



Bylaws and Official Club Rules for Kansas City Blue Crew Club An Official Supporters Group for the Kansas City Current

1. Title and Naming

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- 1.1. This group will be called the Kansas City Blue Crew Club, Business Entity ID Number: 9832353.
- 1.2. This group will operate under the DBA of KC Blue Crew (BC).
- 1.3. The group operates as a 501(7)(c).
- 1.4. The fiscal year is considered January 1st to December 31st.

2. Mission Statement

2.1. Our Mission is to support the Kansas City Current (KCC) and the growth of soccer in the Kansas City area.

3. Objectives

- 3.1. Support KCC by providing an unparalleled game day environment through the use of noise, singing, and physical displays.
- 3.2. Facilitate communication and organization between BC members as well as other KCC supporters groups (SG).
- 3.3. Facilitate communication between KCC Front Office (FO), other KCC fans, other SGs, and non-KCC supporters groups.
- 3.4. Represent the mission of BC.
- 3.5. Provide philanthropic events.

4. Bylaws

- 4.1. By becoming a member of BC (as defined in section 5) all members agree to the bylaws of this organization.
- 4.2. Bylaws cannot be amended under any circumstances unless voted on by the general membership at a general meeting.
- 4.3. Amendments to the bylaws must be submitted in writing to the Board at least two weeks before a general members meeting. All amendments must be agreed upon by 2/3rds of the Board before being brought to the general membership for a vote.
 - 4.3.1. If the board does not approve an amendment to vote, it may be voted on at a general meeting by collecting signatures from 20% of the membership roll at the time of its submission.
- 4.4. All amendments must receive 2/3rds of the votes at a general meeting in order to pass
- 4.5. If an issue is not directly addressed by the bylaws it is a decision that will be handled by the board through a majority vote.



5. Membership

- 5.1. A Member will be anyone meeting the criteria set by the board before the start of a season.
- 5.2. Membership dues (if any) will be decided by a majority vote of the Board.
- 5.3. Membership dues (if any) are non refundable.
 - 5.3.1. Membership dues may be transferred to an immediate family member (i.e. spouse or child) upon death, serious illness, or serious injury.
- 5.4. Full details of membership will be announced within thirty (30) days of the Annual Meeting.
- 5.5. Members will be required to follow the bylaws of BC.
- 5.6. A Member Log will be retained by the board.

6. Rules of Conduct

- 6.1. Members are expected to avoid any behavior that would be considered detrimental to the image of the BC. This includes, but is not limited to: bigotry (based on race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity), sectarianism, violence, criminal offense, or hooliganism in any of its forms.
 - 6.1.1. Upon the first infraction a member will be given a verbal warning that will be documented in the membership roles.
 - 6.1.2. Upon a second infraction a member will be given a written warning and be placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
 - 6.1.2.1. Members have the right to appeal probation to the board and it can be overturned by a majority vote.
 - 6.1.3. Upon a third violation a member will be expelled from the BC and cannot rejoin for one calendar year and must receive permission from 2/3rds of the Board.
 - 6.1.4. If any violation is severe enough the board may vote to immediately remove the member from the BC by a 2/3rds majority vote.
- 6.2. A member can be placed on probation for receiving two violations or at the discretion of the board upon a violation of the Code of Conduct.
 - 6.2.1. Probation is defined by being unable to vote on any club matters and is in effect for one calendar year.
 - 6.2.2. Probation may be placed on a member by a 2/3rds vote of the board after an infraction of the code of conduct.
 - 6.2.3. Probation may be removed at any time by a 2/3rds vote of the board.
- 6.3. Members must receive approval from the board for any purchase they expect to be reimbursed. This approval process will be at the discretion of the President.
- 6.4. Members may not use any mark of the organization for personal profit without explicit permission of the board.
- 6.5. Members are required to report any game day violations to either a board member or section captain.



7. Board Member Duties

- 7.1. Ensure that the Culture of BC is heading in a proper direction and ensure independence of governance from external parties.
- 7.2. Represent the best interests of BC in all of their decision making processes for the BC.
- 7.3. Represent BC in dealings with external parties including but not limited to FO, the press, other KCC SGs, the league, and external SGs.
- 7.4. Organize general member meetings as defined in Section 8 of the Bylaws.
- 7.5. Run and ensure a smooth transition of power for each election.
- 7.6. Run the BC's day to day operation and delegate as necessary.
- 7.7. All board members must show proof of being season ticket holders.

7.8. Election and Term

- 7.8.1. All officers will be elected at the general meeting as detailed in section 8 of the bylaws.
- 7.8.2. Terms are from the meeting they are elected until the next election.
 - 7.8.2.1. Board members will stay on for one month after an election in a non-voting capacity to ensure a smooth transition to their successor.
- 7.8.3. The election process will be outlined in section 9 of the bylaws.

7.9. Duties of Officers

7.9.1. President

- 7.9.1.1. The President will be responsible for overseeing and running the BC.
- 7.9.1.2. Responsible for acting as the main liaison to the FO and media outlets.
- 7.9.1.3. General delegation of any tasks needing to be completed for the success of BC.
- 7.9.1.4. Runs and schedules meetings of the General Membership and Board as well as calling for a vote.
- 7.9.1.5. Enforce the rules and bylaws of the BC.
- 7.9.1.6. Work with the board to create communications to the BC.
- 7.9.1.7. Acts as a signer on the bank account.

7.9.2. Vice President

- 7.9.2.1. Assumes responsibilities of the President in their absence or at the President's discretion.
- 7.9.2.2. Act as a secondary liaison to external parties as necessary.
- 7.9.2.3. Act as the authority on the Bylaws of the organization as well as infractions of the bylaws.

7.9.3. Treasurer

- 7.9.3.1. Produces an Income Statement and Statement of Cash before each Board meeting.
- 7.9.3.2. Produces General and Project based budgets.



7.9.3.3. Collects and controls cash expenditures and acts as the main source of cash control.

7.9.3.4. Responsible for all reimbursements as well as tracking their approval.

7.9.3.5. Produces year end statements for Tax Filings as well as working to maintain our tax-free status.

7.9.4. Secretary

7.9.4.1. Maintains accurate records.

7.9.4.2. Overseeing membership lists.

7.9.4.3. Ensuring contact information for board and membership is up-to-date.

7.9.4.4. Tracking board member terms.

7.9.4.5. Assisting in board member orientation.

7.9.4.6. Monitoring the organization's activities to ensure compliance with bylaws and tax regulations.

7.9.5. At Large Members

7.9.5.1. At Large Members will be responsible for any tasks assigned to them by the President.

7.9.5.2. All non-assigned roles will be considered At Large Members unless an outgoing President wishes to exercise their right to become an At Large Member. In this capacity they will be considered the President Emeritus.

7.9.5.3. An outgoing President can also choose to forgo their voting responsibilities but remain on the board as a non voting Member.

7.9.6. Other Board Positions

7.9.6.1. Other board positions will be decided before elections with their job responsibilities listed in a separate document (the Board Role and Responsibilities document) and made available on request.

7.9.7. Founder

7.9.6.1. Securing funding as needed.

7.9.6.2. Providing a vote when there is a tie.

7.9.6.3. Maintaining the overall traditions and expectations of all Blue Crew members.

7.9.6.4. Working with other board members to ensure the vision of the group is being upheld.

7.10. Board members can be removed for violations of conduct or abandonment of duties by a majority vote of the board.

7.10.1. Board members may also resign at any time by submitting their resignation in writing to the board.

7.10.2. All vacant board positions will be filled by a majority vote of the board. At large members and members who stood for election shall be given priority by the board to fill vacant positions.



7.11. At their discretion, board members may create a committee and appoint a director for either short or long term duties.

7.12. Board meeting Minutes will be published within seven (7) days of the meeting.

7.12.1. Any negotiations with merchandise providers, watch party locations, etc. will be redacted from the Minutes until a final decision is made.

7.12.2. Any discussions regarding member conduct, including their infraction and possible consequence, will be redacted from meeting Minutes.

8. Member Meetings

8.1. A meeting may be called by the President at least quarterly as long as the following conditions are met:

8.1.1. A clear purpose for the meeting is stated.

8.1.2. An agenda is created.

8.1.3. There must be at least 15 days between the date of the meeting being announced to the meeting date.

8.2. Meetings may only be attended by members of BC. Any non-BC members may attend with approval of a board member in a non-voting capacity.

8.2.1. Non-Members may not speak to the meeting unless they are invited to do so by the board.

8.3. All Meetings require a presentation on the financial health of BC through a presentation of an Income Statement and Statement of Cash.

8.4. Voting

8.4.1. All proposals up for a vote will go to the floor first where a designated member of both the proponents and opposition will each have a maximum of five minutes to state their case.

8.4.1.1. At the discretion of the President other parties may present for a time period at the discretion of the President.

8.4.2. At the conclusion of the debate a vote will be taken by a raise of hands and will pass with a majority vote.

8.4.2.1. At the discretion of the President a private ballot or voice vote can be used instead.

8.4.2.2. Members must be present to vote. If a member is not present they may submit their vote to the board within 24 hours of the meeting start date.

9. Elections

9.1. An Election must be called within twenty-one (21) days, and held by the President within two months or sixty (60) days of the last day of the previous season, most likely in January, to elect officers for the upcoming season.

9.1.1. The election must be announced no later than January 31st of the calendar year

9.2. The following must be included in the announcement of elections:



9.2.1. The number of positions up for election. There must be a minimum of five (5) board members with no maximum number as long as the resulting number is an odd number of members.

9.2.2. The titles and responsibilities of the positions that will be up for election.

9.2.2.1. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer must be voted on.

9.2.2.2. The remainder of the positions that are named must include a description of duties and will be voted on in the same manner as the President, VP, and Treasurer.

9.2.2.2.1. These additional positions will have their job responsibilities listed in a separate document made available for members when an election is called.

9.2.2.3. The remainder of board spots that are not for a specific role will be run as at large and will follow the at large election process.

9.3. All candidates must be a member in good standing for at least one season and receive a nomination and a second by other members in good standing before they are added to the ballot.

9.3.1. Nominations must be submitted within seven (7 days) of the election announcement.

9.3.2. Nominations must be accepted by the nominated member.

9.3.3. The one season of minimum membership requirement can be waived at the discretion of the board.

9.4. At the conclusion of the nomination process a vote will be held.

9.4.1. Each Candidate will be given two minutes to speak before the vote.

9.4.2. At the conclusion of the speeches a vote will be taken by hand raise unless otherwise requested by a candidate.

9.4.2.1. For candidates running unopposed a voice vote can be used.

9.4.2.2. The candidate who receives the majority of the votes will be named the winner.

9.4.2.2.2. In the event of a tie the outgoing President will act as tie breaker unless the outgoing President is involved in the election, then the outgoing VP will act as a tiebreaker.

9.4.2.2.3. If the vote is a 50%-50% tie between the outgoing President and outgoing VP then the outgoing Treasurer will act as the tiebreaker.

9.4.2.3. At Large Elections will be held last and using the following rules:

9.4.2.3.1. A spot will be held without election for an outgoing President. If the outgoing President accepts this position, and there is only one At Large spot than the At Large Position will follow the election process outlined in 9.3.

9.4.2.3.2. If there are two or more open spots for At Large positions available each voter will be able to vote for up to the number of available positions to vote for and the candidates with the most number of votes will be Elected.



10. Committees

10.1. Committees can be created by a board member at any time as long as the purview of the committee falls under their jurisdiction.

10.2. All Committees must have a Director, a mission, and a board member that they report up to.

10.3. All Committees must allow any member in good standing the ability to join. Those members are responsible for completing their assigned duties.

10.4. Committees and Directors may be dissolved by the board at their discretion.

11. Sub Groups

11.1. Sub Groups may form under the BC at the discretion of the current board. The board must clearly define the criteria for becoming a Sub Group and use the same criteria for all groups wishing to join for the entirety of their term.

11.1.1. Sub groups must be approved by a majority vote of the board after entry criteria are decided.

12. Amendments

None.