

## **FORWARD**

**This Constitution is the amended version to our previous Constitution. This amendment was necessary because the Constitution has to conform to present realities aimed at protecting the image and integrity of “Mighty Barrolle Sports Association, Inc.”; thereby fostering and promoting goodwill and unity amongst its members and not to deprive or prevent any individual(s) from fully enjoying membership or the opportunity to get elected.**

**I am confident that with the observance of each Article and Section of this Constitution by the general membership, our organization will prosper and meet the challenges, aspirations, goals and objectives for which our founding fathers made tremendous sacrifices.**

**The members of the Constitution Committee, with deep sense of love and compassion for this organization and respect for all its members hope that we will all abide by the Organic Laws set forth, and protect and defend the image of our organization.**

**With God above and our rights to prove, we will overall prevail.**

**D. Zeogar Wilson  
President**

## **PREAMBLE**

Whereas, We, the past and present players, officers, members, fans, supporters and sympathizers of The Mighty Barrolle Sports Association of the Republic of Liberia, now residing in the city of Trenton and its environs, State of New Jersey, United States of America, do hereby organize and proclaim ourselves one body under one leadership called “The Mighty Barrolle Sports Association Incorporated”, to be known and styled “Mighty Barrolle Sports Association, Inc.”

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **NAME AND JURISDICTION:**

The name of the Association shall be called The Mighty Barrolle Sports Association Incorporated; Herein referred to as the “ASSOCIATION”. It shall be headquartered in Trenton, New Jersey

## **ARTICLE II**

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To provide financial and moral support to our mother club, Mighty Barrolle Sports Association of Liberia
- To provide Social and healthy atmosphere through which all members shall meet to strengthen the bond of friendship
- To encourage and promote friendship with other organizations through athletic competitions.
- To foster and provide safe environment for our youth to freely participate in social and athletic activities.
- To provide charitable services to our community, our members and their families and others in time of need.

## **ARTICLE III**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- Membership shall be opened to all present and former players, officers, members, fans, supporters and sympathizers in the city of Trenton, state of New Jersey and the United States as a whole who may express willingness to be part of the Association.
- Membership shall be opened to all nationalities irrespective of color, creed or religious orientation.
- To be considered a member, one has to complete an application form and pay a non-refundable membership fee of twenty (\$20.00) dollars.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **STRUCTURE**

- The Association shall have a structure in place to run the affairs of the Association at all time.
- The Association shall have the following structural components:
  - I. The General Body
  - II. The Board of Directors
  - III. The Executive Committee

## **ARTICLE V: THE GENERAL BODY**

### **SECTION I:**

- A. Shall consist of all members of the Association and shall be the highest decision making body of the Association.
- B. Shall elect all members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.
- C. Shall approve of all budgets and programs of the Association.
- D. Shall approve amendments to the constitution.

## **ARTICLE VI: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SECTION I:** There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of five members elected by the general body and its responsibilities shall be as follows:

- A. To advise, guide and monitor the activities of the Executive Committee
- B. Ensures that decisions by the general body are carried out.
- C. It shall investigate any complaint against any officer or member of the Association and submit all findings to the general body for resolution
- D. Members of the Board of Directors shall be held in high esteem and are expected to conduct themselves in like manner.
- E. It shall have the authority to appoint an audit committee to audit the Executive committee if so deemed necessary.

## **ARTICLE VII: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **SECTION I:**

The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers of the Association and shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. Shall run the day to day activities of the Association
- B. Shall serve as the administrative and managerial arm of the Association
- C. Shall implement all social and athletic programs of the Association
- D. Shall formulate all programs and budgets and submit same to the body for approval.
- E. Shall negotiate all contracts and agreements on behalf of the Association; submit same to the Board of Directors for review and subsequently to the body for final action.
- F. Shall have the authority to create any standing or Ad Hoc committee to help facilitate the smooth operation of the Association.

### **SECTION II: ELECTED POSITIONS**

The following shall be elected positions on the Executive Committee:

- 1. President
- 2. Vice President
- 3. General Secretary
- 4. Treasurer
- 5. Financial Secretary
- 6. Chaplain General

## **ARTICLE VIII: RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **PRESIDENT:**

- A. He/She shall serve as the chief spokesperson of the Association at all times, except he/she designates a representative
- B. He/She shall serve as the chief executive officer and ex-officio to all committees
- C. He/She shall administer the affairs of the Association in conjunction with the Executive Committee and report to the Board of Directors
- D. He/She shall name members of all standing or Ad Hoc committees.
- E. He/She shall name assistants to the General Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain
- F. He/She shall give an update of the finances of the Association quarterly at a general meeting of the Association.
- G. He/She shall preside over all meetings of the Association and inform the Board of such meetings
- H. He/She shall perform all other duties assigned by the body or the Executive Committee
- I. Whenever necessary the President shall appoint a replacement for the completion of the term of an officer who is incapacitated or impeached, with the advise and consent of the Board of Directors

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**

- A. He/She shall act in the absence of the president
- B. He/She shall assume the position of President in the event of impeachment or suspension of the President
- C. He/She shall assist the president in designated issues that may impact the Association
- D. He/She shall serve as ex-officio on all committees-standing or Ad Hoc.
- E. He/She shall perform all other duties as assigned by the president.

**GENERAL SECRETARY:**

- A. He/She shall be the chief custodian of the Association's records and documentations
- B. He/She shall be responsible for all correspondence of the Association
- C. He/She shall record minutes of all general and officers' meetings of the Association

**TREASURER:**

- A. He/She shall be the chief custodian of all funds collected and received in the name of the Association
- B. He/She shall issue receipts for any funds collected and have same deposited in a federally insured bank, in the city of Trenton, state of New Jersey forty eight hours upon receipt of said monies.
- C. He/She shall make a quarterly report of the financial status of the Association at a general meeting
- D. He/She shall prepare, make and submit a bi-monthly financial report to the Executive Committee

### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY:**

He/She shall be present at all meetings and record all financial transactions and be responsible for all financial records.

He/She shall report whatever amount collected at the end of all meetings and functions of the Association

He/She shall not be authorized to receive or keep any monies on behalf of the Association

### **CHAPLAIN GENERAL:**

- A. He/She shall be responsible for spiritual guidance of the Association.
- B. He/She shall offer prayers at all functions of the Association.
- C. He/She shall provide support for the well-being of members in times of bereavement and other unfortunate circumstances.

## **ARTICLE IX: ELECTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

### **SECTION I: ELECTIONS**

- A. There shall be a three-member Ad Hoc Election Commission which shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.
- B. The commission shall formulate guidelines for election in compliance with this constitution.
- C. There shall be General Elections of officers after every two year-term
- D. Elections shall be held the second Saturday in September every two years
- E. Winners shall be determined by a simple majority
- F. Elected position shall be opened to all members of the Association irrespective of nationality, sex or religion.

### **SECTION II: REQUIREMENT**

- A. All candidates must be registered member of the chapter and at least 25 years old
- B. All candidates must be in good moral and financial standing with the Association. A member in good financial standing shall mean that the member has paid all dues in full

and has met up with other contributions set forth by the Association.

- C. All candidates must have been an active member one year prior to elections. An active member shall be defined as one who has attended more than fifty percent of all meetings in a year and must have paid all dues in full and met up with other contributions set forth by the Association.
- D. No elected officer shall serve more than two terms
- E. Any member who has been suspended for bad moral and financial behavior shall not be eligible to contest for elected position until he/she has demonstrated good behavior six months after said suspension as determined by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.
- F. To vote in an election, one must have been a member for at least six months prior to the date of elections.

## **ARTICLE X: MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 1:**

- A. There shall be monthly meeting of the Association.
- B. The site, time and date of the meeting shall be determined by the president.
- C. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum of the Association to do business.
- D. There shall be monthly dues of ten dollars for members and fifteen dollars for officials, payable before or at the beginning of every general meeting.
- E. Eleven members present shall constitute a quorum for Emergency Meeting. But said meeting can not be used to impeach an elected officer of the Association. Emergency Meeting shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE XI: IMPEACHMENT**

### **SECTION I:**

- A. No elected officer or member of the Board of Directors shall be immune/exempt from these proceedings.
- B. Any elected officer shall be impeached and removed from office if guilty of any of the following:
  - I. Embezzlement
  - II. Misappropriation
  - III. Solicitation of fund and materials in the name of the Association and utilizing same for personal use.
- C. Criminal conviction under any State or Federal law.
- D. Any officer charged with any of the aforementioned offenses shall be accorded due process of the law by the Board of Directors. The result of said investigation shall be submitted to the Executive Committee who shall subsequently submit it to the general body for any action if needed.

- E. Impeachment action shall be final after a vote of affirmative by two third of the members present in meeting.
- F. There shall be no impeachment exercise in an emergency meeting
- G. General meeting with Impeachment agenda shall be advertised to the members four times in one month before said action.

## **ARTICLE XII: WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS**

### **SECTION I: BANK ACCOUNT(S)**

- A. The Association shall establish both savings and checking accounts in a federally insured bank in the city of Trenton, New Jersey
- B. The accounts shall bear the name of the Association as “Mighty Barrolle Sports Association, Inc.”
- C. There shall be three signatories to these accounts:
  - I. President
  - II. Vice President
  - III. Treasurer

### **SECTION II: WITHDRAWAL**

- A. The withdrawal of any fund from the account of the Association shall bear the signatures of any two of the following elected officers:
  - I. President/Vice President
  - II. Treasurer
- B. In time of withdrawal, the signatures of the President and Treasurer shall be prevailing with the signature of the Vice President as alternate.
- C. All withdrawal of funds shall be authorized by the Executive Committee. Said activity must be represented in the disclosure of the financial update during the official meeting after the withdrawal.

## **ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS**

### **SECTION I:**

- A. Any portion(s) of this Constitution shall be amended by a simple majority vote of members present at a general meeting.
- B. A petition for amendment of the Constitution or any part thereof shall be filed by a

member or group of members with the Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days to a general meeting. The petition shall identify the provision(s), state tangible reasons for amendment; the good to be derived from said action, and provide the wordings for the proposed amendment.

## **ARTICLE XIV: SUSPENSION**

### **SECTION I:**

- A. The Executive committee may suspend, with the approval of the Board, any member who violates the Constitution or engages in any activity that undermines the purpose and objectives of the Association.
- B. Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee shall also be subjected to suspension like all others, but in the following manners:

Board of Directors:

- I. The Board may suspend any of its members by a vote of simple majority pending an investigation into allegation of misconduct. The general body may affirm the suspension for a timed-period, reduce or reverse the suspension, or impeach the officer.
- II. These decisions and results must be documented and formally communicated to the officer(s) concerned.

Executive Committee Members:

- I. The Board shall have the authority to suspend any member of the Executive Committee if that member is under investigation for any of the infractions covered under ARTICLE XI SECTION 1

## **ARTICLE XV: OPERATION ADOPT A PLAYER COMMITTEE**

### **SECTION I:**

- 1. There shall be a standing committee named and styled “OPERATION ADOPT A PLAYER COMMITTEE”. This committee shall comprise of three members, a chairman and two other members, all of whom shall be appointed by the president with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

2. This committee shall be charged with the responsibility of galvanizing support for the program with the sole aim of paying the salaries of players of both soccer and basketball teams and their technical staff.
3. The committee shall ensure that funds are deposited in the account set up for this purpose to meet up with the monthly payroll
4. The committee shall organize programs to raise funds specifically for this program
5. The committee shall carry out other responsibilities directed to this program as deemed necessary by the Executive committee.

## **ARTICLE XVI: BY-LAWS**

### **SECTION I:**

1. Any one, 18 years or above, desiring to be a member of the Association shall fill an application form and pay a non- refundable membership fee of twenty dollars.
2. Regular monthly dues shall be ten dollars for members and fifteen dollars for officers and members of the Board of Directors, payable before or at the start of every official meeting.

3. For any disorderly conduct, the presiding officer shall impose a fine of no less than five dollars and no more than ten dollars.
4. Except for a serious offense to be determined by the Board of Directors, no member of the Association shall be suspended for more than six months.
5. The results of any investigation shall be submitted to the President with recommendations and the President shall present it to the body for any action if necessary.
6. Any member suspended for any reason shall be denied the opportunity to contest an elected position six months after his or her suspension and may not attend any functions of the Association during the period of suspension.
7. The Board of Directors shall be responsible to develop and maintain at all times, a comprehensive, fair and adequate Bereavement policy for the Association.
8. It shall be mandatory for each member to get a copy of the constitution at a cost of five dollars each.
9. The President/Executive Committee shall be responsible to ensure that each member is provided a copy of the Constitution and that of the Bereavement Policy.
10. The President shall set up a Youth Committee to address the needs of the younger members of the Association.
11. The President shall have the right to grant clemency to any one suspended.
12. The President shall grant clemency to any delinquency on financial matters based on actual uncontrollable circumstances. Said clemency must meet the consent of the Board of Directors.
13. Until other wise designated, the President shall be the sole official spokesperson of the Association.
14. There shall be one "AWARD" event annually for members or non-members who have contributed beyond the call of duties to the general welfare of the Association, the community, our country or humanity as a whole
15. This Association shall not be obligated to be a part of a Union or a larger part of any organization, But it must honor all contracts, written or other wise, until it is determined that said contract no longer serves the interest of the Association
16. Like the Constitution, the Bereavement Policy must be written separately and distributed to each member at a cost of five dollars each
17. The Treasurer shall, in confidence, notify all delinquent members on financial matters three times before a former complaint to the President. Said notification must be written.
18. Any elected or appointed officer shall take an oath of office before assuming his or her official duties.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

This constitution, upon ratification, shall be effective immediately. In case of any future amendment, said amendment will be effective immediately also upon approval of the general body.

This constitution was drafted and presented by the Constitution Committee and ratified by the general body on August 18, 2007 in the city of Willingboro, State of New Jersey, U.S.A.

Signed:

1. Joseph Kokro.....Chairman

2. Edwina Barnard .....Co-Chairman

3. Andrew Gursay.....Member

4. Mamade Kromah.....

*[Handwritten signatures and dates: 8/18/07]*

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