Utah State University Men’s Soccer Constitution
Adopted July 28, 2016

Article I- Name
a. Utah State University Men’s Soccer Club

Article II- Purpose
a. To represent USU with a competitive soccer program that annually competes in the Intermountain Conference of the West Coast Soccer Association (WCSA), which works with the governing body of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA). Our goal is to represent the Aggies everywhere our team plays, to continue to adhere to the growing interest in men’s soccer, and to uphold the exceptional reputation of Utah State University.

Article III- Membership
a. To be a member of the Utah State University Men’s Soccer Club, you must show interest in the sport of soccer by building the program through playing or volunteering your time for the team.
b. Players and members of the club must pay non-refundable dues according to the amount set forth by the executive committee.
c. Full-time members of the club who have satisfied all of their own financial responsibility to the team have the right to be players on the Utah State University Men’s Soccer Club.
d. Equal Opportunity in employment and education is an essential priority for Utah State University (USU) and one to which the University is deeply committed. Utah State University is dedicated to providing an equal opportunity climate and an environment free from discrimination and harassment for faculty, staff, students, applicants and participants in all programs/activities sponsored by USU. In accordance with established laws and University policies, the University prohibits discrimination and harassment based on race; color; religion; sex/gender (including sexual harassment, pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy-related conditions); national origin; age; genetic information; sexual orientation or gender identity/expression; disability; status as a protected veteran; or any other status protected by University policy or local, state, or federal law.

Article IV- Meetings
a. A mandatory meeting will be held at the beginning of and during each fall semester. Every player and member of the club is required to attend. If attendance requirements are not met, the player is subject to consequences set forth by the coach and executive committee.
b. All committee meetings will be held as deemed necessary and pertinent by the coach or executive committee of the club.

Article V- Executive Board
a. The executive board is organized with club members in the following positions: Head Coach, President, Vice President, and Officers (Treasurer, Secretary, and Public Relation Manager). All board members will have one vote for club decisions, and in the case of a hung decision, the President will have the deciding vote.
b. If either the President or Vice President position in the club is vacated during the course of the year, a vote will be taken by the ENTIRE club membership to decide which member in good standing will fill the given vacancy.

**Article VI - Elections**

a. The offices of President and Vice President will be selected by the ENTIRE membership of the club. The term of office for each position is one year from the time of the selection. A person may hold the same office as many times as elected.

b. Elections will be held at the end of every Fall season at the team banquet, the last practice, or at a mandatory meeting called by the executive committee or head coach.

c. The President and Vice President will appoint their own Officers, or any Officers that volunteer for a given position.

**Article VII - Funds**

a. The allocation of funds will be distributed based upon the essential needs of the club. WCSA Conference dues are first and foremost the most essential payment the club is responsible for. Payment of League Officials, and other fees directly associated with the competitive “game day” aspect of the club, are next. Fees including equipment, travel accommodations, and all fundraising capital will be dealt with in order of importance after the aforementioned league dues and “game day” fees have been satisfied or accounted for in the budget.

**Article VIII - Divisions and Committees**

a. Divisions

1. Presidential and Executive Division – Overseers of all functions of the team and club. Act as the liaison to Utah State University and all the various university departments the club is involved with.

2. Coaching Staff – Overseers of all “game day” aspects of the team practices, training, and off-field preparation of the players is the responsibility of the Head Coach and their staff. The Coaching Staff is the liaison between the Utah State University Men’s Soccer Club and the West Coast Soccer Association (WCSA) and the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA).

3. Managers – Any manager that works with the team is guided in their duties by the executive committee and the head coach. The on and off field work that is deemed necessary by the club will be handled, maintained, and reported on by the manager to the executive committee. The manager’s position may be relinquished at any time based on availability and dedication according to the executive committee and oversight committee.

4. Trainers – A trainer is appointed to the team by the University through Club Sports and is entitled to have all rooms and traveling expenses paid for by the club. The trainer may appoint other trainers in his or her absence and may also have assistants at any game. The trainer is entitled to use any facilities the club can provide for their purposes.

b. Committees

1. Executive Committee – Sets all club policies and assists in making all team decisions. The executive committee consists of a Head Coach, President, Vice President, and Officers (Treasurer, Secretary, and Public Relations Manager). Each person receives one vote and in the case of a hung decision, the President will cast the deciding vote.
2. Financial Committee – Finalizes all monetary decision allocates all funds. Organizes fundraising events, sets the amount of yearly club dues, and the individual financial responsibility of the team. The club President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Head Coach, decide the financial committee policy.

3. Oversight Committee – Has the power to appeal or overturn any decisions made by any other committee. The Oversight Committee is made up of the President, Vice President, Head Coach, Officers, and Captains. The Oversight Committee reserves the power to relinquish any club position to a member more suited for the position in question.

**Article IX – Affiliations**

a. The team is affiliated with and adheres to the regulations set forth by the West Coast Soccer Association (WCSA).

b. The team is affiliated with and adheres to the regulations set forth by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA).

c. The team adheres to all NCAA soccer rules and NCAA officiating standards.

**Article X – Advisor**

a. A club advisor shall act as an institutional figurehead and the last line of authority. Should the team ever dissolve, the advisor becomes the record keeper responsible for passing information onto new and willing individuals wishing to carry the team forward.

**Article XI – Coach**

a. The coach will be the leader of the team. The coach will make all team and game related decisions.

b. The coach will represent the team with respect and endorse the standards that Utah State University holds at all league meetings and games.

c. The coach will respect and uphold all local, state, and federal rules and laws that apply and will follow all guidelines of the governing soccer bodies.

**Article XII – Ratification**

a. The initial constitution was presented to the Utah State University Men’s Soccer Club and the executive officers. The Constitution was ratified by the elected President, Vice President, Head Coach, and Officers on July 28, 2016.

**Article XIII – Amendments**

a. If and when amendments are to be made to the existing constitution, the elected President at that time will present the suggested amendments for the Constitution to the executive committee. A vote will take place and the majority vote will ratify the amendments and add them to the existing constitution and decide to which section they shall be affixed.

**Article XIV – Bylaws and Charters**

a. Bylaws will be reviewed and revised each year by the executive committee. The same procedure used to ratify a new amendment in the constitution amendment process will be used to change the bylaws.

b. Charters will be reviewed and revised each year by the executive committee. The same procedures used in ratifying a new amendment to the constitution and creating bylaws will be used to change the charter if deemed necessary by the executive committee.