



ICL

**Proposed
Constitution
By-Laws
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Chapter 1 Constitution

Article 1.1 Name

The organization shall be known as the Indiana Champions League (ICL).

Article 1.2 Purpose

1. Provide professional leadership and services to insure the successful growth and development of youth soccer including; players, spectators, coaches, administrators and referees.
2. Provide an environment where soccer as a youth sport can be developed to its highest competitive level in a predictable, consistent and perpetual manner.
3. Provide an environment to educate coaches, referees, players, and spectators.

Chapter 2 Membership

Article 2.1 Membership Conditions

Membership conditions will be met at the time of affiliation with the ICL. Clubs who desire to participate must apply in writing to the commissioner, no later than June 1st.

Article 2.2 Conditions of termination of Membership

Club affiliation and membership may be terminated by violating any of the performance bond conditions set forth by the Membership Agreement or for violating the league's bylaws or any activity that is deemed by the ICL Board, at its sole discretion, to be unethical.

Article 2.3 Reference to Membership Agreement

Information concerning clubs specific membership conditions shall be found in the Membership Agreement signed by the Commissioner and the club at the time of admission into the league.

Article 2.4 Purpose of I C L and Membership

At the conclusion of each season an ICL Advisory Committee meeting will be held to evaluate additional membership and offer membership recommendation to the Board of Directors and member clubs. The ICL Advisory Committee will also evaluate member clubs to determine whether they will continue as members of ICL . Evaluations will be made by voice vote, unless a secret ballot is requested by any club. Each club will have one vote. A majority vote will determine if a club(s) is added or removed from the league.

Article 2.5 Criteria of Membership

Section 2.5.1 Each club participating in the ICL must have teams eligible to participate in all age groups, U10 through U-12. Failure to do so may result in not being eligible for membership, or forfeiting membership.

Section 2.5.2 All clubs must have fields available for play in accordance with the General Policies of the ICL.

Section 2.5.3 To be eligible for membership in the ICL, clubs must sign the Membership Agreement upon completing any online application, of the ICL By-Laws, and comply with the conditions as set forth under the Constitution, By-Laws, and General Policies in effect at the time of signing the agreement.

Section 2.5.4 The ICL will consist of no fewer than 3 Clubs. Divisions may be formed to accommodate more clubs.

Section 2.5.5 There may be 1 or more at large groups allowed to participate in the ICL consisting of individual teams that do not have to be affiliated with full clubs meeting the requirements of having teams for each age group.

Section 2.5.8 Each team not directly affiliated with a club participating in the ICL, may be required to enter into a membership agreement with the ICL and post a separate bond of \$250.

Section 2.5.9 Each member CLUB will have one vote in any decision making.

Section 2.5.10 Games will be scheduled to insure back to back games for all age groups at one site between clubs/groups.

Section 2.5.11 All clubs and their member teams (direct affiliation or by single team addition) and each team within an at large position, will be required to pay their seasonal fee prior to the beginning of each season. The league will pay the referee and assignor fees.

Chapter 3 Governing Bodies and Committees

Article 3.1 Commissioner

The Commissioner is the Chief Executive Officer of the ICL. The Commissioner will have the authority and responsibility to:

1. Prepare the schedule for league and showcase game days.
2. Propose and interpret the rules.

3. Be the final appeal in protested games.
4. Apply discipline as delegated to him/her by these By-Laws.
5. Maintain a headquarters office for the league in Indiana.
6. Take any action necessary to prevent, discourage or address conduct by member(s) or any other person(s) which is not in the best interest of the League or which is necessary or desirable to preserve or protect the integrity or reputation of the league, its members and/or the sport of soccer.
7. Conduct the day-to-day affairs of the league, and shall employ administrative and clerical staff necessary to carry out the business of the league .
8. Make known and enforce the provisions of these By-Laws and Rules of the league.
9. Collect and secure all league assets. He/She shall deposit all such revenues in the name of the league in federally approved and insured depositories as may be selected by the Commissioner. He/she shall keep an accurate account of all monies of the league for payment of accounts, fees and dues and shall make such payments as due by the league. Annual financial reports will be submitted to Indiana Soccer.
10. The Commissioner shall serve as chairman of the ICL Advisory Committee.

Article 3.2 ICL Advisory Committee

The ICL Advisory Committee consists of one member from each Member Club, up to 5 members, the league commissioner, and the Director of Competition from Indiana Soccer. The Commissioner will serve as the chairman of the ICL Advisory Committee. The ICL Advisory Committee will be responsible for:

1. Maintaining the rules for competition
2. Maintaining the minimum standards requirements
3. Marketing and public relations
4. Disciplinary sanctions (note: member clubs will not vote on matters pertaining to their own club for disciplinary actions.)

Article 3.3 Ad Hoc Committees

The Commissioner shall have the authority to appoint a Rules and Competition Committee, Minimum Standards Committee, Marketing and Public Relations Committee, and other special committees he deems necessary. The Commissioner shall also prescribe the duties of each Committee and each Committee will report directly to the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall be an ex-officio of all Ad Hoc Committees.

Article 3.4 Disciplinary Committee

A Disciplinary Committee will consist of one member representing each club. The committee will assemble at the pleasure of the commissioner. Club representatives will not participate in matters related to the club, or a coach or person that is a member of that club.

Chapter 4 Meetings

Article 4.1 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM of the ICL will assemble at the location and date that coincides with Indiana Soccer's AGM.

Article 4.2 Annual Operations Meeting (AOM)

The AOM of the ICL will take place no sooner than 60 days following the AGM. The Commissioner will designate the site and date of the AOM.

Section 4.2.1 Mandatory attendance at the AGM and AOM is required by a representative of each Club. Non-attendance will result in a fine payable by the Club equal to their bond.

Article 4.3 Other Meetings

Other Meetings may be called by the Commissioner at such time and place as he/she designates.

Article 4.4 ICL Advisory Committee Meetings

ICL Advisory Committee meets no fewer than four (4) times a year at sites, dates and times determined by the Commissioner and will be announced a minimum of 30 days prior the meeting.

1. AGM
2. AOM
3. Spring
4. Fall

Chapter 5 Misconduct, Protest, Appeals and Discipline

Article 5.1 Organizational Misconduct

There will be no gifts, loans or guarantees exchanged from the person(s) or groups(s) of one club to person(s) or group(s) of any other club.

Article 5.2 Disciplinary Powers

The Commissioner will have the disciplinary authority to act on any breach of the By-Laws or Rules. The Commissioner has the responsibility to divert any breach to the ICL Disciplinary Committee for review. The final decision will be made by the Commissioner.

Article 5.3 Protests and Appeals

Game protests or appeals shall be made in writing no later than 24 hours after completion of the game and submitted to the Commissioner who may refer the protest to the ICL Advisory Committee for binding resolution.

Chapter 6 Minimum Standards

Article 6.1 Playing Venues

The playing venue will meet all Minimum Standards set forth by the ICL and INDIANA SOCCER ASSOCIATION such as, but not limited to, the minimum standards of the ICL. These standards are to be in compliance with the rules of US Youth Soccer Association (USYSA).

Article 6.2 Finance

The financial obligations of each member club will be distributed by the ICL prior to the posted application deadline.

Article 6.3 Game Day

The game day operations of the ICL will meet all standards of ICL and INDIANA SOCCER ASSOCIATION.

Article 6.4 Uniforms

Uniforms of the ICL will be in accordance with the standards of USSF

Article 6.5 Rosters and player passes

Rosters and player passes will be issued and maintained in accordance with the rules of INDIANA SOCCER ASSOCIATION.

Article 6.6 Home and Visitors Responsibility
The home club and visitors club responsibilities will meet the minimum standards as set forth by the League.

Article 6.7 Laws of the Game
The Laws of the Game as interpreted by INDIANA SOCCER ASSOCIATION shall govern all league play. *The ICL maintains the option to include league exceptions to the FIFA rules for the betterment of the game and to make the contest age appropriate.*

Chapter 7 Rules and Regulations

Article 7.1 Physical Assault
Physical assault by any individual associated with a team, to include spectators, on a referee or other game official will **be immediately referred to INDIANA SOCCER ASSOCIATION for disciplinary action.**

Article 7.2 Dismissal of a Coach
Dismissals of a manager or a coach will result in a minimum of a one game suspension. A second offence will require a review and reinstatement by the Disciplinary Committee prior to the offending person's returning to any ICL approved events. Any dismissal requires the individual to leave the premises. The "out of sight – out of sound" principle will be applied.

Article 7.3 General Behavior
The coach is the responsible person to the league in all matters pertaining to the team, on and off the field. Improper conduct of a coach, manager, player or supporter of a team is the responsibility of the club to correct and if necessary, to remove the individual from the area. Reoccurring issues will be addressed by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may at his/her discretion defer to the Disciplinary Committee for final resolution.

Article 7.4 Player Disciplinary Actions

Section 7.4.1 A player receiving a red card will be sent off the field and recorded on the game report. A player receiving a red card will be suspended for the next League game. All red cards will be reported to the League by the referee by forwarding the game report to the assignor.

Section 7.4.2 A player receiving two yellow cards in one game will be suspended for the next League game. The two yellow card infractions will be recorded on the game report.

Section 7.4.3 The Commissioner is responsible for monitoring repetitive actions resulting in yellow and or red cards by individual players and dismissals of

individuals. The Commissioner will insure the Disciplinary Committee is aware of any consistent disciplinary actions taken by the referees and the individual involved. The Commissioner and the Disciplinary Committee have the authority to dispense discipline upon a club, individual or player, up to and including removal from participation in the ICL.

Article 7.5 Safety

All participants will follow USSF guidelines.

Article 7.6 Spectators

Spectators are to be on the opposite side of the field from the players and coaches.

Article 7.7 League Standings

The purpose of League standings is to help assemble competitive matches. Standings will be determined on the basis of 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie and will be reported directly to the member club's director of coaching for match evaluation. These results may be used to adjust game day rosters in order to comply with the purpose of maintaining league standings.

In the case of a tie the following system will be used:

1. Team with point advantage in head to head competition.
2. Team with the better goal differential in head to head competition.
3. Goal differential for all games with a maximum 4 goals per game.
4. Most number of goals scored.

League results/standings will be published on the league website for U11/U12 Divisions. League results for all teams younger than U11 will be furnished to club Director of Coaching for each club.

Article 7.7.1 Awards

Participants in divisions U10 and younger may receive individual Player of the Match awards per Indiana Soccer guidelines.

All participants in divisions U10 and younger may receive participation awards during the season end showcase event. Teams that win U11/U12 divisions may receive division champion awards.

All clubs who participate in the season ending showcase event, will be eligible to earn an all club award. This award will be given based on participation, sportsmanship, and club success.

Article 7.8 Referees

8v8 games will use a 3 person system. If there are only 2 licensed referees available, one must serve as an AR and a club linesman will be used for the second AR position. 6v6 games will use a single center referee.

Article 7.9 Game Reports

Game reports are to be completed at the end of each game and signed by the referee and a representative of each team. At the end of each day's competition, the referee will be required to submit a copy to the Commissioner within 24 hours. Any red cards issued will be recorded in the game report which will be distributed to the referee assignor.

Article 7.10 Eligibility

Players, coaches and managers, after September 1st, must be in possession of a completed pass/player card as issued by INDIANA SOCCER ASSOCIATION prior to participation in the ICL. U9/U10 teams must have player pool lists provided by INDIANA SOCCER ASSOCIATION. Per Indiana Soccer registration rules, there is no limit to the number of U8 players allowed in U9/U10 player pool lists. EACH CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING PLAYER PASSES, TEAM ROSTERS AND TRAVEL PERMITS FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL CLUB.

Section 7.10.1 The Club pass system will be used for clubs/teams to form appropriate game day team rosters. There will be no limit to the number of club pass players per game day team rosters. A club-pass player will be allowed to compete in their own age group or in an older age group as long as they can produce their player card. No player may play in more than 2 ICL game per day.

Article 7.11 Supervision

Each team must have a properly registered/carded adult, manager or coach present with the team at all games. Failure to comply is an automatic forfeit.

Article 7.12 Referee Assignor

The ICL will employ referee assignors who are qualified in accordance with USSF standards for all games. The league is responsible to compensate the assignors.

Article 7.13 Disputes

Disputes between teams will be referred to the Commissioner for resolution. The Commissioner may delegate the matter to the ICL Advisory Committee for final resolution.

Article 7.14 Reschedules

There will be no rescheduling of games once the final schedule has been released unless:

1. Unplayable fields due to weather as determined by the home field.

2. Games called by the referees due to weather.
3. Unsafe travel conditions as determined by the League.
4. Unusual circumstances as determined by the League.

Article 7.15 Recruiting

Recruiting from other clubs is not allowed and is contrary to the principles of the ICL. Allegations must be submitted to the commissioner in written form only. INDIANA SOCCER ASSOCIATION standards will be applied to the allegation(s) and may be reported to INDIANA SOCCER ASSOCIATION.

By signing below, we accept the agreement with the Indiana Champions League in the best interest of youth soccer in Indiana. We agree to abide by all rules and regulations as set forth by the league.

CLUB: _____

Signature (Club representative)

Signature (ICL Commissioner)

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Date

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