

GENERAL OPERATING BY-LAW
OF
HAMILTON CHALLENGER SPORTS ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS the Corporation was incorporated by Letters Patent on January 21, 1997 as a corporation without share capital under Part III of the Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED that all prior governance documents be repealed and the following By-law be enacted as the General Operating Bylaw of Hamilton Challenger Sports Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

ARTICLE I
Interpretation

Section 1.01 Definitions. In the By-laws of the Corporation, unless the context otherwise requires:

"**Act**" means the Ontario *Not-for-profit Corporations Act, 2010*, S.O. 2010, c. 15 (ONCA).

"**appoint**" includes "elect" and vice versa.

"**Articles**" means the original or restated letters patent or articles of amendment, amalgamation, continuance, arrangement, continuance, dissolution, reorganization, or revival of the Corporation.

"**Board**" means the board of directors of the Corporation.

"**By-law**" means this By-law and any other By-law of the Corporation which are, from time to time, in force and effect.

"**Chair**" means the chair of the Board.

"**Director**" means a member of the Board.

"**entity**" means a body corporate, a partnership, a trust, a joint venture or an unincorporated association or organization.

"**First Board Meeting**" has the meaning provided in Section 5.09.

"**meeting of members**" means an annual meeting of members and a special meeting of members.

"**member**" means a member of the Corporation.

"**non-business day**" means Saturday, Sunday, and any other day that is a holiday as defined in the *Interpretation Act* (Canada), R.S.C. 1985, c. I-21.

"**officer**" means an officer of the Corporation.

"**ordinary resolution**" means a resolution passed by a majority of not less than fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the votes cast on that resolution.

"**person**" includes any individual or entity.

"**recorded address**" means:

- (a) in the case of a member, their address as recorded in the register of members of the Corporation;
- (b) in the case of an officer, auditor, or member of a committee of the Board, their latest address as recorded in the records of the Corporation; and
- (c) in the case of a Director, their latest address as recorded in the most recent notice filed under the Act.

"**special meeting**" includes a meeting of any class or classes of members, and a special meeting of all members entitled to vote at an annual meeting of members.

"**special resolution**" includes a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two thirds of the votes cast on that resolution.

Section 1.02 Other Definitions. Unless otherwise defined herein, the defined terms set out in the Act have the same meanings as when used in this By-law. For the purposes of this By-law, (a) the words "include", "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation"; (b) the word "or" is not exclusive; (c) the words "herein", "hereof", "hereby", "hereto" and "hereunder" refer to this By-law as a whole; (d) whenever the singular is used herein, the same shall include the plural, and whenever the plural is used herein, the same shall include the singular, where appropriate; and (e) whenever the masculine is used herein, the same shall include the feminine, and whenever the feminine is used herein, the same shall include the masculine, where appropriate. Unless the context otherwise requires, references herein: (x) to sections mean the sections of this By-law; (y) to an agreement, instrument or other document means such agreement, instrument or other document as amended, supplemented and modified from time to time to the extent permitted by the provisions thereof; and (z) to a statute, including the Act, means such statute as amended from time to time and includes any successor legislation thereto and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

ARTICLE II

Registered Office and Records

Section 2.01 Location of Registered Office. The address of the registered office of the Corporation shall be 558 Upper Gage Avenue, Unit 2, Suite 245, in the City of Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario or at such location therein as the Board may from time to time determine by resolution or special resolution.

Section 2.02 Books and Records. Any records maintained by the Corporation in the regular course of its business as required by the Act, including its register of members, books of account and minute books, may be in any form, provided that the records are capable of being reproduced in intelligible written form within a reasonable time. The Corporation shall make such records available for inspection under applicable law.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 3.01 Membership Conditions. Subject to the Articles, there shall be one class of members in the Corporation and membership shall only be available to individuals appointed as Directors or active volunteers of a committee of the Corporation. Membership in the Corporation shall be available to individuals interested in furthering the Corporation's purposes, have subscribed annually to the Standard Behavioral Policy established by the Board from time to time, and who have applied for and been accepted into membership in the Corporation by resolution of the Board or in such other manner as may be determined by the Board. Each member shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend, and vote at all meetings of the members of the Corporation, and each member shall be entitled to one vote at such meetings. For greater certainty, membership shall only be available to individuals and shall not be available to corporations, unincorporated organizations, or any such other entity that is not an individual.

Section 3.02 Transfer of Memberships. Membership is not transferable.

Section 3.03 Membership Dues. Members shall be notified in writing of the membership dues, if any, at any time payable by them, and, if any are not paid within one calendar month of the membership renewal date, the members in default shall automatically cease to be members of the Corporation.

Section 3.04 Termination of Membership. A membership in the Corporation is terminated when:

- (a) the member dies or resigns;
- (b) the member is expelled or their membership is otherwise terminated by resolution of the Board or in accordance with the Articles or By-laws;
- (c) the member's term of membership expires;
- (d) the member ceases to be a Director for any reason;
- (e) the member is absent from three consecutive annual meetings of the members; or
- (f) the Corporation is liquidated and dissolved under the Act.

Section 3.05 Effect of Termination of Membership. Subject to the Articles, upon any termination of membership, the rights of the member, including any rights in the property of the Corporation, automatically cease to exist.

Section 3.06 Discipline of Members.

- (a) The Board shall have authority to suspend or expel any member from the Corporation for any one or more of the following grounds:
 - (i) violating any provision of the Articles, By-laws, or written policies of the Corporation;
 - (ii) carrying out any conduct that may be detrimental to the Corporation as determined by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion; or
 - (iii) any other reason that the Board acting in good faith considers to be fair and reasonable, having regard to the purpose of the Corporation.
- (b) If the Board determines that a member should be suspended or expelled from membership in the Corporation, the president, or such other officer as may be designated by the Board, shall provide 15 days' notice of suspension or expulsion to the member and shall provide reasons for the proposed suspension or expulsion. The member may make a written submission to the president, or such other officer as may be designated by the Board, in response to the notice received within such 15-day period, and the Board. If no written submission is received, the president, or such other officer as may be designated by the Board, may proceed to notify the member that the member is suspended or expelled from membership in the Corporation. If a written submission is received in accordance with this Section 3.06(b), the Board will give the member an opportunity to be heard orally or in writing not less than five days before the suspension or expulsion of membership becomes effective. The Board's decision shall be final and binding on the member without any further right of appeal to the Board. Upon final decision being reached, such member shall cease to be a member of the Corporation and shall be removed from the register of members of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings of the Members

Section 4.01 Place of Meetings. All meetings of members shall be held at such place in Ontario as the Board determines or, in the absence of such a determination, at the place stated in the notice of meeting. If all the members entitled to vote at that meeting so agree or the Articles specify a place outside Ontario where a meeting of members may be held, a meeting of members may be held outside Ontario.

Section 4.02 Annual Meetings. The annual meeting of the members for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held at such date, time and place, if any, as shall be determined by the Board and stated in the notice of the meeting.

Section 4.03 Special Meetings. Special meetings of members for any purpose or purposes shall be called at any time:

- (a) by resolution of the Board;
- (b) at the request of the Chair, vice chair, or any two directors; or
- (c) in accordance with the Act on the written requisition of members carrying not less than 10% of the voting rights. If the Board does not call a meeting within 21 days of receiving the requisition, any member who signed the requisition may call the meeting.

The only business that may be conducted at a special meeting shall be the matter or matters set forth in the notice of such meeting.

Section 4.04 Fixing the Record Date.

- (a) In order that the Corporation may determine the members entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any meeting of members or any adjournment thereof, the Board may fix a record date, which record date shall not precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted by the Board, and which record date shall not be more than 50 days before the date of such meeting. If the Board so fixes a date, such date shall also be the record date for determining the members entitled to vote at such meeting unless the Board determines, at the time it fixes such record date, that a later date on or before the date of the meeting shall be the date for making such determination. If no record date is fixed by the Board, the record date for determining members entitled to notice of, or to vote at, a meeting of members shall be at the close of business on the day immediately preceding the day on which notice is given, or, if notice is waived, at the close of business on the day immediately preceding the day on which the meeting is held. A determination of members entitled to notice of, or to vote at, a meeting of members shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting; *provided that* the Board may fix a new record date for the determination of members entitled to vote at the adjourned meeting, and in such case shall also fix as the record date for members entitled to notice of such adjourned meeting the same or an earlier date as that fixed for the determination of members entitled to vote therewith at the adjourned meeting.

Section 4.05 Adjournments. Any meeting of the members, annual or special, may be adjourned from time to time to reconvene at the same or some other place, if any, and notice need not be given of any such adjourned meeting if the time, place, if any, thereof and the means of remote communication, if any, are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken. At the adjourned meeting, the Corporation may transact any business that might have been transacted at the original meeting. If the adjournment is for more than 30 days, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each member entitled to vote at the meeting. If, after the adjournment, a new record date is fixed for members entitled to vote at the adjourned meeting,

the Board shall give notice of the new record date and notice of the adjourned meeting to each member entitled to vote at the adjourned meeting in accordance with the Act and this By-law.

Section 4.06 Notice of Meetings. Notice of the time and place of a meeting of members shall be given to each member entitled to vote at the meeting by the following means:

- (a) mail, courier, or personal delivery to each member entitled to vote at the meeting, during a period of not less than 14 days before the day on which the meeting is to be held; or
- (b) telephonic, electronic, or other communication facility to each member entitled to vote at the meeting, during a period of not less than 14 days before the day on which the meeting is to be held.

Section 4.07 Stated Purpose. Notices of special meetings shall also specify the purpose or purposes for which the meeting has been called in sufficient detail to permit the member to form a reasoned judgment on the special business and include the text of any special resolution or By-law to be submitted at the meeting. Except as otherwise provided herein or permitted by applicable law, notice to members shall be in writing and provided in accordance with **Section 7.01**. Notice of any meeting need not be given to any member who shall, either before or after the meeting, submit a waiver of notice or who shall attend such meeting, except when the member attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is unlawfully called. Any member so waiving notice of the meeting shall be bound by the proceedings of the meeting in all respects as if due notice thereof had been given.

Section 4.08 List of Members. The officer of the Corporation who has charge of the register of members shall prepare a complete list of the members entitled to vote at any meeting of members, arranged in alphabetical order, and showing the address of each member. A member may, on payment of a reasonable fee if the Corporation wishes to charge such reasonable fee, inspect the list of members prepared for a meeting during the Corporation's usual business hours at its registered office.

Section 4.09 Quorum. A quorum at any meeting of the members shall be at least 5 members present and entitled to vote at such meeting. If, however, such quorum is not present or represented at any meeting of the members, the members entitled to vote thereat, present in person, shall have power, by the affirmative vote of a majority in voting power thereof, to adjourn the meeting from time to time, in the manner provided in **Section 4.05**, until a quorum shall be present or represented. Once a quorum is established, it does not need to be maintained throughout the meeting. At any such adjourned meeting at which there is a quorum, any business may be transacted that might have been transacted at the original meeting.

Section 4.10 Persons Entitled to Attend. The only persons entitled to be present at a meeting of members are those entitled to vote at the meeting, the Directors and the auditor/person engaged to conduct a review engagement of the Corporation and such other persons who are entitled or required under the Act or the Articles or By-laws of the Corporation to be present at

the meeting. Any other person may be admitted only on the invitation of the Chair of the meeting or by resolution of the members.

Section 4.11 Conduct of Meetings.

- (a) At every meeting of members, the Chair or, in their absence or inability to act, the vice-chair, or, in their absence or inability to act, a member who is present at the meeting chosen by the members present in person and entitled to vote at the meeting, shall act as chair of, and preside at, the meeting. The secretary or, in their absence or inability to act, the person whom the chair of the meeting shall appoint the secretary of the meeting, shall act as secretary of the meeting and keep the minutes thereof. The chair of any meeting of the members shall have the right and authority to prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and to do all such acts as, in the judgment of such chair, are appropriate for the proper conduct of the meeting. Such rules, regulations or procedures, whether adopted by the Board or prescribed by the chair of the meeting, may include the following:
 - (i) establishing an agenda or order of business for the meeting;
 - (ii) determining when the polls shall open and close for any given matter to be voted on at the meeting;
 - (iii) establishing rules and procedures for maintaining order at the meeting and the safety of those present;
 - (iv) limiting attendance at, or participation in, the meeting to members of the Corporation;
 - (v) restricting entry to the meeting after the time fixed for the commencement thereof; and
 - (vi) limiting the time allotted to questions or comments by participants.
- (b) If the Corporation chooses to make available a telephonic, electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during a meeting of members, any person entitled to attend such meeting may participate in the meeting by means of such telephonic, electronic or other communication facility in the manner provided by the Act. A person participating in a meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting. Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, any person participating in a meeting of members under this **Section 4.11** who is entitled to vote at that meeting may vote, in accordance with the Act, by means of any telephonic, electronic or other communication facility that the Corporation has made available for that purpose.

Section 4.12 Declaration of Interest. It shall be the duty of every Director of the Corporation who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or arrangement or proposed contract or proposed arrangement with the Corporation to declare such interest. Where

there is a conflict of interest the Director must refrain from voting in respect of the contract or arrangement or proposed contract or proposed arrangement.

Section 4.13 Voting.

- (a) **Show of Hands.** Unless otherwise required by law, the election of Directors shall be by show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by a member entitled to vote at the meeting or required by the chair of the meeting, and shall be decided by a plurality of the votes cast at a meeting of the members by the members entitled to vote in such election.
- (b) **Ballot.** If a ballot is demanded, or if upon show of hands the chair of the meeting requires a ballot, such ballot shall be taken by secret ballot.
- (c) **Affirmative Votes.** Unless otherwise required by law, the Articles or this By-law, any matter, other than the election of Directors, brought before any meeting of members shall be decided by the affirmative vote of the majority of members present in person at the meeting and entitled to vote on the matter.
- (d) **Equality of Votes.** In the case of an equality of votes on a show of hands, on a ballot or on the results of electronic voting, the chair of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote in addition to an original vote as a member. Voting at meetings of members need not be by written ballot, except where a ballot is demanded by a member entitled to vote at the meeting.

Section 4.14 Absentee Voting. Members shall not be permitted to vote by proxy.

Section 4.15 Scrutineers at Meetings of Members.

- (a) The Board, in advance of any meeting of members, may appoint one or more scrutineers, who may be employees of the Corporation, to act at the meeting or any adjournment thereof and make a written report thereof. The Board may designate one or more persons as alternate scrutineers to replace any scrutineer who fails to act. If no scrutineer or alternate is able to act at a meeting, the chair of the meeting shall appoint one or more scrutineers to act at the meeting. Each scrutineer shall faithfully execute the duties of a scrutineer with strict impartiality and according to the best of their ability.
- (b) The scrutineers shall:
 - (i) ascertain the number of members and the voting rights of each;
 - (ii) determine the members represented at the meeting, the existence of a quorum, and validity of ballots;
 - (iii) count all votes and ballots;

- (iv) determine and retain for a reasonable period a record of the disposition of any challenges made to any determination by the scrutineers; and
 - (v) certify their determination of the number of members represented at the meeting and their count of all votes and ballots.
- (c) The scrutineers may appoint or retain other persons to assist the scrutineers in the performance of their duties. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, the date and time of the opening and the closing of the polls for each matter upon which the members will vote at a meeting shall be announced at the meeting. No ballot, votes or any revocation thereof or change thereto shall be accepted by the scrutineers after the closing of the polls unless a court upon application by a member shall determine otherwise. In determining the validity and counting of ballots cast at any meeting of members, the scrutineers may consider such information as is permitted by applicable law. No person who is a candidate for office at an election may serve as a scrutineer at such election.

Section 4.16 Resolution in Writing of Members. A resolution in writing signed by all the members entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of members is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the members unless, in accordance with the Act:

- (a) in the case of the resignation or removal of a Director or the appointment or election of another person to fill the place of that Director, a written statement is submitted to the Corporation by the Director giving the reasons for their resignation or the reasons why he or she opposes any proposed action or resolution for the purpose of removing him or her from office or the election of another person to fill the office of the Director; or
- (b) in the case of the removal or resignation of an auditor, or the appointment or election of another person to fill the office of auditor, representations are made to the Corporation by the auditor concerning its proposed removal, the appointment or election of another person to fill the office of auditor or its resignation.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

Section 5.01 General Powers. The Board shall administer the affairs of the Corporation in all things and may make or cause to be made for the Corporation, in its name, any kind of contract which the Corporation may lawfully enter into and, save as hereinafter provided, generally, may exercise all such other powers and do all such other acts and things as the Corporation, by the Act, the Articles, or By-laws, authorized to exercise and do. Without in any way derogating from the foregoing, the Board is expressly empowered:

- (a) to pass, repeal, amend or re-enact bylaws. Any bylaw passed and a repeal, amendment or re-enactment thereof, unless in the meantime confirmed at a general meeting of the members duly called for that purpose, is effective only until the next annual meeting of the members unless confirmed thereat, and, in

default of confirmation thereat, ceases to have effect at and from that time, and in that case no new bylaw of the same or like substance has any effect until confirmed at a general meeting of the members;

- (b) to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, alienate, sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of shares, stocks, rights, warrants, options and other securities, lands, buildings, and other property, movable or immovable, real or personal, or any right or interest therein owned by the Corporation, for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems advisable; and
- (c) to regulate the appointment, remuneration, functions, and duties and removals of agents, officers and employees of the Corporation and the security, if any, to be given by them to the Corporation.

Section 5.02 Number of Directors. The Board shall be comprised of a fixed number of Directors, within the range prescribed in the Articles, as determined from time to time by special resolution or, if the special resolution empowers the Board to determine the number, by resolution of the Board.

Section 5.03 Term of Office. The Directors shall be elected to hold office for a term expiring not later than the close of the third annual meeting following the election. Each Director shall hold office until a successor is duly elected and qualified or until the earliest of the Director's death, resignation, disqualification, or removal. A Director shall only be permitted to hold office for two full consecutive terms. Notwithstanding the terms herein, in the event there is no eligible successor Director available to be elected by the members at the annual meeting, the incumbent Director, if willing, shall hold office ending upon the earlier of the close of the next annual meeting, the election of another individual by the members to replace such incumbent Director, or the incumbent Director's resignation, removal or disqualification from office in accordance with the Act or the By-laws.

Section 5.04 Newly Created Directorships and Vacancies. Any newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the authorized number of Directors under **Section 5.02** and any vacancies occurring in the Board, may be filled by the affirmative votes of a majority of the remaining members of the Board, or by a sole remaining Director, if constituting a quorum. A Director so elected shall be elected to hold office until the earlier of the expiration of the term of office of the Director whom they replaced, the date a successor is duly elected and qualified, or the earliest of such Director's death, resignation, disqualification, or removal.

Section 5.05 Qualifications. A Director at the time of their election and throughout the term of office shall have and maintain the following qualifications:

- (a) must be an individual;
- (b) must be 18 years of age or older;
- (c) must not be a person who has been found under the Substitute Decisions Act, 1992 or under the Mental Health Act to be incapable of managing property;

- (d) must not be a person who has been found to be incapable by any court in Canada or elsewhere;
- (e) must not be a person who has the status of Bankrupt;
- (f) must be a member of the Corporation or become a member within five (5) days of appointment; and
- (g) must have subscribed and continue to subscribe to the Standard Behavioral Policy as established by the Board from time to time.

Section 5.06 Resignation. Any Director may resign at any time by notice given in writing to the Corporation. Such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice by the Corporation or at such later time as is therein specified.

Section 5.07 Removal and Vacation of Office. Except as prohibited by applicable law or the Articles, the members entitled to vote in an election of Directors may remove any Director from office at any time, with or without cause, by ordinary resolution. In addition, a Director shall be vacated from office upon any of the qualifications noted in Section 5.05 ceasing to be true.

Section 5.08 Remuneration. Directors shall not receive, either directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever, any wages, fees, commissions or other amount for services rendered to the Corporation. The directors shall be paid such reasonable sums in respect of their out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending Board or committee meetings or otherwise in respect of the performance by them of their duties, as the Board may from time to time determine. No confirmation by the members of any such payment shall be required.

Section 5.09 First Meeting of New Board. Following the annual meeting of the members at which new Directors are elected, the Board shall, without notice, hold a meeting (the “**First Board Meeting**”) for the purpose of the election of the officers, appointing the chair of any committees, and take any action with respect to issues that are properly before the meeting.

Section 5.10 Regular Meetings. The Board may appoint a day or days in any month or months for regular meetings of the Board at a place and time to be named. A copy of any resolution of the Board fixing the time and place of such regular meetings of the Board shall be sent to each Director immediately after being passed, but no other notice shall be required for any such regular meeting except if the purpose of the meeting or the business to be transacted includes:

- (a) submitting to the members any question or matter requiring the approval of the members;
- (b) filling a vacancy among the Directors or appointing additional Directors;
- (c) filling a vacancy in the office of public accountant;
- (d) issuing debt obligations except as authorized by the Board;
- (e) approving any annual financial statements;

- (f) adopting, amending or repealing By-laws; or
- (g) establishing contributions to be made, or dues to be paid, by members under Section 3.03 (Membership Dues).

Section 5.11 Calling of Ad Hoc Board Meetings. *Ad hoc* meetings of the Board may be held at such times and at such places as may be determined by the Chair, the vice-chair or any two or more Directors.

Section 5.12 Notice of Board Meetings. Notice of the time and place for the holding of a meeting of the Board under Section 5.11 shall be given in the manner provided in Section 7.01 to every Director at least fourteen (14) days before the time when the meeting is to be held. Notice of a meeting shall not be necessary if (a) all of the Directors are present and none of the Directors objects to holding the meeting or (b) those Directors who are absent have waived notice of, or otherwise signified, their consent to holding such meeting. Notice of an adjourned meeting of the Board is not required if the time and place of the adjourned meeting is announced at the original meeting. Unless the By-laws otherwise provide, no notice of meeting need specify the purpose or the business to be transacted at the meeting except that a notice of meeting of Directors shall specify any matter referred to in Section 5.10(a) through Section 5.10(g) that is to be dealt with at the meeting.

Section 5.13 Telephone Meetings. With consent of all the directors of a corporation, a board meeting or meetings of any committees of the Board may be held by means of telephonic, electronic or other communication facility that permit all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting. Participation by a Director or a member of a committee in a meeting under this Section 5.13 shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 5.14 Adjourned Meetings. A majority of the Directors present at any meeting of the Board, including an adjourned meeting, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn and reconvene such meeting to another time and place. At least 24 hours' notice of any adjourned meeting of the Board shall be given to each Director, whether or not present at the time of the adjournment, if such notice shall be given by one of the means specified in Section 7.01 other than by mail, or at least three days' notice shall be given if by mail. Any business may be transacted at an adjourned meeting that might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.

Section 5.15 Waiver of Notice. Whenever notice to Directors is required by applicable law, the Articles or this By-law, a waiver thereof, in writing signed by the Director entitled to the notice, whether before or after such notice is required, shall be deemed equivalent to notice. Attendance by a Director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except when the Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting was unlawfully called. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or *ad hoc* meeting of the Board or committee of the Board need be specified in any waiver of notice.

Section 5.16 Organization. At each meeting of the Board, the Chair or, in their absence, the vice-chair, or in both the Chair and vice-chair's absence, another Director selected by the Board

from amongst their number shall preside as chair of the meeting. The secretary shall act as secretary at each meeting of the Board. If the secretary is absent from any meeting of the Board, the person presiding as chair at the meeting may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting.

Section 5.17 Quorum of Directors. The presence of a majority of the Directors appointed to the Board shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

Section 5.18 Majority Vote. Except as otherwise expressly required by this By-law, the Articles or by applicable law, the vote of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board. In the case of an equality of votes, the chair of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote in addition to their original vote as a Director. All votes at any such meeting shall be taken by ballot if so demanded by any Director present, but if no demand is made, the vote shall be taken in the usual way by assent or dissent. A declaration by the chair that a resolution has been carried, and an entry to that effect in the minutes, shall be admissible in evidence as prima facie proof of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.

Section 5.19 Resolution in Writing of Board. Unless otherwise restricted by the Articles or this By-law, any resolution required or permitted to be passed at any meeting of the Board or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all Directors or members of such committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing or by electronic transmission, and the writings or electronic transmissions are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board or committee in accordance with the Act.

Section 5.20 Committees of the Board and Other Advisory Bodies. At the First Board Meeting, the Board may designate and appoint: (a) one or more committees, each committee to consist solely of one or more of the Directors of the Corporation or (b) other advisory bodies. Any committee or advisory body member may be removed by resolution of the Board. Any such committee, to the extent permitted by applicable law, shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board in the management of the activities and affairs of the Corporation (other than in respect of the matters set out in [Section 5.10\(a\)](#) through [Section 5.10\(g\)](#)) and may authorize the seal of the Corporation to be affixed to all documents that may require it to the extent so authorized by the Board. If a member of a committee or advisory body shall be absent from any meeting, or disqualified from voting thereat, the remaining member or members present at the meeting and not disqualified from voting shall vote on any matter. Unless the Board provides otherwise, at all meetings of such committee or advisory body, a majority of the then-authorized members of the committee or advisory body shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the vote of a majority of the members of the committee or advisory body present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be a resolution of the committee or advisory body. Each committee and advisory body shall keep regular minutes of its meetings. Unless the Board provides otherwise, each committee designated by the Board may make, alter and repeal rules and procedures, for the conduct of its business. In the absence of such rules and procedures, each committee and advisory body shall conduct its business in the same manner as the Board conducts its business under this [ARTICLE V](#).

Section 5.21 Limitation of Liability. Every Director and officer of the Corporation in exercising their powers and discharging their duties shall act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation and exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. Subject to the foregoing, no Director or officer shall be liable for the acts, omissions, failures, neglects or defaults of any other Director, officer or employee, or for joining in any act for conformity, or for any loss, damage or expense suffered or incurred by the Corporation through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired by the Corporation or for or on behalf of the Corporation, or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the monies of the Corporation shall be invested, or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency or tortious act of any person with whom any of the monies, securities or effects of the Corporation shall be deposited, or for any loss occasioned by any error of judgment or oversight on their part, or for any other loss, damage or misfortune that shall happen in the execution of the duties of their office or in relation thereto. Nothing herein shall relieve any Director or officer from the duty to act in accordance with the Act or from liability for any breach thereof.

Section 5.22 Indemnity.

- (a) The Corporation shall indemnify a Director or officer of the Corporation, a former Director or officer of the Corporation or another individual who acts or acted at the Corporation's request as a director or officer (or an individual acting in a similar capacity) of another entity, against all costs, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by the individual in respect of any civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or other proceeding in which the individual is involved because of that association with the Corporation or other entity.
- (b) The Corporation shall advance monies to a Director, officer or other individual for the costs, charges and expenses of a proceeding referred to in **Section 5.22(a)**. The individual shall repay the monies if he or she does not fulfill the conditions of **Section 5.22(c)**.
- (c) The Corporation shall not indemnify an individual under **Section 5.22(a)** unless they (i) acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation or, as the case may be, to the best interests of the other entity for which they acted as a director or officer or in a similar capacity at the Corporation's request and (ii) in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, they had reasonable grounds for believing that their conduct was lawful.
- (d) The Corporation shall also indemnify the individual referred to in **Section 5.22(a)** in such other circumstances as the Act or the law permits or requires. Nothing in this By-law shall limit the right of any person entitled to indemnity to claim indemnity apart from the provisions of this By-law.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Section 6.01 Appointment of Officers. At the First Board Meeting, the Board shall appoint from its Directors a Chair, and may designate additional offices of the Corporation, such as vice-chair, secretary, or treasurer. The Board may appoint officers on an annual or more frequent basis, specify their duties and, subject to the Act, delegate to such officers the power to manage the activities and affairs of the Corporation (other than in respect of the matters described in Section 5.10(a) through Section 5.10(g)). A Director may be appointed to any office of the Corporation. An officer may, but need not be, a Director unless this By-law specifies otherwise. Two or more offices may be held by the same individual subject to the Chair being precluded from also holding the office of secretary.

Section 6.02 Description of Offices. Unless otherwise specified by the Board (which may, subject to the Act, modify, restrict or supplement such duties and powers), the offices of the Corporation, if designated and if officers are appointed, shall have the following duties and powers associated with their positions:

- (a) **Chair.** The Chair of the Board shall be a Director. The Chair of the Board shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Board and of the members and shall be empowered to call meetings of the Board and membership. The Chair shall have such other duties and powers as the Board may specify.
- (b) **Vice-Chair.** The vice-chair of the Board, if one is appointed, shall be a Director. If the Chair is absent or is unable or refuses to act, the vice-chair, if any, shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Board and of the members. The vice-chair shall have such other duties and powers as the Board may specify;
- (c) **Secretary.** If appointed, the secretary shall attend and act as the secretary of all meetings of the Board, the members and committees of the Board. The secretary shall enter, or cause to be entered, in the Corporation's minute book minutes of all proceedings at such meetings. The secretary shall give, or cause to be given, as and when instructed, notices to members, Directors, the auditor/person engaged to conduct a review engagement and members of committees. The secretary shall be the custodian of all books, papers, records, documents and other instruments belonging to the Corporation and shall have such other duties and powers as the Board may specify; and
- (d) **Treasurer.** If appointed, the treasurer shall have the custody of the corporate funds and securities, except as otherwise provided by the Board, and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Corporation and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated by the Board. The treasurer 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 Chair and the Board, at the regular meetings of the Board, or whenever the Board may require it, an account of all their transactions as treasurer

and of the financial condition of the Corporation. If appointed, the treasurer shall have such powers and duties as the Board may specify.

Section 6.03 Other Officers. The powers and duties of all other officers of the Corporation shall be such as the terms of their engagement call for or the Board or the Chair requires of them. The Board may from time to time vary, add to or limit the powers and duties of any officer other than in respect of any of the matters described in Section 5.10(a) through Section 5.10(g).

Section 6.04 Term. In the absence of a written agreement to the contrary, the Board may remove, whether for cause or without cause, any officer of the Corporation. Unless so removed, an officer shall hold office until the earliest of the officer's:

- (a) successor being appointed;
- (b) resignation;
- (c) ceasing to be a Director (if being a Director is a necessary qualification of appointment); or
- (d) death.

Section 6.05 Vacancy in Office. Should any vacancy occur among the officers, the position shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment made by the Board.

Section 6.06 Duties of Officers May Be Delegated. In case any officer is absent, or for any other reason that the Board may deem sufficient, the Chair or the Board may delegate for the time being the powers or duties of such officer to any other officer or to any Director.

ARTICLE VII

Notice

Section 7.01 Method of Giving Notice. Any notice (which term includes any communication or document) to be given (which term includes sent, delivered or served) under the Act, the Articles, the By-laws or otherwise to a member, Director, officer or member of a committee of the Board or to the public accountant shall be sufficiently given if:

- (a) delivered personally to the person to whom it is to be given or delivered to such person's address as shown in the records of the Corporation;
- (b) mailed to such person at such person's recorded address by prepaid ordinary or air mail; or
- (c) sent to such person by electronic means in accordance with the *Electronic Commerce Act, 2000*, S.O. 2000, c. 17.

Section 7.02 Deemed Receipt of Notice.

- (a) A notice:

- (i) delivered in accordance with **Section 7.01(a)** shall be deemed to have been given when it is delivered personally or to the recorded address as provided in **Section 7.01(a)**;
 - (ii) mailed in accordance with **Section 7.01(b)** shall be deemed to have been received on the fifth day after it was sent; and
 - (iii) sent by any means of transmitted or recorded communication in accordance with **Section 7.01(c)** shall be deemed to have been given when dispatched or delivered to the appropriate communication company or agency or its representative for dispatch.
- (b) The secretary may change or cause to be changed the recorded address of any member, Director, officer, auditor/person engaged to conduct a review engagement, or member of a committee of the Board in accordance with any information believed by the secretary to be reliable. The declaration by the secretary that notice has been given under this By-law shall be sufficient and conclusive evidence of the giving of such notice. The signature of any Director or officer of the Corporation to any notice or other document to be given by the Corporation may be written, stamped, typewritten or printed.

Section 7.03 Omissions and Errors. The accidental omission to give any notice to any member, Director, officer, member of a committee of the Board or auditor/person engaged to conduct a review engagement, the non-receipt of any notice by any such person where the Corporation has provided notice in accordance with this By-law or any error in any notice not affecting its substance shall not invalidate any action taken at any meeting to which the notice pertained or otherwise founded on such notice.

ARTICLE VIII

Dispute Resolution

Section 8.01 Dispute Resolution. If a dispute or controversy among the Corporation, its members, Directors, officers or committee members of the Board arising out of or related to the Articles, the By-laws, or out of any aspect of the activities or affairs of the Corporation is not resolved in private meetings between the parties, then such dispute or controversy shall be settled by a process of dispute resolution as follows to the exclusion of such persons instituting a law suit or legal action:

- (a) The dispute shall be settled by arbitration before a single arbitrator, in accordance with the *Arbitration Act, 1991* (Ontario) or as otherwise agreed upon by the parties to the dispute. All proceedings relating to arbitration shall be kept confidential, and there shall be no disclosure of any kind. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding and not be subject to appeal on a question of fact, law or mixed fact and law; and
- (b) All costs of the arbitrator shall be borne by such parties as may be determined by the arbitrator.

ARTICLE IX

General Provisions

Section 9.01 Seal. The seal of the Corporation shall be in such form as shall be approved by the Board. The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or reproduced or otherwise, as may be prescribed by law or custom or by the Board. If a seal is approved by the Board, the secretary of the Corporation shall be the custodian of the seal.

Section 9.02 Financial Year. The financial year of the Corporation shall be December 31 or such other date as is determined by the Board from time to time.

Section 9.03 Annual Financial Statements. Not less than 21 days before each annual meeting, the Corporation shall send a copy of the annual financial statements and other documents referred to in section 84(1) (Presentation of Annual Financial Statements to Members) of the Act to all members who have informed the corporation that they wish to receive a copy of those documents.

Section 9.04 Execution of Documents. Deeds, transfers, assignments, contracts, obligations and other instruments in writing requiring execution by the Corporation may be signed by any two of its officers or Directors. Also, the Board may from time to time direct the manner in which and the person by whom a particular document or type of document shall be executed. Any person authorized to sign any document may affix the corporation's seal (if any) to the document. Any signing officer may certify a copy of any instrument, resolution, By-law or other document of the Corporation to be a true copy.

Section 9.05 Banking Arrangements. The banking business of the Corporation shall be transacted at such bank, trust company, credit union, caisse populaire or other firm or corporation carrying on a banking business in Canada or elsewhere as the Board may designate, appoint or authorize from time to time by resolution. The banking business or any part of it shall be transacted by such officer of the Corporation or other person as the Board may by resolution from time to time designate, direct or authorize.

Section 9.06 Borrowing Powers. The Board may, without authorization of the members:

- (a) borrow money on the credit of the Corporation;
- (b) issue, reissue, sell, pledge debt obligations of the Corporation;
- (c) give a guarantee on behalf of the Corporation to secure performance of an obligation of any person; or
- (d) mortgage, pledge or otherwise create a security interest in all or any of the property of the corporation, owned or subsequently acquired, to secure any debt obligation of the Corporation.

Section 9.07 Conflict with Applicable Law or Articles. This By-law is enacted subject to any applicable law and the Articles. Whenever this By-law may conflict with any applicable law or the Articles, such conflict shall be resolved in favour of such law or Articles.

ARTICLE X

Amendment and Repeal

Section 10.01 Amendment. Subject to the Articles, the Board may, by resolution, make, amend or repeal any By-laws. Any such By-law, amendment or repeal shall be effective from the date of the resolution of the Board until the next meeting of members where it may be confirmed, rejected or amended by the members by ordinary resolution. If the By-law, amendment or repeal is confirmed or confirmed as amended by the members, it remains effective in the form in which it was confirmed. The By-law, amendment or repeal ceases to have effect if it is not submitted to the members at the next meeting of members or if it is rejected by the members at the meeting.

Section 10.02 By-laws Requiring Special Resolution. Section 10.01 does not apply to a By-law that requires a special resolution of the members according to section 103(1) (Amendment of Articles) of the Act. A special resolution is required to make any amendment to Section 3.01 (Membership Conditions), Section 3.02 (Transfer of Memberships), Section 4.06(a) and Section 4.06(b) (Notice of Meetings), the last sentence of Section 4.11 (Conduct of Meetings), Section 4.14 (Absentee Voting, and this Section 10.02.

Section 10.03 Repeal. All previous By-laws of the Corporation are repealed as of the coming into force of this By-law. The repeal shall not affect the previous operation of any By-laws so repealed or affect the validity of any act done or right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired or incurred under or the validity of any contract or agreement made, or the validity of any Articles or predecessor charter documents of the Corporation obtained, under any such By-law before its repeal. All officers and persons acting under the provisions of this By-law, and all resolutions of the members or the Board or a committee of the Board with continuing effect passed under any repealed By-laws shall continue to be good and valid except to the extent inconsistent with this By-law and until amended or repealed.

(Signature Page to Immediately Follow)

This bylaw shall come into force when enacted by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Act.

Enacted as a bylaw of Hamilton Challenger Sports Association and sealed with the corporate seal

this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Chair

Secretary

Confirmed by the Members in accordance with the _____ Act on the ____ day of ____ , 2024.

Chair

Secretary