

BEST SOUTHWEST PLAYING LEAGUE BYLAWS AND PLAYING RULES

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1. PURPOSE – The purpose of the Best Southwest Playing League, hereby referred to as “BSW” shall be to coordinate and promote inter-association play for recreational youth soccer.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1. The league is comprised of the following Member Associations:

(DSA) DeSoto Soccer Association

(ESA) Ennis Soccer Association

2.2. The Best Southwest Playing League shall be a member of the North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA) and through it, affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation. As a result of these affiliations, the Best Southwest Playing League will abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the parent organizations unless specifically set forth in these Bylaws. Suppose any article or articles of these Bylaws do not specifically cover any infractions, violation of any laws of the game, or guidelines for operations. In that case, the Bylaws, rules, and regulations of the parent organizations shall take precedence.

2.3. Current lead city in term shall act as the required NTSSA Sponsoring Association, providing a mailing address and contact person. All items and information received by lead city office regarding BSW Playing League shall be forward to the current Chairperson.

2.3.1. The current lead city in a term as the sponsoring association will not be entitled to any additional votes, representatives, or authority over the BSW Playing League.

2.4. All Member Associations must always in Good Standing with the North Texas State Soccer Association.

2.4.1. Any Member Association found Not in Good Standing during any time within the Soccer Year, shall not be allowed to participate in any BSW Playing League activities, including but not limited to, games, tournaments, meetings, etc., until such a time that Member Association is found to be in Good Standing and written notification of such has been provided to all other current Member Associations.

2.5. Any Association in Good Standing with North Texas State Soccer Association may apply in writing, to become accepted as a BSW Member Association.

2.5.1. All current Member Associations will review all applications.

2.5.2. Acceptance of the application into the BSW Playing League as a Member Association shall only be upon a two-thirds majority vote of all current Member Associations.

2.5.3. Current Member Associations shall have the right to defer a final vote of acceptance into the BSW.

Playing League for a minimum of one (1) probationary playing season for any applying Member Association and allow the Applicant to participate in the BSW Playing League during the probationary season.

2.5.4. Upon acceptance, each new Member Association shall participate with the same rights and privileges as the current Member Associations.

2.5.5. Upon acceptance of each new member Association, Section 2.1 of the By-laws shall be change by adding the new Member Association in alphabetical order based on the Member Association

accepted name through NTSSA and an amended version shall be provided to each Member Association.

2.6. Any Member Association may withdraw, without penalty, from the BSW Playing League on the first day of December and the first day of July of each calendar year provided writing notice of such provided to each current Member Association within 30 days prior to the withdrawal date. If a 30-day notice is not given before departing, then the Member Association will play the upcoming season with BSW.

2.7. A Member Association may be voted out and not allowed to participate in the BSW Playing Association only upon a unanimous vote of all current Member Associations, except the subject Member Association, for any reason.

3. MEMBER ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

3.1. A council shall be formed to govern the BSW Playing League's bylaws and rules. The council will compose of member association presidents and vice presidents.

3.2. The Council shall have a Chairperson.

3.2.1. The Chairperson position shall be held by the President of a Member Association on a rotating basis through each Member Association in alphabetical order as listed in Section 2.1 herein, starting with the first Member Association listed in Section 2.1 herein taking the Chairperson position in the year following the initial acceptance of these bylaws.

3.2.2. The term of the Chairperson's position shall start at 12:00 pm the day after the End of Season meeting for each Spring season and end at 12:00 pm the day of the End of Season meeting for the next Spring season.

3.2.3. The Chairperson's only role is to call and preside over meetings.

3.2.4. The Chairperson shall have no additional rights, privileges, or votes other than those defined herein.

3.2.5. Forfeiture of Chairperson Position.

3.2.5.1. A Member Association may choose, not to hold the Chairperson position, therefore voluntarily forfeiting their turn until the next rotation. This forfeiture should be announce in writing to all member Associations, 30 days prior to the End of Season Meeting of the Spring Season. Upon the Member Association's voluntary forfeiture of the Chairperson position, the next Member Association in line to hold the Chairperson position, as defined in Section 3.2.1 herein, should take the Chairperson position.

3.2.6. Removal of Chairperson.

3.2.6.1. The Chairperson may only be removed by a Vote of No Confidence. Any Member Association Representative may submit a petition calling for a Vote of No Confidence. The petition must be submitted in writing to the Vice Chairperson who in turn, will review the petition and forward copies of same to all Member Associations within ten (10) days of receipt of such petition. The actions of the Chairperson must be in the opinion of the other Member Associations, grossly negligent, or whose actions constitute severe improprieties or other serious irregularities, and the Petition shall contain ample reasons with documentation of such. The Vote of No Confidence must be passed by a unanimous decision of all Member Association, except the Member Association, in which the Chairperson is the President. The Chairperson shall not have a vote.

3.2.7. The Chairperson may not be compensated for this role.

3.3. The Council shall have a Vice Chairperson.

3.3.1. The Vice Chairperson shall be appointed by the incoming Chairperson during the End of Season

meeting after each Spring Season. The Vice Chairperson cannot be member of the Chairperson's Member Association.

3.3.2. The Vice Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson of the BSW appeals and disciplinary (A&D) committee in accordance with NTSSA bylaws and shall receive reports of misconduct from member association's referees, maintain and report to member associations and NTSSA of team's misconduct points. The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in the accomplishment of his/her duties and shall serve as Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.

3.3.3. Removal of the Vice Chairperson shall be at the sole discretion of the Chairperson.

3.3.4. Upon removal of the Vice Chairperson, the Chairperson shall appoint a replacement Vice Chairperson with unanimous approval of the candidate by all Member Associations.

3.3.5. The Vice Chairperson shall not be compensated for this role.

3.4. The Council shall have a Secretary.

1.1.1. The Secretary shall be appointed by the incoming Chairperson during the End of Season meeting after each Spring Season. The secretary cannot be member of the Chairperson's Member Association.

1.1.2. The role of the Secretary shall be to notify other Members Associations of all meetings, keep minutes of all Council meetings, and maintain all records of the Council.

1.1.3. Removal of the Secretary shall be at the sole discretion of the Chairperson.

1.1.4. Upon removal of the Secretary, the Chairperson shall immediately appoint a replacement Secretary.

1.1.5. The Secretary shall not be compensated for this role.

1.2. The Council shall have an Interplay Coordinator.

1.2.1. The Interplay Coordinator shall be appointed by the incoming Chairperson during the End of Season meeting after each Spring Season only with a simple majority approval from all Member Associations.

1.2.2. The role of the Interplay Coordinator shall be to attend all appropriate meetings, coordinate seeding of playing teams, schedule and reschedule when necessary Best Southwest Interplay games, maintain all records and make available all necessary documentation to Member Associations, coordinate with other playing leagues when Member Association teams play therein, coordinates reschedules w/coaches, referee assignors and field coordinators, maintain and provide current game results to all member Associations.

3.5.2.1 The Best Southwest Playing League GotSoccer account access shall be given strictly to the Interplay Coordinator and may not be made available to any member association except by majority vote.

1.2.3. Removal of the Interplay Coordinator shall be made by the Chairperson only after a simple majority vote of approval by all Member Associations.

1.2.4. The Interplay Coordinator may be compensated for this role. The amount of compensation shall be approved by a simple majority vote of all Member Associations.

1.3. Each Member Association shall be entitled to one (1) representative on the Council.

1.3.1. The President of each Member Association shall be the Representative of his/her Member Association.

1.3.2. The President of each Member Association may, at his discretion, appoint a substitute representative to act on his behalf.

1.4. If a President is presiding as the Chairperson, in his absence, he may appoint a substitute representative to act on his behalf only as a Member Association. The Vice Chairperson shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the Chairperson, per section 3.3 herein.

1.5. Each Representative shall have one (1) vote.

1.6. An Individual may not represent more than one (1) Member Association at any given time.

1.7. Council Meetings.

1.7.1. The BSW council shall meet at a minimum of two times per season as follows:

1.7.1.1. Pre-Season Meeting shall be held for the sole purpose of making any decisions affecting the upcoming playing season not made during the prior End of Season Meeting. The Pre-Season meeting should be held at a minimum of 30 days prior to any games being played for that season.

1.7.1.2. End of Season Meeting shall be held for the sole purpose of making any decisions arising from the previously played season. The End of Season meeting should be held within 30 days of the last game of that season.

1.7.1.3. The council may choose to conduct these meetings via electronic media, teleconference or using other technology, as collectively agreed upon.

1.7.2. Additional meetings may be called as follows:

1.7.2.1. Seeding Meeting

1.7.2.1.1. Shall be held for the sole purpose of seeding teams into playing divisions. 3.10.2.1.2. Shall be held prior to the any scheduling.

3.10.2.1.3. The Seeding meeting may be held electronically or by other means or eliminated based on current technology.

1.7.2.2. Emergency Meeting

1.7.2.2.1. Shall only be called by the Chairperson for the sole purpose of making a decision arising from a situation or circumstance that needs immediate attention or attention prior to the next Pre-Season or End of Season meeting.

1.7.2.2.2. In the absence of the Chairperson, any Council Representative may petition all other Member Association's representatives to hold an emergency meeting. Upon a majority approval of each Member Association the petitioning Council Representative may call an Emergency Meeting for the sole purpose of making a decision arising from a situation or circumstance that needs immediate attention or attention prior to the next Pre-Season or End of Season meeting.

1.7.2.3. The Chairperson, out of convenience and to expedite, may elect to hold the emergency meeting via electronic media (email, teleconferencing, etc), for the sole purpose of making a decision arising from a situation or circumstance that needs immediate attention or attention prior to the next Pre-Season or End of Season meeting, provided all information and discussions, verbal or electronic, are made available to all Member Associations prior to any vote, and if needed any voting results shall be made available to all member Associations. If a vote is needed during the emergency meeting via electronic media, all Member Associations shall be given the ability to vote.

1.7.3. All Member Associations and Council Representatives shall be given a minimum of ten (10) days advanced notice of any meeting.

1.7.4. Notice of a meeting can be either by phone, in writing, via email, or by another means, collectively agreed upon by each current Member Association.

1.7.5. The meeting shall be held at a location accessible to all Member Associations or via methods per Section 3.10.1.3 herein.

1.8. The Member Association Council shall have the authority to make decisions on playing rules and policies that are not specifically addressed herein.

1.9. A quorum shall be present before a meeting can be official.

1.10. At least two-thirds of all Member Associations must be present or participating to form a quorum.

1.11. All votes of the council require a simple majority vote of the council present at the meeting unless otherwise stated herein.

2. BYLAW CHANGES

2.1. Proposed changes to the bylaws must be submitted to the Chairperson in writing by any Member Association Representative, 30 days prior to any regular scheduled meeting.

2.1.1. The Chairperson shall make available all proposed changes to all Member Associations immediately upon receipt.

2.1.2. During the next regularly scheduled meeting the Member Associations can discuss and modify the proposed changes as needed if all Member Associations are present for the discussions.

2.1.3. A simple majority approval of all Member Associations, not just Member Associations present at the meeting, is needed for any By-Law change to be accepted.

2.2. Simple Amendments to correct typographical errors should be done and approved at the End of Season Meeting of the Spring Season.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1. The United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA) administration rules, and the Member Associations Bylaws apply unless otherwise noted herein.

3.2. Registration

3.2.1. All Member Association's Teams must be in good standing of their home associations.

3.2.2. All Member Association's Recreational teams must be formed in accordance with their home association bylaws and NTSSA bylaws.

3.3. Releases

3.3.1. Each Member Association shall abide by the NTSSA published By-laws governing the requirement of player releases. Each Member Association shall retain the original signed release forms for each soccer year.

3.3.2. Member Association shall obtain the required release before registration of the player.

4. PLAYING RULES

4.1. Purpose: To establish league rules as part of the Best Southwest Playing League bylaws.

4.2. Game Protest

4.2.1. Protests shall be handled according to the BSW League Rules with the right to appeal to the BSW A&D.

4.2.2. Appeals may be made to NTSSA according to their rules.

4.2.3. Only written protest received by the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or Secretary within five (5)

days of the conclusion of the game will be considered. A written protest must be accompanied by a \$100.00 cashier's check or money order (made out to DVSA), which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. If the protest is not upheld the money is turned over to the sponsoring association to be used to cover any BSW Playing League expenses.

4.2.3.1. There are only two acceptable causes for the protesting of a game after it has been played.

1. A team knowingly plays an unregistered, ineligible, or suspended player.

2. There has been an obvious error made in the application of the laws of the game that directly affects the outcome of the match, and the referee admits it.

4.2.3.2. No protest can even be entertained if they are based on judgment decisions made by the referee during play. A game cannot be protested because a coach, or both for that matter, thinks the referee was incompetent.

4.3. Disciplinary Matters:

4.3.1. BSW A&D Committee

4.3.1.1. The BSW appeals and disciplinary (A&D) committee shall consist of a minimum of four (4) representatives.

6.3.1.1.1.1 BSW Vice-chairperson, who votes only in the case of a tie.

6.3.1.1.1.2. Three (3) representatives, chosen by 6.3.1.4 herein, from member associations not involved in the matter before the A&D committee.

4.3.1.2. If the Vice-Chairperson's association is involved the Council Chairperson shall appoint an alternate A&D chairperson from the council representatives of the Member Associations.

4.3.1.3. A registered referee may be invited in an advisory capacity if the A&D committee chairperson wishes.

4.3.1.4. At each Pre-Season meeting, each member association will provide two representative names to the BSW vice-chairperson to form the BSW A&D pool.

4.3.2. A&D Hearings

4.3.2.1. A hearing that results from a player receiving an accumulation of yellow cards or a red card that warrants a hearing will be handled by the playing association for the player in question.

4.3.2.2. For written complaints resulting in a hearing that involves teams from one association, the member association will have jurisdiction over the hearing. A copy of the decision shall be forwarded to the vice-chairperson.

4.3.2.3. For written complaints resulting in a hearing that involves teams from different associations, BSW will hold jurisdiction over the hearing.

4.3.2.3.1. BSW may elect, with the concurrence of both associations, to allow either association to chair the hearing.

4.3.2.3.2. If concurrence of both associations is not received, BSW will convene the hearing.

4.3.2.3.3. BSW will investigate any complaints made to it and determine whether a hearing is necessary.

4.3.2.4. BSW must receive written notification of all scheduled hearings regardless of which association chairs the hearing.

4.3.2.5. BSW must receive written notification on the findings of the hearing.

4.3.2.6. The chain of appeals process for hearings is as follows:

4.3.2.6.1. If the member association hears the complaint, the appeals process shall be to the BSW A&D.

4.3.2.6.2. If the complaint is heard by BSW, the appeals process shall be to BSW presidents and must be accompanied by a \$100 non-refundable cashier's check or money order.

4.3.2.6.3. All hearings must be conducted in accordance with NTSSA A&D procedures and by-laws.

- 4.3.2.6.4. If BSW hears the complaint, the appeals process shall be to NTSSA A&D.
- 4.3.2.7. The offending association will pay all fees incurred. Actual receipts will accompany the request.
- 4.3.2.8. The A & D chairperson shall notify the parties involved not less than 7 days prior to the A&D hearing in writing by certified mail return receipt.
- 4.3.2.9. BSW endorses and supports the policy regarding violence, misconduct, and appeals of NTSSA. For hearings heard by the BSW A&D:
1. The player or coach cautioned or ejected has the right to appear before the A&D committee. The committee shall base its decisions primarily upon the official's written report to the committee.
 2. Only the coach or manager may represent a team at an A&D committee hearing. The coach is responsible for the behavior of his/her spectators and players. The A&D committee may at its discretion, hear other interested parties.
 3. The A&D committee shall make every effort to hold a hearing on any matter coming to its attention within ten (10) days of receipt of the official's written report.
 4. The ejection of a coach or player requires automatic suspension for the next game played.
 5. FIFA rules allow the referee to issue cautions and ejections before, during, and after the game. State and national rules stipulate that any instances of alleged referee assault be referred directly to NTSSA.
 6. NTSSA rule XII - Discipline shall be enforced and followed in all matters.

4.3.3. Ineligible Players

- 4.3.3.1. If it is suspected at any time during the playing season that a knowingly ineligible player has participated in an association game, a meeting of the BSW A&D will be called. The A&D Chairperson will determine if the player in question is eligible or not.
- 4.3.3.2. If it is determined that the player was knowingly ineligible, all games in which that player participated will be forfeited. His/her home association if applicable may, also discipline the coach of the team.
- 4.3.3.3. All disciplinary action shall be in accordance with North Texas guidelines.

4.4. RULES OF PLAY:

- 4.4.1. FIFA playing rules are applicable, with the exceptions provided for by USYSA, NTSSA, and these playing rules.
- 4.4.2. Officials
- 4.4.2.1. Referees will be assigned and paid by the local association.
 - 4.4.2.2. Licensed United States Soccer Federation Officials are required.
 - 4.4.2.3. In emergency situations, North Texas rules shall apply.
 - 4.4.2.4. BSW Playing League shall have two (2) playing seasons, the Spring and the Fall Seasons.
 - 4.4.2.5. Spring Season is defined as the period allocated to play games during the months of January through June.
 - 4.4.2.6. Fall Season is defined as the period allocated to play games during the months of July through December.

4.4.3. Standings and Scoring Policy

- 4.4.3.1. Standings are calculated on the following point system:
- WIN = 3 points
 - TIE = 1 points
 - LOSS = 0 points

FORFEIT = 3 points; will not count toward goals.

4.4.3.2. Tie Breakers- At the end of each season the Interplay Coordinator will use the following rules to determine which team will have the advantage:

First - head-to-head competition. The team with the highest point total per Section 7.4.4.1 herein, in games involving both teams, will have the advantage.

Note: Goals are NOT points.

Second - goals allowed. The team with the least number of goals allowed, collectively on all games played, shall have the advantage. (all games)

Third – shutouts. The team with the most shutouts, collectively on all games played, shall have the advantage.

Fourth – goals allowed head-to-head. The team with the least number of goals allowed in games involving both teams shall have the advantage.

Fifth – a playoff game is scheduled at a neutral location by the BSW scheduler.

4.4.3.3. Keeping with the spirit of the game. When a team is ahead by six six goals, the focus should be shifted from scoring to skill development, such as improving passing, rotating players 5-7 positions, or using the weaker foot. This approach helps prevent the humiliation the losing team. To maintain fairness, a maximum of six points is allocated in all games. If the leading team disregards this recommendation and continues to excessively score. In that case, they will receive a caution from the league (BSW A&D) and may be subject to further monitoring throughout the remainder of the season. The policy aims to balance competition and promote respectful conduct on the field.

4.4.3.3.1. Game scores will be officially recorded with a maximum of a 6-goal differential.

4.4.4. Length of Games - Age Group, Game Length:

4.4.4.1. U08: 4 x 10 minutes quarters

4.4.4.2. U10: 2 x 25 minutes quarters

4.4.4.3. U12: 2 x 30 minutes quarters

4.4.4.4. U14: 2 x 35 minutes quarters

4.4.4.5. U16: 2 x 40 minutes quarters

4.4.4.6. U19: 2 x 45 minutes quarters

4.4.5. Game Ball

4.4.5.1. To provide uniformity stitched balls only will be used as game balls.

4.4.5.2. Each team will present the referee with a ball and the referee will choose which shall be used as the game ball.

4.4.6. Substitutions

4.4.6.1. In BSW competition, substitutes will be allowed according to the USYSA Rules regarding 'substitutions'.

1. Substitutions shall be unlimited.

2. Substitutions can be made, with the consent of the referee, at the following times:

a. Prior to a throw-in by the throwing team only

b. Prior to a goal kick by either team

c. After an injury by either team when the referee stops play

d. Half time

e. A player may be substituted after receiving a caution and before play has been restarted.

f. After a goal is scored.

g. At the referee's discretion.

4.4.7. No substitution is allowed for a player "sent off" from the field of play (ejected) by the referee.

4.4.8. No player shall leave the field of play without the consent of the referee.

4.4.9. Nets

4.4.9.1. The host association is responsible for providing nets and corner flags. The home team will put up and take down nets if required.

4.4.10. Players and Spectators

4.4.10.1. Teams shall follow the rules of the host association for field position (the home team is listed first on the schedule).

4.4.10.2. All spectators and players will stay within ten yards of the halfway line and three feet back of the touchline.

4.4.10.3. Coaches will remain within the technical boundaries.

4.4.11. Uniform

4.4.11.1. Home team coaches are responsible for ensuring jersey colors do not conflict. The referee is the final judge of color conflict.

4.4.11.2. All players are required to have proper uniforms; each team must have a uniquely numbered alternate jersey or numbered T-shirt available. The number must be permanently on the alternative jersey or t-shirt, meaning it can NOT be written with a marker or taped. Players without a number will not be allowed on the playing field. The player's number must match the number on the roster. If it does not match, then the player can NOT play.

4.4.11.3. At the beginning of each season, it is understood that member associations may have problems with new uniform delivery and consideration should be given by referees.

4.4.12. Clean Up - To avoid potential fees of \$10, each team must pick up its trash after the game. This includes, but is not limited to, the field, coach/player area, and spectator area. If fees are not collected before their next game, the team will forfeit until fees are collected.

4.4.13. Game Report and Rosters

4.4.13.1. Both teams must give Game Reports to the referee prior to the start of the game or within fifteen (15) minutes of game time or a forfeit.

4.4.13.2. Referees shall verify all players present are listed on the roster portion of the game report.

4.4.13.3. Referees shall keep the game reports after the game and after having both coaches review the game sheet and approve by signing and shall turn into the home Member Associations. It is the obligation of the Member Associations to turn in the Game Reports to the Member Association within 72 hours of the completion of the game.

4.4.13.4. The referee is responsible for submitting all misconduct reports to their home association referee assignor. The referee assignor is to review and submit to their home association President who then is to send it to the BSW A&D chairperson within 48 hours of the completion of the game.

4.4.13.5. Players required to sit out a game (red card, accumulation of yellow cards) must present themselves to the referee at the game in question before the start of the game. Players must stay for the remainder of the game but may not participate in gameplay. The coach must complete an NTSSA sit-out verification form, have it signed by the referee, and mail or email it to the BSW A&D chairperson, within 24 hrs.

4.4.13.6. Coaches required to sit out a game must present themselves to the referee at the game in question before the start of the game. The coach must complete a NTSSA sit-out verification form, have it signed by the referee, and mail or email it to the BSW A&D chairperson, within 24 hrs. Coaches shall leave the field area and be a reasonable distance away as not to have any communication with any player or coach involved in the game, for the remainder of the game.

4.4.13.7. The Maximum number of Players allowed on a roster shall

be: 7.4.14.7.1.1. U08 - Maximum of eight

7.4.14.7.1.2. U10 - Maximum of twelve

7.4.14.7.1.3. U12 - Maximum of sixteen

7.4.14.7.1.4. U14 - Maximum of eighteen

7.4.14.7.1.5. U15-U19 – Maximum of twenty-two

4.5. Foul Weather Procedures

4.5.1. In case of foul or inclement weather, the hosting field association shall make the decision if the games are to be played.

4.5.2. Each member association will provide a system for all Member Associations to access field conditions. The systems shall be provided to all Member Associations and all participating coaches at the beginning of each season.

4.5.3. It is the coaches' responsibility to verify the field conditions and notify their team.

4.5.4. After arrival but prior to the start of the game, the hosting Member Association has the authority to cancel or postpone games.

4.5.5. Games suspended due to weather and or field conditions after the start of the second half of play will be considered full games.

4.6. Players

4.6.1. Number of players by age group:

4.6.1.1. U8 - Maximum of 5, 1 of which is a goalie, minimum 4, 1 of which is a goalie.

4.6.1.2. U10 - Maximum of 7, 1 of which is a goalie, minimum of 5, 1 of which is a goalie.

4.6.1.3. U12 - Maximum of 9, 1 of which is a goalie, minimum of 7, 1 of which is a goalie.

4.6.1.4. U14 and up - Maximum of 11, 1 of which is a goalie, minimum of 7, 1 of which is a goalie.

4.6.2. Teams unable to fill the minimum number of players as defined in 6.6.1 herein within 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time or at any time during the game, shall forfeit the game. The opposing team is not required to play short.

4.7. Scheduling of games and reschedules.

4.7.1. Each team will be afforded two requests to be submitted to BSW Interplay Coordinator before the Seeding Meeting.

4.7.2. During the season games will not be rescheduled except for the following reasons: weather, approved school functions, and teams participating in tournament play.

4.7.3. Any reschedule request will be submitted in writing to their home Member Association for consideration. Before the rescheduled request, the requesting coach shall contact the opposing coach to notify them of the rescheduled request. The requesting coach's Member Association President shall contact the opposing team's Member Association President and obtain permission to approve the request. Once approved the requesting Member Association shall notify the BSW Interplay Coordinator for rescheduling.

4.7.4. Administrative errors made by a Member Association causing a team to miss or forfeit a game shall have the game rescheduled.

4.8. ID Cards

4.8.1. All Players must have an ID card (hard copy or virtual) issued by the player's Member Association

4.8.2. ID cards shall contain a minimum of:

4.8.2.1. Name of player as listed on the Official NTSSA Roster and Game Report

4.8.2.2. Date of Birth of Player

4.8.2.3. Photograph of player (headshots ONLY)

4.8.3. Both teams must show their Player ID Cards to the referee prior to the start of the game, or within fifteen (15) minutes of game time or the game will be forfeit.

4.8.4. Referees shall verify that all players present have ID Cards and that correspond to the roster portion of the game report.

4.9. Misconduct of Spectators and Coaches

4.9.1. Each coach is responsible and expected to control his/her spectators, assistant coach, or team manager's conduct. All cities will abide by the Ask, Tell, Dismiss.

4.9.2. The harassment of players on the opposing team, verbal communication, physical force, or physical sign language will not be tolerated.

4.9.3. When spectator abuse is unacceptable to the referee, the referee will do the following but not define by any order.

6.9.2.1 ASK The referee will **ask** the coach to talk to his sideline.

6.9.2.1.2 TELL The referee will **tell** the coach to talk to his sideline.

6.9.2.1.3 DISMISS The referee will tell the head coach to tell their disruptive spectators that they need to leave the area. The match will not restart until they leave. If the spectator does not leave, then the game will count as a forfeit on that team. The referee will follow 6.4.13.4.

4.9.3.1. When coach abuse is unacceptable to the referee, the referee will do the following but not confined to any order.

6.9.4.1 ASK The referee will **ask** the coach to stop yelling.

6.9.4.1.2 TELL The referee will **tell** the coach to stop his abusive behavior.

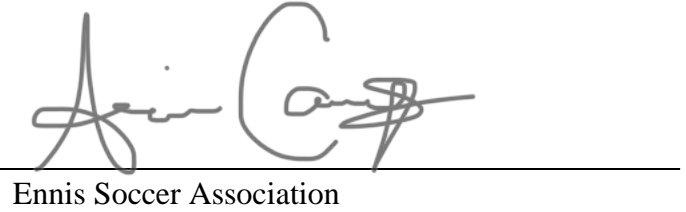
6.9.4.1.3 DISMISS The referee will **dismiss** the head coach for irresponsible behavior and he/she must leave the game. The match will not restart until he/she leaves and if there is another coach to coach the team. If the coach does not leave and there is no one on the roster to coach the team, then the game will count as a forfeit on that team. The referee will follow 6.4.13.4.

4.9.4. Any violation of the rule will be dealt with by NTSSA per their bylaws.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

This Constitution and these Bylaws were adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members then present at the Annual Meeting held on August 30, 2024.


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