ARTICLE I – NAME

1.1 The name of this Organization shall be Western District Designated Operations Association (WDDOA), herein referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

1.2 To provide direct operations and structure for and to promote youth soccer to its highest level of competition. The Association shall be a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Texas and will be subject to the rules presented in its Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Competition.

ARTICLE III – AFFILIATION

1.3 The Association and its members shall be affiliated and comply with the authority of the U.S. Soccer and its affiliated youth programs.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

1.4.1 Membership to participate in the Association shall be open to any team in good standing with the Association and its affiliated Associations and that also meets the Association's eligibility and qualification requirements. Membership shall not be denied because of race, religion, sex or national origin.

1.4.2 Each team shall adhere to the Association Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Competition.

1.4.3 Each team shall have one vote at any regular or special meeting as scheduled by the board.

1.4.4 Eligible players shall be free to register with any team regardless of their place of residence. Teams shall submit their player registrations to the Association for approval and/or event rostering.

1.4.5 Players shall be nonvoting members of the Association.

1.4.6 GOOD STANDING: Any team that: (1) is delinquent in the payment of any fees, fines, or registration fees to the Association; or (2) fails or refused to comply with the authority of the Association shall be considered to lose good standing and shall have its voting rights suspended until such rights are reinstated by a simple majority of the Board of Directors. Any team not in good standing shall not be allowed to participate in any competition.

1.4.7 The official representative (voting member) of each member team shall be the team coach or manager or other person designated by the team to attend Association meetings and vote on the team's behalf.

1.4.8 Proxy. Votes to which a member team is entitled may be cast by proxy. To be valid, a proxy must be in writing, signed, and dated by the coach or club official of the member team, and designate by name the individual who is entitled to exercise the proxy. It must be presented to the WDDOA Office a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting at which it will be utilized. The proxy will be valid for the meeting immediately after the date of the proxy. A proxy may not be cast for a member team which is not in good standing. Votes cast by proxy do fulfill the requirements for attendance. An individual may hold a valid proxy for up to five (5) member teams.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

1.5.1 The voting membership of the Association shall elect the Board of Directors (the Board) consisting of:

1.5.1.1 President
1.5.1.2 Executive Vice President
1.5.1.3 Secretary
1.5.1.4 Treasurer
1.5.1.5 Commissioner of Referees

1.5.2 Duties of the Board of Directors are outlined in the Bylaws.

1.5.3 Elections: The election of officers shall take place at the team representative meeting held in June/July.

1.5.3.1 The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to seek qualified candidates for each Board position to be elected at the June/July meeting. The Nominating Committee shall have the duty to ascertain from each nominee their willingness to serve if elected.

1.5.3.2 The Nominating Committee shall report its nominations to the Board of Directors for approval no later than March/April. The Nominating Committee shall post on the WDDOA website the approved list of candidates no later than 30 days prior to the June/July meeting.

1.5.3.3 Nominations from the floor may be made at the June/July meeting prior to the elections with the provision that the persons nominated are present at that meeting and affirm their willingness to serve if elected.

1.5.4 The Term of Office shall begin immediately upon completion of the June/July meeting and shall be for two (2) years or until a duly qualified replacement is appointed. Officers will be elected in years as follows:

1.5.4.1 President Elected in even-numbered years
1.5.4.2 Executive Vice-President Elected in odd-numbered years
1.5.4.3 Secretary Elected in even-numbered years
1.5.4.4 Treasurer Elected in odd-numbered years
1.5.4.5 Commissioner of Referees Elected in even-numbered years

1.5.5 The President shall fill any vacancies on the Board by appointment subject to a simple majority vote of the officers who remain on the Board.

ARTICLE VI – FISCAL AND SEASONAL YEAR

1.6.1 Fiscal Year: The Fiscal Year shall begin July 1st and end June 30th.

1.6.2 Seasonal Year: The start and end dates for the seasonal year shall be published in the Association calendar.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

1.7.1 The members of the Association constitute the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall meet at a minimum one time per year to discuss the following:

1.7.1.1 June or July - to review seasonal year play, revise constitution/bylaws, and hold elections.

1.7.2 Special meetings may be called by the President at least ten (10) days prior to such special meeting; or by ten (10) voting members by properly submitting the request for a special meeting to the President and Executive Vice President by email at least fifteen (15) days prior to such

special meeting.

1.7.3 Official representatives of teams in good standing must be present at the meeting to vote. Each team or their valid proxy must attend the June/July meeting.

1.7.4 A majority vote of a quorum of the voting members shall decide all matters except for amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws In the case of electronic meetings, the Secretary of the Association must certify that any vote cast to amend the Constitution or By-Laws is by a qualified voting member or their valid proxy.

1.7.5 Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order. Meetings may be conducted electronically via internet webinar, conference call, or by other electronic means deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

1.8 Amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws can only be made at the June/July meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the eligible membership in attendance at the meeting. The official representative of each member team shall be given at least thirty (30) days written notice of the proposed amendment(s). Votes must be cast in person at the meeting or by proxy. In the case of electronic meetings, the Secretary of the Association must certify that any vote cast to amend the Constitution or By-Laws is by a qualified voting member or their valid proxy.

ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION

1.9 In the event that the Association shall be dissolved or cease to function, the Board shall make provisions to pay all Association Liabilities and any balance remaining after payment of all known Association Liabilities be disbursed to such organizations established exclusively for charitable youth activities.