

CONSTITUTION – THE CROWN

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this club shall be THE CROWN a social and recreational organization (hereinafter referred to as the “Crown”).

ARTICLE II – AUTHORITY

The Crown is a voluntary, social organization created to support the Orlando Pride (hereinafter referred to as “OP”) on behalf of the National Women’s Soccer League by increasing awareness of OP through social and charitable endeavors.

This Constitution serves as the request of the Crown to operate as a private organization in the state of Florida in accordance with state and federal law and all supplements thereto.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

- A. **The purpose of the Crown** : Promote and preserve a spirit of good-will in soccer activities by fostering a high degree of morale among its members through social, charitable and recreational endeavors through support of:
1. OCSC;
 2. Orlando City Foundation;
 3. club owners;
 4. coaching staff;
 5. players;
 6. front office staff;
 7. season ticket holders and The Pride fans;
 8. any entity or person which support by the Crown would advance the purpose of this organization and OCSC; and
 9. non-profit purposes such as those which qualify under §501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or its successors or supplements.

ARTICLE IV - NO DISCRIMINATION, PRIVATE BENEFIT, OR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Membership shall not be denied to anyone because of age, race, religion, color, national origin, disability, ethnic group or gender nor will the Crown sponsor, support, or participate in any activity or with any organization, which engages in such practices. No part of the net earnings of the Crown will inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the Crown shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth in **Article III** hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Crown shall be the carrying of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Crown shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Crown shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Crown is voluntary and shall include four (4) categories: (1) Registered Members, (2) General Members, (3) Honorary Members, and (4) Legacy Members (“Council”) as defined in accordance with the Crown By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTED OFFICERS

The elected officers of the Crown shall be appointed and elected by the Crown registered members and shall serve no less than one (1) year's term as members of the Elected Officers (“Governing Board”).

1. The elected officers shall be: (i) President; (ii) Vice-President; (iii) Member Relations; (iv) Recording Secretary; and (v) Treasurer.
2. Non-elected officers known as “Council” (body of Crown Members selected by the President and approved by the Governing Board will serve as a self-regulating advisory role, with the exceptions as stated in the Crown By-Laws **Article IV.F.**, to the elected officers of the Governing Board effective after the first year of the Crown and OP season.

ARTICLE VII –NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. The Nominating Committee for elections shall consist of the Legacy Council (“the Council”) and three (3) Registered Members appointed by the Council.
2. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee of elections will be selected by a supermajority of the Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - GOVERNING BOARD

1. The Governing Board shall consist of the Elected Officers, President, Vice President, Member Relations, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. The function of the Governing Board shall be to formulate organizational policies and procedures.
2. All candidates for office shall not hold an elected officer position on any and all other Orlando City Soccer Club supporter groups, to include but not limited to The Ruckus, OCB, et al.

ARTICLE IX –LEGACY COUNCIL

The Legacy Council ("Council") is the highest honor bestowed upon a Crown member. Members of the Council are appointed by the President and serve solely in an advisory role to the President. Members of the Council will be held to the Crown Code of Conduct. Council will serve as a self-regulating advisory role, with the exceptions as stated in the Crown By-Laws **Article IV.F.**, to the elected officers of the Governing Board effective after the first year of the Crown and OP season.

ARTICLE X - MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

- A. Unless otherwise designated, regular meetings of the Crown Registered Members will be held quarterly and announced via e-mail and/or social media at least fourteen **(14) days prior** to the meeting. Suggestions for meeting places shall be taken from the Governing Board.

1. In special circumstances for which an immediate action by the Governing Board, and a vote is not required by the Registered Members a minimum of seven (7) **days meeting notice** shall be required.
- B. The Governing Board shall meet monthly. A simple majority of the Governing Board members shall be considered a quorum at Governing Board meetings. No votes will occur unless a quorum is present or an appropriate proxy has been assigned.
- C. Governing Board Member, if unable to attend a meeting, prior notification to the President and Vice President is required.
- D. Governing Board Member shall miss no more than three (3) scheduled monthly meetings throughout their yearly term. Unexpected instances do occur, therefore, any additional missed meeting will be up to the President and Vice President as to the Board Member(s) position. If the President and/or Vice President are those missing the required meetings, their position will be decided amongst the remaining Governing Board and Legacy Council.
- E. At any General Membership meeting, a quorum (*the minimum number of members of an assembly or society that must be present at any of its meetings to make the proceedings of that meeting valid*) shall consist of the voting members present.

ARTICLE XI - FINAL DISPOSITION OF FUNDS

- A. In accordance with federal law, the President will notify the IRS of the organizations intent to dissolve and prepare a time-phased action plan to do so.
- B. Upon dissolution of the organization, the remaining funds and assets, after all outstanding debts have been paid, shall be disposed of in accordance with the decision of the Governing Board and the Registered Membership. All members are equally liable if the assets of the organization are insufficient to adequately discharge all liabilities.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS, REVISIONS, AND ADOPTIONS

- A. This Constitution may be amended, revised, or eliminated at any Registered or Special Membership Meeting by a **super**majority vote of the voting members present.
- B. Any and all proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be made available for examination by the Founding Members, Governing Board, and Council. Any proposed amendments to the Constitution must be proposed to the Governing Board no less than thirty (30) days in writing prior to the scheduled meeting. The amendments to the Constitution must be approved and adopted by the Governing Board prior to presentation to the membership.
- C. In the event that any provision of the Constitution is deemed illegal said portion shall be deemed changed administratively to conform to same.

(Approved December 2nd, 2015)