**Chapter 2**

**BYLAWS**

**NORTH FORT WORTH ALLIANCE SOCCER ASSOCIATION (NFWASA)**

**Ofﬁces and Membership**

1. ARTICLE I – OFFICES
	1. The principal ofﬁce of the Association in the State of Texas shall be located in the City of Ft. Worth, County of Tarrant. The Association may have such other ofﬁces, either within or without the State of Texas, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Association may require from time to time.

Registered Ofﬁce and Registered Agent

* 1. The Association shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Texas registered ofﬁce, and a registered agent whose ofﬁce is identical with such registered ofﬁce, as required by the State of Texas Non-Proﬁt Corporation Act. The registered ofﬁce may be, but need not be, identical with the principal ofﬁce of the Association, and the Board of Directors may change the address of the registered ofﬁce from time to time.
1. ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION
	1. Players and parents or guardian(s), limited to no more than two per family unit, with youth’s participation in a sport program sponsored by the Corporation shall be eligible for membership in the Association. An individual who cannot be considered for membership through afﬁliation with a youth shall be eligible for membership as approved by a majority vote of the Association Board of Directors.
	2. Applicants for membership shall properly complete a Registration form, submit a birth certiﬁcate, and pay all fees as applicable. Applicants must comply with the by laws, Rules and Regulations of the Association, and other rules and requirements that the Board of Directors establishes. Having complied with the foregoing, the Applicants may be accepted for membership by the Board of Directors.
	3. Any adult, who agrees to abide by the by laws, and Rules and Regulations of the Association, and with the approval of the Board of Directors, may become a coach upon signing a Coaches Agreement and Background information Sheet. Coaches Agreement, Background Check, and compliance with any NTSSA required courses, (IE: CDC, SafeSport, Etc.)
	4. Annual membership is established as being from August 1 of the current year through July 31 of the following calendar year.

Voting Rights

* 1. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on each item submitted to a vote of the membership. See 2.2.1 for household membership requirements

Termination of Membership

* 1. Any member of the Association (or coach, team, or ofﬁcial) may be expelled and his or her membership canceled, forfeited or suspended unilaterally by the Association’s Board of Directors or through it’s consideration of a recommendation of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee or he or she may be ensured a hearing by the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee and/or by the Association’s Board of Directors for a violation of the Association’s Constitution, BY LAWS, Rules and Regulations or for conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Association. A single red card shall not in itself be considered cause for expulsion.
	2. The Association will honor all orders of suspension of players, coaches, or referees issued by this Association or any other Association or USSF Division.

Resignation

* 1. Any member may resign by giving written notice to the President, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any fees, assessments, or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid unless otherwise excused by rules established by the Board of Directors.
1. ARTICLE III – GOVERNMENT OF ASSOCIATION

Government of Association

* 1. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of North Fort Worth Alliance Soccer Association and shall transact all business and enforce all rules for North Fort Worth Alliance Soccer Association. It shall have the power to settle all disputes and protests. All decisions of the Board of Directors are ﬁnal. The only appeal is to the North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA).
	2. There shall be no vote by proxy.
	3. Directors must be members of the Corporation.

Afﬁliation with The North Texas State Soccer Association

* 1. This Association shall be directly afﬁliated with and comply with the authority of the North Texas State Soccer Association and shall represent all its members and respective interests in and before the NTSSA Superseding Authority of NTSSA Rules
	2. The Association recognizes the superseding authority of the rules of the North Texas State Soccer Association.

Territory of the Association

* 1. The territory under the jurisdiction of the NFWASA is deﬁned as:

Fort Worth City Limits, bordered on the South by North Loop 820, on the West by Interstate I-35W, on the East by Hwy 377, and bordered on the North by Hwy 170. The area north of Golden Triangle Road is deﬁned by the Keller Independent School District (KISD) feeder schools as follows: Children who attend schools that are feeders for Keller High School are under the jurisdiction of the Keller Soccer Association (KSA), schools that are feeder schools for Timber Creek, Central and Fossil Ridge High School are under the jurisdiction of NFWASA.

A map reﬂecting the territory under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be on ﬁle with NTSSA and the Secretary of the Association.

Jurisdiction

* 1. This Association shall have jurisdiction over all members, administrators, referees, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, registered players, teams, parents, and other persons afﬁliated with such teams. Each member will adhere to these by laws and Rules and Regulations and will comply with the authority of the Association. If the Association is presented sufﬁcient evidence that a member is not adhering to the by laws and Rules and Regulations, the Association will ask the First Vice-President/A&D Director to investigate the allegations and take necessary actions.

Fiscal Year

* 1. The ﬁscal year of the Association shall be from August 1 through July 31 of the following year.

Books and Records

* 1. The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of all meetings at its principle ofﬁce.

Contracts, Checks, Deposits, and Gifts

* 1. The Board of Directors may authorize any ofﬁcer or ofﬁcers of the Corporation, in addition to the ofﬁcers so authorized by these by laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation. Such authority may be general or conﬁned to speciﬁc instances.
	2. Two signatures, limited to the Secretary/Treasurer, the President, the First Vice- President and/or the Registrar, will be required on all checks for payment of the obligations of the Corporation.
	3. All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as approved by the Board of Directors.
	4. The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Corporation any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the Corporation.
	5. A member of the board or a member of the association shall conduct an annual audit of the ﬁnancial records, transactions and bank statements. The board shall select this member each year by no later than the July board meeting in order to conduct the audit by no later than August 30 of the current year. This member cannot be a board member who has signature authority as deﬁned in 2.3.11.

Amendments to by laws

* 1. These by laws may be altered, amended, or repealed, or new by laws may be adopted by a majority of the Directors present at any regular meeting, or at any special meetings, if at least ten (10) days notice is given of an intention to alter, amend, or repeal the bylaws or to adopt new by laws.
1. ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Place of Meeting

* 1. All meetings of the Association shall be held at such place and time as designated by the President. All meetings of the Association will be open to the members of the Corporation. Parliamentary procedures shall govern all meetings.

Special Meeting

* 1. The President or a majority of the voting members of the Executive Board may call special meetings of the Association for any purposes. Notiﬁcation may be in person or in writing by postal mail or e-mail if at least two (2) days’ notice is provided. Business transacted at all special meetings shall be conﬁned to the purpose stated in the notice of the meeting. For the purposes of conducting association business a quorum must be present to hold this meeting. A quorum for this purpose shall be considered as a simple majority of the Executive Board provided one of those present is the President, First Vice-President or Second Vice-President. A majority vote of those present is required in order for any actions to be taken.

Board of Directors Meetings

* 1. The Board shall hold the meeting of the Board of Directors on a day of mutual agreement. For the purposes of conducting association business a quorum must be present to hold this meeting. A quorum for this purpose shall be considered as a simple majority of the voting members of the Executive Board, provided one of those present is the President, First Vice-President or Second Vice-President. If the meeting is changed, then notice must be given in person or in writing by postal mail or e-mail, but not mandatory to be in writing.

Emergency Actions

* 1. The Executive Committee (reference section 2.7.19) may take emergency action on matters demanding immediate attention when it is impractical or impossible to call a regular or special meeting, and in accordance with section 2.7.19. A majority vote of the Executive Committee is required in order for any actions to be taken.

Notice of Meetings

* 1. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and time of a meeting, and the purpose(s) for which the meeting was called, shall be delivered not less than ten and no more than ﬁfty days before the meeting, either personally, by postal mail or e-mail, by or at the direction of the President, to each delegate or Board Member of record entitled to vote at the meeting, unless otherwise provided in these by laws. This does not apply to the monthly Board of Director’s meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the delegate or Board Member at their address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage thereon prepaid.

Voting Procedures and Policies

* 1. Each of the Board members shall cast one vote at Board meetings (each board member has only one vote, regardless of how many positions they hold), except the President who shall vote only in case of a tie and on changes to the bylaws. The Referee Director or any other position that is reimbursed for their responsibilities shall not cast a vote. Each of the Board members shall be a Delegate to General Meetings. Parliamentary procedures shall govern at all meetings.
1. ARTICLE V – NOTICE

Manner of Giving Notice

* 1. Whenever, under the provisions of applicable statutes, the Articles of Incorporation or these by laws, notice is required to be given to any delegate or Board Member of the Association and no provisions are made as to how such notice shall be given, it shall be construed to mean personal notice, shall be given in writing by postal mail or e- mail, addressed to such delegate or Board Member at the address appearing on the records of the Association. Any notice required or permitted to be given by mail shall be deemed given at the time when the same is thus deposited in the United States mail as aforesaid.

Waiver of Notice

* 1. Whenever any notice is required to be given to any delegates or Board Members of the Association under the provisions of applicable statutes, the Articles of Incorporation or these by laws, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person(s) entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated in such notice, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meetings, except where a person attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground(s) that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.
1. ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors

* 1. The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by its Board of Directors, which shall consist of the Directors of this Association, each of who will be entitled to one vote with the exception of any position that is considered to be paid for their services (i.e. Referee Director/Assignor). The Board of Directors shall transact all business of the Association and shall have the power to enforce the Laws of the Games, Rules of the NTSSA, the United States Soccer Federation and its respective divisions, and the by laws and Rules and Regulations of this Association. The Board of Directors shall also hear appeals of decisions of their A&D Committee. Any member elected to the Board shall complete and sign a North Texas Background Information Sheet.

Election of Board of Directors

* 1. The Board of Directors shall be elected for term length as provided in 2.6.3, and may succeed them in ofﬁce. Any Director that desires to seek election to another ofﬁce must ﬁrst resign the ofﬁce that he/she is holding, in writing by postal mail or e-mail, prior to the election. Elections shall be held during the month of May as agreed upon by the board at the April board meeting for the current voting year and as follows: An election ballot made available at an agreed upon time, date and location during the month of May, and no later than the 3rd week in May. The ballot may be in the form of paper or on-line media. The Members will elect by majority vote of the total vote count each Director seat whose term is open. Newly elected board members shall take ofﬁce on June 1.
	2. Board of Directors and Terms:

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Executive Board

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| **Position** | **Term (Years)** | **Frequency (elected)** |
| President | 2 | Even Years |
| First Vice President (Appeals & Discipline) | 2 | Odd Years |
| Coaches Director (Second Vice President) | 2 | Even Years |
| Secretary / Treasurer | 2 | Odd Years |
| Registrar | 2 | Even Years |
| Scheduling Director | 2 | Odd Years |
| Special Events Director | 2 | Odd Years |
| Equipment Director | 2 | Odd Years |
| IT / Marketing Director | 2 | Odd Years |
| Field Director | 2 | Even Years |
| Referee Director / Assignor | 2 | Even Years |
| Coaching Commissioners (3) | 1 | Every Year |
| Adult Commissioner | 1 | Every Year |
| Haslet Commissioner | 1 | Every Year |
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* 1. Any member of the Board of Directors shall be required to resign following a vote of no conﬁdence in his/her ability to remain in ofﬁce, 20% of the members may petition for such a vote. The petition must be submitted in writing, only by a member of the Association, to the Board of Directors, which in turn will review the petition within 5 days of receipt of such petition. The vote of no conﬁdence must be passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present provided they constitute a quorum per 2.4.3. If an Ofﬁcer receives this vote of no conﬁdence, he/she is automatically suspended from the Board.
	2. Any member of the Board of Directors who is absent from three (3) consecutive monthly board meetings may have his/her ofﬁce declared vacant at the discretion of the board. Removal will be upon request from a board member and upon a majority vote of the members present provided they constitute a quorum per 2.4.3. Note: This is not equivalent to a vote of no conﬁdence per section 2.6.4.

Vacancies

* 1. The Nominating Committee or a current Director will ﬁnd a candidate and present this person to the Board of Directors for a majority Board approval, with vote to be conducted at a regular or special scheduled meeting.

Minutes

* 1. The Board of Directors shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings. The minutes shall be placed in the minute book of the Association. Minutes for each meeting shall be approved at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Compensation

* 1. The Board of Directors shall serve without salary for their services, with the exception of the Referee Director/Assignor. Any Board of Director member may be reimbursed for expenses approved by the budget and/or the Board of Directors.

Grievance Involving Board of Directors Members

* 1. A member of the Board of Directors can be a member or ofﬁcial of a team, or club. In the event of any grievance involving such organization, he/she may not act in its behalf nor be entitled to vote on the grievance.
1. ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS: Power and Duties

President

* 1. The President shall be the principal executive ofﬁcer of the Association and shall in general, supervise the business and affairs of the Association. He/she shall preside at all Association meetings, unless he/she otherwise empowers another Director to perform in his absence. He/she shall appoint committees as deemed necessary, assign duties to Directors and Ofﬁcers as required, take prudent and reasonable action in circumstances not covered in the bylaws, and such authority is implicit in the ofﬁce. He/she is ex-ofﬁcio voting member of all Committees. He/she shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie in any meeting, or he/she may waive the right to do so. He/she may sign with the Secretary/ Treasurer or any other proper Ofﬁcer of the Association authorized by the Board of Directors any deed, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed, except in the cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated to the Board of Directors by these bylaws or by statue of some other Ofﬁcer or agent of the Association. The President with the Secretary/Treasurer or other authorized Ofﬁcer may sign checks and pay indebtedness up to $300.00 without seeking express authorization from the Board of Directors. He/She shall designate a Parliamentarian for all General and Board meetings. He/she shall also serve as the NFWASA representative to the Northern Mid-Cities Soccer League (NMCSL) and attend, or designate another board member to attend, all NMCSL meetings.

First Vice President (Appeals and Discipline (A&D))

* 1. The First Vice President shall succeed to the ofﬁce of President in the event that ofﬁce becomes vacant. He/she shall serve in that ofﬁce until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, at which time the Board of Directors will appoint a President to serve until an election can be held at the next Annual Election to ﬁll the ofﬁce of President. The First Vice-President shall succeed to the powers of the President in his/her absence. He/she shall be responsible for seeing that the administrative policies and operation of the Association are carried out. He/she shall be the NTSSA delegate and attend, or designate another board member to attend, all NTSSA meetings.

He/she shall chair the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee in accordance with NFWASA and NTSSA A&D policies. The A&D Chairman will select the panel to chair hearings from the A&D Committee pool. He/she shall be responsible for scheduling, conducting, and chairing all A&D committee meetings and reporting the results of hearings to NFWASA, Northern Mid-Cities Soccer League (NMCSL) and NTSSA. The First Vice-President may select an alternate A&D Chairman to chair hearings by a majority vote of the A&D Committee and with approval of the President. In the event the A&D Chairman is involved in the incident in question, the NFWASA President will select an alternate A&D Chairman.

Coaches Director (Second Vice-President)

* 1. The Coaches Director shall notify all coaches of meetings, clinics, and any other activities as deemed necessary by the Board. He/she shall oversee the age Commissioners, responsible for informing each Commissioner of any activities and information that must be communicated to the coaches. He/she shall succeed to the powers of the President in the absence of both the President and First Vice-President. He/she shall be responsible for identifying coaching candidates and maintaining the coaching list, including license information. He/she shall be responsible for promoting coaching education and other developmental coaching activities, including the responsibility for scheduling of coaching clinics.

Registrar

* 1. The Registrar shall be responsible for the registration and eligibility of all players, coaches and teams within the jurisdiction of the Association, and shall forward registration information to NTSSA. He/she shall be the chair for the Registration Committee.

Secretary/Treasurer

* 1. The Secretary/Treasurer shall record the minutes of all meetings, attend to all correspondence, keep records for NFWASA, and remind each Director of the Board of all meetings. He/she shall collect all monies, keep a detailed account of income and expenses, maintain a NFWASA checking account, pay all fees and expenses as authorized by the Board, coordinate the preparation of budgets, and submit a ﬁnancial report at each monthly meeting. He/she shall chair the Finance Committee whose roles include the creation of an annual budget for NFWASA He/she shall provide the annual budget to the Board for ﬁnal review at the June Board Meeting. He/she shall be responsible for ﬁling the annual tax return through NTSSA each year.

Scheduling Director

* 1. The Scheduling Director shall be responsible for the scheduling of all season and playoff games including recreational league games as well as other games played on NFWASA ﬁelds including Alliance club and academy games. He/she shall attend all scheduling meetings with other identiﬁed Associations. He/she shall deliver the appropriate number of copies, for the current season game schedule, to all Commissioners. . He/she shall be responsible for other miscellaneous scheduling activities including, but not limited to, Team Scheduled Practice Times, coordinating Picture Scheduling with the Special Events Coordinator and Scheduling for NFWASA hosted Tournament Games.

Referee Director/Assignor

* 1. The Referee Director shall maintain a current certiﬁed NTSSA Assignor license. He/she will be responsible for informing all Referees, Assistant and Associate Referees, and potential candidates, of all clinics, re-certiﬁcation classes, and upgrade clinics. He/she shall schedule and oversee referee meetings, minimum of 1 per season, to update all Referees of FIFA/USSF and/or NFWASA rule and by law changes. He/she shall be responsible for scheduling and assigning Referees for all NFWASA home league and playoff games including recreational league games as well as other games played on NFWASA ﬁelds including Alliance club and academy games and NFWASA hosted tournament games. He/ she is responsible for observing referee activities and developing methods to assist with referee development and improvement. He/she will be paid for each game scheduled based on a fee as agreed upon by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. As a paid member of the association, he/she does not have voting authority for Board decisions.

Equipment Director

* 1. The Equipment Director shall be responsible for ordering and distributing all uniforms for each team as required at the beginning of the fall season and for new players for the spring season. He/she shall obtain board approval for the uniform selected for each playing year. He/she shall also be responsible for obtaining balls, cones, nets, ﬂags and other such equipment as required to support NFWASA and NFWASA teams during the playing year. He/she shall be responsible for ordering and distributing trophies for each player at the end of each season. “Participation” trophies shall be awarded for all U8 and younger teams. U9 and older teams shall be awarded trophies for placing 1st or 2nd in their division~~.~~

IT/Marketing Director

* 1. The IT/Marketing Director shall be responsible for the overall safety and soundness of the Associations online presence. This will include management and oversight of social media, search optimization, and website design/functionality. In coordination with the Special Events Coordinator, the IT/Marketing Director will be responsible for publicizing activities of the Association, registration information, and keeping the members of the association apprised of changes and/or cancellations of Association events utilizing online tools. Promotions, Fundraising, and Sponsorships will also be a collaboration between the Special Events Coordinator, and the IT/Marketing director, in order to maximize the sharing of the information. The IT/Marketing director shall be responsible for the organization and plans for delivery of flyers, signs, and other marketing materials of the Association.

Field Director

* 1. The Field Director shall be responsible for coordinating all work and costs for ﬁeld maintenance and development. He/she will be responsible for working with the City of Fort Worth Parks and Recreation division, the City of Fort Worth Athletics Department, the Keller Independent School District (KISD), the Summerﬁelds Baptist Church and the NFWASA Board of Directors for continued ﬁeld maintenance and development for NFWASA and City of Fort Worth ﬁelds within NFWASA boundaries. He/she is responsible for ensuring the ﬁelds are properly maintained at all times prior to and during each season, to include making the ﬁelds safe and prepared for practice and game use. Preparation for game activities includes, but is not limited to, ensuring the ﬁelds are lined, the goals are in a safe and secure condition and the nets are in good condition.

Special Events Coordinator

* 1. The Special Events Coordinator shall be responsible for the miscellaneous special event activities during each season; including, but not limited to Concessions, Tournament Special Events, Public Relations, Promotions, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Pictures, etc. The Special Events Coordinator shall act in the role of public relations for NFWASA responsible for publicizing the activities of the Association. He/She shall also be responsible for informing the public of the time and place of registration for each season and for publishing a newsletter as funds permit. He/She shall be responsible for the organization and coordination of efforts to obtain supplemental funding which may be in the form of sponsorships, grants, donations, etc. He/She will coordinate the taking and distribution of team pictures with the selected picture company. The Special Events Coordinator will work in close connection and collaboration with the IT/Marketing Director as outlined in 2.7.9.

Coaching Commissioners

(3 pos. each covering the following age range, U4-U8, U9-U12, U13-U19)

* 1. All Commissioners shall serve under the supervision of the Coaches Director. The Commissioners will be responsible for keeping coaches informed of all activities and policies of the Association and any other information necessary to fulﬁll their duties for the age group as assigned by the Coaches Director. Commissioners will prepare and distribute schedules for games in their league(s). For age groups U5 through U8 Commissioners will reschedule postponed games as necessary, the Scheduling Director shall manage all scheduling activities for U9 and older games, as well as, the U5-U8 age groups when playing Interleague NMCSL. They will settle minor disputes involving coaches, schedules, and practice sites and they shall monitor the coaches in order to maintain the highest possible standard of coaches’ conduct and sportsmanship. If a situation arises that involves more than one league or may require disciplinary action, the Commissioner shall notify the Coaches Director who will call a meeting of the League representatives. The First Vice-President, or his representative, shall attend the meeting in an advisory capacity. If the Coaches Director and the League cannot resolve the problem, or they feel it involves a serious infraction of the rules, they will refer the problem to the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee or the Board. Any decision made by the League in joint meeting may be appealed to the Board. Commissioners are responsible for providing new and/or replacement coaches for each team in their respective league(s). All coaches’ names will be submitted to the Coaches Director for screening and approval.

Haslet Commissioner

* 1. The Commissioner for Haslet shall be responsible for the miscellaneous activities each season as they relate to members from the Haslet area; including, but not limited to Public Relations and advertising for registration. He/She shall also be responsible for informing the Haslet area of the time and place of registration for each season, including the distribution of the required advertising as approved by the NFWASA board. He/She shall be the primary representative on the NFWASA board bringing any issues speciﬁc related to the Haslet area to their attention.

Adult Commissioner

* 1. The Adult Commissioner shall be responsible for activities associated with the adult playing league. This person will work in conjunction with President, Scheduler, Registrar and any other board ofﬁcial necessary to conduct the adult league. This person will be responsible for informing each team ofﬁcial of information including but not limited to: registration, scheduling information, and team formation rules.

Committees

* 1. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to remove individuals from committees or subcommittees or eliminate subcommittees and committees as necessary.
	2. The Board of Directors may remove the Chairman of a sport committee by a majority vote.
	3. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum.
	4. Appeals and Disciplinary Committee

The Committee will investigate all appeals to the Board and cases of serious infractions of the Association rules. The Committee will forward its ﬁndings to the Board with a recommendation of action. The Board may accept, reject or modify the Committee’s recommendation as it chooses. The First Vice-President shall act as the Committee chairman. Additional Committee members shall include two other members selected by the First Vice-President and approved by the Board. The First Vice-President and the Committee may select an alternate chairperson for A&D hearings by board approval, as they deem necessary.

Nominating Committee

* 1. The Nominating Committee will recruit, screen and recommend candidates for Board positions that are to be elected in the spring. The committee will perform the same duties for Board positions that become vacant before the term of that ofﬁce normally expires. The Committee shall also be responsible for directing the annual elections including the creation of the ballot (in accordance with 2.6.2). Committee members shall include a chairman and two other members appointed by the President with the consent of the Board.

 Finance Committee

* 1. The Finance Committee will monitor the receipts and expenditures of the Association and will ensure that the non-proﬁt status of the Association is protected. The Committee shall direct the preparation of the annual budget. The Committee will review the adequacy of the Association's funds, recommending uses for surpluses and alerting the Board of potential shortages and ensuring to maintain the integrity of the non-proﬁt status. The Committee shall help prepare and submit the annual tax return. Committee members shall include the Treasurer as chairman, one of the President or First Vice-President, and an Association member with experience in the ﬁnancial area selected by the Treasurer or by the President.

Executive Committee

* 1. The Executive Committee will be called to meet as needed to act on an emergency basis. This committee will have the power to act on behalf of the Board, with actions to be provided in writing by postal mail or e-mail to the Board within 3 days of the decision and subject to further review at the next scheduled board meeting. A majority vote of the Executive Committee is required in order for any actions to be taken. Committee members shall include the President as chairman, the First Vice-President, and three (3) appointed by the President from the following list: Coaches Director, Secretary/Treasurer, Registrar, Special Events, Scheduling Director, Field Director, or Equipment Director. The President can appoint the additional three-(3) committee members on a revolving basis as necessary to support the required committee membership.

Registration Committee

* 1. The Registration Committee will be responsible for the fall and spring registration. This responsibility shall include, but not be limited to:
		1. Selecting the date(s), times(s) and location(s).
		2. Entering all necessary registration data (coaches and players)
		3. Preparing and copying all necessary team/coach/player documentation.
		4. Preparing and distributing all necessary team/coaching documentation for the fall and spring coaches’ meetings.
1. NFWASA TEAM GUIDELINES
	1. All NFWASA recreational teams must display the NFWASA logo on their playing jersey for all league and TOC games, but not mandatory at tournaments. All NFWASA provided uniforms come already equipped with the logo. For teams that purchase alternate uniforms, the logo must be supplied by NFWASA for placement on the jersey.
	2. NTSSA Tournament of Champions (TOC) – North Texas sponsors the Tournament of Champions at the end of each fall season. The tournament is invitation only, represented by teams in each U10 and older age group as invited by each NTSSA playing association.

The NFWASA policy for invitation to TOC is as follows: Teams are selected in U10/U12/ U14/U16 and U19 age brackets at the discretion and approval of a majority vote of the NFWASA Board of Directors. For invitation to TOC, the Board will only consider teams who finish in 1st or 2nd place in either the A or B brackets of their respective age groups.

* 1. All NFWASA teams are responsible to NFWASA for their behavior during league and tournament games in accordance with NFWASA bylaws and Rules and Regulations, regardless of the location of the event.

**Chapter 3**

## NFWASA RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### Registered Players

Only registered players shall be permitted to play in competitions under the auspices of this Association. A team that uses unregistered players shall automatically forfeit all games in which said players have participated. A violation of this rule shall result in the offending Coach, Assistant Coach/Administrator being suspended for a minimum of one

(1) year from all soccer related activities.

* 1. **Unregistered/Non-sanctioned play**

Youth and amateur players or teams who participate with unregistered players or engage in unsanctioned play shall void their NTSSA registration and must apply for

reinstatement to their appropriate Commissioner, along with a re-filing fee of $2.00 per player

* + 1. Unsanctioned play shall include, but is not be limited to:
1. Outdoor/indoor league not sanctioned by NTSSA or another USSF affiliate.
2. Outdoor/indoor tournament not sanctioned by NTSSA or another USSF affiliate.
3. Any game (friendly or scrimmage) with non-USSF affiliate.
	* 1. Application by the team/player to the registrar to engage in a game or games may be approved under certain conditions that may be determined to be in best interest and enhancement of the game.

### Friendly Games

NFWASA will abide by NTSSA rules.

### Suspensions

NFWASA will abide by NTSSA rules.

### Referees

NFWASA will abide by NTSSA rules.

### Adult Criminal Background Checks

NFWASA will abide by NTSSA rules.

### Youth Play in Amateur Division

N/A to NFWASA.

### Amateur Registration

N/A to NFWASA.

### Playing Age

NFWASA will abide by NTSSA rules.

### Youth Contracts and Releases

NFWASA will abide by NTSSA rules.

### Discipline

NFWASA will abide by NTSSA rules.

### Referee System

NFWASA will abide by NTSSA rules.

### Game Protests

NFWASA will abide by NTSSA rules.

* 1. NFWASA will abide by NTSSA rules for U11 and older for rules of competition.
	2. Modified Playing Rules for Under 5 – **Located in Separate Document**
	3. Modified Playing Rules for Under 6 – **Located in Separate Document**
	4. Modified Playing Rules for Under 7/8 – **Located in Separate Document**
	5. Modified Playing Rules for Under 9 – **Located in Separate Document**
	6. Modified Playing Rules for Under 10 – **Located in Separate Document**

### Game Postponement, Suspension, Or Abandonment

* + 1. Incomplete game because of misconduct:

If a game is not completed because of misconduct clearly traceable to one or the other contending teams, its management, or its followers as determined by the respective authority, the respective authority shall decide as to the disposition of the game.

* + 1. A referee or NFWASA board member has the final authority to postpone, suspend, or abandon a game due to foul weather or other circumstances he/she judges to be unsatisfactory. If both are present, the board member’s decision takes precedence.
		2. Weather guidelines are as follows:
1. Under 9 and older leagues shall play in any weather that does not constitute a hazard to health. Under 8 and younger leagues shall play in dry weather when the temperature is above 40 degrees F., and wet weather ONLY when the temperature is above 50 degrees F and at the discretion of the referee to determine if the conditions are hazardous and in accordance with 3.20.2.
2. Lightning shall always be considered hazardous.
3. Teams must report to the field ready to play regardless of the weather, unless the respective member association of where the game is being played has notified the coach prior to game time or has made a determination for the game and communicated such on the respective member association information line and/or website.
4. If a game is abandoned due to weather after the second half has begun, it shall be considered a complete game.
	* 1. Referee Absence
5. The absence of a referee to officiate a game for U8 and younger leagues shall not be considered grounds for game postponement or rescheduling. It is the responsibility of the coaches for the respective teams to share in the officiating responsibilities or to identify a mutually agreed upon individual to officiate the game.
6. In the event there is an absence of a referee(s) to officiate a game for U9 and older leagues, it is at the discretion of the present referee(s) to determine the actions required to proceed with the game in accordance with bylaw 3.12.

#### Changes

These Rules and Regulations may be changed or new Rules and Regulations may be added at a meeting of the Board of Directors provided ten (10) days written notice of the meeting, including a written copy of the proposed changes or additions, have been submitted to the membership. Any changes or additions to these rules that are approved by the Board shall immediately become a part of these rules, and all members shall receive notice of the new rule(s) or amendment of the rule(s) within forty-five (45) days. Posting on the NFWASA website shall constitute proper submission and notification to the membership.

Where a quorum is present at the above meetings, it will take a majority vote of the members present at the meeting to pass new rules or to change or amend present rules.

#### Who may propose Rule Changes and Amendments

Any proposal to amend the rules or add new rules may be made by any member of NFWASA and properly constituted committees of NFWASA. Changes submitted by a member of committee must pertain to the duties and scope of that committee. Any proposed change must be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the next meeting of NFWASA for review and distribution to the membership within the allotted time frame required in rule 3.21.

# Chapter 3.15

Modified Playing Rules for Under 5 and Under 6 (Note any U4 teams shall follow any and all U5 playing rules as noted in Chapter 3.15)

# Modified Playing Rules for Under 5 and Under 6

* 1. Opposing parent/coaches and players should shake hands after each game.
	2. Do not record league standings.
	3. Do not record final score.
	4. Participation awards for ALL--no trophies or awards just for the best team.
	5. Parent/coaches, non-playing players, parents and spectators should be located not less than three (3) yards from outside the touchline, nor should they be closer than ten (10) yards to the goal line.
	6. NO individual should be allowed to run the length of the field except participants of the game.
	7. Parents should not coach or instruct players during the game. Coaches are encouraged to be on field during games. Each team should have a coach designated to be on the field and the two coaches should alternate between coaching and officiating each quarter.
	8. No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will be consumed or allowed near the playing area

### Law I – The Field

* + - 1. Markings:
				1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
				2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
				3. A center circle with a five (5) yard radius.
				4. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.
				5. Goal area – None

### Law II – The Ball

* + - 1. Size three (3).

### Law III – Number of Players

* + - 1. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time – Three (3) There shall be no goalkeeper.
			2. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed – Six (6)
			3. Substitutions
				1. Injuries.
				2. See Law VII.
			4. Playing Time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
			5. Teams and games may be coed.

### Law IV – Player Equipment

* + - 1. Player equipment must conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
				1. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.

### Law V - Referee

* + - 1. Parent/Coach or Assistant.
			2. Referee’s decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
			3. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

### Law VI – Assistant Referee

* + - 1. None.

### Law VII – Duration of Game

* + - 1. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal ten (10) minute quarters.
			2. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarter one (1) and quarter two (2), and another two (2) minute break between quarters three (3) and four (4).
			3. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between quarters two (2) and three (3).

### Law VIII – The Start of the Play

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
				1. Opponents must be three (3) yards from the center mark while kicking off is in progress.

### Law IX – Ball In and Out of Play

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA.

### Law X - Method Of Scoring

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA.

### Law XI – Off-Side

* + - 1. There shall be no off-side.

### Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
				1. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents three (3) yards away.
				2. The Referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.
				3. No caution or ejections shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral referee.

### Law XIII - Free Kick

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
				1. With the exception of kickoff and corner kicks. All Free kicks shall be classified under one heading – indirect.
				2. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
				3. Opponents must be three (3) yards away.

### Law XIV - Penalty Kick

* + - 1. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

### Law XV – Throw-in

* + - 1. Replaced by a kick-in.
			2. Kick-in is an indirect free kick from the sideline.
			3. Opponents must be three (3) yards away.

### Law XVI - Goal Kick

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
				1. Goal kick may be taken from any point two (2) to three (3) yards from the goal.
				2. Opponents must be three (3) yards away from the ball.

### Law XVII - Corner Kick

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
				1. Opponents must be three (3) yards away from the ball.

# Chapter 3.16

Modified Playing Rules for Under 7. The following rules are for U7 intra-association playing league only. If it has been decided by the NFWASA Board of Directors that interleague play is needed within NMCSL, U7 playing rules will fall under “Modified Playing Rules for Under 8”, Chapter 3.17

# Modified Playing Rules for Under 7

1. Opposing parent/coaches and players should shake hands after each game.
2. Do not record league standings.
3. Do not record final score.
4. Participation awards for ALL--no trophies or awards just for the best team.
5. Parent/coaches, non-playing players, parents and spectators should be located not less than three (3) yards from outside the touchline, nor should they be closer than ten (10) yards to the goal line.
6. NO individual should be allowed to run the length of the field except participants of the game.
7. Parents should not coach or instruct players during the game.
8. No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will be consumed or allowed near the playing area

### LAW I - The Field

* + - 1. Markings:
				1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
				2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
				3. A center circle with a five (5) yard radius.
				4. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.
				5. Goal area three (3) yards from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

### LAW II - The Ball

* + - 1. Size three (3)

### LAW III - Number of Players

* + - 1. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time –four (4). There are NO goalkeepers.
			2. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed – eight (8).
			3. Minimum number of players required to field a team – four (4).
			4. Substitutions:
1. Injuries.
2. See Law VII.
	* + 1. Playing Time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of all total playing time.
			2. Teams and games may be co-ed.

### Law V - Referee

* + - 1. Registered Referee.
			2. Associate Referees.
			3. Parent/Coach or Assistant.
			4. Referee’s decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
			5. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
			6. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players.

### Law VI - Assistant Referee

* + - 1. None

### Law VII – Duration of Game

* + - 1. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal twelve (12) minute quarters.
			2. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarter one (1) and quarter two (2), and another two (2) minute break between quarters three (3) and four (4).
			3. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between quarters two (2) and three.

### Law VIII – The Start of Play

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
				1. Opponents must be five (5) yards from the center mark while kicking off is in progress.

### Law IX – Ball In and Out of Play

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA.

### Law X – Method of Scoring

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA.

### Law XI – Off-side

* + - 1. There shall be no off-side.

### Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
				1. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents five (5) yards away.
				2. The Referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.
				3. No caution or ejections shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral referee.

### Law XIII – Free Kick

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions.
				1. Shall be classified under one heading - indirect.
				2. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
				3. Opponents must be five (5) yards away.
				4. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team’s goal box.

### Law XIV – Penalty Kick

* + - 1. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.
		1. **Law XV – Throw-in**
1. Confirm to FIFA with the following exception:
	1. A second throw-in must be allowed if the player commits a foul on initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw.

### Law XVI – Goal Kick

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
				1. Goal kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.
				2. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.

### Law XVII – Corner Kick

* + - 1. Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
				1. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.
				2. Corner kicks are indirect free kicks.

# Chapter 3.17

Modified Playing Rules for Under 8 and U7 NMCSL Playing League

Opposing parent/coaches and players should shake hands after each game.

Do not record league standings.

Do not record final score.

Participation awards for all – no trophies or awards just for the best team.

Parent/coaches, non-playing players, parents and spectators should be located not less than six (6) yards from outside the touchline, nor should they be closer than twenty (20) yards to the goal line.

No individual should be allowed to run the length of the field except participants of the game.

Parents should not coach or instruct players during the game.

No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.

No “slide tackling” is permitted in this age group.

LAW I THE FIELD

A. Markings:

1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
3. A center circle with a six (6) yard radius.
4. Four corner arcs, each with a two (2) foot radius.
5. Goal area – six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
6. A penalty area may be used, the size of which shall be in proportion to the size of the field.

LAW II THE BALL

A. Size three (3)

LAW III NUMBER OF PLAYERS

1. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time – seven (7). One of whom must be the goalkeeper.
2. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed – twelve (12).
3. Minimum number of players required to field a team – four.
4. Substitutions:
5. Injuries.
6. See Law VII.
7. Playing Time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of all total playing time.
8. Teams and games may be co-ed.

LAW IV PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

Player’s equipment must conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.

LAW V REFEREE

1. Registered referee.
2. Associate referee.
3. Parent/Coach or Assistant.
4. Referee’s decision on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
5. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
6. Only registered referees have the power to caution players.

LAW VI ASSISTANT REFEREE

Use Club Linesmen.

LAW VII DURATION OF GAME

1. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal twelve (12) minute quarters.
2. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one (1) and two (2), and another two (2) minute break between quarters three (3) and four (4).
3. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between quarters two (2) and three (3).

LAW VIII THE START OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

A. Opponents must be a minimum of **five (5)** yards from center mark while kickoff is in progress.

LAW IX BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA.

LAW X METHOD OF SCORING

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XI OFF-SIDE

There shall be no off-side rule.

LAW XII FOULS AND CONDUCT

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

1. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents a minimum of **five**

**(5)** yards away.

1. The referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.
2. No caution or ejections shall be issued to players in the form of a yellow or red card, but verbal warnings/punishment may be issued as deemed necessary by the referee.

LAW XIII FREE KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

1. Shall be classified under one heading – indirect.
2. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
3. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team from within the defending team’s goal box.

LAW XIV PENALTY KICK

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games. LAW XV THROW-IN

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

A. A second throw-in must be allowed if the player commits a foul on initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw.

LAW XVI GOAL KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

1. Goal kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.
2. Opponents must be a minimum of **five (5)** yards away from the ball.

LAW XVII CORNER KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

A. Opponents must be a minimum of **five (5)** yards away from the ball.

Excerpt below from Chapter 3 Rules and Regulations concerning Game Postponement, Suspension or Abandonment:

* 1. GAME POSTPONEMENT, SUSPENSION, OR ABANDONMENT
		1. Incomplete game because of misconduct:

If a game is not completed because of misconduct clearly traceable to one or the other contending teams, its management, or its followers as determined by the respective authority, the respective authority shall decide as to the disposition of the game.

* + 1. A referee or NFWASA board member has the final authority to postpone, suspend, or abandon a game due to foul weather or other circumstances he/she judges to be unsatisfactory. If both are present, the board member’s decision takes precedence.
		2. Weather guidelines are as follows:
1. Under 9 and older leagues shall play in any weather that does not constitute a hazard to health. Under 8 and younger leagues shall play in dry weather when the temperature is above 40 degrees F., and wet weather ONLY when the temperature is above 50 degrees F and at the discretion of the referee to determine if the conditions are hazardous and in accordance with 3.20.2.
2. Lightning shall always be considered hazardous.
3. Teams must report to the field ready to play regardless of the weather, unless the respective member association of where the game is being played has notified the coach prior to game time or has made a determination for the game and communicated such on the member association information line.
4. If a game is abandoned due to weather after the second half has begun, it shall be considered a complete game.

3.20.2. Referee Absence

1. The absence of a referee to officiate a game for U8 and younger leagues shall not be considered grounds for game postponement or rescheduling. It is the responsibility of the coaches for the respective teams to share in the officiating responsibilities or to identify a mutually agreed upon individual to officiate the game.
2. In the event there is an absence of a referee(s) to officiate a game for U9 and older leagues, it is at the discretion of the present referee(s) to determine the actions required to proceed with the game in accordance with bylaw 3.12.

# Chapter 3.18

Modified Playing Rules for Under 9

Opposing parent/coaches and players should shake hands after each game.

Final game score and league standings shall be kept for the purpose of determining a NFWASA representative for the NTSSA Tournament of Champions tournament.

Participation awards for all – no trophies or awards just for the best team.

Parent/coaches, non-playing players, parents and spectators should be located not less than six (6) yards from outside the touchline, nor should they be closer than twenty (20) yards to the goal line.

No individual should be allowed to run the length of the field except participants of the game.

Parents should not coach or instruct players during the game.

No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.

LAW I THE FIELD

A. Markings:

1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
3. A center circle with an eight (8) yard radius.
4. Four corner arcs, each with a two (2) foot radius.
5. Goal area – six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
6. A penalty area may be used, the size of which shall be in proportion to the size of the field

LAW II THE BALL

A. Size four (4)

LAW III NUMBER OF PLAYERS

1. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time – seven (7). One of which must be the goalkeeper.
2. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed – twelve (12).
3. Minimum number of players required to field a team – five (5).
4. Substitutions:
5. Prior to a throw-in, for the team in possession.
6. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
7. After a goal, by either team.
8. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play.
9. At half time.
10. Playing Time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of all total playing time.

LAW IV PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

Player’s equipment must conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.

LAW V REFEREE

1. Registered referee.
2. Associate referee.
3. Parent/Coach or Assistant.
4. Referee’s decision on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
5. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
6. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players.

LAW VI ASSISTANT REFEREE

Use Club Linesmen.

LAW VII DURATION OF GAME

1. The game shall be divided into two (2) equal halves of twenty-five (25) minutes each.
2. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between halves.

LAW VIII THE START OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

A. Opponents must be a minimum of eight (8) yards from center mark while kickoff is in progress.

LAW IX BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA.

LAW X METHOD OF SCORING

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XI OFFSIDE

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XII FOULS AND CONDUCT

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

A. No caution or ejections shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral referee.

LAW XIII FREE KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

A. Opponents must be a minimum of eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.

LAW XIV PENALTY KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

A. Opponents must be a minimum of eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.

LAW XV THROW-IN

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XVI GOAL KICK

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XVII CORNER KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

A. Opponents must be a minimum of eight (8) yards away from the ball.

Excerpt below from Chapter 3 Rules and Regulations concerning Game Postponement, Suspension or Abandonment:

* 1. GAME POSTPONEMENT, SUSPENSION, OR ABANDONMENT
		1. Incomplete game because of misconduct:

If a game is not completed because of misconduct clearly traceable to one or the other contending teams, its management, or its followers as determined by the respective authority, the respective authority shall decide as to the disposition of the game.

* + 1. A referee or NFWASA board member has the final authority to postpone, suspend, or abandon a game due to foul weather or other circumstances he/she judges to be unsatisfactory. If both are present, the board member’s decision takes precedence.
		2. Weather guidelines are as follows:
1. Under 9 and older leagues shall play in any weather that does not constitute a hazard to health. Under 8 and younger leagues shall play in dry weather when the temperature is above 40 degrees F., and wet weather ONLY when the temperature is

above 50 degrees F and at the discretion of the referee to determine if the conditions are hazardous and in accordance with 3.20.2.

1. Lightning shall always be considered hazardous.
2. Teams must report to the field ready to play regardless of the weather, unless the respective member association of where the game is being played has notified the coach prior to game time or has made a determination for the game and communicated such on the member association information line.
3. If a game is abandoned due to weather after the second half has begun, it shall be considered a complete game.

3.20.1. Referee Absence

1. The absence of a referee to officiate a game for U8 and younger leagues shall not be considered grounds for game postponement or rescheduling. It is the responsibility of the coaches for the respective teams to share in the officiating responsibilities or to identify a mutually agreed upon individual to officiate the game.
2. In the event there is an absence of a referee(s) to officiate a game for U9 and older leagues, it is at the discretion of the present referee(s) to determine the actions required to proceed with the game in accordance with bylaw 3.12.

# Chapter 3.19

Modified Playing Rules for Under 10

Opposing parent/coaches and players should shake hands after each game.

Final game score and league standings shall be kept for the purpose of determining a NFWASA representative for the NTSSA Tournament of Champions tournament.

Parent/coaches, non-playing players, parents and spectators should be located not less than six (6) yards from outside the touchline, nor should they be closer than twenty (20) yards to the goal line.

No individual should be allowed to run the length of the field except participants of the game.

Parents should not coach or instruct players during the game.

No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.

LAW I THE FIELD

A. Markings:

1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
3. A center circle with an eight (8) yard radius.
4. Four corner arcs, each with a two (2) foot radius.
5. Goal area – six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
6. A penalty area may be used, the size of which shall be in proportion to the size of the field.

LAW II THE BALL

A. Size four (4)

LAW III NUMBER OF PLAYERS

1. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time – eight (8). One of who must be the goalkeeper.
2. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed – fourteen (14).
3. Minimum number of players required to field a team – six (6).
4. Substitutions:
5. Prior to a throw-in, in your favor.
6. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
7. After a goal, by either team.
8. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play.
9. At half time.
10. Playing Time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of all total playing time.

LAW IV PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

Player’s equipment must conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.

LAW V REFEREE

1. Registered referee.
2. Associate referee.
3. Parent/Coach or Assistant.
4. Referee’s decision on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
5. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
6. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players.

LAW VI ASSISTANT REFEREE

Use Club Linesmen.

LAW VII DURATION OF GAME

1. The game shall be divided into two (2) equal halves of twenty-five (25) minutes each.
2. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between halves.

LAW VIII THE START OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

A. Opponents must be a minimum of eight (8) yards from center mark while kickoff is in progress.

LAW IX BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA.

LAW X METHOD OF SCORING

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XI OFFSIDE

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XII FOULS AND CONDUCT

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

A. No caution or ejections shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral referee.

LAW XIII FREE KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

A. Opponents must be a minimum of eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.

LAW XIV PENALTY KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

A. Opponents must be a minimum of eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.

LAW XV THROW-IN

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XVI GOAL KICK

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XVII CORNER KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

A. Opponents must be a minimum of eight (8) yards away from the ball.

Excerpt below from Chapter 3 Rules and Regulations concerning Game Postponement, Suspension or Abandonment:

* 1. GAME POSTPONEMENT, SUSPENSION, OR ABANDONMENT
		1. Incomplete game because of misconduct:

If a game is not completed because of misconduct clearly traceable to one or the other contending teams, its management, or its followers as determined by the respective authority, the respective authority shall decide as to the disposition of the game.

* + 1. A referee or NFWASA board member has the final authority to postpone, suspend, or abandon a game due to foul weather or other circumstances he/she judges to be unsatisfactory. If both are present, the board member’s decision takes precedence.
		2. Weather guidelines are as follows:
1. Under 9 and older leagues shall play in any weather that does not constitute a hazard to health. Under 8 and younger leagues shall play in dry weather when the temperature is above 40 degrees F., and wet weather ONLY when the temperature is above 50 degrees F and at the discretion of the referee to determine if the conditions are hazardous and in accordance with 3.20.2.
2. Lightning shall always be considered hazardous.
3. Teams must report to the field ready to play regardless of the weather, unless the respective member association of where the game is being played has notified the coach prior to game time or has made a determination for the game and communicated such on the member association information line.
4. If a game is abandoned due to weather after the second half has begun, it shall be considered a complete game.

3.20.2. Referee Absence

1. The absence of a referee to officiate a game for U8 and younger leagues shall not be considered grounds for game postponement or rescheduling. It is the responsibility of the coaches for the respective teams to share in the officiating responsibilities or to identify a mutually agreed upon individual to officiate the game.
	1. In the event there is an absence of a referee(s) to officiate a game for U9 and older leagues, it is at the discretion of the present referee(s) to determine the actions required to proceed with the game in accordance with bylaw 3.12.

# Chapter 4

NFWASA Rules for Registration of Youth Players

NFWASA will abide by NTSSA chapter 4 rules for registration of youth players.