96	2-45 minute halves	5	full

When circumstances warrant a game may be shortened or called by the Division Convener or Referee. Such reason would be thunder and lightning. At the first sign of lightening the game will be canceled.

COACHES

Representative team coaches will be appointed by The Club Executive.

Representative Coach's must apply, in writing on a form provided by The Club, to coach within the Club.

Representative Coaches should have coach's certification to be considered for appointment to a representative team. However, the Club Executive can appoint a Coach without Coaches Certification.

Recreational team coaches must be willing to take coaching courses offered from time to time by The Club.

The Club will refund the full course fee to any coach on attainment of a coaching certificate, provided the course was pre approved by the Executive.

Coaches are responsible for good training practices of the team, maintaining the

appropriate level of fitness of the players and for the conduct of their players.

Coaches must endeavor to give all players on their team equal playing time.

A team must have one of its coaches or approved designate present before a game can commence.

Coaches are responsible for arranging their own half time snacks'. It is recommended that snacks be restricted to sliced fresh fruit. Players should be encouraged to bring their own cold drinks.

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Are responsible for the following team duties:

Ensuring the well-being and conduct of the players

Ensuring that all players are aware of scheduled games and locations

Ensuring that all players are equipped properly

REFEREES

The referee is the sole time keeper of all club games.

Substitutions may be made only when permitted by the referee.

There will be no off sides called in Divisions 1 and 2. In Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 F.I.F.A. offside rules will apply.

The advantage rule is not to be applied unless there is clear advantage to the player fouled. If it is applied the referee must still discipline the player guilty of the foul.

In Divisions 1, 2, and 3 one re throw will be allowed (as a teaching tool). In Divisions 4 and 5 normal F.I.F.A. throw in rules will apply.

During free kicks the distance of opposing players from the ball will be: Division 1; 4 meters, Divisions 2 and 3; 6.5 meters and Divisions 4 and 5; 8 meters.

SLIDING TACKLES ARE ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED. The penalty for sliding tackles when no contact is made will be an indirect kick. If contact is made, a red card will be issued and the player will be expelled from the game. If a player is guilty of a second sliding tackle he/she will be expelled for that game and the next one. If a third red card is issued to the same player he/she will be suspended for the rest of the season.

DISPUTES /PROTESTS

Any member may request the Executive to settle a dispute by submitting, in writing, to the Executive, the nature of the dispute and to request a hearing of all concerned. The hearing will be heard by the Dispute Committee within 30 days from receipt of the request. There will be a fee of \$50.00 payable by the person, persons or group submitting a protest or dispute. THE FEE IS NON REFUNDABLE. The decision of the Dispute Committee is final.

Members are required to abide by the Bylaws and Rules of The Club.

From time to time special events are held requiring additional volunteers. All members are encouraged to help in these situations to ensure the success of the special event.

To ensure that any coach, player or member of a team's support group who impedes, harasses or intimidates the referee shall be subjected to the Ontario Soccer Association Disciplinary Process. If a Referee is having difficulty with any person the Convener or a League Executive member should be summoned to the field.

After each game the two teams will line up on the field (including the coaches) and shake hands with the other team and say politely, "GOOD GAME". No slapping of hands and spitting on hands will be permitted. Coaches and Referees are asked to supervise the end of game hand shakes.

All players and spectators who are minors must be accompanied by an adult when attending club games.

THAT ALL COACHES, ASSISTANT COACHES, LEAGUE EXECUTIVE AND REFEREES OVER THE AGE OF 18, MUST BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPLETE A CPIC APPLICATION PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH SEASON.