

CHUCKANUT TIDE FOOTBALL CLUB BYLAWS

1. NAME

The Club shall be called Chuckanut Tide Football Club (hereinafter referred to as the Club), a non-profit organization, and it shall be bound by the rules of US Club Soccer and seek to play in the Washington Premier League.

2. PURPOSE

(i) The Mission of Chuckanut Tide Football Club is to provide youth soccer, targeting U11-U16 age groups, in a community-based, equitable and competitive environment for the children of Whatcom County and surrounding areas. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(ii) The Club is committed to encouraging the highest ethical standards. All individuals involved in the Club should conduct themselves with integrity, transparency, accountability and in a fair and equitable manner. All members will be answerable to the Board for their behavior on and off the field when they are representing Chuckanut Tide Football Club.

3. RULES AND REGULATIONS

(i) The Club shall retain the status of an Affiliated Member Club of US Club Soccer.

(ii) The Club will abide by US Club Soccer's Bylaws, Policies & Guidelines, and its Safeguarding and Compliance regulations. The Club will also comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

4. MEMBERSHIP

(i) The membership shall consist of the players and up to two recognized and registered parents/guardians. Each player and two registered parents/guardians shall constitute one (1) vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

(ii) Members in each category shall pay Membership fees as fixed by the Board.

(iii) All members joining the Club shall be deemed to accept the terms of these bylaws and any amendments adopted by the Club. They will also be required to conduct themselves in accordance with the Club's ethical framework and the bylaws.

(iv) All players must register with the club and pay all requisite membership fees before they can represent the club.

(v) Teams will be formed annually after tryouts held during the period(s) designated by the WPL.

(vi) The Secretary shall keep a Membership Register.

5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(i) The Board shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Club.

(ii) With the exception of founding members, all future board members must be members of the Club. From the 2026/27 season onwards, the President must have served on the board in the previous year.

(iii) The Board shall consist of Executive Committee members and one parent/caregiver elected from each team to serve on the Board. Parents or caregivers should be elected within sixty (60) days of team formation.

(iv) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following Club Officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Technical Director and Registrar. These offices shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, with the exception of the Technical Director and Registrar, who will be hired and/or retained by the Board. The Technical Director and Registrar will be non-voting members. The Executive Committee shall exercise the powers of the Board of Directors between meetings with the general power to perform the duties of the Board except as such power from time to time may be limited by the Board.

(v) Executive Committee members shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting unless otherwise resolved at a Special General Meeting (SGM). One person may hold no more than one position on the Board at any time unless otherwise agreed by the Board.

(vi) Nominations for election of Executive Committee members shall be made in writing by the proposer and seconder, both of whom must be existing or founding members of the Club, to the Club Secretary not less than 14 days before the AGM. Notice of any resolution to be proposed at the AGM shall be given in writing to the Club Secretary not less than 14 days before the Meeting.

(vii) An outgoing member of the Board may be re-elected. Any vacancy on the Board which arises between Annual General Meetings shall be filled by a member proposed by one and seconded by another of the remaining Board members and approved by a simple majority of the remaining Board members.

(viii) The Board shall have the power to elect Committees from within the membership as it sees fit. Only members (or existing Board members) may sit on a Committee and all Committees will be answerable to the Board. Each Committee must be chaired by a member of the Board.

(ix) The Board shall have the power to decide all questions and disputes arising in respect of any issue concerning the Club Rules.

(x) Removal from the board, including officers, can occur by a majority vote of the full board at any general or special meeting of the board. The meeting agenda must include notice of the removal vote. If a board member is unable to attend the board meeting, voting may occur through proxy voting or by transmitting a vote directly to the board President.

6. MEETINGS

(i) The Board shall hold no less than six meetings a year. All meetings will be open to the general public. A closed session may be included in a meeting if necessitated by subject matter.

(ii) The Secretary shall notify each member, at their registered email address, the date of the Meeting together with the resolutions to be proposed at least five days before the Meeting.

(iii) Meetings of the Board shall be chaired by the President or in their absence the Vice-President. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, the board may select a member of the board to chair the meeting.

(iv) The quorum for the transaction of business of the Board must be equal to the majority of voting members (ex., the quorum for a ten-person board shall be six).

(v) Decisions of the Board shall be made by a simple majority of voting members attending the Board meeting. The President of the meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

(vi) Decisions from all Board meetings shall be entered into the Minute Book of the Club to be maintained by the Club Secretary.

(vii) The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting in April, the date of which will be agreed and advertised by the board no later than March 1 of that year. The AGM must:

- Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
- Receive reports from the President, Secretary and Technical Director.
- Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts.
- Elect the Executive Committee (with the exception of Technical Director and Registrar).
- Review and consider any bylaws amendments.
- Deal with other relevant business.

(viii) Any member of the Board may call a Special General Meeting (SGM) of the Board of Directors by giving not less than seven (7) days notice to all members of the Board. The meeting must take place within twenty-one (21) days of the Secretary receiving notice of the request. Business at a SGM may include any business transacted at a regular or AGM. Special meetings may be held virtually to reduce barriers to participation.

7. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

(i) The financial year shall run from January 1st to December 31st each year.

(ii) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of Annual Accounts of the Club.

8. CLUB TEAMS

The Technical Director is responsible for the hiring and development of all Club team coaches. They are also responsible for the ongoing operations of the Club and the development and implementation of the agreed Club strategy. All coaches must be encouraged and aided to pursue the relevant Coaching Education for their age group(s).

9. AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by the board at a general or special meeting, when a majority of the full board approves. If a board member is unable to attend the board meeting, voting may occur through proxy voting or by transmitting a vote directly to the board President.

10. INDEMNIFICATION

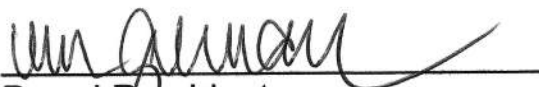
Each Director and officer now or hereafter serving the Association, and each person who at the request of or on behalf of the Association is now serving on behalf of the Association, and the respective heirs, executors administrators of each of them, shall be indemnified by the Association to the fullest extent provided bylaw against all costs, expenses, judgments and liabilities, including attorneys' fees reasonably incurred by or imposed upon them in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which they are or may be made a party by reason of their being or having been such Director or officer by reason of any act alleged to have been taken or omitted by them as such Director or officer, whether or not they are a Director or officer at the time of incurring such costs, expenses, judgments and liabilities, provided that he or she acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association. The termination of any action, suitor proceeding by judgment, order, settlement or conviction or upon a please of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of other rights to which such Director or officer may be entitled as a matter of law. The Board of Directors may obtain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Director, officer, employee, or agent against any liability arising out of their status as such, whether or not the Association would have power to indemnify them against such liability.

11. DISSOLUTION

The Club is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All profits and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve or develop the Club's facilities or to carry

out the purpose. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit body upon dissolution of the Club, as voted upon by the board, and where no board member has an affiliation.

Adopted the 10th day of February, 2025


Board President

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