



**MANITOBA AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
(FOOTBALL MANITOBA)
CONSTITUTION**

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ARTICLE 1 THE ASSOCIATION

1.1 Operating Name:

The Manitoba Amateur Football Association shall operate as Football Manitoba

1.2 Head Office:

The Head Office of the Association shall be in the City of Winnipeg in the Province of Manitoba or at such other place as the Directors may determine.

1.3 Mission:

The Association is the sole Provincial Sport Governing Body of those falling under its jurisdiction (Ordinary Members, Associate Members, etc.). The Association's purpose is to initiate, regulate, manage and communicate the programs, service and events that promote participation and excellence in amateur football in the Province of Manitoba.

- a. The mission statement is as per the current IFF Mission Statement

1.4 Mandate:

The obligation of the Association is to:

- a. To ensure that Ordinary Members operate in a manner that is consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association;
- b. To govern an open, democratic Association that is responsive to the concerns and interests of its members;
- c. To provide an equal opportunity for Manitobans to participate in all aspects of amateur football
- d. To improve the standard and safety of play by developing programs for players, coaches, officials, trainers and administrators; and developing and enforcing suitable rules;
- e. To sanction and/or endorse provincial, national and international competition and other events, organizations and members
- f. To secure the administrative and financial support necessary to achieve its inter-provincial goals;
- g. To receive, review and maintain records of all suspensions, imposed by ordinary members and when necessary to conduct a further review to determine if the suspension should be extended across the association, or if supplemental discipline is required.

1.5 Affiliations:

The Association will be affiliated with the Canadian Amateur Football Association (a.k.a. Football Canada) or ("C.A.F.A") and such other organizations as are members of the C.A.F.A. and shall endeavor to assist all members of Football Manitoba in dealing with these recognized members..

ARTICLE 2 MEETING OF MEMBERS

2.1 Annual General Meeting:

The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting each year at its head office, or elsewhere within Manitoba, prior to June 30th of each year

ARTICLE 3 DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

3.1 Powers:

- a. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors who will exercise all the powers necessary within the limits of the law. The Directors will execute those powers as prescribed in the Bylaws under section 3.2
- b. The Directors of the Association shall be indemnified against any action as well as their heirs and successors..

3.2 Directors:

The Association shall have the following Directors:

- a) Elected Directors – Each Ordinary member in good standing will elect, by ballot for a two year term, a minimum of four (4) to a maximum of eight (8) Directors of the Association;
- b) Elected Directors shall retire from office at each Annual General Meeting at which their term expires. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election;
- c) If an elected Director resigns office or otherwise ceases to hold office, the remaining Directors may appoint a person to take the place of the former Director. Such an appointed Director holds office only until the election at the next Annual General Meeting of the Association but is eligible for re-election;
- d) No individual may be a Director if:
 - i. You are less than 18 years of age;
 - ii. Has been declared incapable by a court in Canada or in another country; or
 - iii. Has the status of current bankruptcy

3.3 Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary
5. Immediate Past President

The Board of Directors will elect, by ballot, for a one (1) year term the positions of the Executive Committee. Only persons that are members of the Board of Directors are eligible for nomination to the Executive Committee.

Past President

The immediate Past President of the Association may remain as a member of the Board of Directors, as a non-voting member.

ARTICLE 4 SEAL

4.1 Description:

The corporate seal of the Association shall be such as the Board of Directors may approve by resolution.

4.2 Custody:

The seal shall be held in the custody of the Treasurer in the Association offices.

4.3 Use:

The common seal shall be affixed only when authorized by a resolution of the Directors

ARTICLE 5 AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

5.1 Amendments of the Constitution:

The Constitution of the Association may be amended by resolution at a General Meeting of the Association by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members. Such resolutions shall be received by the Office of the Association at least 30 days prior to the General meeting and sent to the Member 15 days prior to the meeting.

5.2 Alteration of the Bylaws

The by-laws of the association may be repealed or amended at a meeting of the Board of Directors and sanctioned by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members at the AGM.

ARTICLE 6 DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION

6.1 Profits:

Any profits that may accrue to the Corporation during the time it is in operation shall be used for further attainment of the objectives for which the Corporation is formed. In the event of the winding up of the affairs of the Corporation all the assets of the Corporation including cash on hand or in the bank, after the payment of all outstanding accounts and other liabilities shall be assigned, transferred and paid to a recognized charitable or non-profit organization determined by the Board of Directors prior to final dissolution.