

# TEXOMA ADULT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## TEXOMA ADULT CO-ED SOCCER (TACS) PROCEDURES

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### I. Administrative Issues

1. The league shall be the Texoma Adult Co-Ed Soccer (TACS) and affiliated with the Texoma Adult Soccer Association (TASA).

2. Roster Size -- 20 maximum for the soccer year. To exceed 20, an individual must be dropped from the active roster. Players removed from the active roster are not eligible for the remainder of the season. Newly formed teams must have a minimum of 15 eligible male players and one eligible female player.

3. Age Determination -- TACS shall use one cutoff date to determine age for each season. The cutoff shall be 31 December prior to the start of seasonal play. A player must have a birth year indicated below or earlier based on gender.

Seasons Male Birth Year (age) Female Birth Year (age)

Spring-Fall 2008 1979 (28) 1985 (22)

Spring-Fall 2009 1979 (29) 1986 (22)

Spring-Fall 2010 1979 (30) 1987 (22)

Spring-Fall 2011 1980 (30) 1988 (22)

Every year thereafter Advance one year Advance one year

4. TASA Commissioner -- chosen by the adult managers each year.

5. Referees -- Grade 8 Centers, at least 18 years old; Grade 8 Line (no age limit required); Grade 9, at least 18 years old emergency only)

6. Referees -- Emphasis on recreational with strong enforcement of fouls or attempted fouls. Use of cards desired to prevent serious situations and maintain control.

7. Seasonal Dates -- Starts no more than 5 weeks after start of youth. The TASA Council shall establish the seasonal calendar to include

registration dates, start dates, etc. Number of games determined by a balanced schedule where practical.

8. Schedules – TACS shall use the TASA Scheduler for all games. The following procedures shall be the primary guide for scheduling the games. The TASA Scheduler shall have the authority to make modifications as required.

a. The managers shall agree to a specific number of games and game days prior to the season

b. The managers shall provide specific restrictions to the TASA Scheduler by a date specified by the TASA Scheduler. The restrictions may include specific dates and times when a team is NOT available. The TASA Scheduler shall attempt to satisfy the requests but cannot guarantee meeting all requests.

c. The TASA Scheduler shall publish the FINAL Schedule at least one week prior to the start of the season.

d. Teams may request re-schedules for any reason with the following restrictions:

i. Two weeks prior to the scheduled game – no restrictions and the TASA Scheduler will make the change.

ii. Less than two weeks and greater than one week – if the opponent agrees to a change then the TASA Scheduler will make the change. If the opponent does not agree to the change, then the requesting team has the option to play or FORFEIT.

iii. Less than one week but greater than 48 hours – if the opponent agrees to a change then the requesting team shall pay TASA a fee equivalent to 50% of the center official pay. After the fee is paid, then and only then will TASA Scheduler make the change. If the opponent does not agree to the change, then the requesting team has the option to play or FORFEIT.

iv. The TASA Scheduler shall make changes consistent with the pattern consistent with the season. The TASA Scheduler shall attempt to work with the teams to reach an agreement. The TASA Scheduler shall have the authority to schedule the games at any time within the seasonal constraints (i.e. end of season dates).

The TASA Scheduler shall reschedule canceled games as necessary and in accordance with seasonal constraints.

9. End of Season Tournament -- TACS may offer a tournament. Tournament fees collected separately.

10. Fees – TASA Council shall establish the common fees to meet the budgets for the TACS league to include charges established by TSA as necessary. The TACS league may include additional fees specific for the league. TSA shall charge for registration, field maintenance, field set-up, registrar, and referee costs with fees established by the TSA EC. TSA Treasurer shall maintain a separate accounting of the money, but may use a single bank account for deposits.

Current fees (Fall 2008): \$52.00 per player

Spouse discount (Fall 2008): \$42.00 per player

After third scheduled week (Fall 2008): \$37.00 per player

11. Players shall register in-person each season at time / location announced by TACS. Effective Spring Season 2008, Each player shall present a government issued identification that includes a photo and birth date at the initial registration. After the initial registration where the registrar confirmed the government identification in the Spring Season 2008, returning players need only affirm personal information in the database. TACS shall take a digital photo of each registrant for the purpose of creating the identification card. TACS may also scan government ID card for purpose of database and challenge confirmations.

12. Uniforms – TACS teams are responsible for uniforms. Uniforms must have numbers. The teams must adhere to FIFA laws relative to color distinction. The home team shall be responsible to change if there is conflict, but the visiting team may voluntarily choose to change. Acceptable team distinction subject to the discretion of the center referee.

13. Teams are allowed to establish their own rosters as allowed by NT amateur rules.

14. TASA provides nets for game day use. Corner flags shall be provided by the TACS teams. The teams are expected to maintain the equipment and have available for scheduled games. Failure to provide flags shall result in forfeiture of the game. Replacement costs for lost equipment shall be the responsibility of the individual team.

## II. Prior to start of the game

1. TACS TASA Photo ID: Every player shall have a TACS TASA issued, laminated photo ID. TASA shall provide completed identification card to the managers. TASA may laminate or the TACS teams may be responsible for the lamination. TACS TASA may provide new identification each season or provide a unique seasonal sticker on existing identification card. The TASA Photo ID shall identify the league as TACS. TASA may provide an identification book to the TSRA referee association and team managers for use at the games in lieu of individual identifications.

2. TACS Player Photo ID at Game -- Each player shall have a TACS

TASA Photo ID. Referee(s) shall collect the TACS TASA Photo ID cards prior to the player participating. Managers may provide the participating players' identification cards in a single packet to the referee. Do NOT give identifications of players who are not present. Referees shall count players and cards. The ID Cards of late arrivals can be given to the AR. Only players with TACS TASA Photo ID shall be permitted to play. The TASA Commissioner may grant a player permission to play IF AND ONLY IF TASA has been unable to deliver a TASA Photo ID.

3. Book Photo ID: If TASA provides an identification book to the TSRA referee association then collection of player ID cards is not required. The teams will indicate the presence of the players in the book to the referees. The officiating crew shall establish a method on how to verify the players.

4. A challenge of a player must occur AFTER the referees have the ID Cards and prior to the return of the ID Cards. Challenges must occur prior to the start of either half or immediately following the game. Challenges are not valid during the playing action. If TASC issued an ID card, and the person pictured on the ID card is the same person, then challenge must have proof invalidating the age. If player does not have a valid ID, then the player shall be removed. If the player participated, even as a substitute on the sideline, then the offending team shall forfeit the game. The game may continue as a "friendly" for the time remaining unless the center referee determines it is in the in the best interest of the game to abandon.

5. Each adult team shall have at least one speaking captain. Each adult team is encouraged to provide captain's armband to facilitate any necessary discussions between the referee and team captain. The captain will be responsible for the conduct of the players.

6. The games are to consist of 45 minute halves. To avoid delays all efforts will be made to start on time, and referees will be given discretion to modify game times. The referee is authorized to start the game clock any time after signaling ready to start following coin toss. Teams do not need to be present with a minimum number of properly identified players present before the clock may start see (see forfeit clause). Lost playing time shall accrue only in the first half of play. Kick-off time shall NOT affect the play time of the second half.

7. If a team does not have at least 7 properly identified (may not count a guest player as part of the seven) players to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time, then the referee shall abandon the game. If one team is ready, then that team may claim a forfeit on the game report. If both teams are not ready, then neither team may claim a forfeit. The game is canceled with no make-up. The TASA Commissioner shall adjudicate the claims.

8. TACS TASA shall provide to the TSA web site the team rosters for

publication on the secure referee side of the web site. This is for the purpose of completing misconduct reports.

### 3. During the game

1. Substitutions – exception to FIFA rules -- players may re-enter.  
*NOTE: This means all substitutions can occur at any stoppage with referee discretion (not just on particular events).*

2. The referee shall use the TSA approved method to verify the sitout (web site preferred). A player/coach serving a sit-out shall not be verified if during the game the player/coach was sitting out, the individual acted in a manner as a spectator that would have been cautioned by the referee as provided by these rules. A coach that is serving sit-out verification may not coach in any manner from the sideline as a spectator.

3. Sit-Out Verification Notification -- TASA Commissioner shall inform the team contact of any individual that must sit-out, how many games the player must sit-out, and the responsibility of the individual to be present at the beginning of the game(s) suspended. Failure to notify does not nullify the sit-out requirement.

#### 3.1 Co-ed Rules

1. At least one field player shall be a female player.
2. If a team does not have a female player, then the team must play one short where short shall mean one less than opponent but at no time less than 7 players. The team playing with at least one female player may NOT reduce the number of players on the field if they have substitutes.
3. Goals scored by a female player, except for goals from any direct free kick shall count as 2 points. A goal scored after a deflection by a defender shall count as 1 or 2 points depending on the offensive player's gender that started the goal scoring. The referee(s) is the judge if the goal was scored by a deflection or was an own goal by the defender. An own goal shall always be a scored as one point.
4. Slide tackles by a male player against a female player is forbidden. Penalty: Caution and indirect free kick or direct free kick. The referee shall give an indirect free kick if the slide tackle was legal in all aspects except for gender mix.

#### 3.2 Eligible Players

1. TACS teams are allowed a maximum of five (5) guest players totaling 12 eligible players only when the scheduled team is not able to field 12 players. Late arrivals of team members will substitute in to the guest player position of their choice and when ready. Substituted male guest players may not return to play during the game

except in the case of injury. Guest females shall be allowed at all times and will be allowed to return to play to maintain the single active female requirement. Guest players identified as Keeper shall be allowed at all times, however, a team may not use a guest keeper for more than two (2) consecutive games.

2. Guest players who receive cards shall have the card penalty points applied to them. The team for whom the guest player participated shall assume any team points.

3. If a player is under the minimum age, then the team that played this player shall forfeit all the games that this player is known to have participated. The manager of the team is subject to disciplinary action by the TASA commissioner and TSA A&D, to include, but not limited to, a league suspension.