




**Bonivital Soccer Club  
Constitution  
As of January 29, 2012**

<i>Article #</i>	<i>Constitution after the AGM of January 29, 2009</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>ARTICLE 1</b>
<b>1.1</b>	The legal name of the Association is the Bonivital Soccer Association, Inc. which operates under the name of the Bonivital Soccer Club, hereinafter referred to as the Club. The Bonivital Soccer Club can also be abbreviated to the initials “BVSC”.
<b>1.2</b>	<p><b>Club Logo</b>                      The Club’s official Logo is a shield with a soccer ball in the centre having a flaming maple leaf above the ball and the words Bonivital underneath the ball in a white ribbon. The logo uses Pantone color Navy 282, Gold 130 and RED 485 as stated in the representation below.</p>
	
<b>1.3</b>	The official team colors of the Premier, Regional and Developmental soccer teams are RED, BLUE and WHITE.
<b>1.4</b>	The most prominent feature on the front of the player jersey is the BVSC Logo.
<b>1.5</b>	The Bonivital Soccer Club Logo is available for authorized and approved usage by BVSC-affiliated teams and preauthorized suppliers and vendors only.
<b>1.6</b>	Unauthorized use of the Bonivital Soccer Club Logo is strictly prohibited.
<b>1.7</b>	The Bonivital Soccer Club Official Logo is to be recognized as the official club logo, and if used, it must be presented in its entirety without modification, unless approved by the Board of Directors

<b>2</b>	<b>ARTICLE 2. OBJECTIVES</b>
<b>2.1 a)</b>	The objectives of the Club are: a) To encourage the participation of all children, boys and girls, in organized soccer.
<b>2.1 b)</b>	b) To foster and support the development of organized soccer, indoor and outdoor, in the Community Committee area of St.Boniface-St.Vital, as defined by the City of Winnipeg and such other areas as may from time to time be assigned to it by the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association.
<b>2.1 c)</b>	c) To govern the playing of organized soccer at the youth age level in the Committee area of St.Boniface - St.Vital and such other areas as may from time to time be assigned to it by the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association.
<b>2.1 d)</b>	d) To foster the development of soccer players.
<b>2.1 e)</b>	e) To foster the development of qualified soccer coaches and referees.
<b>2.1 f)</b>	f) To do the aforementioned in full liaison with other youth soccer districts or clubs of Manitoba and in concert with the objectives of the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association, the Manitoba Soccer Association and the Canadian Soccer Association.

<b>3</b>	<b>BOUNDARIES</b>
<b>3.1</b>	<i>The boundaries of the Club shall be the Community Committee area of St.Boniface-St.Vital, as defined by the City of Winnipeg and such other areas as may from time to time be assigned to it by the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association.</i>

<b>4</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>
<b>4.1</b>	Any recognized Community Centre in the St.Boniface-St.Vital Community Committee area, and such other areas as may from time to time be assigned to it by the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association, shall be eligible for membership.
<b>4.2</b>	Other organizations or clubs outside of the St.Boniface-St.Vital Community area, as may from time to time be assigned to it by the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association, wishing to field teams may be eligible for affiliated member status upon application, subject to the approval of the Club Board of Directors on an annual basis. Such organizations may not draw players from established community center zones and will be subject to all regulations and conditions concerning age, registrations and all other matters referred to in the Constitution and By-Laws.
<b>4.3</b>	All member Community Centers may at their discretion designate a maximum of two members to represent them at the AGM meetings. The status of these representatives must be confirmed by their respective Community Centers by a letter from the Community Center's Club president.
<b>4.4</b>	All parents of the players playing on Bonivital Soccer team, whether it is recreational, developmental, regional or premier will be considered as a member of the club in a non-voting capacity.

<b>5</b>	<b><i>GOVERNMENT</i></b>
<b>5.1</b>	The business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Board of Directors.
<b>5.2 a)</b>	The Board of Directors shall consist of the following voting members: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Director of Finance, Secretary-Archivist, Director of Referees, Director of Recreation (A), Director of Recreation (B), Director of Premier, Director of Equipment, Director-at-Large A, Director-at-Large B. The Past-President shall be part of the Board of Directors in an advisory, non-voting capacity.
<b>5.2 b)</b>	At the discretion of the Board of Directors, up to two (2) additional Board positions may be assigned. These positions, if filled shall carry the title of Director at Large; the term will carry to the following AGM.
<b>5.3</b>	The duties of the Board of Directors shall be as defined in Article 1.0 of the By-Laws, inclusive.
<b>5.4</b>	Members of the Board of Directors shall serve without remuneration.
<b>5.5</b>	The Club shall provide delegates to the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association and the Manitoba Soccer Association.
<b>5.6</b>	The fiscal year of the Club is from November 1 to October 31.

<b>6</b>	<b><i>ARTICLE 6. ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE</i></b>
<b>6.1</b>	The Board of Directors must be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
<b>6.2</b>	A term of office shall be defined in Article 2.6 of the By-Laws.
<b>6.3</b>	If a member of the Board vacates his or her office for any reason, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement for the balance of the term.

<b>7</b>	<b><i>ARTICLE 7. VACANCIES</i></b>
	The office of a member of the Board of Directors shall be vacated:
<b>7.1 a)</b>	Upon receipt and acceptance by the Board of a written notice of resignation.
<b>7.1 b)</b>	If he/she shall absent himself/herself from three (3) consecutive Board and or General meetings, without special leave of absence from, or reason satisfactory to, the Board.
<b>7.1 c)</b>	If he/she be removed by resolution of the Club for misconduct or good and sufficient cause and approved by the two-thirds majority vote of Board of Directors present at a regular monthly or special board meeting.

<b>8</b>	<b><i>ARTICLE 8. VOTING AND RESOLUTIONS</i></b>
<b>8.1</b>	Voting members of the Bonivital Soccer Club shall be all current directors of the Board of Directors and the two (2) (maximum) designated representatives from each Community Centre as defined in Article 4.3 of the Constitution. Each voting member shall be entitled to one vote.

<b>8.2</b>	Voting member must be eighteen (18) years of age or older and must be in attendance to cast their vote. No proxy vote will be accepted.
<b>8.3</b>	All motions, with the exception of amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, may be approved by a simple majority of the voting members in attendance, 50% plus 1.

<b>9</b>	<b>ARTICLE 9. BY-LAWS</b>
<b>9.1</b>	The Club may pass such by-laws as it sees fit to control and regulate the activities of the Club. Such by-laws come into force immediately upon approval.
<b>9.2</b>	The Club may alter or rescind any existing by-laws in accordance with Article 3.2 of the By-Laws.

<b>10</b>	<b>ARTICLE 10. COMMITTEES</b>
<b>10.1</b>	The Board of Directors may establish Standing or Ad-Hoc Committees to assist with the administration of the Club.
<b>10.2</b>	All Standing or Ad-Hoc Committees shall be chaired by a member of the Club.
<b>10.3</b>	Committees shall be responsible and accountable to the Board of Directors.

<b>11</b>	<b>ARTICLE 11. MEETINGS</b>
<b>11.1</b>	The Board of Directors shall schedule regular monthly board meetings to administer the affairs of the Club. July and December board meetings shall be at the discretion of the Board.
<b>11.2</b>	Special board meetings of the Club may be convened by the President, or by a minimum of one-third of the voting Club members, as defined in Article 8.1 of the constitution and in accordance with Article 4.2 of the By-Laws.
<b>11.3</b>	All meetings of the Club shall be open to the public.
<b>11.4</b>	The board of directors reserves the right to call “in camera” sessions or meetings to discuss certain matters that need to be addressed in a non-public forum.

<b>12</b>	<b>ARTICLE 12. FINANCE</b>
<b>12.1</b>	The Board of Directors shall administer all funds and securities of the Club and shall present a financial report at the Annual General Meeting.

<b>12.2</b>	All funds raised by, or on behalf of, or under the auspices of the Club must have prior approval of the Club.
<b>12.3</b>	All financial records of the Club shall be accessible to inspection by any member provided that an advance 7 days notice is given to the Board of Directors.
<b>12.4</b>	Repealed at AGM 2010
<b>12.5</b>	Each member organization shall be responsible for any additional fees as approved by the members of the Club.
<b>12.6</b>	The Club shall pay to the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association and the Manitoba Soccer Association such affiliation, player and team fees as these organizations may from time to time assess.
<b>12.7</b>	Referee fees will be assessed by the Club based on a fee schedule approved by the organizations responsible for establishing such fees.

<b>13</b>	<b>ARTICLE 13. AMENDMENTS</b>
<b>13.1</b>	Amendments to the Constitution may only be made at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or at a Special General Meeting (SGM) of the Bonivital Soccer Club.
<b>13.2</b>	Amendments to the By-Laws may be made at a regular, special, or at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
<b>13.3</b>	Notice of motion for amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be governed by Article 3 from the Club By-Laws.
<b>13.4</b>	Approval of amendments to the Constitution and/or to the By-Laws shall require a minimum of two-thirds majority of the voting members in attendance.

<b>14</b>	<b>ARTICLE 14. QUORUMS</b>
<b>14.1</b>	A quorum for a regular or special board meeting of the Club shall be eight (8) voting members of the Club.
<b>14.2</b>	A quorum for the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting shall be twelve (12) voting members of the Club representing at least six (6) community centers.
<b>14.3</b>	No business shall be conducted if a quorum is not reached. The meeting shall be adjourned if a quorum is not reached within one (1) hour of the scheduled meeting time.

<b>15</b>	<b>ARTICLE 15. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER</b>
<b>15.1</b>	All meetings of the Club shall be conducted under the "Robert's Rules of Order".

<b>16</b>	<b>ARTICLE 16. AFFILIATION</b>
<b>16.1</b>	The Bonivital Soccer Club shall be affiliated with the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association and the Manitoba Soccer Association.

<b>17</b>	<b>ARTICLE 17. INDEMNIFICATION</b>
	Elected members of the Club or other persons who have undertaken or are about to undertake any liability on behalf of the Club and their heirs, executors, administrators and estate respectively shall at all times be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Club from and against:
<b>17.1 a)</b>	All costs, charges and expenses whatsoever which such elected member or other person sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit, or proceeding which if brought or prosecuted against him/her for or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever made, done or permitted by him/her in or about the execution of the duties of his/her office except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his/her own willful neglect and,
<b>17.1 b)</b>	All other costs, charges and expenses, which he/she sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his/her, own willful neglect.

<b>18</b>	<b>ARTICLE 18. DISTRICT CLUB</b>
<b>18.1</b>	The Club shall register all Premier, Regional and Developmental teams with W.Y.S.A. and M.S.A. Said teams will follow under the direction of the Premier Committee

	The objectives of the Premier Committee shall be:
<b>18.2 a)</b>	To promote, foster, and organize specifically the higher development of soccer players from Division 2 to 9 levels, and generally all other levels.
<b>18.2 b)</b>	To encourage, support, and organize the development of qualified coaches.
<b>18.2 c)</b>	To contribute to the development of soccer players, coaches and referees, in co-operation with the Bonivital Soccer Club.
<b>18.2 d)</b>	To foster the enjoyment and appreciation of soccer, and to put the interests of players before any other parties in the organization.
<b>18.2 e)</b>	To promote goodwill, co-operation and affiliations with other organizations which have objectives similar in whole or in part with those of the Premier Committee.
<b>18.3</b>	The boundaries of the Premier, Regional and Developmental, herein named “PRD”, teams, will be the boundaries of the Club.
<b>18.4</b>	The Bonivital Soccer Club’s Director of Premier shall be the Club’s representative at WYSA’s Premier Committee and will also represent the Premier Committee at all Board meetings.
<b>18.5</b>	A Standing Youth Coaches Selection Committee may be formed, and shall consist of the Director of Premier or his/her appointee (s), Director of technical or his/her appointee (s) , the Club Head Coach, or his/her appointee (s) .
<b>18.6</b>	Community Club teams may be formed by age group from and including U9 through to and including U19. Premier and Premier-Developmental teams may be formed by age group including U9 through to and including U18.
<b>18.7</b>	Tryouts for teams may be held periodically through the year for Premier, Premier-Developmental, and Developmental teams to a maximum of 42 players per age per gender, for the U9 to U12 developmental leagues.
<b>18.8</b>	Teams may carry up to eighteen (18) players including two (2) goalkeepers. Smaller rosters maybe imposed to Developmental teams.
<b>18.9</b>	Teams may be able to use the new pool roster system as proposed by WYSA. All player registration fees will be set by the Bonivital Soccer Club. Any fee paid to another Community Centre will be forwarded to the Bonivital Soccer Club for all players on the roster of the district club team by May 30 <sup>th</sup> of the current year. Players trying out for a Premier, Regional or Developmental team may register directly with the Club without going through their respective Community Centre.
<b>18.10</b>	District (Club) youth teams must register through their respective Community Centres and must meet all of the Bonivital Soccer Club’s stipulated registration requirements

<b>19</b>	<b>ARTICLE 19. DISCIPLINE, PROTESTS AND APPEALS</b>
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<b>19.1</b>	All games played under the auspices of the Bonivital Soccer Club shall be played in conformity with the Manitoba Soccer Association and Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association Codes of Conduct.
<b>19.2</b>	All games played shall follow the rules of the game as laid down by the Canadian Soccer Association in its current edition.
<b>19.3</b>	Referee decision on points of fact connected with the play shall be final, so far as the result of the game is concerned.
<b>19.4</b>	The Bonivital Soccer Club Disciplinary Committee will review complaints concerning the behavior and actions of players, coaches, spectators, team and club officials. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a Disciplinarian, appointed annually by the Board of Directors.
<b>19.5</b>	Protests or appeals of disciplinary action taken against coaches, players, team or club officials or spectators during the course of a game, or against the conduct of the game officials may be made to the Disciplinary Committee.
<b>19.6</b>	Appeals against a decision by the Disciplinary Committee of the Club may be made to the Board of Directors, and then to the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association and, only then, to the Manitoba Soccer Association.

<b>20</b>	<b>ARTICLE 20. GENERAL RULES</b>
<b>20.1</b>	The rules of the game shall be laid down by the Canadian Soccer Association in its current edition.
<b>20.2</b>	Regulations governing participation of teams and conduct of players, coaches, spectators, parents, team and club officials as well as game officials shall be as laid down in the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association Handbook in its current edition.

	Amended 2007 AGM articles affected 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7 (new articles), 2.1 c, 2.1 f, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 (new article), 5.2, 5.4, 6.3, 7.1 c, 8.1, 8.3, 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 12.3, 13.3, 14, 14.1, 14.2, 15.1, 18.2, 18.3, 18.4, 18.5, 18.6, 18.7, 18.8, 18.9, 18.10, 19.2, 19.4, 20.1, 20.2
	Amended 2008-Special Meeting Feb20 Article 5.2
	Amended 2009-AGM Articles affected 1.1, 5.2 a, 5.2 b, 13.1,14.2
	Amended 2010-AGM Articles affected 5.4, 12.4, 18.6, 18.7
	Amended 2012-AGM Articles affected 5.2 a, 18.6, 18.7