

**BY-LAWS OF**

**PATRIOT FC**

**A Pennsylvania Not for Profit Corporation**

**ARTICLE I - STATEMENT PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES**

1. The purpose and objective of the Patriot FC, which, for the purpose herein, shall be a non-profit organization as described under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, organized to develop and encourage participation in the sport of soccer and to develop the necessary athlete skills relating to the sport. The association shall also facilitate the introduction of the fundamentals of the sport of soccer to participating players and to provide both elementary and advanced training with regard to the general aspects of the sport.

**ARTICLE II – NAME & OFFICES**

1. The Name of this organization is "Patriot FC" (hereinafter "Corporation").
2. The registered office of the Corporation shall be at 12 Taylor Way, Washington Crossing, PA 18977
3. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places as the Board of Directors may from time to time appoint or the activities of the Corporation may require.

**ARTICLE III -SEAL**

1. The corporate seal shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation, the year of its organization and the words "Corporate Seal, Pennsylvania".

**ARTICLE IV - FISCAL YEAR**

1. The fiscal year of the Organization shall be from April 1 through March 31 of the following calendar year.

**ARTICLE V - MEMBERS**

1. Members shall be one or both parents of a child registered with the Corporation.
2. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of

initiation fee, if any, and dues/registration fees payable by the Members.

3. The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of a majority of all of the Members of the Board, may suspend or expel a Member for cause after an appropriate hearing, and may, by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted meeting, terminate the membership of any Member who becomes ineligible for membership, or suspend or expel any Member who shall be in default in the payment of any dues or assessments.

4. Upon written request signed by a former Member and filed with the Secretary, the Board of Directors may, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members of the Board, reinstate such former Member to membership upon such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

5. Membership in this Corporation is not transferable or assignable.

## **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

1. Meetings of the Members shall be held at Upper Makefield Township Building, Newtown, PA or at such other place or places, either within or without the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as may from time to time be fixed by the Board of Directors.

2. The annual meeting of the Members shall be held at a time & date determined by the Board when they shall transact such business as may properly be brought before the meeting. If the annual meeting shall not be called and held within six months after the start of the fiscal year, any Member may call such meeting.

3. Special meetings of the Members may be called at any time by the President, or the Board of Directors, or Members entitled to cast at least ten percent (10%) of the votes which all Members are entitled to cast at the particular meeting. At any time, upon written request of any person who has called a special meeting, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to fix the time of the meeting which shall be held not more than sixty (60) days after the receipt of the request. If the Secretary shall neglect or refuse to fix the time of the meeting, the person or persons calling the meeting may do so. Business transacted at all special meetings shall be confined to the objects stated in the call and matters germane thereto.

4. Written notice, which will include email notice, of every meeting of the Members, stating the time, place and object thereof, shall be given by, or at the

direction of, the Secretary to each Member of record entitled to vote at the meeting, at least ten (10) days prior to the day named for the meeting, unless a greater period of notice is required by statute in a particular case. If the Secretary shall neglect or refuse to give notice of the meeting, the person or persons calling the meeting may do so. In the case of a special meeting, the notice shall specify the general nature of the business to be transacted.

5. Persons authorized or required to give notice of a meeting of Members may, in lieu of any written notice of a meeting of Members required to be given, give notice of such meeting by causing notice of such meeting to be officially published. If eighty percent (80%) of the Members of record entitled to vote at the meeting do not have addresses of record within the territory of general circulation of the newspapers required for official publication, the notice shall also be published in newspapers which have an aggregate territory or general circulation which includes the addresses of record of at least eighty percent (80%) of such Members of record.

6. A meeting of Members duly called shall not be organized for the transaction of business unless a quorum is present. The presence in person of five (5) of the Members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at all meetings, except the annual meeting of the Members for the transaction of business except as may be otherwise provided by law or by the Articles of Incorporation. The Members present at a duly organized meeting can continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Members to leave less than a quorum. If a meeting cannot be organized because a quorum has not attended, those present may, except as otherwise provided by statute, adjourn the meeting to such time and place as they may determine, but in the case of any meeting called for the election of Directors, those who attend the second of such adjourned meetings, although less than a quorum, shall nevertheless constitute a quorum for the purpose of electing Directors. In the case of any meeting called for any other purpose, those who attend the second of such adjourned meetings, although less than a quorum, shall nevertheless constitute a quorum for the purpose of acting upon any resolution or other matter set forth in the notice of the meeting, if written notice of such second adjourned meeting, stating that those Members who attend shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of acting upon such resolution or other matter, is given to each Member of record entitled to vote at such second adjourned meeting at least ten (10) days prior to the day named for the second adjourned meeting.

7. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Members or of a class of

Members may be taken without a meeting, if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Members who would be entitled to vote at a meeting for such purpose and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation.

8. Every Member of the Corporation shall be entitled to one vote. No Member shall sell his vote for money or anything of value. Upon request of a Member, the books or records of Membership shall be produced at any regular or special meeting of the Corporation. If at any meeting the right of a person to vote is challenged, the presiding officer shall require such books or records to be produced as evidence of the right of the person challenged to vote, and all persons who appear by such books or records to be Members entitled to vote may vote. The right of a Member to vote, and his right, title and interest in or to the Corporation or its property, shall cease on the termination of his Membership.

9. Voting may be by ballot, mail or any reasonable means determined by the Board of Directors. Elections for Directors need not be by ballot except upon demand made by a Member at the election and before the voting begins.

10. In advance of any meeting of Members, the Board of Directors may appoint judges of election, who need not be Members, to act at such meeting or any adjournment thereof. If judges of election are not so appointed, the presiding officer of any such meeting may, and on the request of any Member shall, make such appointment at the meeting. The number of judges shall be one or three. No person who is a candidate for office shall act as a judge.

## **ARTICLE VII - DIRECTORS**

1. The business and affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors, seven (7) in number, who shall be natural persons of full age and who need not be residents of this Commonwealth but who shall be Members of this Corporation, except one Board of Director may be a non-Member. Four (4) of the Directors shall be the following Officers of the Corporation: the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Directors shall be elected by the previous Board of Directors. Each Director shall be elected for two (2) years and until his successor shall be elected and shall qualify.

2. In addition to the powers and authorities by these By-Laws expressly conferred upon them, the Board of Directors may exercise all such powers of the Corporation and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by statute or by the

Articles or by these By-Laws directed or required to be exercised or done by the Members, including the establishment of policies & procedures deemed necessary for the successful operation of the Corporation.

3. The meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and at such place or places within this Commonwealth or elsewhere, as a majority of the Directors may from time to time appoint, or as may be designated in the notice calling the meeting.

4. Written or personal notice of every meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to each Director at least ten (10) days prior to the day named for the meeting.

5. A majority of the Directors in office shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the acts of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Board of Directors. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Directors may be taken without a meeting, if a consent or consents in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the Directors in office and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation.

6. The Board of Directors may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, establish one or more committees to consist of one or more Directors of the Corporation. Any such committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors or in the By-Laws, shall have and may exercise all of the powers and authority of the Board of Directors, except that no such committee shall have any power or authority as to the following:

- a. The submission to Members of any action required by statute to be submitted to the Members for their approval.
- b. The filling of vacancies in the Board of Directors.
- c. The adoption, amendment or repeal of the By-Laws.
- d. The amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board.
- e. Action on matters committed by the By-Laws or resolution of the Board of Directors to another committee of the Board.

7. The Board may designate one or more Directors as alternate Members of any

committee, who may replace any absent or disqualified Member at any meeting of the committee. In the absence or disqualification of a Member of a committee, the Member or Members thereof present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not he or they constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another Director to act at the meeting in the place of any such absent or disqualified Member. Each committee of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

8. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to fix the compensation of Directors for their services as such, and a Director may also be a salaried officer of the Corporation.

9. The entire Board of Directors, or a class of the Board, where the Board is classified with respect to the power to select Directors, or any individual Director, may be removed from office without assigning any cause by the vote of Members entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes which all Members present would be entitled to cast at any annual or other regular meeting.

10. The Board of Directors may declare vacant the office of a Director if he is declared of unsound mind by an order of court or is convicted of felony, or if within sixty (60) days after notice of his selection, he does not accept such office either in writing or by attending a meeting of the Board of Directors, and fulfill such other requirements of qualification as the By-Laws may specify.

11. A Director of the Corporation shall stand in a fiduciary relation to the Corporation and shall perform his duties as a Director, including his duties as a member of any committee of the Board upon which he may serve, in good faith, in a manner he reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the Corporation, and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, skill and diligence, as a person of ordinary prudence would use under similar circumstances. In performing his duties, a Director shall be entitled to rely in good faith on information, opinions, reports or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared by any of the following:

- a. One or more officers or employees of the Corporation whom the Director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented.
- b. Counsel, public accountants or other persons as to matters which the Director reasonably believes to be within the professional or expert competence of such person.

- c. A committee of the Board upon which he does not serve, duly designated in accordance with law, as to matters within its designated authority, which the Director reasonably believes to merit confidence.

A Director shall not be considered to be acting in good faith if he has knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause his reliance to be unwarranted. In discharging the duties of their respective positions, the Board of Directors, committees of the Board and individual Directors may in considering the best interests of the Corporation, consider the effects of any action upon employees, upon suppliers and customers of the Corporation and upon communities in which offices or other establishments of the Corporation are located, and all other pertinent factors. The consideration of those factors shall not constitute a violation of this section. Absent breach of fiduciary duty, lack of good faith or self-dealing, actions taken as a Director or any failure to take any action shall be presumed to be in the best interests of the Corporation. A Director of the Corporation shall not be personally liable for monetary damages as such for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, unless:

- a. The Director has breached or failed to perform the duties of his office under this section.
- b. The breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

- a. The responsibility or liability of a Director pursuant to any criminal statute; or
- b. The liability of a Director for the payment of taxes pursuant to local, State or Federal law.

12. Directors as such, shall not receive any stated salary for their services but by resolution of the Board, a fixed sum and expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board PROVIDED, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

## **ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS**

1. The executive officers of the Corporation shall be chosen by the Board of Directors, and shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers and associated officers as the needs of the Corporation may require. Each officer shall be a natural person of full age. They shall hold their offices for a term of one year and shall have such authority and shall perform such duties as are provided by the By-Laws and as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may secure the fidelity of any or all such officers by bond or otherwise.

2. Any officer or agent may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights of any person so removed.

3. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation; he shall preside at all meetings of the Members and Directors; he shall have general and active management of the affairs of the Corporation; shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect, subject, however, to the right of the Directors to delegate any specific powers, except such as may be by statute exclusively conferred on the President, to any other officer or officers of the Corporation. He shall execute bonds, mortgages and other documents requiring a seal, under the seal of the Corporation. He shall be EX-OFFICIO a Member of all committees and shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of President.

4. The Vice President shall act in all cases for and as the President in the latter's absence or incapacity, and shall perform such other duties as he may be required to do from time to time.

5. The Secretary shall attend all sessions of the Board and all meetings of the Members and act as clerk thereof, and record all the votes of the Corporation and the minutes of all its transactions in a book to be kept for that purpose; and shall perform like duties for all committees of the Board of Directors when required. He shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or President, under whose supervision he shall be. He shall keep in safe custody the Corporate seal of the

Corporation, and when authorized by the Board, affix the same to any instrument requiring it.

6. The Treasurer shall have custody of the Corporate funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation, and shall keep the moneys of the Corporation in a separate account to the credit of the Corporation. He shall disburse the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Directors, at the regular meetings of the Board, or whenever they may require it, an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE IX - VACANCIES**

1. If the office of any officer or agent, one or more, becomes vacant for any reason, the Board of Directors may choose a successor or successors, who shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect of which such vacancy occurred.

2. Vacancies in the Board of Directors, including vacancies resulting from an increase in the number of Directors, shall be filled by a majority of the remaining Members of the Board, though less than a quorum.

## **ARTICLE X - BOOKS AND RECORDS**

1. The Corporation shall keep an original or duplicate record of the proceedings of the Members and the Directors, the original or a copy of its By-Laws, including all amendments thereto to date, certified by the Secretary of the Corporation, and an original or a duplicate membership register, giving the names of the Members, and showing their respective addresses and the class and other details of the membership of each. The Corporation shall also keep appropriate, complete and accurate books or records of account. The records provided for herein shall be kept at either the registered office of the Corporation in this Commonwealth, or at its principal place of business wherever situated.

2. Every Member shall, upon written demand under oath stating the purpose thereof, have a right to examine, in person or by agent or attorney, during the usual hours for business for any proper purpose, the membership register, books and records of account, and records of the proceedings of the Members and Directors, and to make copies or extracts therefrom. A proper purpose shall

mean a purpose reasonably related to the interest of such person as a Member. In every instance where an attorney or other agent shall be the person who seeks the right to inspection, the demand under oath shall be accompanied by a power of attorney or such other writing which authorizes the attorney or other agent to so act on behalf of the Member. The demand under oath shall be directed to the Corporation at its registered office in this Commonwealth or at its principal place of business wherever situated.

## **ARTICLE XI - MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES**

1. Membership in the Corporation may be evidenced by Certificates of Membership, in which case they shall be in such form and style as the Board of Directors may determine. The fact that the Corporation is a nonprofit Corporation shall be noted conspicuously on the face of each certificate. They shall be signed by the President or a Vice President and by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, and shall bear the Corporate seal.

## **ARTICLE XII - TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS**

1. The Corporation shall make no purchase of real property nor sell, mortgage, lease away or otherwise dispose of its real property, unless authorized by a majority vote of the Members in office of the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise restricted in these By-Laws, no vote or consent of the Members shall be required to make effective such action by the Board. If the real property is subject to a trust the conveyance away shall be free of trust and the trust shall be impinged upon the proceeds of such conveyance.

2. Whenever the lawful activities of the Corporation involve among other things the charging of fees or prices for its services or products, it shall have the right to receive such income and, in so doing, may make an incidental profit. All such incidental profits shall be applied to the maintenance and operation of the lawful activities of the Corporation, and in no case shall be divided or distributed in any manner whatsoever among the Members, Directors or officers of the Corporation.

3. All checks or demands for money and notes of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

## **ARTICLE XIII - ANNUAL REPORT**

1. The Board of Directors shall present annually to the Members a report, verified by the

President and Treasurer or by a majority of the Directors, showing in appropriate detail the following:

a) The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the Corporation as of the end of the fiscal year immediately preceding the date of the report.

b) The principal changes in assets and liabilities including trust funds, during the year immediately preceding the date of the report.

c) The revenue or receipts of the Corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for the year immediately preceding, the date of the report, including separate data with respect to each trust fund held by or for the Corporation.

d) The expenses or disbursements of the Corporation, for both general and restricted purposes, during the year immediately preceding the date of the report, including separate data with respect to each trust fund held by or for the Corporation.

e) The number of Members of the Corporation as of the date of the report, together with a statement of increase or decrease in such number during the year immediately preceding the date of the report, and a statement of the place where the names and addresses of the current Members may be found.

2. This report shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting of Members.

## **ARTICLE XIV - NOTICES**

1. Whenever written notice is required to be given to any person, it may be given to such person, either personally, by email, club web site posting or by sending a copy thereof by first class mail, postage prepaid, or by telegram, charges prepaid, to his address appearing on the books of the Corporation, or, in the case of Directors, supplied by him to the Corporation for the purpose of notice. If the notice is sent by mail or by telegraph, it shall be deemed to have been given to the person entitled thereto when deposited in the United States mail or with a Telegraph office for transmission to such person. A notice of meeting shall

specify the place, day and hour of the meeting and any other information required by statute of these By-Laws. When a special meeting is adjourned it shall not be necessary to give any notice of the adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting, other than by announcement at the meeting at which such adjournment is taken.

2. Whenever any written notice is required to be given under the provisions of the statute or the Articles or By-Laws of this Corporation, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Except as otherwise required by statute, neither the business to be transacted at nor the purpose of a meeting need be specified in the waiver of notice of such meeting. In the case of a special meeting of Members such waiver of notice shall specify the general nature of the business to be transacted. Attendance of a person at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened.

## **ARTICLE XV - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

1. One or more persons may participate in a meeting of the Board or of the Members by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this section shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

2. So long as the Corporation shall continue to be organized on a nonstock basis, the Board of Directors shall have authority to provide for the Members to make capital contributions in such amounts and upon such terms as are fixed by the Directors in accordance with the provisions of section 5541 of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988.

3. The Board of Directors, by resolution, may authorize the Corporation to accept subventions from Members or non-Members on terms and conditions not inconsistent with the provisions of section 5542 of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, and to issue certificates therefore.

4. In these By-Laws, words expressed in the singular number shall include the

plural and vice versa, and words expressed in the masculine shall include the feminine and neuter gender and vice versa;

## **ARTICLE XVI - INDEMNIFICATION**

1. The Corporation shall indemnify each of its Directors, officers, and employees whether or not then in service as such (and his or her executor, administrator and heirs), against all reasonable expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of any litigation (to which the individual may have been a party because he or she is or was a Director, officer or employee of the Corporation. The individual shall have no right to reimbursement, however, in relation to matters as to which he or she has been adjudged liable to the Corporation for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duties, or was derelict in the performance of his or her duty as Director, officer or employee by reason of willful misconduct, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties of his or her office or employment. The right to indemnity for expenses shall also apply to the expenses of suits which are compromised or settled if the court having jurisdiction of the matter shall approve such settlement. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to that which such Director, officer or employee may be entitled.

## **ARTICLE XVII - AMENDMENTS**

1. These By-Laws may be adopted, amended or repealed in one of two ways. First, by the vote of Members entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes which all Members present are entitled to cast thereon at any annual meeting duly convened after notice to the Members of that purpose. Fifty one (51%) percent of the Members constitute a quorum to vote on By-Law changes and or amendments to the By-Laws. If fifty one (51%) percent of the Members are not in attendance, the current Board of Directors do not have to accept the vote before them with those attending.

2. The By-Laws may also be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation in the following manner:

a) Any proposal for the amendment of these By-Laws shall be in writing, recommended by not less than two Directors and filed with the secretary

of the Corporation

b) A copy of such proposed amendment shall then be mailed to each Director by the secretary of the Corporation to be considered at a meeting called for that purpose on not less than ten (10) days and not more than thirty (30) days notice. A copy of the proposed amendment shall be posted on the Corporation's website.

c) To be effective, such amendment shall receive the affirmative vote of no fewer than two thirds (2/3<sup>rds</sup>) of the Directors, which vote shall be made in person or by filing with the secretary of the Corporation a consent signed by two thirds (2/3<sup>rds</sup>) of the Directors approving the adoption of the proposed amendment.

d) Any amendment adopted by the Directors as provided for in this section 2 shall be subject to the power of the Members to change such action in accordance with the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law and these By-Laws.

e) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section 2, in no event shall the Directors have the authority to adopt or change a By-Law on any subject that is committed expressly to the Members under the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law, as set forth in section 5504(b) of the Law, 15 Pa. C.S.A. §5504(b).

3. Written notice of any such amendment shall be provided to each Member of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE XVIII - DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION**

1. Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for public purpose.

### **Exhibit A**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wish to modify the terms of the Articles of Incorporation Domestic Nonprofit Corporation ("Articles") as set forth below.

1. These amendments are supplemental to the Articles and only amend the Articles as expressly provided herein. The Articles shall remain in full force and effect save for the amendments expressly detailed herein. All defined terms in the Articles carry the same meaning in this Exhibit A unless expressly stated otherwise.

2. The name of the corporation is hereby changed:

From: Upper Makefield-Newtown Soccer Club

To: Patriot FC

3. The registered office of the corporation is hereby changed:

From: 6 Weatherfield Dr., Newtown, PA 18940

To: 12 Taylor Way, Washington Crossing, PA 18977

4. All other terms and conditions of the Articles shall remain the same.

*As amended April 22, 2020*