



**SOCCER MAINE BYLAW CHANGES AS APPROVED BY THE SOCCER MAINE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON 2/29/2024**

Article II Affiliation

Section 1. Remove “***and may maintain affiliation with the United States Adult Soccer Association (USASA).***”

We have long established ourselves as a youth-only organization and are referenced as such in other parts of the bylaws by utilizing the word “youth” or defining our age groups. Also, there is now a separate adult soccer association in place so there is no need for the possibility of making Soccer Maine a joint state association.

Article III Purpose

Section 1 a. Add “***for youth***” to the end to match Section 1(b)

c. Add “***youth***” in body of sentence to match Section 1(b).

Article VIII Officers

Section 2. Add “***The Treasurer shall be elected by simple majority vote of the member clubs and leagues in good standing represented and voting at the annual general meeting for a term of two years. The Treasurer shall hold office for two years after their election or until their successors have been elected and qualified. Each term shall begin immediately upon election. Treasurer shall be elected in odd years.***”

Upon creating the Treasurer position as a stand-alone elected position last year, we neglected to also add wording about the Election and Term of Office of the Treasurer as is in place for the other stand-alone elected positions. The position is not chosen from the Members at Large by the Board of Directors any longer.

Article XIV Membership Applications and Renewals for Clubs and Leagues

Section 1 f. Change sentence from “The organization must also include on its Board of Directors a Risk Manager, Referee Assignor and a Director of Coaching” to –
“***The organization must also include on its Board of Directors a Risk Manager. A club may also include a Director of Coaching.***”

An affiliated organization is not required to have on its board of Directors a Referee Assignor or Director of Coaching. We do recommend a Director of Coaching. We have addressed the Referee Assignor in the changes noted below.

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Section 1 g. Add “***The Organization must utilize a certified referee assignor to assign referees for all home games.***”

This clarifies that affiliated clubs are not required to have a referee assignor sit on their board of directors as official board members. They are required to utilize a referee assignor but that is almost always a contractual relationship with an individual who is paid for that service.