# NB Ajax Soccer Club (Written January 10, 2012; revised May 2023) NB Ajax Soccer Club CONSTITUTION

# SECTION I

# ARTICLE I. NAME

1.1.1 The name of the organization shall be known as NB Ajax Soccer Club, Inc., which is also referred to as "NB Ajax" and will be known as <u>the</u> Ajax for all purposes. Ajax is incorporated in the State of Texas and is subject to the laws of the State of Texas and to its own Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Procedures. Federal Tax ID #74 2012883, Texas State Sales Tax #1-74-2012883-1.

# ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

1.2.1 The primary purpose of Ajax is the promotion of the game of soccer and player development. To accomplish this purpose, Ajax shall promote good sportsmanship, educate youth participants and the adult sponsors in the fundamentals of the game of soccer, promote the game of soccer through sponsorship of regularly scheduled competition and conduct such other activities for the promotion of youth soccer as Ajax shall deem appropriate.

# ARTICLE III. AFFILIATION

1.3.1 Ajax shall be the official sub-club of New Braunfels Youth Soccer Association, Inc, (NBYSA. Ajax shall also be an affiliated, through is agreement with NBYSA, with Member Association of, and comply with the authority of the South Texas Youth Soccer Association, also referred to as STYSA, and the United States Soccer Federation, also referred to as USSF, and the United States Youth Soccer Association, also referred to as USYSA.

#### ARTICLE IV. NBYSA JURISDICTION

1.5.1 Ajax shall have jurisdiction over all teams, administrators, coaches, players and supporters affiliated with the organization. Ajax will be represented by NBYSA with the member associations collectively.

# ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

1.6.1: The membership of Ajax shall consist of those participating in soccer competition as players, coaches, and/or administrators affiliated with Ajax.

# ARTICLE V. SEASONAL AND FISCAL YEAR

- 1.7.1 SEASONAL YEAR. The seasonal year of Ajax shall be the same as the seasonal year of STYSA subject to the seasonal year of USYSA.
- 1.7.2 FISCAL YEAR. For the purpose of filing federal income and state sales tax returns the fiscal year of Ajax shall begin on June 1 and end May 31 of each year.

#### ARTICLE VI. GOVERNING BOARD

- 1.8.1 GOVERNING BOARD. A Governing Board shall govern Ajax
- 1.8.2 GENERAL POWERS. The Governing Board shall transact all business of Ajax and shall have the power to enforce the laws of the game, the rules of South Texas Youth Soccer Association, the rules of the United States

Soccer Association, the rules of US Club, and the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Procedures of Ajax. It shall have the power to settle all disputes not pertaining to Discipline, Protest and Grievance Procedures.

#### ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

- 1.9.1 REGULAR MEETINGS. The regular meetings of the Ajax Governing Board shall be held on the first Tuesday of these designated months: July, September, November, February, April & May.
- 1.9.2 SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Governing Board may be held at the discretion of the President at the time and place designated by the President or may be called by written request to the Secretary signed by the Governing Board members representing a majority of the voting power. Notice of any special meetings and the time, place, purpose of such meeting shall be sent to each member of the Governing Board at least 10 days prior to the date on which the meeting is to be held.
- 1.9.3 GENERAL MEETINGS. An annual General Meeting will be held in May of each year for the specific purpose of holding the annual elections of officers. The General Meeting will be called by the Secretary. Year end reports will also be given at the May meeting.
- 1.9.4 ORDERS OF BUSINESS. The order of business for regular meetings shall be as follows:
  - 1. Roll call and vote accreditation.
  - 2. Approve minutes of the last meeting.
  - 3. Financial and budget review and approval.
  - 4. Amendments to the Constitution, if any.
  - 5. Amendments to the By-Laws, if any.
  - 6. Amendments to Rules and Procedures, if any.
  - 7. Reports from Standing Committees.
  - 8. Reports from Officers
  - 9. Election of officers at the May meeting of each calendar year.
  - 10. Unfinished Business/Open Items
  - 11. New Business.
  - 12. Adjournment.
- 1.9.5 ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER. All other aspects of the meeting of Ajax shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.
- 1.9.6 FUNDS TO ATTEND STYSA GENERAL MEETING. The Ajax Treasurer shall include in the annual budget sufficient funds to provide for the reasonable expenses for the attendance of the Ajax President, and appointed replacement, as defined in the By-Laws of Ajax to attend the Annual General Meeting of the South Texas Youth Soccer Association.

#### ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

1.10.1 List of Officers. The members of the Governing Board shall include the following officers.

President

Executive Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Registrar

Director of Select (appointed position)
Director of Academy (appointed position)

- 1.10.2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Elections of officers shall be conducted as follows:
- 1.10.2.1 The Secretary will solicit for members of the Nominating Committee
- 1.10.2.2 The Nominating Committee will recommend a slate of at least one candidate for each office up for election with the exception of the Director of Select and Director of Academy which are Board appointed positions.
- 1.10.2.3 The list of candidates will be forwarded to the Ajax President along with the date, time and place of the Ajax General Meeting, which is held in May of each year. Such notice shall be given ten (10) days prior to said meeting.
- 1.10.2.4 The secretary will set up the meeting and will make the notification.
- 1.10.2.5 Nominations from the floor are permitted.
- 1.10.2.6 The vote will be taken on each office separately in the order listed in the Section 1.10.1.
- 1.10.2.7 The vote will be by secret ballot unless unopposed.
- 1.10.2.8 In the event that a candidate for the office does not receive more than 50 percent of the votes for that office, then a run-off will be held before moving to the next election.
- 1.10.3 TERM. The term of office for each officer shall be 2 years. The offices will be up for elections as follows:

President: Odd numbered years
Executive VP: Even numbered years
Secretary: Odd numbered years
Registrar: Even numbered years
Treasurer: Odd numbered years

Directors of Select & Academy are appointed and as such, do not have terms.

- 1.10.3.1 An officer shall take office upon election at the General meeting in May of the calendar year in which he/she is elected and remain in office until the end of his/her term of three (2) years or until a successor has been duly elected accordingly, whichever event occurs first, unless said officer is recalled by the Governing Board as described in this Constitution.
- 1.10.4 VACANCY OF AN OFFICE. In the event any office becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by a simple majority vote of the offices that

remain in the Ajax Governing Board. The person who fills the vacancy shall serve until the next regular scheduled General Governing Board Meeting.

1.10.5 RECALL OF OFFICER. The Governing Board shall have the power to recall any officer of Ajax. This power may be exercised at any regular or properly called special meeting of the Ajax Governing Board. A recall motion must be adopted by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting power of the Board who are in good standing at the time of the meeting.

# ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

- 1.11.1 Any proposals or motions to amend the Constitution must be made in writing to the Secretary, Amendments to this Constitution may be amended at any regular Ajax Governing Board Meeting by two-thirds (2/3) majority voting power of the Governing Board. Each Governing Board member shall be given at least thirty (30) days written notice of the amendments and their purpose. Amendments to the Constitution shall include:
  - 1. An effective date
  - 2. Areas of the Constitution to be deleted, amended or modified.
  - 3. The exact wording to be inserted relative to the change.
- 1.11.2 Prior to the voting on the amendment, the persons filing the petition will have up to fifteen (15) minutes to discuss the reasons for the amendment.
- 1.11.3 Prior to voting on the amendment, a spokesman for the opposition will have up to fifteen (15) minutes to present their issue.

#### ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION

1.12.1: In the event that Ajax shall be dissolved or cease to function, according to the corporate laws of the State of Texas, the governing board shall pay or make provisions for payment of all liabilities of Ajax. The District Court of Comal County shall dispose of any remaining assets exclusively for such purpose or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.