

**TEXOMA ADULT SOCCER
ASSOCIATION**

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Texoma Adult Soccer Association (TASA) is to promote and develop the game of soccer for the adults of the Texoma area. TASA operates as a joint member with the Texoma Soccer Association (TSA) with membership in North Texas Soccer.

TASA provides these rules for the administration of the adult soccer association within the framework of TSA. These rules, adopted by the current membership of TASA shall be presented and ratified by the TSA Executive Council (EC). Once the rules are adopted, changes to these rules shall be in accordance with the procedures adopted below.

TASA reserves the right to petition North Texas to become a separate entity. These rules shall be modified by TASA coincidentally with the petition to reflect the requirements of an independent organization.

2 ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

TASA represents all adult members falling within the boundary lines of Grayson County and may accept voluntary membership from outside this area. All TASA rules shall adhere to the rules of North Texas and applicable adult rules and procedures adopted by TSA. If a rule exists at the state or TSA level (exact or similar), and if there is conflict with higher level rule, then the more stringent rule shall be the rule. If TASA does not have the rule, then the next higher level that has a rule shall be followed.

2.1 Membership

2.1.1 Officers

TASA officers shall consist of at least a commissioner. The commissioner shall be a member of the TSA EC. The TASA commissioner shall represent TASA at all TSA EC meetings. The TASA Commissioner shall NOT be a manager of any TASA team. Ideally, the TASA Commissioner should not be involved with any TASA team to avoid potential conflict issues but that is not required.

TASA reserves the right to add officers as necessary for administration purposes. Any additional officers shall require a change to these rules to specify duties and responsibilities.

2.1.2 Players

In accordance with United States Amateur Soccer Federation and North Texas rules, players may reside anywhere and TASA shall recognize their right to participate with recognized teams and divisions of TASA.

2.1.3 Managers

Managers are individuals designated to represent a specific team during the playing of the game, practice, TSA meetings, and TASA meetings. The teams are solely responsible for selection of their manager.

2.2 TASA Council

The TASA Council shall consist of the commissioner and the managers of the active teams for the current season. The TASA Council shall serve the TASA teams in the capacity of decision-making consistent with the intent of the spirit of the rules governing TASA. All members of the TASA Council have exactly one vote per managed team. The TASA Commissioner shall have a vote for the purpose of breaking tied votes. The TASA Council shall establish the rules and procedures for TASA. The TASA Council shall establish the annual budget and set the fees necessary to meet the TASA budget. The TASA Council shall establish common fees for all divisions.

Each division shall have the right to establish additional fees separately from other divisions provided budgetary issues for that particular division is met. The TASA Council with each division shall set the manner that fees are collected. Each division shall establish procedures specific to the division consisting.

2.2.1 TASA Commissioner

The TASA Commissioner is charged with the overall administration of TASA and shall act as a general manager. The TASA Commissioner or alternate designee shall serve on the TSA EC. The TASA Commissioner or designee shall serve TASA as the primary voting member at North Texas general meetings. The TASA Commissioner shall maintain the rules and procedures of the association. The TASA Commissioner shall create and maintain minutes of all formal meetings and create reports for email meetings as required. If the council makes decisions via electronic method, then the TASA Commissioner shall insure that the discussion is open and the final vote noted by all council members BEFORE changing rules. The TASA Commissioner shall serve as the head of the division commissions when they must meet and decide procedures and budgets for the specific divisions.

2.2.2 TASA Appeals and Discipline

TASA shall use the TSA Appeals and Discipline Commissioner as required.

2.2.3 TASA Registration

The TASA Commissioner shall be responsible for registration and fee collection. The TASA Commissioner shall provide TSA the files required for registration. The TASA Commissioner shall deliver fees to the TSA Treasurer and maintain an accounting of the money collected. The TSA Treasurer shall pay the required fees to NT. The TASA Commissioner shall provide an accounting of funds to the TASA Council at the conclusion of each season.

2.2.4 TASA Referees

TASA shall use the Texoma Soccer Referee Association (TSRA) and agree to the fees contracted by TSA with TSRA. All TASA games, regardless of division, shall have a standard fee, meaning all officials shall be paid the same fee for all divisions with the same parameters of players and time.

TASA games shall require at least a Grade 8 referee that is age 18 and not affiliated with the any team in the league. TASA recommends a Grade 8 of age 18 for assistant referee positions but understands that TSRA may have difficulties meeting this requirement. TSRA shall assign assistant referees in accordance with the USSF guidelines if they are unable to provide a Grade 8, age 18, individual. In all assignments, the referee must not be affiliated with the teams participating. An affiliated referee is a referee who is also a player, manager, or a close relative to a player or manager. Additionally, a referee may declare that they are an affiliated referee if they have relationships that may be a conflict of interest.

2.2.5 TASA Schedules

TASA shall use the TSA Scheduler for all games and coordination of field usage. The TSA Scheduler may permit TASA to create the schedules within the constraints of TSA. TASA recognizes that the scheduling of TSA youth games shall take precedence and TASA schedules shall be adjusted as required. The TASA Commissioner has the authority to cancel games in accordance with the TSA current policies.

2.3 Meetings

2.3.1 TSA General Membership

TASA shall participate in TSA general membership meetings. TASA quorum for adult-only issues shall be 50 % of the managers based on current season teams. The TASA Commissioner shall be counted as part of the TSA EC relative to quorum determination. TASA Managers shall represent their teams with one vote for all TSA issues that are deemed ALL VOTE or ADULT ONLY VOTE issues.

2.3.2 TASA Council

Meeting of the TASA Council will be held at times necessary for the purpose of conducting normal business. If the Council meets, then the meeting shall be open and announced to the teams one week prior to the meeting. Announcement shall be made on the TSA web site of any meeting. The use of electronic means (e.g. email) for the conduct of normal business and decisions is permitted except as indicated below.

2.3.3 TASA Rule Changes

Changes to these rules shall require a formal meeting of the TASA Council. The TASA Commissioner shall make any arrangements necessary for the meeting. All rule change proposals shall be announced to the managers at least one week prior to the meeting. The managers are responsible for the announcement to their team

members. The TSA President may observe the activity regarding rule changes. The TASA Commissioner shall report rule changes to the TSA EC for final approval. The TASA Commissioner shall report the final approval of rule changes. A quorum for TASA rule changes consists of the TASA Commissioner and **50%** of all TASA Council members.

2.3.4 TASA Procedure Changes

The TASA Council members specific to a division shall approve the procedures used by the TASA division in day-to day operations with each division having independent ratification of their specific game day procedures. The TASA Commissioner shall publish the approved procedures separately to the TASA Rules. The TASA Procedures may change at any TASA Council meeting or by email discussion. The TASA Procedures shall be specific to the division formats employed (e.g. Co-ed, Open).

2.3.5 TASA Calendar

The TASA Council shall establish the soccer year and seasonal calendar for each league. The TASA Council shall permit the leagues to have different seasonal dates as determined by the council members representing that league.

2.4 TASA Elections

The TASA Council shall elect the TASA Commissioner annually in May. The elected TASA Commissioner shall assume office effective immediately and shall have, if necessary and desired, thirty (30) days of transition between the old and the new officer. A meeting of the TASA Council within 30 days of the vacancy shall fill a vacancy in the TASA Commissioner position.

The TASA Commissioner may be removed by a 60% vote of the TASA Council. The TASA Council electing a new TASA Commissioner shall immediately follow removal of the TASA Commissioner.

3 TASA PROCEDURES

TASA establishes procedures for each division affiliated with TASA. The procedures shall be specific to the league to include special game day rules. The TASA Council consisting of the specific managers for the division shall approve the procedures. The procedures may be changed at any time with changes in effect with the next season unless otherwise specified.