



BYLAWS, LAWS & RULES

HENDERSON SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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HENDERSON SOCCER ASSOCIATION

I. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

1.1 ARTICLE 1-GENERAL

1.1.1 NAME

The name of this organization shall be the HENDERSON SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC. hereinafter referred to as the Association or the HSA.

1.1.2 NTSSA AFFILIATION

This Association is affiliated with the North Texas State Soccer Association. Ultimate affiliation is with the United States Soccer Federation.

1.1.3 PURPOSE

Within the city limits of Henderson, Tatum, Laneville, Mt. Enterprise, Turnertown, Carlisle, Overton, and adjacent areas as determined by the North Texas State Soccer Association the purpose of the Association will be:

- A. To advance and promote the game of soccer.
- B. To provide the opportunity for fun recreation skills and fair play through team competition.
- C. To develop the highest ideals of sportsmanship and fellowship.
- D. To provide competent leadership for the attainment of a successful soccer program.

1.1.4 NONPROFIT STATUS

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of or distribution of its members, officers, or other private persons except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions if furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section Three hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Association shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign or candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

- A. By an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

- B. By an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

1.1.6 FISCAL YEAR / PROGRAM YEAR

The fiscal year for the Association will begin January 1 and end December 31 of the same year. The program year for the Association will begin August 1 and end July 31 of the following year,

1.1.6 HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Association shall be any appropriate meeting place approved by the voting membership in the City of Henderson, Rusk County, Texas, or an approved surrounding area adjacent with the City of Henderson.

1.2 ARTICLE 2 • MEMBERSHIP

1.2.1 • MEMBERS

The members of the Association shall consist of Voting Members, Sustaining Members, and Associate Members.

1.2.2 VOTING MEMBERS

Voting Members shall consist of members of the Executive Committee of the Association and the official delegate from each Member Team in good standing each of whom shall be entitled to one vote at all General Association meetings. The official delegate from each team will be that team's Head Coach. Only the listed delegate or their alternate will be entitled to vote. The official team delegate or the Association President may authorize an alternate delegate for any given meeting by notifying the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting for which the alternate will apply. No delegate or alternate will be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one team.

1.2.3 SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Sustaining Members (non-voting) shall be the parents or legal guardians of those athletes participating in the Association program

1.2.4 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate members (non-voting) shall be those institutions organizations or person's not having a child participating in the Association program but evidencing a continuing interest in the advancement of the game of soccer.

1.2.5 OTHER MEMBERS

Further qualifications and requirements for membership shall be determined by the Executive Board.

1.3 ARTICLE 3 • GOVERNMENT

1.3.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee:

- A. Shall consist of the Executive Board and the Commissioners.
- B. Shall manage the affairs of the Association. A simple majority of the Executive Committee constitutes a quorum.
- C. The executive officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and may succeed themselves in office. Any executive officer that desires to seek election to another office must first resign the office he/she is holding, prior to election. Elections will be elected each year in the following manner:

President- Even Years
Executive VP/RAD Chairman- Odd Years
Vice President- Odd Years
Secretary- Odd Years
Treasurer- Even Years
Registrar- Even Years
Member-at-large- Even Years
~~Parliamentarian- Odd Years~~ (added to secretary role in 2024)
Tournament Director- Even Years

The term of office starts on June 1st for two (2) years to end on May 31st of second year. Elections for executive officers will be held in the above mentions years except in the event that there is a vacancy to the position. In the event of vacancy, the interested parties must run for election in the year necessary to fill a vacant seat and then repeat the process in the next regularly scheduled election year.

- D. Can be a member or an official of a team.
- E. A person wishing to run for the office of President of the Henderson Soccer Association, must be currently serving on the Executive Board in some other capacity and must have served for at least one year before being considered by the nominating committee

1.32 EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board:

A. Shall consist of the Officers of the Association:

President

Executive Vice President/Rules, Appeals, & Discipline Chair

2nd Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Registrar

Member-at-large

Tournament Director

Immediate Past President (Advisory Role Only - Non Voting Member)

Removed Rules, Appeals, & Discipline Chair as a separate position 2022

Removed Parliamentarian added duties to Secretary 2024

- B. Shall be members in good standing in the Association and shall be elected by a majority vote of the Voting Members present at the Annual General Meeting. The Referees Representative shall be nominated by the President of the Association and approved by the voting membership of the HSA. The Referee Representative will be a non-voting member of the association, and will not be considered as part of the executive board or committee.
- C. Will transact all business of the Association. A simple majority of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum for transacting business.
- D. Shall hold Quarterly General Meetings.
- E. May cast one vote at Executive Committee meetings. In the event of a grievance involving his team, he, said member may neither act in its behalf nor be entitled to vote on the grievance.
- F. Shall cast or appoint members to cast Association votes at meetings of the North Texas State Soccer Association.
- G. Will enforce the Constitution and Bylaws, Rules, and Laws of the Association.
- H. Will have the power to settle all disputes or protests.
- I. Will coordinate with the North Texas State Soccer Association to set rules of play and all requirements for registration of players under its jurisdiction.
- J. Will determine which age groupings will be offered for each season.
- K. Will establish player's fees.
- L. Will oversee the Treasurer, and at its discretion, employ an Independent Certified Public Accountant to conduct an audit which will include preparation of necessary financial statement and tax returns. If the Executive Board does not seek the services of a CPA, the Board Treasurer will oversee the preparation of financial statements and necessary tax returns.
(Changed from Will employ an Independent Public Accountant to conduct an audit which will include preparation of necessary Financial statement and tax returns for prior fiscal year.)
- M. Is authorized to employ an Administrative Assistant. This Assistant will serve an ex-official member of the Executive Board.
- N. Shall approve any fund raising efforts by individual Association members. Without prior approval, individual fund raising efforts are prohibited. In cases where individual fundraising efforts are approved, the team or individual may not represent themselves as fundraising for the Association.
- O. No Executive Board Members shall be related as spouse, son, daughter, mother, father, aunt, uncle, or cousins.

1.3.3 COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners:

- A. Shall be as follows:
 - 1. Under 6
 - 2. Under 8
 - 3. Under 10 through Under 19 Boys
 - 4. Under 10 through Under 19 Girls
- B. Shall be appointed by the 2nd Vice President and approved by majority vote of the Executive Board. If desired, the 2nd Vice President may appoint two Commissioners per age group.
- C. Shall be responsible for organizing the teams and managing the affairs of their respective divisions.
- D. Shall report to the 2nd Vice President.

1.3.4 PRESIDENT

The President shall be charged with the overall administrative and executive functions of the Association. As chief Executive Officer the President:

- A. Will be chairman of the Executive Committee.
- B. Will preside at all General Meetings.
- C. Will assign duties to all officers as required.
- D. Will appoint such additional committees as he deems necessary to carry out the function of the Association.
- E. Will make the final decision on game cancellations due to weather or other causes.
- F. Will take prudent reasonable action in cases not covered herein and such authority is implicit in the office.
- G. Will chair the Training Committee.
- H. Will work closely with each age division commissioner in order to schedule games for each season offered by the HSA Soccer Program.

1.3.5 EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/RULES, APPEALS, & DISCIPLINE CHAIR

The Executive Vice President:

- A. Will assist the President in the performance of his duties
- B. Will assume and exercise all the powers of the President in his absence.
- C. Shall be the chairman of the Constitution and By-laws Revision Committee.
- D. Shall work closely with the referee representative to make sure that all referees are paid and that he will have referees for each and every game.
- E. As Rules, Appeals, and Discipline Chair:
 - a. Shall be responsible for presenting all RA&D Committee decisions to the Executive Board. This Committee shall be responsible for resolving matters concerning rules, protests, appeals, and discipline for Association play. The committee shall rule on questions within five days after receipt of the inquiry.
 - b. Shall chair the RA&D Committee. This committee shall require three members for a quorum and shall serve one year. The Committee will consist of the Chairman, Referees Liaison, and five members appointed by the Chairman and approved by the Executive Board one each from the categories below:
 - i. Coach of a Boys Team.
 - ii. Coach of a Girls Team.
 - iii. Member at Large.
 - iv. Member at Large to act as Secretary.
 - v. Member-at-Large who is neither Referee nor Coach.

••Deleted "Will coordinate and supervise all field maintenance moved to 2nd VP duties".

1.3.6 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

The 2nd Vice President

- A. Will Nominate and supervise the Commissioners for each age division.
- B. Will be responsible for concession stand activities.
- C. Will be responsible for and oversee all fundraising efforts.
- D. Will coordinate and supervise all field maintenance.
- E. Will be responsible for coaches' accreditation & coordinating coaches' education courses for licensing purposes.

••Removed "Will be responsible for assigning players to teams according to the HSA Bylaws"

1.3.7 TOURNAMENT

DIRECTOR The Tournament

Director:

- A. Will chair the following committees:
 - 1. Tournament Committee
 - 2. Will be responsible for making all tournament information and applications readily available to the coaches of the Association.

1.3.8

SECRETARY The

Secretary:

- A. Will record the minutes of all meetings, attend to all correspondence and keep the records of the Association.
- B. Shall keep on file permanent original records of the Association.
- C. Shall have printed copies of the previous meeting minutes available for all members in attendance at each general meeting and the annual meeting.
- D. Will chair the Publicity Committee.
Removed "Shall keep a complete list of all registered players".
- E. Ensure all meetings are held in a professional manner and conducted in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order

1.3.9

TREASURER The

Treasurer:

- A. Will collect all monies of the Association and keep a detailed account of all expenditures thereof.
- B. Will pay all bills approved by the Executive Board.
- C. Will sign all checks on the Association bank account; checks larger than \$300 will be countersigned by either the President the Executive Vice President, *Secretary*, or Treasurer. Any capital expenditure in excess of \$5000 must be approved by the general membership. (Amended in 2024 changed from \$1000)
- D. Will submit a written report at the Annual General Meeting and during each Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Board.
- E. Will make records available for audit at end of his term by a CPA appointed by the Executive Board, and paid for by the Association.

1.3.10
REGISTRAR The
Registrar:

- A. Will be responsible for coordinating player registration each season.
- B. Will maintain a current master list for each age group with name phone number address and date of birth of each player. As necessary, the proper player list will be provided to the respective Commissioners.
- C. Will be responsible for submitting current rosters to NTSSA and the Executive Vice President on a timely basis.
- D. Will coordinate all rescheduling of games with the Commissioners and The Head Referees of the Association.
- E. Shall coordinate field assignments for non-league games.
- F. Will be responsible for assigning players to teams according to the HSA Bylaws

1.3.12 MEMBER-AT-LARGE

- A. Shall assist the other members of the Executive Board as needed.

1.3.13 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

- A. Serve the Executive Board in an advisory role.
- B. May be elected to fill another vacancy on the Executive Board in conjunction with the Immediate Past President role.

1.3.14 RA&D CHAIRMAN ~~REMOVED~~

1.3.15 COMMITTEES

A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of Association officers for the upcoming year. The slate will be presented at the March meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the current Association President and the immediate two past Presidents plus two members-at-large approved by the Executive Board. Should any of the three Presidents be unable to serve on this committee the Executive Board shall elect a member-at-large to fill the vacancy.

B. STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees should they be used shall report to the Executive Board. These Committee chairmen shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board.

1. Sponsor Committee
2. Equipment Committee
3. Field Maintenance Committee
4. Award Committee
5. Capital Improvement Committee

1.3.16 APPEAL OF ASSOCIATION DECISIONS

Decisions made by the Executive Board or by the General Membership of the Association may be appealed to the North Texas State Soccer Association. Appeal of last resort is to the United States Soccer Federation.

1.3.17 VACANCIES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In the event of a vacancy occurring among the members of the Executive Committee the President will appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term with majority vote of the Executive Board until the next Annual General Meeting.

B. PRESIDENCY.

If a vacancy should occur in the Presidency, the Executive Vice President shall succeed to the unexpired term and shall also appoint another member of the Association with majority vote of the Board to assume the office and duties of the Executive Vice President for the remainder of the unexpired term.

C. OTHER.

Any vacancy not covered elsewhere shall be filled through appointment by the President with majority vote of the Executive Board until the next Annual General Meeting.

D. DECLARED VACANCY.

Any member of the Executive Committee who shall be absent from any three meetings during his term of office unless such absence is excused by the remaining body of the Executive Committee may have his office declared vacant by the Executive Committee.

E. FORCED RESIGNATION.

Any member of the Executive Committee shall be required to resign following a vote of no confidence in his ability to remain in office. Any three voting delegates must simultaneously petition for such a vote. The petition must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee which shall in turn review the petition and forward copies of same to all voting members within fourteen days of receipt of such petition. The vote of no confidence must be passed by a majority of voting delegates present at the next meeting after all member teams have been given fourteen days written notice of such pending petition.

F. TEN YEAR PROHIBITION

Any director that has been removed by either petition or vote of no confidence may not run for or be appointed to any office or committee for a period of no less than ten (10) years.

1.4 ARTICLE 4 - GENERAL MEETINGS

1.4.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE.

Parliamentary procedure as specified by Robert's Rules Of Order shall govern association meetings. The President is responsible for order at all meetings with assistance by the Parliamentarian.

B. SUCCESSION ORDER.

The succession order for Presiding Officer at any Association meeting will be as follows: Executive Vice President; 2nd Vice President. *(Removed Rules, Appeals, & Discipline Chair as a separate position in this succession order)*

C. OPEN MEETINGS.

Association meetings are open to everyone. All affiliated members are invited to attend and discuss any matter. To do so, you shall contact the President of the Association, state what you wish to discuss and ask to be put on the agenda. You will be notified of the date of the meeting. All delegations should have one spokesman. The Presiding Officer may place a time limit on discussions.

D. CLOSURE.

Any officer presiding over a meeting may close to the non-voting membership any portion of the meeting at the officer's discretion.

E. BINDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions and decision passed by a majority vote of the members at any General Meeting will be binding upon all affiliated members.

1.4.2 QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETINGS

A. MEETING DATE.

This Association shall hold Quarterly General Meetings during the first, third, and fourth calendar quarters of the year at a public location designated by the President. Advance notice will be provided in a public manner decided by the President.

8. ORDER.

The order of business for such meeting shall be:

- Roll call
- Approval of minutes of previous meeting
- Communications
- Unfinished business
- Reports of Officers and committees.
- New Business
- Adjournment

1.4.3 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A. MEETING DATE.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the months of April or May at a place and time to be designated by the President. Advance notice will be provided in a public manner decided by the President.

B. ORDER.

The order of business shall be:

- Roll call and Delegate Accreditation
- Approval of minutes of previous meeting
- Communications
- Unfinished business
- Reports by Chairman of Standing Committees
- Amendments to bylaws
- Election of Officers
- New Business
- Adjournment

1.4.4 SPECIAL MEETINGS

A. PRESIDENTIAL CALL

Additional General Meetings may be held upon call from the President.

B. MEMBERSHIP REQUEST

One-fifth of the voting membership may request in writing that the President call a General Meeting for a specific purpose. The President shall call the meeting within ten days.

1.5 ARTICLE 5-AMENDMENTS

1.5.1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, Rules, and Laws of the game may be proposed and adopted at the Annual General Meeting.

1.6.2 QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETINGS

Amendments may also be made at any (general) quarterly meeting providing they have been proposed in writing as amended at the previous meeting. The Association shall provide at least a ten day written notice of the proposed revisions to the voting members prior to the next meeting.

1.5.3 APPROVAL

Adoption of amendments requires an approval of a two-thirds majority vote by the voting members present

1.6.4 NOTICE OF CHANGE

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, Rules, and Laws of the game must be submitted to the Secretary in writing. They must be submitted Prior to the board meeting before the General Meeting. This will Allow for review and distribution to the membership before the General Meeting.

1.5.5 DEFINITION

Any mention of "written notice" or "public manner" is up to the discretion of the President. President will make efforts to communicate with the full membership of the Association in some manner (ie - Social Media, E-mail, Website, newspaper, etc.)

HENDERSON SOCCER ASSOCIATION

II. RULES

2.1 RULE 1-NTSSA RULES

2.1.1 NTSSA RULES APPLY.

If any rule is not covered in the HSA Rules, the NTSSA Rules and Bylaws will be followed.

2.1.2 INADVERTENT CONFLICT.

NTSSA rules specify minimum requirements. If any Association rule conflicts with a NTSSA rule then the NTSSA rule has precedence.

2.2 RULE 2 - GENERAL

2.2.1 INDIVIDUAL FUND RAISERS.

P. All fund raising efforts by any individual member (s) of the Association is prohibited without prior approval of the Executive Board. In cases where individual fundraising efforts are approved, the team or individual shall not represent themselves as fundraising for the Association.

2.3 RULE 3 - FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT

2.3.1 PROVISION OF FIELD EQUIPMENT.

A. NETS AND FLAGS.

Nets and corner flags are supplied by and are the property of the Association.

B. GAME BALLS.

Game balls are provided by the Coaches. Each Coach will present a ball to the Referee prior to the game. The Referee will judge if the balls are acceptable and if so will then select one for the game ball.

2.3.2 PREPARATION OF FIELDS.

A. FIELD MARKING.

The Association is responsible for properly marking the fields of play.

B. NETS AND FLAGS.

Coaches for the first games of the day on each field are responsible for putting up the goal nets and corner flags. Coaches for the last game of the day are responsible for taking the nets and corner flags down and returning them to the concession stand.

2.3.3 CLEANUP.

The coaches are responsible for helping to keep the fields clean by having their team pick up around the area after each game.

2.3.4 PRACTICE GAMES ON FIELDS.

Practice and scrimmage games are not allowed on any field without written permission.

2.4 RULE 4 - TEAM ORGANIZATION

2.4.1 TEAM AND COACH ASSIGNMENTS.

- A. A team shall consist of one Head Coach one Assistant Coach and the Players. The Head Coach will be approved by the Commissioner and assigned a team by the Executive Committee. The Head Coach and Assistant Coach shall sign the Coach's Code of Ethics.
- B. If a team's head coach or assistant coach quits or retires during or between soccer seasons then his child must be repealed if the new head coach or assistant coach comes from outside the team and brings his child on that team.

2.4.2 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY.

- A. No player may participate in a game without first submitting to the Association a properly completed and signed registration form and proof of age. After submitting the registration form and having been assigned to a team, the player is said to be registered with that team. A player may only be registered with one team at any given time.

2.4.3 ASSIGNMENT OF PLAYERS.

- A. A team shall be formed with the coach's and assistant coach's children.
- B. Should it be necessary to add a player to a team roster after team assignments have been completed, first choice would go to a player maintained on a waiting list by the Age Commissioner. Second choice would be to recruit a new player with Age Commissioner and Registrar's approval. Any and all new players added must then be reassigned via blind repeal before any subsequent season. The Registrar and Commissioner shall mark the new player application for such repealing.

2.4.4 PLAYERS OF THE SAME FAMILY.

Players of the same immediate family may play on the same team if of the same age or age group. A player may also play on a team his parent coaches provided the team size does not exceed maximum limits.

2.4.5 PLAYING UP AND PLAYING DOWN.

- A. A younger player may play up on an older age division. No player may play more than one year above his/her nominal age division. Parents must sign a release for a child to play in an older division. A player participating in an older division may return to a younger division the following season provided the age requirement for the younger age division is satisfied.
- B. Only in very unusual circumstances will a player be allowed to play in a younger age division than their age dictates. If allowed, this player is ineligible for any post season play. Requests for play down must be approved by the North Texas Youth Commissioner. Such requests must be submitted to the Commissioner and approved, prior to player being granted permission to play down. The Association Executive Board must approve the motion prior to the Association Registrar submitting the request to the Commissioner.

""Removed ""The coach must secure written permission from the executive board before allowing an older player to play in a younger age division.

2.4.6 TRANSFER AND REPOOL

- A. A player must stay with their assigned team for the entire soccer season. No transfers are allowed during the season. If a player drops off a team during the soccer season, he will not be allowed to play for any other team that season.
- B. Players may request a transfer or repool between seasons. A player who chooses to transfer teams will be placed in the city-wide draft if there is only one other team within that same zone. This will apply only to the U-14 and U-16.
- C. If a player misses the spring season due to high school varsity soccer play he will be allowed to rejoin the team he last played on subject to the Commissioner's approval.

2.4.7 DROPPED PLAYERS.

The coach must report players dropping off a team to the appropriate Commissioner within 48 hours excluding weekends. If a player for any reason of his own does not regularly attend practice and games he must be reported as dropped from the team.

2.4.8 TEAM DRAFTING PROCEDURES & SET-UP

- A. All players must enter teams in draft order. Late registrants (after draft) will be placed on teams in draft sequence by the commissioner. The deadline for late registration will be 24 hours prior to the draft. Applications will only be accepted up to this time. Any applications received after the deadline will be placed based on the decision of the commissioner and the coaches of that age group. All late registrants, including the scholarship players, must pay the late penalty assessed by the executive board.
- B. All teams must accept players assigned to them up to the prescribed maximum number as defined in LAW 3 - B (ROSTER SIZE). A coach may refuse a player only if the coach in the next draft order agrees to take that player. Roster sizes may exceed the limits in LAW 3 - B (ROSTER SIZE) only with the approval of the commissioner of that age group and the president of the association.
- C. Players legally registered on a NTSSA roster to a team from the previous season will be assigned to that team unless the player or parents ask to be released back into the draft pool, in which case, they may not be drafted by that team.
- D. Divisions, upon the agreement of all coaches and the approval of the executive board, may choose to draft age-pure teams. Players and parents may request to play in the next division up. The option for age-pure teams will not exist in the U-6 and U-8 divisions.
- E. Draft Order will be determined as follows:

U-6 Division

All players will be placed in the draft pool each Fall Season. Draft position will be determined by random draw at the beginning of the draft.

U-7 through U-19 Divisions

New teams in the division will draw for draft position. Existing teams will draft in opposite order of the previous seasons record rank. New teams will draft in front of existing teams. All teams will draft the first two rounds. Teams will then draft until equalized. Existing teams will enter draft again when the new teams attain an equal number of players, plus or minus one player.

Example:

56 total players eligible for division play. 9 players are on existing team 1 (E1), 7 players are on existing team 2 (E2), leaving a balance of 40 in the draft pool. Minimum team size is 11, so 3 new teams will be formed. New teams will draw for position and team E2 had best record in the previous season, so draft order will be N1, N2, N3, E1, and E2. All teams will draft the first two rounds, then the existing teams will drop out of the draft until E2 enters again in the 10th round. At the end of the 11th round, all teams will have 11 players. There will be one player left in the draft pool and team N1 will have the next draft choice. Teams N2, N3, E1, and E2 will end with 11 players, while team N1 will have 12. Team N2 will get the first late registrant, if one, and so on.

- F. Teams will only be allowed to stay together beginning in the U-7 division. Teams must have at least 5 members that appeared on the previous year's roster in order to move up as a team.
- G. Draft may be modified due to circumstances not anticipated or stated herein with the approval of ALL coaches in the age division affected and it is approved by the commissioner of that age division.

2.5 RULE 5 • UNIFORMS

Hederson Soccer Association is **NOT RESPONSIBLE** for providing Uniforms (Shirt, Shorts, & Socks) for each player or team coaches. All equipment such as Uniforms (Shirt, Shorts, & Socks), shin guards, balls etc.... will be the parents responsibility to provide. Coaches will help facilitate that order of the uniforms for their teams.

2.6 RULE 6 • PRACTICE TIME

2.6.1 PRACTICE TIME.

- A. Practice sessions for recreational teams are limited to 1-1/2 hours maximum. Scrimmage games count as practice.
- B. U-6, U-8, U-10 and U-12 may practice twice per week.
- C. U-14, U-16 and U-19 may practice three days per week.

2.6.2. PLAYING TIME PER PLAYER.

Conform to NTSSA 3.14.3

2.7 RULE 7 -- AGE GROUPS

2.7.1 OFFICIAL AGE.

The soccer year is August 1 of the current year to July 31 of the following year. Age for play is established as of August 1 of the soccer year.

2.7.2 AGE GROUPS

The following age groups will be offered for both Boys & Girls.

1. Under 6
2. Under 8
3. Under 10
4. Under 12
5. Under 14
6. Under 16
7. Under 19

2.8 RULE 8 - PLAYING SCHEDULE

2.8.1 SEASONS.

The playing schedule will consist of a Fall and Spring season.

2.8.2 CITY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The City Championship shall be decided in the Fall Season. The teams who are declared first place winners in age groups U-10 and above boys and girls will be declared the City Champion. The City Champion will qualify for the Tournament of Champions.

2.8.3 HOME/VISITING TEAM.

The Home Team is the first team listed on the schedule and has its choice of the side of the field from which to coach. The Home Team is also responsible for Jersey change in the event of a color conflict.

2.9 RULE 9 - FOUL WEATHER PROCEDURE

2.9.1 FIELD PLAYABILITY.

It is the responsibility of the President to determine playability of the fields. He may cancel games on a half day basis or for the entire day as deemed necessary.

2.9.2 GAME IN PROGRESS.

It is the Referee's responsibility to call off a game in progress whenever he feels conditions are unsafe.

2.10 RULE 10 • RECORDS OF THE GAME

The Referee will supply a Referee's score sheet to the Association as the official score and be retained by the Association for season records, publicity, protests, playoffs, referee and linesmen pay, and regional or state competition.

2.11 RULE 11- TEAM STANDING

2.11.1 POINT SYSTEM.

League standings will be determined by a point system to be kept current during a playing season. The Point System will be:

1. Win = 5 points
2. Tie = 2 points
3. Loss = 0 points

2.11.2 TIE BREAKER

At the end of a playing season should a tie exist that must be broken the following tie breaker will be applied in order

A TIE BREAKER 1

The results of head-to-head season competition between the teams involved will decide the winner. Example: Two teams are tied with 45 points each at the end of the season. If the teams played each other during the season and Team A defeated Team B then Team A would be declared the winner. If still tied proceed to tie breaker 2.

B. TIE BREAKER 2

A round robin tournament will be held including overtime and FIFA kicks from the penalty spot. If still tied NTSSA tournament tie-breaker rules will be used to settle tie.

2.12 RULE 12 • GAME FORFEITS

2.12.1 FORFEITS.

Decisions as to forfeits will be made by the Executive Board. Any of the following violations may result in a forfeit

2.12.2 ILLEGAL PLAYER.

An illegal player is one not properly registered or is ineligible. For example, a player outside the age limit, a player for whom the HSA holds no release or proof of birth, or a suspended player. Playing an illegal player will result in forfeiture of all games in which the offending player participated.

2.12.3 SUSPENDED COACH.

A suspended coach appearing at the game will result in forfeiture. 2.12.4 NO TEAM.

Failure to field a team with a minimum of seven players at game time will result in a forfeit. If both teams fail to show up for a scheduled game both teams shall forfeit not tie.

2.12.5 PLAYING TIME.

Failure to play an eligible player the minimum time will result in forfeiture.

2.12.6 REFUSING TO PLAY.

A team refusing to continue a game after being instructed to do so by the Referee will forfeit the game. The team should continue play "under protest" and should so inform the Referee.

2.12.7 FORFEIT SCORE.

If a team forfeits a game, the official score will be 3 to 0 against the forfeiting team.

2.13 RULE 13- PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURE

2.13.1 1 TIME LIMIT AND FEE.

All protests and appeals must be filed in writing with the appropriate Commissioner within 48 hours of the incident excluding Sunday. The written protest should clearly state the incident involved and the actions of each Coach and team and Referee to the extent that they are involved in the protest. All protests and appeals must be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00. If the protest or appeal is upheld by the RA&D Committee, the fee will be returned, if it is denied the fee will be forfeited to the Association Treasurer.

2.13.2 TIME LIMIT WAIVER FOR APPEALS.

The RA&D Committee at its discretion may, when requested in writing to do so, extend the time limit for filing appeals for up to ten days. In case of question as to time or receipt, the postmark shall determine the date; postage meter is not acceptable.

2.13.3 RA&D COMMITTEE REVIEW.

The RA&D Committee will meet to hear the protest as soon as practicable following its receipt of the protest. All involved parties shall be notified by the Committee Secretary of the protest and hearing and shall be requested to be present.

2.13A APPEAL OF RA&D DECISIONS.

Decisions of the RA&D Committee may be appealed to the Executive Board of the Association. Procedure for filing shall be the same with the President accepting the appeal. The Executive Board has the authority to confirm or veto the decisions of the RA&D Committee.

2.14 RULE 14- PENALTIES FOR COACH'S MISCONDUCT

2.14.1 EJECTION.

A coach receiving an ejection from a referee during a regular, playoff, tournament or championship game will be suspended from being within sight or sound, or from

participating in his team's next regular, playoff, tournament or championship games.

2.14.2 RULE VIOLATIONS.

Violation of the following Association Rules and Bylaws by coaches or teams will result in assessment of the described penalties by the RA&D committee:

A. ILLEGAL PLAYER.

Any coach knowingly allowing an unregistered or ineligible player to participate with his team in a game of any type will result in the coach's suspension from coaching for one year in the Association.

B. ILLEGAL RECRUITING.

Any Coach found guilty of illegally recruiting players as defined in the HSA Coaching Code of Ethics will be suspended for one year from coaching in the Association.

C. PRACTICE GAMES ON HSA FIELDS.

Violation by a Coach of Rule 2.0. (Practice Games on Association Fields) will result in the Coach being suspended from the next game following an RA&D determination.

D. PRACTICE TIME LIMIT.

Violation by a Coach of Rule 5A (Practice Time) will result in that coach receiving a formal caution from the Association. Subsequent violations will result in suspensions from the next game following the Association decision.

E. PLAYING TIME PER PLAYER.

Violation by a Coach of NTSSA rules concerning Playing Time per Player will result in the coach being formally cautioned by the association. The second such violation will result in the coach's suspension from the next game following an RA&D decision based on a review and hearing. The third violation will result in a one year suspension from coaching in the Association.

2.14.3 AMENDMENTS TO PENALTIES.

These penalties for misconduct may only be amended by Executive Board action based on findings and decisions involving extenuating circumstances.

2.15 RULE 15 - THE RESCHEDULING OF GAMES

2.15.1 The rescheduling of any game must be done one (1) week (seven days) prior to the scheduled game date. The following procedure must be made to reschedule a game:

A. The coach desiring to reschedule a game must call the appropriate commissioner with the rescheduled time and date for the game to be played. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN A FORFEIT.

B. The commissioner will call the Referee Assignor and reschedule the game.

2.15.2 Rescheduling must be limited to teams being in tournament play. ONLY TWO (2) GAMES PER SEASON WILL BE ALLOWED.

2.15.3 All team-initiated rescheduled games must be played on Saturdays.

2.16 RULE 16 • REQUIREMENT FOR COACHING LICENSE

Conform to NTSSA

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III. LAWS OF THE GAME

3.1 GENERAL

The official playing rules of this Association shall be the "Laws of the Game and Universal Guide for Referees with USSF Supplement printed by the USSF with permission of FIFA. These laws and the International Board Decisions shall govern Association play except as revised by NTSSA and the Association. The following is a brief summary of the FIFA Laws and the Association Exceptions to the Laws, This summary is for general information and should not be used as a document of fact to resolve disputes.

3.2 LAW 1-THE FIELD OF PLAY

FIFA: The field shall be rectangular 100 to 130 yards long and 50 to 100 yards wide.

HSA EXCEPTIONS.

3.2.1 SMALLER FIELDS.

To accommodate younger players the FIFA dimensions shall be reduced proportionately; as stated in the USYSA modified Playing Rules.

3.2.2 9-FOOT LINE.

A line parallel to and six feet from the touch line will be provided; parents and spectators should be located behind the six foot line from outside the touchline nor should they be closer than twenty yards from the goal line (usually the top of the penalty area depending on the size of the field). Each line will have an end vertical to the touchline. Coaches will be required to stay within this box. Players, Coaches, Parents and spectators arriving at the field prior to their game and a game is still being played will abide by the above rule.

3.2.3 GOAL LINE.

No one is allowed behind the goal line.

3.2.4 SIDELINE COACHING.

Teams shall coach from only one side of the field. Anyone on the sideline giving instructions will be considered coaching whether or not he is the coach.

3.3 LAW 2 THE BALL

FIFA: The # 5 ball is the official size.

HSA EXCEPTION: The following ball sizes will be used.

- 3.3.1 U-6 and U-8 #3 Ball
- 3.3.2 U-10 and U-12 #4 Ball
- 3.3.3 U-14 and Older #5 Ball

3.4 LAW 3 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS

FIFA: There will be 11 players per team, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. A team can play with a minimum of 7 players. There will be a maximum of 2 substitutes. A player ejected from the game after play has started may not be replaced.

HSA EXCEPTIONS:

3.4.1 TEAM SIZE.

Team size will be reduced in the younger age groups. In all age groups except U4-U8, one of the players shall be the goalkeeper.

- A. U4- (4 on field)
- B. U6- (4 on field)
- C. U8- (4 on field)
- D. U9-10 (7 on field)
- E. U11-12 (9 on field)
- F. U13-19 (11 on field)

3.4.2 ROSTER SIZE.

Roster size is based on team size and the maximum roster size will be limited by the following guidelines whenever possible.

- A. U4- 6 players
- B. U6- 6 players
- C. U8- 6 players
- C. U10- 12 players
- D. U12- 16 players
- E. All others- 18 players

3.4.3 FREE SUBSTITUTION.

There will be free substitution with consent of the Referee at the following times:

- A. At a throw-in by the team in possession.
- B. By either team before a goal kick after a goal is scored at half time and when play is stopped for an injured player.
- C. A player may be substituted for when he is given a caution (yellow card)
- D. In U-6 and U-8, the referee will stop play for 2 minutes at the end of the 1st quarter and at the end of the 3rd quarter to allow for substitutions.

3.4.4 RE-SUBSTITUTION.

A player for whom a substitution has been made can return to the same game.

3.5 LAW 4 - PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

FIFA: A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to himself or to another player. The usual equipment consists of shirt, shorts, stockings, and shoes. Players on each team must wear shirts of the same color which distinguishes them from the other team. The goalkeepers must wear colors which distinguish them from the other players and the Referee.

HSA EXCEPTIONS:

3.5.1 COLOR CONFLICT.

If both teams have similar uniform colors, the home team is responsible for resolving color conflicts.

3.5.2 BLACK UNIFORMS.

Predominantly black colored uniforms are not allowed.

3.5.3 NUMBERS

A number at least 4 inches high is required on the back of each player's shirt.

3.5.4 Approved Shin guards are to be worn by every player.

3.5.5 If tights (sliding shorts) are worn, they must be the same main color as the short and solid in color.

3.6 LAW 5 - REFEREES

FIFA: One referee will be appointed for each game and his judgmental decisions are final. The Referee's authority begins when he enters the field of play and extends until he leaves the area. The Referee shall enforce the Laws of the Game but shall refrain from stopping the game for an infraction when he is satisfied that by doing so he would be giving the advantage to the offending team. The Referee is responsible for the game and he can suspend or terminate a game whenever he deems necessary. For example, foul weather or spectator interference. The Referee keeps a record of the game and is the official timekeeper. The referee can caution or eject a player for violation of the rules. The Referee is required to file a Misconduct Report with the Association on any violation of rules by either team or team official for which a caution was administered; a player, coach, or spectator was sent off the field; or a game was forfeited.

HSA EXCEPTIONS

3.6.1 NO REFEREE.

If the assigned referee fails to appear within ten minutes after the scheduled game time or if he becomes incapacitated during the game, any other qualified individual agreeable to both Coaches may conduct the game to its conclusion making note of his substitution on the

official report to the Association. If the Coaches cannot agree on an individual to conduct the game, the game shall be abandoned and replayed at the earliest possible date.

3.6.2 COACHES AS REFEREES.

In U-6 and U-8, each coach or his representative may be required to referee one-half of the game.

3.6.3 RULE INFRACTIONS EXPLAINED.

In U-6, U-8, and U-10 the referee will briefly explain rule infractions to the offending player.

3.7 LAWS - LINESMEN

FIFA: Two linesmen will be appointed to assist the Referee.

HSA EXCEPTIONS:

If there are no assigned linesmen, at the Referee's option, each team will supply a club linesman

3.8 LAW 7 - DURATION OF THE GAME

FIFA: The game will have two equal periods of 45 minutes. Time will be extended only to permit a penalty-kick to be taken at or after the expiration of time in either. The half-time interval will not exceed five minutes. There are no time-outs except for stoppage ordered by the Referee.

HSA EXCEPTIONS.

3.8.1 GAME LENGTH.

The duration of the game shall be:

- A. U-6 - Four 10 minute quarters
- B. U-8 - Four 10 minute quarters
- C. U-10 - Two 25 minute periods
- D. U-12 - Two 30 minute periods
- E. U-14 - Two 35 minute periods
- F. U-16 - Two 40 minute periods
- G. U-19 - Two 45 minute periods

3.8.2 PLAYOFF AND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.

During playoff and championship games, if these games end in a tied score the game shall be extended with two 10 minute halves. The Referee shall toss a coin to determine choice of goals to start the overtime period. At the end of the first period without a half-time break the teams change ends and the kickoff is by the team opposite to that of the first half. If the game is still tied after the overtime FIFA "kicks from the penalty spot" will be used to determine the winner.

3.8.3 SUSPENDED GAME.

If a game is suspended because of foul weather before the second half has begun, the game shall be replayed. If a game is suspended after the second half has been started, the game shall be considered a full game and the existing score shall be the final and official score.

3.9 LAW 8 THE START OF PLAY

CONFORM TO FIFA

HSA EXCEPTIONS:

3.9.1 COIN TOSS.

The visiting team shall call the coin toss.

3.9.2 GAME TIME.

Game time is the scheduled starting time.

3.10 LAW 9 - BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

CONFORM TO FIFA

HSA EXCEPTIONS: None.

3.11 LAW 10 - METHOD OF SCORING

CONFORM TO NTSSA

HSA EXCEPTION:

Game scores and league standings will not be recorded in U-6 and U-8.

3.12 LAW 11- OFFSIDE

CONFORM TO FIFA

HSA EXCEPTION:

There will be no offside in U-6 and U-8.

3.13 LAW 12 FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

CONFORM TO FIFA

HSA EXCEPTIONS:

3.13.1 GOALKEEPER PROTECTION.

For protection of the goalkeeper, charging the goalkeeper in possession of the ball is not allowed. Violation of this rule is considered violent and dangerous play. The first consideration in determining if play should be stopped and the goalkeeper be given possession of the ball is the degree of danger to which the goalkeeper is being subjected regardless of whether or not he has physical possession of the ball.

3.13.2 UNINTENTIONAL HANDBALL

It is not an intentional handball offense for any player attempt to protect vital areas of his or her body (chest, crotch, face) by placing hands or arms across them to protect them. The Referee shall judge whether the hands or arms were used to deliberately propel the ball.

3.13.3 COACH'S MISCONDUCT.

Coaches and Assistant Coaches are subject to the same game disciplinary procedures by the Referee as are the players, which are cautions and ejection.

3.13.4 PLAYER EJECTION PENALTIES.

The first ejection during the soccer year results in suspension from the following game for the ejected player. The second ejection results in a two game suspension. The third ejection results in NTSSA action.

3.13.5 NO DIRECT KICKS IN U-6 AND U-8.

There will be no direct kicks in U-6 and U-8. All free kicks will be indirect.

3.13.6 NO SLIDE TACKLES IN U-6 AND U-8.

For the protection of the players slide tackling in U-6 and U-8 is not allowed. An indirect free kick will be taken from where the offense occurred.

3.14 LAW 13-FREE KICKS

CONFORM TO FIFA:

HSA EXCEPTIONS:

In U-6 and U-8, all free kicks will be indirect

3.15 LAW 14-PENALTY KICK

CONFORM TO FIFA

HSA EXCEPTIONS:

There will be no penalty kicks in U-6 and U-8. All kicks will be indirect.

3.16 LAW 15 - THROW-IN

CONFORM TO FIFA:

HSA EXCEPTION: None

3.17 LAW 16 - GOAL KICK

CONFORM TO FIFA

HSA EXCEPTION: None

3.18 LAW 17 - CORNER KICK

Conform to USSF

HSA EXCEPTIONS: None

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IV. NTSSA RULE XI - DISCIPLINE

4.1 HSA WILL CONFORM TO NTSSA RULE 3.11 CONCERNING DISCIPLINE OF PLAYERS AND COACHES AND CONCERNING APPEALS OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.

4.2 The Rule can be found at www.ntxsoccer.org

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 HSA COACHES CODE OF ETHICS

5.1.1 EXHIBIT SPORTSMANSHIP.

Each Coach and Assistant Coach of the HSA shall strive to provide the highest level of instruction possible to the players and shall serve as an example of outstanding sportsmanship and fair play to players and parents.

5.1.2 SUPPORT RULES.

Each Coach and Assistant Coach of the HSA shall uphold the rules, policies, procedures and spirit of the HSA the NTSSA and the USYSA at all times.

5.1.3 REFRAIN FROM ABUSIVE ACTIONS.

Each Coach and Assistant Coach of the HSA shall refrain from abusive threatening and intimidating actions or language directed toward players, parents, spectators or officials at all times.

5.1.4 RESPECT TEAM INTEGRITY.

No HSA Coach or Assistant Coach by action or inaction or by words expressed or implied shall either attempt or encourage or assist others to remove a player from any NTSSA registered team or to have the player's parents remove their child from any NTSSA registered team for any reason.

5.1.5 RESPECT OFFICIALS.

Each Coach and Assistant Coach of the HSA shall address referees and linesmen in a courteous and respectful basis and shall express their dissatisfaction or problems with officiating in a written Referee Evaluation Report. Confrontations with officials during or after a game serve no positive purpose and are detrimental to the sport and the HSA program.

5.1.6 BE INFORMED.

Each HSA Coach and Assistant Coach is responsible to inform themselves of the NTSSA HSA rules policies and procedures. Questions should be addressed to the appropriate Commissioner or any HSA officer.

5.2 NTSSA CODE OF ETHICS FOR COACHES, PARENTS, AND REFEREES

HSA Coaches, parents, and referees will conform to the NTSSA Coaches Code of Ethics (NTSSA 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3)

6.3 COACHS PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CODE OF ETHICS

The penalties which may be enforced by Executive Board for violations of the Coaches Code of Ethics are listed below; the Board may also require corrective actions to alleviate the situations caused by the Code violation. Noncompliance with these penalties will result in forfeiture of games by the Coach's team until compliance is made.

5.3.1 REPRIMAND

A formal letter may be issued to the Coach informing him of the Executive Board's findings and ordering him to cease the offending actions.

5.3.2 PROBATION

The offending Coach may be placed on probation for a specified period during which additional *a* continued violations will result in automatic dismissal or debarment as Coach.

5.3.3 DISMISSAL

The offending Coach may be removed immediately from all duties as Coach for a specified period of time. Team parents will be notified of the dismissal and the parents and the appropriate Commissioner will work to find a replacement.

5.3.4 DEBARMENT

The offending Coach may be removed immediately from all duties as Coach and in addition may not be present at the Team's sanctioned play for specified period of time. Team parents will be notified and they and the appropriate Commissioner will work to find a replacement