

CHARLOTTE FOOTBALL CLUB SUPPORTERS' COUNCIL  
BYLAWS—AMENDED (2021)

# Supporters' Council

## BYLAWS



### ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Treasury. The Treasury was chartered on 1 August 2021, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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### ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

The purpose of The Treasury shall be to provide a coalition of all official supporter's groups to move the city and sport forward with one voice rooted in diversity. The Treasury will serve to create a budget, track, spend, and report the money raised by the Supporter's Section Fee. The Treasury will also communicate with the Charlotte FC front office and advise on fan experience and relations.

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### ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Membership to the Treasury will be initially decided through an application process outlined in The Treasury Foundational Document. This will be carried out by the Charlotte Football Club front office staff. Upon the establishment of initial members, admitting of additional Recognized Supporters' Groups will be determined independently by The Treasury.

#### **Section 1. Requirements for Membership**

- a. Supporters' Groups seeking representation in the Treasury must meet the following requirements. The front office staff of Charlotte Football Club and the existing Representatives of The Treasury will review applications and membership will be awarded by the existing Representatives of The Treasury.
  - i. Supporters' Groups must have at least twenty-two (22) Pledged Members.
  - ii. Supporters' Groups must have at least twenty-two (22) Pledged Members with Season Tickets in the Charlotte Football Club Supporters' Section.
  - iii. Supporters' Groups must have a unique logo.
  - iv. Supporters' Groups must have a website and activity on at least one (1) social media platform.
  - v. Supporters' Groups must submit a Mission Statement and Supporters' Group Description.
  - vi. Supporters' Group must have written bylaws, at least three (3) Pledged Members identified as leadership and a mechanism for adding new members.
  - vii. Supporters' Groups must commit to and participate in at least one (1) community service initiative per quarter.
  - viii. Supporters' Groups must be established as a Legal Entity.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Section 2. Membership Admittance Process**

- a. Supporters' Groups seeking voting membership on The Treasury will complete an application that will be posted on the Charlotte Football Club webpage. Once Membership Requirements have been verified by the Charlotte Football Club front office and the existing Representatives of The Treasury, the existing Representatives of The Treasury will vote on admittance for the applying Supporters' Group. A vote of 3/4th in the affirmative is required for a qualifying Supporters' Group to be admitted.
  - i. Membership of all newly admitted groups will take effect at the next meeting of The Treasury.
  - ii. Simply meeting the requirements for membership stated in Article III, Section 1 does not guarantee voting representation.

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<sup>1</sup> Business or 501(c)3, 4, or 7.

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- iii. Membership applications will be accepted on a rolling, continuous basis.

**Section 3. Expulsion**

- a. A Supporters' Group may be expelled from The Treasury for behavior or representation counter to the Supporters' Code of Conduct or deemed to be detrimental to the vision and mission of Charlotte Football Club and its Recognized Supporters' Groups.
- b. A vote for Expulsion must be brought to The Treasury by Representatives from at least two (2) Supporters' Groups.
- c. Representatives will then vote on Expulsion with each Group casting one (1) vote. The Supporters' Group in question will not cast a vote. All other Supporters' Groups with Representation in The Treasury must cast a vote.
- d. A Supporters' Group will be expelled from The Treasury if votes to expel reach 3/4ths in the affirmative.

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**ARTICLE IV—ORGANIZATION**

The Treasury will be organized as a Republic of Representatives from the Recognized Supporters' Groups of Charlotte Football Club.

**Section 1. Representatives**

- a. Each Recognized Supporters' Group will receive a number of Representative positions based on their Pledged Membership with Season Tickets in the Supporters' Section. For representation purposes, the number of Pledged Members with tickets in the Supporters' Section will be counted before the first game of each season. Representation for the season will be based upon the final pre-season count. Newly Recognized Supporters' Groups will have their Pledged Member count for the season upon admittance to The Treasury.
  - i. Tier 1 - Supporters' Groups with fifty (50) or more Pledged Members in the Supporters' Section will receive three (3) votes.
  - ii. Tier 2 - Supporters' Groups with twenty-four (35) to forty-nine (49) Pledged Members in the Supporters' Section will receive two (2) votes.
  - iii. Tier 3 - Supporters' Groups with twenty-one (22) to thirty-four (34) Pledged Members in the Supporters' Section will receive one (1) vote.
- b. Representatives to The Treasury can be any Pledged Member of a Supporters' Group with Season Tickets in the Supporters' Section. Representatives do not need to be the same members from each group for every meeting.

**Section 2. Parliamentarian**

- a. Meetings of the Treasury will be made, organized, and led by an elected Parliamentarian from the membership of Recognized Supporters' Groups. The Parliamentarian will set the agenda for meetings of The Treasury and will serve as a moderator for discussions. The Parliamentarian will also work to ensure that the business of The Treasury is in line with the governing rules established in The Treasury Foundational Document and these Bylaws.
  - i. The Parliamentarian will be elected at the First Meeting of The Treasury for each calendar year.
  - ii. The Parliamentarian must be a Pledged Member of a Recognized Supporters' Group and be a Season Ticket Holder in the Supporters' Section.
  - iii. A simple majority of voting Representatives is required to elect a Parliamentarian. Should a majority not be attained by a single candidate, the lowest vote receiver will be dropped from the ballot and subsequent run-off elections will take place until a majority has been acquired.

**Section 3. Secretary**

- a. The Secretary of the Treasury will act as the Treasurer (to avoid the convoluted title of Treasurer of the Treasury) of the Treasury. They will monitor the budget of the Treasury and provide updates at each meeting and upon request from The Treasury.

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**ARTICLE V—MEETINGS**

The Treasury will hold meetings at least once per month. Meeting times and locations will be established by the Parliamentarian and agendas will be distributed to Recognized Supporters' Groups ahead of the meeting time.

**Section 1. Meeting Attendees**

- a. Meetings will be attended by Representatives of each Recognized Supporters' Group.

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- i. Other attendees and employees of Charlotte Football Club may be invited to meetings of The Treasury upon agreement of Representatives from two (2) Recognized Supporters' Groups.

**Section 2. Meeting Agenda**

- a. The Parliamentarian will begin each meeting with a Call to Order and a review of the Agenda. Representatives may send topics for the Agenda ahead of the meeting that will be added.
  - i. Additions to the Agenda at the start of the meeting may be added with the support of Representatives from two (2) Recognized Supporters' Groups.
  - ii. **Discussion of Topics** - The Parliamentarian will introduce the topic from the Agenda and then recognize the individual or Representative of the Supporters' Group from which the topic was submitted. An open discussion will follow the topic introduction and will be moderated by the Parliamentarian.

**Section 3. Voting**

- a. A motion to vote on a resolution, adoption, or expenditure may be made by any Representative and must be seconded by a Representative from a different Supporters' Group. A 3/4th vote of Representatives in the affirmative is required for passage of motions. Voting may only take place in the presence of a Quorum of Representatives.
  - i. The Parliamentarian may delay a motion to vote in order to allow more time for discussion of the topic, but cannot table it indefinitely. Voting motions that are seconded must be brought to a vote before moving on to the next topic or adjournment.
  - ii. A Quorum shall be defined by a presence of 3/4ths of Representatives.

**Section 4. Adjournment**

- a. The Parliamentarian will end meetings by reviewing the Agenda, discussion items, and any voting that took place during the meeting. The meeting will be adjourned with a motion from the Parliamentarian and a Second and Third from Representatives from two different Supporters' Groups.

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**ARTICLE VI—ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

The Treasury will allocate funds via Charlotte Football Club from the Supporters' Fund with the purpose of improving, supporting, and augmenting the gameday experience in the Supporters' Section for Charlotte Football Club home matches.

**Section 1. Fund Allocation Process**

- a. The Treasury will vote on the allocation of funds and submit requests to Charlotte Football Club.
- b. All monies from the Supporters' Fund must be spent during the season for which it was collected.

**Section 2. Spending Limitations**

- a. The Treasury will ensure that all spending of money is in line with the Supporters' Fund's stated purpose.
  - i. Monies from the Supporters' Fund shall not be used for the sole benefit of any individual, Treasury Representatives, or Supporters' Group. Funds shall not be spent on meeting locations, food, or other hospitality items.
  - ii. Monies from the Supporters' Fund may not be spent on any capital that is branded with the iconography of any of the Recognized Supporters' Groups.
  - iii. Capital purchased by The Treasury shall not be possessed by any individual Supporters' Group and must be kept in a location that is accessible to Representatives of all Recognized Supporters' Groups.
  - iv. Funds may not be spent on advertisements or promotional products.
  - v. Fees or payments to Charlotte Football Club or Tepper Sports & Entertainment may not exceed one (1) dollar per transaction.
  - vi. Payments from The Supporters' Fund must not be allocated to any Representative of The Treasury, member of a Recognized Supporters' Group, or business in which a member of a Recognized Supporters' Group has a financial interest.
  - vii. The Supporters' Fund shall not be used to make any permanent capital improvements to Bank of America Stadium.

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**ARTICLE VII—DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS**

The Treasury will review fan violations of the Charlotte Supporters' Code of Conduct and determine appropriate action, including recommendations to Charlotte Football Club.

**Section 1. Supporters' Group Members**

- a. If the violation was committed by a Recognized Supporters' Group member, the respective group will share what action they are taking within their own organization. The Treasury will discuss the action and recommend possible next steps.

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- i. Failure of a Supporters' Group to adequately manage their members could result in a motion for expulsion.

**Section 2. Unaffiliated Fans**

- a. The Treasury will discuss the violation of fans not associated with a Recognized Supporters' Group and will make recommendations to Charlotte Football Club on action and possible next steps.

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**ARTICLE VIII—BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

The Treasury will review these Bylaws and make amendments when appropriate. Amended Bylaws will be in effect immediately after passage.

**Section 1. Annual Review**

- a. The Treasury will review these Bylaws at the first meeting of the calendar year and will discuss needs for revisions.
- b. The Treasury Bylaws must be voted on during the first meeting of a calendar year.

**Section 2. Running Amendments**

- a. Bylaws may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4th) vote of the representative present at a regular meeting provided that a copy of the proposed amendments shall have been provided to all members at least thirty (30) and not more than ninety (90) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed bylaws amendments will be considered for adoption.