

**BYLAWS FOR MEMORIAL KNIGHTS LACROSSE CLUB
A TEXAS NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization is “Memorial Knights Lacrosse Club”, hereinafter referred to as the “Club.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Club shall be to promote and develop skill in the sport of lacrosse among boys residing within the boundaries of the Spring Branch Independent School District (“SBISD”) in Houston, Texas.

The Club shall endeavor to participate in competitive lacrosse within the Greater Houston Youth Lacrosse Association (“GHYLA”), and shall adhere to its regulations, rules and operating procedures.

The Club shall endeavor to select and develop the most qualified lacrosse players within the boundaries of SBISD without respect to any individual’s zoned high school.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Club shall be open to parents/guardians and boys in grades five (5) through eight (8) residing within the SBISD boundaries and/or on the Spring 2014 rosters of teams competing for Memorial Junior Boys Lacrosse Club or Spartan Lacrosse Club.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD AND ELECTED OFFICERS

The Club shall be represented by an Executive Board (“Board”) consisting of at least six (6) and no more than ten (10) members. There shall be four (4) elected officers. The elected officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any other Board members shall serve as At Large members.

The Boys Lacrosse Director of Spring Branch Memorial Sports Association (“SBMSA”) shall sit on the Board.

Board members and Officers shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. The term of office shall be from September 1 – August 31. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

A retiring officer may not be re-elected to the Board for a period of one (1) year since the end of his or her term.

Vacancies occurring in an elected office shall be filled by appointment by the President. In the event that the office of President shall become vacant, the Vice President shall serve as the President for the remainder of the term.

The Board shall strive to maintain an equal balance of representation between members zoned to Memorial and Stratford High Schools. At no time shall one zoned high school have more than a one member representative advantage over the other. The SBMSA Liaison does not count with respect to the balance. Should teams form at other SBISD high schools, said school will gain at least one representative on the Board.

The members of the Club may dissolve the Board by a three-fourths vote at a duly constituted meeting of the Club. The Board is required to call a meeting of the Club upon written petition of at least 50% of the Club members.

ARTICLE V – ELECTION PROCEDURES OF THE BOARD

By May 31, the Board shall hold a general Meeting of the Club for the purposes of reporting Club activities to the members and electing officers if necessary.

In the event of an election, the Board will receive nomination recommendations from the members of the Club at least four weeks prior to the general meeting.

The Board will develop a slate of candidates, and the Club members will vote on the candidates via paper ballot. A Board member is elected upon simple majority vote. No Board nominations will be received from the floor.

Newly elected Board members shall serve in the capacity of “Board member elect” until they take office September 1. Prior to September 31 the new Board shall elect officers among themselves consistent with Article IV above.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS’ RESPONSIBILITIES

President: The President shall preside over all business meetings of the Board. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of any and all committees both standing and appointed. The President will appoint a chairperson for all committees.

Vice President: The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in his/her absence. His/her responsibilities include maintaining insurance for the Club, conflict resolution, long range planning for the Club, and any other duties assigned by the President of the Club.

Secretary: The responsibilities of the Secretary include: maintaining a record of all Board meetings, maintaining the Club web site, parental communication, and any other duties assigned by the President of the Club.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Club, keep books of accounts and records including bank statements, receipts, budgets, invoices, paid receipts and cancelled checks for five (5) years. The Treasurer shall make disbursements as authorized by the President or the Board in accordance with the budget adopted by the Board, sign on bank accounts, present a financial statement at all Board meetings, and at other times as requested by the Board. The Treasurer shall maintain records of registration fee payments and file any necessary tax reports for city, county, state and federal entities.

ARTICLE VII – ANNUAL BUDGET

The Club's fiscal year shall run from January 1 – December 31.

The President and the Treasurer shall develop the budget with input from the Board. The Board shall approve the budget in December before taking effect January 1.

A Treasurer's Report shall be presented at every meeting of the Board.

An annual financial report shall be presented to the members of the Club every year in May.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

The Board shall meet monthly excluding June and July.

A quorum shall consist of the President – or Vice President in his absence – and two other members of the Board.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended after approval of the Board by a two-thirds vote of the Board at a general or called meeting.

ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable.

ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the 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 a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction in the county in which the principal officer of the organization is then located, exclusively for the purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determined, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Effective _____, 2014

President

Secretary