

# NEBRASKA LEAGUE CHARTER

Effective May 1, 2015

## PART I - GENERAL

### Section 101. Purposes

To assist Nebraska State Soccer Association in ensuring the best possible competitive play among the soccer teams in Nebraska and bordering states, to promote opportunities for increased development of youth soccer players and teams, and to provide for an improved administrative structure, the Nebraska State Soccer Association establishes the Nebraska League for youth soccer players in Nebraska and bordering states as provided in this Charter.

### Section 102. Application

This Charter applies to the following Nebraska League seasonal years: 2015-2016 and each seasonal year thereafter.

### Section 103. Definitions

The following definitions apply to this Charter:

1. "Club" means a youth soccer club that registers youth soccer players with Nebraska State Soccer, US Youth Soccer through a State Association, and any National Body under US Soccer.
2. "League Director" means the League Director of the Nebraska League.
3. "Advisory Committee" and "Committee" mean the Advisory Committee provided by section 301 of this Charter.
4. "NL" means the Nebraska League provided by this Charter.
5. "NL seasonal year" and "seasonal year" mean the Nebraska League seasonal year from August 1 of one calendar year through July 31 of the following calendar year.
6. "Board of Directors" means the Nebraska State Soccer Board of Directors.
7. "State Association" means the Nebraska State Soccer Association.
8. "Budget Committee" means the Budget Committee of Nebraska State Soccer.

### Section 104. Charter Amendment and Repeal

This Charter may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## PART II - LEAGUE STRUCTURE AND FINANCE

### Section 201. League Structure

1. NL will consist of playing divisions for teams in specified age groups, with the most competitive NL teams in a Premier I Division and other teams in one or more less competitive divisions than the Premier I Division. The League Director, established under section 202 of this Charter, with direction from the Advisory Committees, has the authority on structuring the NL, dividing it into various age groups and playing divisions, assigning teams to the age group divisions, and providing for the promotion and relegation of teams in those divisions.
2. The League Director may determine on a seasonal year basis to offer other competitions (e.g. Regional Competitive/Recreational Leagues) for specific clubs, teams, or both clubs and teams. These competitions shall be administered by the League Director with specific competition rules and procedures approved by the League Director.

### Section 202. League Director

The NL has a League Director with authority as provided by this Charter.

### Section 203. General Authority of the League Director

1. In addition to any other specific authority provided to the League Director by this Charter, the League Director has the following general authority:
  - a. planning, developing, managing, regulating, supervising, administering, and conducting the NL;
  - b. prescribing all NL rules, policies, and procedures reasonable and necessary for the administration and growth of NL, as provided by subsection (2) of this section;
  - c. designating NL seasons and team schedules;
  - d. establishing and enforcing team participation and eligibility and disciplinary rules;
  - e. prescribing and providing for the collection of team fees and other fees appropriate in administering NL, as well as raising money and accepting donations for NL;
  - f. establishing and prescribing responsibilities for various volunteer administrative positions of NL, appointing volunteers to fill those positions, and supervising the work of those volunteers; and
  - g. establishing paid staff and contract positions approved by the Board of Directors and retain persons to fill those positions.
2. All NL rules, policies, and procedures must be in writing and available for inspection by coaches, teams, players, parents, guardians, and Board of Directors.

#### **Section 204. Finance**

1. The League Director and the Budget Committee shall prepare a budget for NL for each seasonal year. The budget will be submitted to the Board of Directors.
2. All NL revenue will be submitted to the state association office for deposit and posting into an appropriate account and class.
3. All NL expenses will be paid according to procedures established by the state association Financial Control System and posting into an appropriate account and class.

### **PART III – ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

#### **Section 301. Establishment of Advisory Committees**

The League Director has the following 3 Advisory Committees:

1. the Operations Advisory Committee;
2. the Technical Advisory Committee; and
3. the Club Leaders Advisory Committee.

#### **Section 302. Operations Advisory Committee**

The Operations Advisory Committee shall provide guidance and long-term vision to the League Director on matters related to the operations of the NL.

1. The League Director will be the Chair and the President, Executive Director, Director of Coaching, Youth Competitive Commissioner and Youth Recreational Commissioner will be members;
2. Committee will meet at least 4 times a year, pre and post seasons meetings

#### **Section 303. Technical Advisory Committee**

The Technical Advisory Committee shall provide guidance and long-term visions to the League Director on technical matters related to the NL; and

1. provide recommendations to the League Director about team selection and placement of teams within the NL divisions;
2. provide recommendations to the League Director on all policies and playing rules;
3. only a full-time or part-time technical professional representative of a Club of the state association may be selected to serve on the Technical Advisory Committee.

- a. the number of members of this committee may vary and will be selected by their position and the number or quality of the teams they represent;
  - b. members need to be available for meetings/calls during normal business hours.
4. committee will meet at least 4 times a year, pre-season and post-season meetings, but may need additional meetings prior to startup.

**Section 304. Club Leaders Advisory Committee**

The Club Leaders Advisory Committee shall provide guidance and long-term vision to the League Director on matters related to clubs and their participation within the NL;

1. Each Club that has teams playing in the Nebraska League will be represented on this committee.
2. Committee will meet at least 2 times a year; normally a post-season meeting.

**Section 305. Advisory Committee Procedure and Proceedings**

A committee will meet by telephone conference call, video conference call, or in person. Any telephone or video conference call must provide a means of communication for all committee members to at least hear and communicate with all the other members of the committee.