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PREAMBLE

Whereas: Realizing the importance of a physical fitness program in the Town of Vestal, we the Vestal Recreational Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors, do dedicate ourselves to the promotion of the sport of soccer in this interest and also strive to maintain the maximum of sportsmanship so necessary to a better and healthier community.

Therefore: We firmly believe that with a better understanding and closer cooperation between the parents and this organization, a better soccer program will be maintained for the children of Vestal and surrounding areas regardless of race, creed, color, or nationality.

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1

This organization shall be known as the Vestal Recreational Youth Soccer Association, hereinafter called VRYSА, and shall operate in cooperation with the Vestal Parks and Recreation Commission.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Membership privileges in VRYSА shall be extended to all legal residents of the Vestal School District. Membership privileges shall also be open to other school districts within NYSWYSА boundaries if parents agree to volunteer.

ARTICLE III - STRUCTURE

Section 1

The authority of VRYSА shall be vested in a Board of Directors, hereinafter called the Board, who shall meet as needed throughout the calendar year. Such meetings shall be open to the general public at the discretion of the Board.

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Section 2

A special meeting of the Board may be called by the Chairperson any time the Chairperson deems it necessary, or by three members of the Board. In either case, the Secretary must be notified giving time, place, and reason for the special meeting.

Section 3

The officers of VRYSA shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom are therefore members of the Board.

Section 4

The Board shall consist of a minimum of six (6) directors nominated by committee and elected by the currently sitting Board. Such directors shall be members in good standing in the Association. Other interested persons may be extended Directorships on the Board by consensus of the Board.

Section 5

Coordinator, Director, and officer positions are voting board positions with equal voting rights. They shall be members in good standing in VRYSA.

ARTICLE IV - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1

The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary will be nominated and elected at an annual meeting of VRYSA, to be held in November, by a majority vote of the Board present and voting. They will remain in office until replaced by a new vote of the Board.

Section 2

Elections shall be held immediately following the closing of nominations. Elections shall be by written secret ballot and the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for that office shall be declared elected. In the case of a tie vote for any office, the Board shall immediately cast another and succeeding ballot until the tie is broken and a winner declared. If no more than one candidate is nominated for any office, the Chairperson shall direct the Secretary to cast one vote in favor of the candidate and the candidate shall then be duly elected to office.

Section 3

The directors shall be elected and remain on the Board for three (3) years. A director is eligible for re-nomination at the end of his/her term. New directors may be selected by a nominating committee or proposed for nomination from the floor by members of VRYSA or other Board members, providing they conform with the requirements of Article II. A director may succeed to an office at any time during his/her term on the Board. Directors who miss two successive meetings or attend less than 8 meetings per year can be suspended from the Board and requested, in

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writing, to attend the next meeting to state their intent as a director. Failure to meet this request can result in dismissal from the Board.

Section 4

Should any office be vacated for any reason, that vacancy shall be filled by written ballot.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 - CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of VRYSA and the Board. The Chairperson shall fill any vacancy that may occur until that vacancy is filled by consensus of the Board. The Chairperson shall represent VRYSA in negotiating with any other organization for the promotion of soccer in any matter. Any negotiations made by the Chairperson shall not be valid until ratified by a majority vote of the Board. The Chairperson shall appoint committees, as the Chairperson shall deem necessary. The Chairperson shall not be entitled to vote on matters other than the election of officers unless there is a tie vote, in which case the Chairperson shall cast one vote to break the tie.

Section 2 - VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The Vice-Chairperson shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Chairperson at which time the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the same voting privileges as the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall represent the Chairperson in any negotiations during the absence of the Chairperson.

Section 3 - SECRETARY

The Secretary shall take charge of all books, papers and effects other than those of the Treasurer. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of all meetings of VRYSA and of the Board. The Secretary shall keep a record of all By-Laws of VRYSA and amendments thereto. The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence pertaining to his/her office and perform such duties as the Chairperson may request. The Secretary shall notify all Directors of all meetings. The Secretary shall turn over to his/her successor all books, papers, and effects of VRYSA before the next meeting following the election of officers.

Section 4 - TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all moneys received and expended and shall present a report of such receipts and disbursements at all meetings. The Treasurer shall deposit money received in a bank chosen by the Board. The Chairperson or Secretary may fill his/her duties in the absence of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall pay all bills as ordered by the Board. The Treasurer shall submit bills to all sponsoring organizations, and shall make a complete financial report to the Board quarterly. The Treasurer shall hold no more than ten (10) dollars in his/her possession to meet immediate demands of VRYSA. The Treasurer shall submit all books and records to the Board when so requested, and the Treasurer shall turn over to his/her successor all books and records of VRYSA before the

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next scheduled meeting following the election of officers. The Treasurer shall be required to file the appropriate Federal and State tax forms for VRYSA as required by law.

Section 5 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board shall carry out the business of VRYSA.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution must be made in writing and submitted to the Board at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which such amendments are to be presented. A two-thirds vote of the Board members present, and voting, at two consecutive meetings will be required to approve an amendment.