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Glen Rose Soccer Association Playing Rules

The Affiliate Stepladder of Rules are:

F.I.F.A.	Federation International de Football Association
U.S.S.F.	United States Soccer Federation
U.S.Y.S.A.	United States Youth Soccer Association
N.T.S.S.A	North Texas State Soccer Association
G.R.S.A.	Glen Rose Soccer Association

Herein, the governing bodies may be referred to in their abbreviated form, i.e. GRSA (Glen Rose Soccer Association)

1 FIFA Rules Govern

The rules of the game as promulgated by FIFA shall come into force at the beginning of the season next ensuing except as provided hereafter by this association. (USSF)

2 Seasonal Year

2.1 The seasonal year shall begin on September 1st and end on August 30th of the following year. (NTSSA 3.0)

2.2 GRSA shall have two soccer seasons per soccer year; Fall (September through December) and Spring (March through June).

3 Definition of Recreational Team

3.1 Under 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 age groups (NTSSA 4.7.6.1).

GRSA permits teams to remain together from season to season and GRSA must ensure that all those rostered players have been contacted and given the opportunity to remain on that team (NTSSA). Each returning player has the right to stay on the returning team unless members of that team are needed for another team in that player's age division to meet minimum team requirements. (GRSA)

GRSA considers contact to be defined as emailing an announcement of registration. The player will be considered contacted when email is sent.

New Recreational teams and returning teams that need players are assigned (rostered) or formed to a team by a random draw from a player pool for each age group and if needed division within the age group. The random draw is conducted by a three member committee; the Registrar, President or First Vice-President, and in the presence of at least one other board member. This team building meeting will be announced and posted 10 days prior so anyone wishing to attend may be present.

Players names shall not be identified to the coach until the player is placed on the team. Only the head coach may request their child to be rostered to the team that he/she is coaching.

If a person becomes the head coach of a new team formed by the member association in

the current season, the coach may request their child be rostered to the new team he/she is coaching.

GRSA uses only the above method for recreational team formation.

Any other method of player assignment or team formation is considered non-recreational.

3.2 For Under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 19 age groups (NTSSA 4.7.6.2)

Players are assigned by the method described in paragraph 3.1 above when players are available in the player pool. If no players are available in the player pool, coaches of record may actively seek players of the proper age group within the member association to be added to the team as long as no methods are used to assess the ability of the player and:

1. The player is not presently registered on an existing team.
2. The player did not play for a returning team during the previous season.

Only the head coach may request their child to be rostered to the team that he/she is coaching.

If a person becomes the head coach of a new team formed by the member association in the current season, the coach may request their child be rostered to the new team he/she is coaching. In order for any person to request their child be transferred to a returning team they are coaching, they must have been the head coach of record of the team for the previous two outdoor playing seasons, or asked to be the head coach of the returning team by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

GRSA uses only the above method for recreational team formation.

Any other method of player assignment or team formation is considered non-recreational.

Any team not formed by the above manner shall be considered non-recreational for recreational league and tournament play.

3.3 A team not formed of players assigned as defined in the paragraphs above is considered a select/competitive team (NTSSA 4.7.6.3)

3.4 Established teams are defined as a minimum of six (6) returning players from the most previous soccer season. A player on an established team during the last season may continue to play on the same team for the following season providing age requirements permit (may be waived for players on established teams), player is not needed for another team in that player's age division to meet minimum team requirements, and registration has not ended. (GRSA)

4 Boundaries

The boundary of GRSA is Somervell county and surrounding areas.

- 4.1 This Association recognizes that North Texas State Soccer Association no longer has Association boundaries therefore other than North Texas there is no specific territory to define.

5 Definition of Youth Registrants

- 5.1 Youth registration for soccer players under these GRSA rules shall include all those registrants defined as youth by USSF, being all male and female registrants under the age of nineteen years. (NTSSA 4.1.1)

- 5.2 Age grouping for GRSA play shall be: (NTSSA 4.1.2)

Under 19	Under 11
Under 18	Under 10
Under 17	Under 9
Under 16	Under 8
Under 15	Under 7
Under 14	Under 6
Under 13	Under 5
Under 12	Under 4*

*Age three (3) is the minimum age to play soccer.

- 5.3 The Age of a player for the purpose of league play shall be the player's birth year: Player must be 3 years of age.
- 5.4 Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, or birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency, board of health records, passport, alien registration card issued by the United States Government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, a Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the Uniformed Services of the United States, or a certificate of an American Citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate Government agency. Hospital, school, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted. GRSA should keep a copy of proof of age on all players. (NTSSA 4.1.3)

6 Player Registration

6.1 Registered Players

- 6.1.1 Only Players registered shall be permitted to play in competitions under the auspices of this association. A coach, Assistant Coach, or Administrator found to have knowingly allowed the use of an unregistered player(s) may be suspended from all soccer activities for a minimum of one (1) year, and the team shall forfeit all games in which the unregistered player(s) participated. (NTSSA 3.1)
- 6.1.2 Player registration and/or sign up forms must come through the office of GRSA Registrar. (GRSA)
- 6.1.3 No player may appear on a roster that has not been placed on the team by the

Registrar. (GRSA)

- 6.1.4 Youth players may only be registered with one NTSSA sanctioned team at any given time during the soccer year. (NTSSA 4.2.4)
- 6.1.5 Classification by age: A player's age group is decided by the player's birth year. (GRSA)
- 6.1.6 Except where prohibited by USSF rules, youth players may participate in older divisions but may not play in younger divisions than their age dictates except by approval of the NTSSA State Executive Committee. (NTSSA 3.9)

Failure to comply with this rule shall result in the offending team forfeiting all the games in which the older player participated. Also, the coach, assistant coach and/or manager of the offending team may be suspended for a period of not less than one(1) year. (NTSSA 3.9)

6.2 Definition of Registered Player

- 6.2.1 Player's name must appear on NTSSA approved roster form, properly signed by the GRSA registrar. (GRSA)
- 6.2.2 Must have furnished required proof of age. (NTSSA 4.1.3)
- 6.2.3 Paid appropriate fees. Fees must be paid prior to the end of regular registration. Late-fees will be added to the registration fee after closing of regular registration. (GRSA)

6.3 Special Considerations and Financial Hardships

- 6.3.1 On a case by case basis, the Board of GRSA will review application for financial and handicapped player assistance. (GRSA)
- 6.3.2 Applications must be in writing by the parent(s)/Guardian(s). (GRSA)
- 6.3.3 Absolute confidentiality and compassion shall be maintained. (GRSA)
- 6.3.4 Provisions for handicapped players playing in lower age groups must be approved by the NTSSA Youth Commissioner and the Board of GRSA. (GRSA)

6.4 Player Placement

Players are placed on GRSA teams based on the following:

- 6.4.1 By Players Age and Gender. At U4-U7 level, teams may be formed as coed teams or same gender teams. At U8 and older age groups, teams will be formed as all male or all female teams. The Board of Directors reserves the right to place females on a male team if requested or needed to form a team.
- 6.4.2 Siblings may request same team placement if within one (1) age group higher.

7 Team Registration and Formation

7.1 Registration Format

- 7.1.1 Registration dates shall be determined by the Registrar with approval from GRSA Board. (GRSA)
- 7.1.2 Player fees shall be received on or before the deadline date specified for each playing season unless specific arrangements have been made and confirmed. (GRSA)
 - 7.1.2.1 Players fees shall partially be refunded if player leaves before the first game of the season. The parent/guardian must request the refund from the GRSA board prior to the first game of the season. GRSA Board will determine fees to be retained. (GRSA)
- 7.1.3 Registration requirements will include any documentation required by USYSA, NTSSA, and GRSA.
- 7.1.4 Registration will end on the date as approved by the Board of Directors. The date should be closely followed by the player pool draw. Players may not register after registration ends unless approved by the Board of Directors. Returning players that have not registered when registration ends, give up their right to remain on their returning team. The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may re-assign the returning player to the their returning team or place the player in the player pool for team assignment. Preference will be given to Somervell County registered participants first, then as team spots allow, all non- Somervell County registrants will be considered. Players that register after the pool draw will be placed on teams that need additional players by the Board of Directors. If space is not available, the registration form along with fees paid will be returned.

7.2 Player Pool

- 7.2.1 Experienced players moving up individually, left behind by a team moving up, and/or players not having a coach will go into the player pool. In the event that team vacancies cannot cover both new and experienced players, the assignments of experienced players from the most recent soccer season will have priority. (GRSA)
- 7.2.2 If necessary, established teams may be dissolved to increase the player pool. In this case, the team with the least number players returning will be dissolved and placed in the player pool. (GRSA)
- 7.2.3 If requested by the parents, siblings may be assigned to the same team. Both siblings will be assigned to the first team that draws one of the siblings. In the case that the team does not have room for both players, they will return to the player pool.

7.3 Team Age Classification

The age group of a team shall be classified by its oldest player at any given time. If the coach of an established team requests in writing to play in a higher age group, the team shall be classified as a higher age group team upon approval of the Board of Directors.

The request shall be in writing and must be submitted prior to the end of registration. If the request is denied, the requesting team will remain as a lower age group team and participate in the lower age group's league.

7.4 Roster and Number of Players

7.4.1 No team shall be allowed more than eighteen (18) registered players at any given time. (USSF)

In addition to those limits imposed by USSF, GRSA has set the following limits for teams in the Under 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 Age Groups. These limits may be increased on a case by case basis, as approved by the Board of Directors. A maximum of (18) and a minimum of thirteen players. The number of players on the field during the game is normally eleven (11), one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. (GRSA).

7.4.2 No team shall be allowed more than the limits as set forth by GRSA for teams playing small-sided soccer unless approved by the Board of Directors. Those limits as set by NTSSA and GRSA are:

7.4.2.1 Under 12 Age Group

A maximum of thirteen (13) and a minimum of ten (10) players. The number of players on the field during the game is normally nine (9), one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. (GRSA)

7.4.2.2 Under 10 Age Group

A maximum of twelve (12) and a minimum of nine(9) players. The number of players on the field during the game is normally seven (7). Small sided games played with a goalkeeper. (GRSA)

7.4.2.3 Under 4,5,6,7,8 Age Groups

A maximum of eight (8) and a minimum of six (6) players. The number of players on the field during the game is normally four (4). Small sided games played without goalkeeper. (GRSA)

7.4.3 A coach cannot refuse to accept an assigned player even if the player has not had previous playing experience. (GRSA)

7.4.4 A coach may request additional players if his/her team drops below the minimum roster limits as set forth by GRSA. (GRSA)

7.5 Team Roster Freeze

Team rosters shall be frozen at noon of the third Friday following the first game of the season played in that age group. Modifications to the roster after this date will be done completely at the discretion of the Board of Directors. (GRSA)

7.6 Improper Registration

- 7.6.1 Any team playing an ineligible player shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player takes part. (USSF)
- 7.6.2 Any coach, assistant coach or team manager who may be responsible for playing ineligible players or carrying "ghost" players on the roster shall be subject to suspension and/or other penalty as stipulated by the Board of Directors. When ghost players are discovered and single responsibility cannot be determined, the coach of record shall be deemed responsible. (GRSA)
- 7.6.3 A "ghost" player is defined as any player being carried on a team roster, prior to the deadline for deleting players, but who has not actively participated in practice or games, for the purpose of keeping the Registrar from adding players from the player pool. (GRSA)
- 7.6.4 All teams are subject to roster verifications and checks. Players practicing and/or playing shall be those on the official roster as filed by the Registrar to NTSSA. The registrar shall be responsible for maintaining team rosters. (GRSA)

7.7 Processing Time Needed

A seventy-two (72) hour processing time is mandatory on all requests for changes and/or copies or rosters, individual forms, add/delete/transfer forms, and any other documents that might be needed for tournament or league play. All requests must be made through the GRSA Registrar in writing or by email. (GRSA)

8 Releases and Transfers

8.1 Releases

NTSSA player release forms may be picked up through the GRSA Registrar or NTSSA office by coaches, players, or parents. Player releases are subject to approval and must be signed by President and the Registrar. (GRSA)

8.2 Transfers (NTSSA 4.7)

- 8.2.1 All players are limited to one transfer per soccer year.
- 8.2.2 A player may seek a transfer from the team currently registered. Once the player has been released, he/she will be placed in the player pool.
- 8.2.3 If a player changes from one team to another between the fall and spring season of any given year an NTSSA official Add/Delete/Transfer registration form will be forwarded to NTSSA. The form must be accompanied by the appropriate fees.
- 8.2.4 Returning players will be required to complete a "Request for Player Release" and this request must be approved by the President. (GRSA)
- 8.2.5 A coach may also request to release a player by completing a "Request for Player Release" and must be approved by the President. Acceptable reasons for

release/transfers requested by the coach include but are not limited to: player willful evasion of practice and/or games, or serious misconduct.(GRSA)

- 8.2.6 The request must be rendered in writing and submitted to the Registrar. It must be clearly signed and dated by the requestor and parent/guardian. (GRSA)
- 8.2.7 The Registrar will take appropriate note of the release and deliver it at once to the President for approval or denial. Once approved, the player is released from that team and cannot be reversed if another team is not available. (GRSA)
- 8.2.8 The Registrar will only accept an approved release from the President and shall make an immediate correction to the team roster from which the player was released. Registration fees will be refunded to the player if another team is not available.
- 8.2.9 A player may appeal in writing to the President for a hearing if he/she feels they have been wrongfully released or wrongfully denied their release. (GRSA)
- 8.2.10 A player transfer after participation in a league game, must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 8.2.11 A player release, signed by the coach of the player requesting to tryout, is required to attend competitive team tryouts in the spring; a release is not required for tryouts in July and August. (GRSA)

8.3 Soccer Related Activities (NTSSA 3.10.1)

No coach, assistant coach, trainer, or team representative may practice any soccer related activity with any NTSSA registered player that does not appear on his or her current NTSSA roster or is not considered to be a free agent by current NTSSA Rules and Regulations. This includes "informative" or "organization" meetings or discussions involving youth players or youth player's parents/guardians. A free agent is a player in the U-12, U-14, U-16, and U-19 age division who desires to try out or be selected for a competitive team between July 1st and August 31st of the present soccer year. NOTE: The above does not include indoor soccer.

8.4 Soccer Camps/Clinics (NTSSA 3.10.2)

NTSSA registered players may attend soccer camps (clinics), academies, private lessons, etc., hosted and/or coached by individuals, teams, clubs, and/or organizations other than the player's current coach, team club and/or organization as long as the soccer camps meet the following criteria:

8.4.1The clinic, camp academy, must be available to all interested persons for each age group offered through an open invitation.

8.5 Failure to Comply (NTSSA 3.10.3)

Failure to comply with the paragraphs above may result in the offending coach, assistant coach, manager/trainer, and/or team representative being suspended from soccer activities for a period of not less than one (1) year.

9 Tryouts (NTSSA 4.8)

9.1 GRSA does not allow tryouts for recreational teams.

10 Players and Parents/Guardians Rights

Players rights and Parents/Guardians rights concerning coaches, assistant coaches, team managers or anyone who offers or who is delegated any team responsibility.

- 10.1 If at any time during the course of the existence of a team that a coach, assistant coach, team manager or any said responsible individual exhibits irresponsibility or that character which may be deemed detrimental to the development of a player, that individual may be required to surrender his/her position.
- 10.2 Such requested action shall be submitted in writing to the Second Vice-President. If such request is signed by 50% of team parents (each child's family counting as one signature), the Appeals and Discipline Committee shall hear the grievance.
- 10.3 The Vice-President and the Appeals and Discipline Committee shall rule.
- 10.4 Offenders may be subject to suspension from all GRSA soccer related activities.
- 10.5 The GRSA Board of Directors can act to remove a coach, if, it is the opinion of the Board, the coach in question is a detriment to the team or the Association. The Board has the authority to remove a coach without the 50% of team parents (each child's family counting as one signature) requirement called for in section 10.2. The method of removal will fall to a simple majority Board vote

11 Code of Ethics/Conduct

11.1 NTSSA Code of Ethics for Coaches (NTSSA 11.1)

This code of ethics has been developed to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional, ethical, and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of the sport of soccer. (the term coach shall include, but is not limited to head coach, assistant coaches, manager/trainer and/or team representative.)

Article I Responsibilities to Players

1. The coach must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players. Winning should be the result of preparation and discipline with emphasis placed on the highest ideals and character traits.
2. Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
3. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
4. Coaches should not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.

5. Demands on player's time should never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals and progress. Motivation for excellence should include academics as well as athletics.
6. Coaches must never encourage players to violate NTSSA recruitment, eligibility, or guest player rules and policies.
7. Under no circumstances should coaches authorize or encourage the use of medicinal or performance enhancing drugs. Players should be directed to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery. At no time should a player be put at risk by returning from injury prematurely or by being forced to play while injured.

Article II Responsibility to NTSSA and Member Associations

1. Adherence to all NTSSA and Member Association Rules and Policies, especially those regarding eligibility, team formation, recruiting, and guest players are mandatory and should never be violated. It is the responsibility of every coach to know and understand these rules.
2. Player development and the growth of the player through participation is essential to the growth of the sport. Additionally, the coach must behave in such a manner that the principles, integrity, and dignity of the sport are maintained.
3. Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to the GRSA Board of Directors immediately.

Article III Responsibility to the Laws of the Game

1. Coaches should be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the laws of the game of soccer. Coaches are also responsible to ensure that their players understand the intent as well as the application of the laws.
2. Coaches must adhere to the letter and spirit of the laws of the game. Those coaches who circumvent the rules to gain advantage have no place in soccer.
3. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with the intent of causing injury to opposing players.
4. If coaches permit, encourage, or condone performance which is not in the letter or spirit of the laws, they are derelict in their responsibility to players, member association, NTSSA and the sport worldwide. The coach must strive constantly to teach good sporting behavior.

Article IV Responsibility to Officials

1. Officials must have the support of coaches, players, and spectators. Criticism of officials undermines their purpose in the game. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players.
2. Coaches should strive to develop a line of communication with officials, giving

each an opportunity to better understand the problems relating to their specific area. This section shall not be taken as an encouragement to debate referee decisions during the match.

3. On game day, officials should be treated with respect before, during, and after the game. Officials should be addressed as "Referee", or "Mr./Ms. Referee" and not by name. Professional respect should be mutual and there should be no meaning dialogue or gesture between official, coach, or player. Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of play.
4. Comments regarding an official should be in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.

Article V Responsibilities Regarding Scouting and Recruiting

1. It is unethical to scout any team, by any means whatsoever, except in regularly scheduled games.
2. The use of video tape or motion picture equipment to scout an opponent's regularly scheduled games for the purpose of recruiting is unethical.
3. All NTSSA rules pertaining to recruiting shall be strictly observed by the coach, manager, or any team representative.
4. It is unethical to recruit player(s) actively playing for another team.
5. It is unethical for a player to be recruited or enticed from the Olympic Development Program (ODP) setting, either by his ODP coach or any other coach, manager, parent, or team representative.
6. When discussing the advantages of his/her organization, the coach has an ethical obligation to be forthright and refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding other coaches, teams and organizations.
7. It is unethical for any coach to make a statement to a prospective athlete which cannot be fulfilled; illegal to promise any kind of compensation or inducement for play; and immoral to deliver same.
8. Allegations of illegal or unethical recruiting are very serious and should be based on concrete facts rather than hear-say and innuendo. While documentation of recruiting violations is essential, the use of video tape and other electronic equipment is discouraged.

Article VI Responsibility of Public Relations

1. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents, or the media should be positive and constructive, never prejudicial or inflammatory.
2. When asked to give recommendation concerning team, camp, coach, or organization, it is in the best interest of all concerned if no less than three referrals are given in order to provide a professional unbiased source of

information.

3. Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly when in public while representing their team, member association, and NTSSA.
4. Publicly predicting a win is folly and serves no useful place in a coach's public image.
5. Comments stressing injuries, team, personnel conflicts or disciplinary problems as an excuse for a loss or unsuccessful endeavor are detrimental and should be avoided.
6. It is unethical for a coach to solicit alumni, parents, booster club, or managers to pressure organizations, member association, or NTSSA to alter established rules. The coach must not attempt to influence these organizations in political or financial dealings outside the framework of their own rules and bylaws.
7. The media should be allowed access to the players for comment. Players should be instructed in how to conduct themselves during an interview.

Article VII Game Day and Other Responsibilities

1. A coach's behavior must be such as to bring credit to himself, his organization, and the sport of soccer. This is never more evident than on the day of the contest.
2. Rival coaches should meet prior to the game and exchange friendly or professional greetings. While the concept of rivalry is wholly embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.
3. During play, coaches have a responsibility to be as inconspicuous as possible. Coaches shall exhibit a respectful attitude towards players. The coach must confine him/herself to the coaching area. The attitude of the coach towards officials, spectators, opposing players and coaches should be controlled and undemonstrative.
4. It shall be unethical for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an opposing coach or bench during the game. Hostile physical contact with a player is considered highly unethical.
5. The coaches foremost post game responsibility is his/her team.
6. Coaches should use their influence on unfriendly spectators that demonstrate intimidating behavior towards officials and opposing teams.

11.2 Parents Code of Conduct (NTSSA 11.2)

- 11.2.1 Parents should remember that children have more need of example than criticism.

- 11.2.2 Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.
- 11.2.3 Be kind to your child's coach and officials. The coach is a volunteer, giving up their personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child.
- 11.2.4 The opponents are necessary friends. Without them your child could not participate.
- 11.2.5 Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- 11.2.6 Do not openly question an official's judgment and honesty. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship.
- 11.2.7 Accept the results of each game. Encourage your child to be gracious in victory, and to turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement.
- 11.2.8 Remember your children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. NOT YOURS.
- 11.2.9 Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
- 11.2.10 Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.

11.3 USYSA Players's Code

- 11.3.1 Play the game for the game's sake.
- 11.3.2 Be generous when you win.
- 11.3.3 Be grateful when you lose.
- 11.3.4 Be fair always no matter what the cost.
- 11.3.5 Obey the laws of the game.
- 11.3.6 Work for the good of your team.
- 11.3.7 Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.
- 11.3.8 Believe in the honesty of your opponents.
- 11.3.9 Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.

12 NTSSA and GRSA Rules of Competition (NTSSA 3.14)

The rules of play for youth competition of NTSSA and its affiliated members shall be the FIFA Laws of the Game, modified only as to the following:

1	Size of fields groups/Law I	For various age
2	Size of ball groups/Law II	For various age
3	Number of Players substitution)	Varies from Law III (and
4	Assistant Referee junior linesmen/Law VI	Allowing for certified
5	Duration of Game groups/Law VII	For various age
6	Charging of Goalkeeper Law XII	

12.1 Law I - Field of Play (NTSSA 3.14.1)

Realizing that we must generally accept and play upon fields furnished by the various organizations, the following are only recommended field and goal sizes by NTSSA.

Age Group	Minimum Field Width	Minimum Field Length	Goal Size
U-19	70yds	120yds	8ft X 8yds
U-16	70yds	120yds	8ft X 8yds
U-14	60yds	100yds	8ft X 8yds
U-12	60yds	100yds	7ft X 7yds
U-10	50yds	80yds	7ft X 7yds
U-8	30yds	50yds	6ft X 12ft
U-4/5/6/7	20yds	30yds	4ft X 6ft

Note: Corner flags may be substituted in place of goals.

12.2 Law II - The Ball (NTSSA 3.14.2)

Ball sizes for various age groups will be as follows:

Under 19	Size 5
Under 16	Size 5
Under 14	Size 5
Under 12	Size 4
Under 10	Size 4
Under 8	Size 3
Under 4.5.6.& 7	Size 3

12.3 Law III - Number of Players and Substitutions (NTSSA 3.14.3)

12.3.1 Developmental Modified Soccer Rule

Under 6, Under 8 and Under 10 teams will play in accordance with the associations developmental program modified playing rules for their group.

12.3.2 Substitution Rule - Youth (NTSSA 3.14.3-2)

12.3.2.1 At a throw-on, by team in possession only

12.3.2.2 either team, at a goal kick

12.3.2.3 either team, after a goal is scored

12.3.2.4 either team an injury, when the referee stops the play

12.3.2.5 at half-time

12.3.2.6 when a caution (yellow card) is given, that player may be substituted for

12.3.2.7 there is unlimited substitution in youth competition with the exceptions outlined in developmental modified soccer rules

12.3.3 Each recreational player, when present at the game, shall be required to play the minimum of 50% of the time, unless the player's time has been reduced for medical or disciplinary reasons, in which case the coach must notify the player, and the opposing coach prior to the beginning of the game that the minimum time has been reduced (non-attendance at practice and non-payment of fees may be cause for disciplinary action). (NTSSA 3.14.3-3)

12.4 Law IV - Player Equipment (NTSSA 3.14.4)

12.4.1 Each Player shall have a number on the back of his/her jersey not less than 4 inches high.

12.4.2 Shin guards, meeting the standards set forth in the FIFA Laws of the Game or subsequent memoranda, shall be mandatory.

12.5 Law V - Referee (NTSSA 3.14.5)

12.6 Law VI - Assistant Referee (NTSSA 3.14.6)

Specifically trained and certified "Junior Assistant Referee" may be used in place of the neutral referee/assistant referee. Their infraction calling authority is limited to ball in and out of play, direction of throw in, goal kick, and off side.

12.7 Law VII - Duration of Game (NTSSA 3.14.7)

Age Groups	Length of Games	Half Time
Under 19	two 45 min halves	5 min
Under 16	two 40 min halves	5 min
Under 14	two 35 min halves	5 min
Under 12	two 30 min halves	5 min
Under 10	two 25 min halves	5 min
Under 8	four 12 min quarters *	5 min
Under 6/7	four 8 min quarters *	5 min
Under 4//5	four 7 min quarters *	5 min

* Two minute break between quarters 1 & 2 and quarters 3 & 4 (GRSA)

12.8 Law VIII - Start of Play

12.9 Law IX - Ball in and out of Play

12.10 Law X - Method of Scoring

12.11 Law XI - Off-Side

12.12 Law XII - Fouls and Misconduct (NTSSA 3.14.12)

12.12.1 Charging the goalkeeper in possession of the ball is NOT ALLOWED in any youth play in NTSSA. Possession is defined as: "one or two hands on the ball, holding it, bouncing it, tossing it up and catching it, or patting it along the ground."

12.12.2 It is not intentional "hand-ball" offense for any player to attempt to protect the vital areas of his or her body (chest, crotch, face) by placing hands or arms across them to protect them from being struck at close range by the ball. The match referee shall be the sole judge of whether the hands or arms were used to deliberately propel the ball.

12.12.3 Coaches and assistant coaches are subject to the same game disciplinary procedures by the referee as are the players, i.e., cautions and/or ejections.

- 12.13 Law XIII - Free Kick**
- 12.14 Law XIV - Penalty Kick**
- 12.15 Law XV - Throw-In**
- 12.16 Law XVI - Goal Kick**
- 12.17 Law XVII - Corner Kick**

13 Developmental Modified Soccer

- 13.1 The philosophy of modified soccer is to have fun and teach the younger child skills and sportsmanship in a manner that is consistent with the child's emotional, physical and mental development. Modified soccer should emphasize enjoyment over competition and offer maximum playing time for each child that allows the most opportunity for touches on the ball.
 - 13.1.1 League standings will not be recorded for the purpose of awarding trophies in the Under 8 age divisions and down.
 - 13.1.2 All U8 divisions and down recreational players will receive participation trophies.
 - 13.1.3 All infractions shall be briefly explained by the referee to players and if necessary to coaches.
 - 13.1.4 In the Under 4/5 age division, one coach will be allowed to assist players playing in the game by being on the field. The coach should limit themselves as to not interfere with the play of the ball. During play the coach must remain outside of the goal box.
 - 13.1.5 All players, parents, coaches and spectators should shake hands after each game as good examples for youth to follow.
 - 13.1.6 Coaches, non-playing players and parents/spectators should be located not less than 1 yard from the touch line and within 10 yards of the half-line along the touch line.
 - 13.1.7 No person shall be allowed to run the length of the field except participants of the game. Spectators should confine themselves to the coaching area.
 - 13.1.8 Coaching from the sidelines (by parents or coaches) should be held to a minimum during game time.

14 League Standings

- 14.1** League standings will be recorded for GRSA teams by the league through which they play (i.e. MPA) for the purpose of awarding "place" trophies.
- 14.2** **Tournament of Champions**

Total team points will determine NTSSA Tournament of Champions Teams from GRSA,

unless more than one division exists for that age group and each division plays different teams. Then teams will have a playoff game to determine TOC team for that age group. Teams will pay the TOC fees. GRSA will pay performance bond for teams. If a team fails to show and GRSA losses bond then team will be responsible to pay GRSA immediately.

14.3 Referees

14.3.8 Jurisdiction

The referee is in control of field and all activities thereon from the time of his/her arrival at the field until he/she has left the parking lot. REFEREE DECISIONS ARE FINAL. Any incidence of assault or violence toward a referee will not be tolerated and will be very harshly dealt with. Complaints concerning the conduct of referees are to be properly submitted in writing to GRSA through the Vice-President. The Vice-President will turn those over to the Referee Assignor who will coordinate the investigation and disposal per NTSSA guidelines. (GRSA)

14.3.9 Responsibility of the referee is to insure the safety of the players and to enforce the Laws of the Game as defined by FIFA, USSF, NTSSA, and GRSA.

14.3.10 Referee Assignment

Referees are assigned to games on their qualifications and experience level as determined by the GRSA Referee Assignor. Coaches are reminded that a referee's qualifications cannot be determined by visual inspections. Referees are only permitted to cover games assigned by the Referee Assignor. Referees are entitled to rest breaks. Do not approach a referee and ask them to do a game they were not assigned to do.

14.3.11 Do not approach a referee to discuss game incidents or calls during the game. Open communication with the Referee at halftime and after the game is allowed within the guidelines of Coaches code of ethics (GRSA 11.1 Article 4). The referee is still acting in their capacity as an official and may therefore issue cautions, etc., if an individual continues or attempts to discuss game related incidents or calls in an inappropriate manner. (GRSA)

14.3.12 Linesmen

Specifically trained and/or certified "Junior Linesmen" may be used by member associations or, if necessary, in State Tournament in place of the neutral referee/linesmen. Their infraction calling authority is limited to ball in and out of play, direction of throw in, goal kick, and off-side. (NTSSA 3.14.6 , GRSA modified)

15 Discipline

15.1 Appeals and Disciplinary Committee

The Appeals and Disciplinary Committee (A&D Committee) will meet for all disciplinary action warranted by a referee misconduct report or complaint. (GRSA)

15.2 A&D Committee Procedures and Composition

This committee shall be chaired and coordinated by the Second Vice-President. (GRSA)

15.2.1 Every individual receiving a yellow card (caution) is entitled to attend the disciplinary hearing regarding the misconduct report. Attendance is not mandatory for a caution. (GRSA)

15.2.2 The Second Vice-President will notify all parties of the date and time of the hearing. (GRSA)

15.2.3 Members of the Appeals and Discipline Committee

Make-up of this committee is specified in GRSA Bylaw 8.1.

15.3 Points

Points shall be assessed based on NTSSA 3.11, minimum guidelines.

15.4 Red Cards

Red cards are automatically 12 ejection points and a minimum one game suspension. This is the minimum penalty.

15.4.1 GRSA retains the right, at GRSA's discretion, to hold A&D hearings on red cards given to GRSA teams that participate in leagues sponsored by other organizations or associations. The GRSA hearing is in addition to those hearings held by the sponsoring organization or associations. GRSA may assess additional penalties above those imposed by the sponsoring organization or association. However, GRSA recognizes the authority of the sponsoring organization or association and supports their findings.

15.4.2 After receiving a red card (ejection), player and coach must attend their disciplinary hearing.

15.4.3 if a coach is unable to attend, no meeting will be rescheduled for the team's convenience. Further penalties may be assessed. Notification of the hearing date and time on the red card (ejection) shall be forwarded to the coach of record by registered mail

15.5 Distribution

GRSA will make these rules available to every coach, team manager, league administrator and referee upon request. It is intended that the coach will make known the contents of these rules to his or her players' parents and spectators.

15.6 Authority (NTSSA 3.11.1)

- 15.6.1 All members and participants in youth soccer within the jurisdiction of GRSA and NTSSA have requested to participate in our programs. Therefore, those participants have agreed to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of NTSSA and GRSA, as well as those of USSF and its respective youth and senior divisions. The NTSSA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws provide that it has jurisdiction over all member playing associations, players, coaches, team managers, administrators and referees who choose to affiliate.
- 15.6.2 GRSA has been directed to form its own appeals and disciplinary committee and to hold hearings with the parties having the right to be present on every player/coach/assistant coach cautioned or ejected and on referee's reports of serious misconduct by spectators and/or parents as required by subsequent sections of NTSSA Rule XI. This association is required to furnish the NTSSA State Office with a maintained up-to-date list of the A&D chairperson and committee members and to include their addresses and phone numbers.

15.7 Misconduct of Players/Coaches/Assistant Coaches (NTSSA 3.11.2)

- 15.7.1 GRSA will operate and keep records on a twelve (12) point "caution system" for players/coaches/assistant coaches. Offenses resulting in the cautioning (yellow card) of a player/coach/assistant coach by the referee are allowed points according to their seriousness ranging from one to four caution points. Points are cumulative during the entire soccer year (Sept 1 to Aug 31). When given player, coach, assistant coach accumulates twelve (12) caution points, his or her points over the 12 are carried over. Report of these disciplinary suspensions must be sent immediately to the state Appeals and Disciplinary Committee at the state office.
- 15.7.2 The points of the "cumulative twelve (12) point system" system will be allocated as follows:
- A. Twelve (12) points
 - 1. Ejection from game due to serious foul play, violent conduct or foul or abusive language.

For ejection from a game due to misconduct after receiving a caution, except for twelve (12) point offenses stated above, points will be based on two (2) cautions. The caution points are to be allocated as follows:

- A. Four Points
 - 1. Deliberate tripping and other "tactical", physical fouls
 - 2. Severe dangerous play
 - 3. Foul tackle from behind
 - 4. Interference by other players when the referee is speaking to a player after an offense has been committed

5. Continuous dissent of a decision in an attempt to unsettle the referee.
- B. Three Points
 1. Deliberate, tactical obstruction
 2. Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game
 3. Shirt pulling and other similar tactics.
 4. Deliberate encroachment at free kicks
 - C. Two Points
 1. Deliberate hand ball designed to break up attack
 2. Time wasting, including that by the goalkeeper
 3. Moving arms up and down to obstruct an opponent
 4. Gesticulating in front of a player taking a free kick or throw in
 5. Encroachment or unsporting conduct at a penalty kick
 6. Other unsporting conduct
 - D. One Point
 1. Entering or leaving the field without the referees permission
 2. Player leaning on a teammate to gain extra height
 3. Pulling oneself up by the goal post or crossbar to gain an advantage

15.7.3 Accumulated Caution Points Sanctions

- A. Twelve (12) accumulated caution points, a one game suspension
- B. Six (6) more points, additional two game suspension
- C. Six (6) more points, suspension pending A&D Committee inquiry

15.7.4 Sendoffs (ejections)

This is the minimum disciplinary punishment taken by all member associations on sendoffs (ejections). Nothing herein prevents a member association from enacting more severe sanctions. Each case should be judged on its own set of circumstances and degree of misconduct or violence, the latter of which must be dealt with swiftly and severely.

- A. One sendoff - a one game suspension
- B. Second sendoff - two game suspension
- C. Third sendoff - suspension pending A&D Committee inquiry

15.7.5 Other Discipline Matters

- A. Submitting false registration information will result in suspension of the guilty party as determined by the A&D Committee.
- B. Teams will be disciplined if they knowingly violate GRSA, NTSSA, USSF, or FIFA Rules of Conduct.

15.8 Incomplete Game Due to Misconduct

If a game is not completed because of misconduct clearly traceable to one or the other of the contending teams, its management or its followers as determined by GRSA, GRSA shall decide as to the disposition of the game. (NTSSA 3.18)

15.9 Team forfeit policy

If the coach pulls his/her team off the field or refuses to continue play, the team shall receive an automatic forfeit.

The coach of the forfeiting team shall appear at an A&D hearing to explain his/her action.

15.10 Fines

15.10.1 NTSSA 3.11.2-5

15.11 Misconduct

15.11.1 Any misconduct by a coach justifying a report by a referee or any other person shall be directed to the State Appeals and Disciplinary Committee as well as to GRSA. GRSA shall promptly (within 5 days after receipt of report) act on the report and send its decision to the State A&D Committee. The state committee will determine the extent of the punishment, if any in addition to that taken by GRSA.

15.11.2 All players and/or coaches shall have the right to appear before the GRSA A&D committee for the hearing on any caution or ejection issued to them.

15.11.3 The State A&D Committee will make its decision based entirely upon the written reports, including that of the affected coach or player, should he or she submit a report. Hearings will not be held by the committee unless it, of its own volition chooses to call one because of the nature of the case.

15.11.4 A coach whose conduct is not considered to be exemplary to his or her players, parents and spectators will be firmly dealt with by the A&D committees of both GRSA and NTSSA.

15.11.5 Game Suspension for caution point and/or sendoffs

The suspension is to be served by the player/coach/assistant coach at the next scheduled game (regular league games, makeup league games, playoff, championship, cup games, local or state tournament games) that the player's/coach's/assistant coach's team is involved in, immediately following the disciplinary hearing (should the sendoff be upheld).

15.11.6 All game suspensions must be reported to the state.

When a sendoff or game suspension under the caution point system is issued to a player, GRSA will forward a copy to the referee's misconduct report of the

sendoff or a copy of GRSA A&D Committee's report on "Suspension Due to Excessive Caution Points" directly to the NTSSA State A&D Committee together with action taken by GRSA. The State A&D Committee will determine the extent of punishment, if any, in addition to that prescribed by GRSA, taking into consideration the severity of the misconduct. Each additional caution and/or sendoff of said player during the remainder of the soccer year will also be forwarded to the committee for review and possible further action. (NTSSA 3.11.2-9)

15.11.7 Extreme Violent Conduct

The state has directed GRSA A&D Committee to extend severe punishment to those players, coaches, and assistant coaches guilty of extreme violent conduct while participating in a match and for violence toward any person or property after being ejected, while on the touch line or approaching or leaving the game site. (NTSSA 3.11.2-12)

15.12 Misconduct of Spectators (NTSSA 3.11.4)

15.12.1 Each team in GRSA is responsible for the conduct of its spectators, therefore, the coach, assistant coach, and team manager is expected to control his or her spectators. If he or she is unable to do so, GRSA will take appropriate actions toward the identifiable, unruly spectator, or if unidentifiable, towards the team itself, the GRSA report shall be sent to the State A&D committee for review and further action if it feels warranted.

15.12.2 Suggested action for misconduct of spectators (NTSSA 3.11.4)

- A. Assess the team with which the spectator is associated with a minimum of 12 and not to exceed 48 caution points
- B. Report spectator to the local park and recreation department (not applicable to GRSA Complex)
- C. Require team to forfeit any game at which the spectator is present on the touch line
- D. Require offending team to pay for presence of police at the game
- E. Revoke and/or refuse registration to the offending team
- F. Cause the spectator to be placed under a municipal "peace bond"

15.13 Games directly Sponsored by NTSSA (NTSSA 3.11.6)

Misconduct involving any participant (player, coach, parent/spectator of state-sponsored games, as opposed to GRSA league play, will be reported directly to the tournament officials of the State Cup and Games Committee and will be forwarded to the State A&D Committee immediately after the occurrence for appropriate disciplinary action.

15.14 Records (NTSSA 3.11.10)

The GRSA A&D Committee will maintain a permanent file of all reports sent to it and the action taken. When any one person or a team shows a trend toward numerous misconduct reports, the committee will contact such person or team for the purpose of warning or may call such person or team before it.

15.15 Misconduct toward referee (NTSSA 3.11.7)

15.15.1 NTSSA has exclusive jurisdiction over assault or abuse of officials, both referees and linesmen in any competition by the state or member associations. This jurisdiction includes:

- A. All USSF registered referees (adult and youth)
- B. Any non-licensed person serving in any emergency capacity as a game official
- C. Any coach, parent or junior linesman serving as a game official

15.15.2 If there is an assault/abuse of any game official by any person, including players, coaches, assistant coaches, managers or spectators; a report of the alleged assault/abuse will be submitted immediately to the appropriate state commissioner, the chairperson of the State Referee Committee, and the State A&D Committee chairperson. Upon receipt of the alleged assault/abuse report, the appropriate state commissioner and the chairperson of the State Referee Committee and the State A&D Committee chairperson shall review and investigate the report(s) as submitted. This subcommittee chaired by the appropriate commissioner upon proper investigation, shall determine the seriousness of the alleged assault/abuse reports in a timely manner.

15.15.3 Should the majority of the members of the subcommittee listed in paragraph 2 determine there is sufficient evidence to consider the incident a referee assault, a formal assault hearing will be held within thirty days (30) of the incident. The act of any physical violence or personal attack upon a game official as defined in 17.15.1 above shall be deemed "referee assault" in the NTSSA under the terms and conditions of USSF rule 1108.

NOTE: Physical violence and personal attack shall include, but shall not be limited to such things as: hitting, kicking, choking, slapping, spitting at or on, violently grabbing a referee or bodily running into him with the intent to knock him down, the act of throwing any object at a referee such as rocks, sticks, pipe, bottles or cans, shoes or any other objects that could inflict injury.

15.15.4 Assault hearings shall be conducted by the State Executive Committee in the following manner: (NTSSA 3.11.7-4)

- A. The alleged offending party is required to be present at such hearings, however if he is not present the State Executive Committee will act upon the matter with the information before it.

- B. The game officials are required to be present at the hearings. However, if they are not present, the State Executive Committee will act upon the matter with the information before it.
- C. It is intended that the officials' reports be clear and that no explanations are required at the hearing. Only the State Executive Committee will question the official(s). If the offending party or any other party or other person(s) need explanation, such queries will be addressed through the chair.

If any assault is found to have been made on an official, the state is obligated to suspend the person making the assault from all soccer activities for a minimum of one (1) year. Stiffer penalties may be imposed by the State Executive Committee at its discretion. If the State Executive Committee finds the actions to be a case of referee abuse, it may then impose such punishment as it deems necessary and proper.

15.15.5 Any party adjudged guilty of referee assault shall have the right to appeal, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the decision, to the USSF Appeals Board. (NTSSA 3.11.7-5)

- A. Referee abuse shall include, but not be limited to : verbally threatening a referee; grabbing an official's uniform, arm, shoulder; poking him with a finger; taking red or yellow card out of his hand; taking his flag(s); spewing any beverage at or on a referee or his personal property, i.e. car, equipment, bag, etc.

NOTE: Verbal threats are remarks that carry the implied or direct threat of physical harm, and therefore, cannot be ignored and overlooked by any official concerned with his or his family's personal safety. Such remarks as, "I'll get you after the game", "You won't get out of here in one piece", "I'd better not find out where you live", or "You'd better watch out for your kids", shall be deemed referee abuse. (NTSSA 3.11.7-1)

15.16 Misconduct of Referees (NTSSA3.11.8-1)

15.16.1 When any referee is alleged to have committed misconduct toward any participant or spectator of a match the State Executive Committee will hear such allegations and assess punishment concerning the referee in regard to his activities.

15.17 Protests

No protest will be entertained if based on a judgment decision made by the referee. Only two acceptable causes for protesting a game after it has been played.

- A. A team's playing an unregistered, ineligible or suspended player.
- B. Referee admits that he/she has made an obvious error in the Laws of the Game.

Protest must be submitted, in writing, to the GRSA Vice-President within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the game. Protests should be phoned, then mailed, to the Vice-President of GRSA. A coach must realize a protest is a serious matter. There is a \$25 (cash or cashiers check) protest fee that is not refundable if the protest is lost.

15.18 Appellate Procedures

15.18.1 All those under the jurisdiction of GRSA are reminded that they must exhaust all appellate procedures of this association on all matters covered by these rules before NTSSA can acquire jurisdiction to hear the appeal under its rules. (NTSSA 3.11.9-1)

15.18.2 GRSA may set the rules of hearings and may restrict the number of witnesses, and the time allotted to each. It may also determine whether it wants to allow closed or open hearings. (NTSSA 3.11.9-2)

15.18.3 An appeal of decisions made by GRSA A&D Committee will be made to the GRSA Board of Directors in accordance with procedures established in this section.(NTSSA 3.11.9-6)

15.18.4 An appeal of decisions presented to GRSA Board will be: (NTSSA 3.11.9-8)

- A. in writing
- B. made to the President of GRSA within five (5) days of receipt of written notice of the A&D committee decision(s).
- C. Fees, as specified, will be in cash or certified check and will accompany the written notice of appeal.

15.18.5 Filing fees for appeals under no circumstance be waived, fees will be refunded to the appealing party only if the decision is overruled. Fees will be: (NTSSA 3.11.9-9)

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| A.All players appeals | \$50 |
| \$25 paid by player & \$25 paid by coach | |
| B.All coach and referee appeals | \$100 |
| B.All team appeals | \$100 |

15.19 Suspension

15.19.1 Players, coaches, and/or spectators may be suspended from the GRSA Complex by the decision of the GRSA A&D Committee or GRSA Board

16 GRSA Specific Rules

16.1 Items prohibited from the GRSA complex

1. Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are prohibited inside the soccer complex or on any soccer field, parking lot, or adjacent parking lot.
2. Glass containers (pop bottles, gatoraid jars, etc.) are prohibited inside the soccer complex or at any other official soccer game on any field.
3. Littering the fields will not be tolerated. Each team is responsible for leaving their side of the field clean.
4. No dogs or other animals are allowed in the complex.
5. Park only in designated areas. No unauthorized vehicles will be allowed on the soccer complex.
6. Observe all signs.
7. Noise generating devices or voice amplification devices (i.e. cow bells, air horns, bull horns, etc..)

16.2 Field Usage

Only those teams which have permission to use the field may do so. Field usage for practice or scrimmages must be cleared through the GRSA Board of Directors.

16.3 Field of Play

16.3.1 All home games will normally be played at the GRSA Soccer Complex located behind the Expo Center.

16.4 Field Equipment

The association will provide for each League the following:

Two goal nets

One game ball

One Referee

Two Club linesman (U10, U12, U14, U16 and U19 only)

16.5 Player Uniforms

16.5.1 Uniforms shall conform to USSF rules. "Skin" games will not be permitted and jerseys or shirts may be any color.

16.5.2 The goalkeeper shall have a different color jersey from their team. The

goalkeeper may wear a black jersey.

- 16.5.3 Existing teams shall have priority on colors of uniforms. Coaches shall contact the Registrar for approval of a particular jersey color.
- 16.5.4 If at any time two playing teams that have received Registrar approval for a jersey color, wear the same color jersey, the home team shall change the jersey for that game. If a team did not receive Registrar approval for their jersey, it is their responsibility to change jerseys.
- 16.5.5 Teams/coaches who acquire sponsors to help pay for uniforms or other expenses shall submit collected monies to the Treasurer with a "Sponsor Form" so designating their team name.. All Sponsorships should be board approved and align with the organization's values.

16.6 Referees

- 16.6.1 All Referees in U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16, and U-19 age groups shall be USSF licensed referees and wear the official uniform and badge of that Association. Referees in the U-7 age group need not be USSF licensed but shall be approved by the Referee Assignor. (GRSA)
- 16.6.2 In case a USSF licensed referee is not available, fails to appear, or is incapacitated during the game with no licensed official available, someone from an approved list prepared by the Referee Assignor will be assigned with the agreement of both coaches. (GRSA)
- 16.6.3 Referees shall indicate to the players involved all infractions which have been committed.
- 16.6.4 All complaints concerning referees other than referee assaults must be submitted in writing to the GRSA Vice-President not more than forty-eight (48) hours after the incident. All matters concerning assaults on Referees or Official Linesmen shall vest immediately in the NTSSA. (GRSA)

16.7 Foul Weather Procedure

- 16.7.1 The Referee Assignor has final authority to postpone a game because of weather conditions. The Field Commissioner will provide input to the Referee Assignor concerning the condition of the fields. The Referee Assignor's decision will be based on conditions of the playing field and general welfare of the players. The Referee Assignor will notify the Coaches of all games postponed due to foul weather.
- 16.7.2 Teams must report to the playing field ready to play unless coaches are previously notified by Referee Assignor or other Board member. Every attempt will be made to notify teams traveling to GRSA as soon as possible when a game must be postponed. Coaches must not assume a game has been postponed unless they have been specifically advised by the Referee Assignor or GRSA Board member.

16.7.3 The penalty for failure to follow this rule (no show) is forfeiture of the game and the game will not be rescheduled.

16.8 Postponing and Rescheduling Games

16.8.1 Games should only be rescheduled due to foul weather, tournaments, or school functions. U8 and Under -The Home coach is responsible for notifying the opposing coach of field closings due to foul weather. If a coach wants to postpone and reschedule a game for other than foul weather, he/she must do so at least 72 hours prior to the game. If the opposing coach agrees to the postponement, the Home coach must call the Home referee assignor so that referees can be canceled for that game. The Home coach is responsible for ensuring the Home referee assignor concurs with the rescheduled game date and time prior to confirming that game date and time with the Visitor coach. Upon total agreement of the game reschedule, the Home coach shall notify the appropriate Commissioner of the rescheduled game. U9 and Up follow MPA rules.

17 Coaches License

GRSA recommends that coaches complete North Texas State Soccer Association Coach's license courses. All coaches must have completed BackGround Check and Safespot in GotSoccer.

18 General Provisions

18.1 Changes and Amendments of these Rules

The Glen Rose Soccer Playing Rules may be amended, modified, or superseded at the GRSA meetings. However, the playing rule amendments, modifications, or superseding playing rules will not take effect until the beginning of the immediately following Soccer Season, unless the change is distributed to each coach, in which case the change will take effect immediately. Amendments, modifications, or superseding documents must be in written form, submitted to the Secretary of GRSA 14 days prior to the vote. The secretary will then post online the amendments, modifications, or superseding document, 7 days prior to the vote.

18.2 Distribution of Rules

Each Team will initially be provided with a copy of these rules. After initial distribution, additional copies of these rules will be available through GRSA and may be purchased at GRSA's cost. Changes in the rules contained herein will be distributed prior to the start of each season.

18.3 Initial Adoption

These rules shall initially take effect upon the beginning of the Fall 2025 season, August 1, 2025.

GRSA U4/5 Modified Playing Rules

Rules shall conform to FIFA except for the modifications discussed below.

I. Law I - The Field (Modified from FIFA)

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 five (5) yard radius
4. Four corner arcs with a two (2) foot radius
5. Goal area – Three feet from side of goal and three feet into field with line drawn across the front.
6. There shall be no penalty area nor penalty spot
7. A parent line will be marked on bleacher side of field. Parents and spectators are not allowed to cross this line and go into field of play.

B. Goals

- Maximum: Five (5) feet high and ten (10) feet long
Minimum: Four (4) feet high and six (6) feet long

GRSA will attempt to meet the field and goal size requirements where practical.

II. Law II - The Ball (GRSA 14.2)

III. Law III - Number of Players (Modified from FIFA)

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is four (4). There shall be no goalkeeper.
- B. A match is not considered valid if at any time there are fewer than four (3) players on either team.
- C. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed – Eight (8) for 4v4.
- D. Substitutions
Substitutions for Under 6 are only allowed at these times.(Exception to GRSA 14.3.2)
 1. At half time
 2. Between quarters
 3. Substitutions shall be allowed at the following times, after the referee has been informed
 - a. after an injury, the injured player may be substituted for.
 - b. at the request of a playing player
 - c. at the request of a playing player's parent.
- E. Coach: The coach is allowed on the field, to assist players, but must not stand within 3 yards of goal area

- F: Playing Time- Each recreational player, when present at a game, shall be required to play the minimum of 50% of the time.

IV. Law IV - Players Equipment (Exception to FIFA)

(conform to FIFA with the following exceptions)

- A. A player shall wear tennis shoes or soft cleated shoes with no toe cleat.
- B. During inclement weather protective clothing may be worn with the proper color jersey being the outer most garment. A cap may be worn to protect the head and ears. A knit cap with no tassel on top is recommended.

V. Law V - Referee (Modified from FIFA)

- A. Registered Referee
- B. Associate Referees.
- C. Parent/Coach or Assistant
- D. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
- E. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
- F. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players.

VI. Law VI -Assistant Referee (Modified from FIFA)

- A. None

VII. Law VII - Duration of Game (Modified from FIFA)

- A. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal ten (7) minute quarters.
- B. 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).
- C. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between quarters two (2) and three (3).

VIII. Law VIII - Start of Play (Exception to FIFA)

(conform to FIFA with the following exceptions)

- A. Opponents must be three (3) yards from the center mark while the kick-off is in progress.

IX. Law IX - Ball In and Out of Play (Conform to FIFA)

X. Law X - Method of Scoring (Conform to FIFA)

XI. Law XI - Offside (Not Applicable to Under 6)

There shall be no offside.

XII. Law XII - Fouls and Misconduct (Exception to FIFA)

- A. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents three (3) yards away.
- B. The referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.
- C. No caution or ejections shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral referee.

XIII. Law XIII - Free Kicks (Exception to FIFA)

- A. Shall be classified under one heading - Indirect
- B. Opponents must be three yards away from the ball before a kick is allowed.
- C. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.

XIV. Law XIV - Penalty Kicks (Not Applicable to Under 6)

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

XV. Law XV - Throw In (Exception to FIFA)

- 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.

XVI. Law XVI - Goal Kicks (Exception to FIFA)

- A. Goal kick may be taken from any point two (2) to three (3) yards from the goal.
- B. Opponents must be three (3) yards away from the ball.

XVII. Law XVII - Corner Kicks (Exception to FIFA)

- A. Opponents must be three (3) yards away from the ball.

GRSA U6/7 Modified Playing Rules

(Rules shall conform to FIFA except for the modifications discussed below)

I. Law I - The Field (Modified from FIFA)

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 five (5) yard radius
4. Four corner arcs with a two (2) foot radius
5. Goal area - three yards (3) from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal-line
6. There shall be no penalty area nor penalty spot
7. A coaches boundary area will be marked on each side of the field indicating an area 10 yards from either side of the center line

B. Goals

Maximum: Five (5) feet high and twelve (12) feet wide
Minimum: Four (4) feet high and six (6) feet wide

GRSA will attempt to meet the field and goal size requirements where practical.

II. Law II - The Ball (GRSA 14.2)

III. Law III - Number of Players (Modified from FIFA)

A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is four. No goa keeper.

B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed twelve (8) for 4v4

C. Substitutions

Substitutions for Under 6,7,8 are only allowed at these times.(Exception to GRSA 14.3.2)

1. At half time
2. Between quarters
3. Substitutions shall be allowed at the following times, after the referee has been informed
 - a. after an injury, the injured player may be substituted for.
 - b. at the request of a playing player
 - c. at the request of a playing player's parent
4. Playing time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time , unless the player's time has been reduced for medical or disciplinary reasons, in which case the coach must notify the player, and the opposing coach prior to the beginning of the game that the minimum time has been reduced (non-attendance at practice and non-payment of fees may be cause for disciplinary action.

Disciplinary action must be first approved by the appropriate age-group commissioner).

IV. Law IV - Players Equipment (Exception to FIFA)

(conform to FIFA with the following exceptions)

- A. A player shall wear tennis shoes or soft cleated shoes with no toe cleat.
- B. During inclement weather protective clothing may be worn with the proper color jersey being the outer most garment. A cap may be worn to protect the head and ears. A knit cap with no tassel on top is recommended.

V. Law V - Referee (Modified from FIFA)

- A. Registered Referee
- B. Associate Referees.
- C. Parent/Coach or Assistant
- D. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
- E. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players.

VI. Law VI - Assistant Referee (Modified from FIFA)

- A. None

VII. Law VII - Duration of Game (Modified from FIFA)

- A. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal ten (8) minute quarters.
- B. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarter one (1) and two (2), and another two (2) minute break between quarters three (3) and four (4).
- C. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between quarters two (2) and three (3).

VIII. Law VIII - Start of Play (Exception to FIFA)

- A. Opponents must be five (5) yards from the center mark while the kick-off is in progress.

IX. Law IX - Ball In and Out of Play (Conform to FIFA)

X. Law X - Method of Scoring (Conform to FIFA)

XI. Law XI - Offside (Exception to FIFA)

There shall be no offside.

XII. Law XII - Fouls and Misconduct (Exception to FIFA)

- A. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents five (5) yards away.
- B. The referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.
- C. No caution or ejections shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral referee.

XIII. Law XIII - Free Kicks (Exception to FIFA)

- A. Shall be classified under one heading - Indirect
- B. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team. Opponents must be five (5) yards away.
- C. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending teams goal box.

XIV. Law XIV - Penalty Kicks (Exception to FIFA)

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

XV. Law XV - Throw In (Conform to FIFA)

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XVI. Law XVI - Goal Kicks (Exception to FIFA)

- B. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball
- C. Goal kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.

XVII. Law XVII - Corner Kicks (Exception to FIFA)

- A. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.
- B. Corner kicks are indirect free kicks.

GRSA Under 8 Modified Playing Rules

(Rules shall conform to FIFA except for the modifications discussed below)

I. Law I - The Field (Modified from FIFA)

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 five (5) yard radius
4. Four corner arcs with a two (2) foot radius
5. Goal area - three yards (3) from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal-line
6. There shall be no penalty area nor penalty spot
7. A coaches boundary area will be marked on each side of the field indicating an area 10 yards from either side of the center line

B. Goals

Maximum: Five (5) feet high and twelve (12) feet wide
Minimum: Four (4) feet high and six (6) feet wide

GRSA will attempt to meet the field and goal size requirements where practical.

II. Law II - The Ball (GRSA 14.2)

III. Law III - Number of Players (Modified from FIFA)

A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is four. No goal keeper.

B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed twelve (8) for 4v4

C. Substitutions

Substitutions for Under 8 are only allowed at these times.(Exception to GRSA 14.3.2)

1. At half time
2. Between quarters
3. Substitutions shall be allowed at the following times, after the referee has been informed
 - a. after an injury, the injured player may be substituted for.
 - b. at the request of a playing player
 - d. at the request of a playing player's parent
4. Playing time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time , unless the player's time has been reduced for medical or disciplinary reasons, in which case the coach must notify the player, and the opposing coach prior to the beginning of the game that the minimum time has been reduced (non-attendance at practice and non-payment of fees may be cause for disciplinary action. Disciplinary action must be first approved by the appropriate age-group commissioner).

IV. Law IV - Players Equipment (Exception to FIFA)

(conform to FIFA with the following exceptions)

- A. A player shall wear tennis shoes or soft cleated shoes with no toe cleat.
- B. During inclement weather protective clothing may be worn with the proper color jersey being the outer most garment. A cap may be worn to protect the head and ears. A knit cap with no tassel on top is recommended.

V. Law V - Referee (Modified from FIFA)

- A. Registered Referee
- B. Associate Referees.
- C. Parent/Coach or Assistant
- D. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
- E. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players.

VI. Law VI - Assistant Referee (Modified from FIFA)

- A. None

VII. Law VII - Duration of Game (Modified from FIFA)

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

VIII. Law VIII - Start of Play (Exception to FIFA)

- A. Opponents must be five (5) yards from the center mark while the kick-off is in progress.

IX. Law IX - Ball In and Out of Play (Conform to FIFA)

X. Law X - Method of Scoring (Conform to FIFA)

XI. Law XI - Offside (Exception to FIFA)

There shall be no offside.

XII. Law XII - Fouls and Misconduct (Exception to FIFA)

- A. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents five (5) yards away.
- B. The referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.
- C. No caution or ejections shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral referee.

XIII. Law XIII - Free Kicks (Exception to FIFA)

- A. Shall be classified under one heading - Indirect
- B. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team. Opponents must be five (5) yards away.
- C. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending teams goal box.

XIV. Law XIV - Penalty Kicks (Exception to FIFA)

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

XV. Law XV - Throw In (Conform to FIFA)

XVI. Law XVI - Goal Kicks (Exception to FIFA)

- B. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball
- C. Goal kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.

XVII. Law XVII - Corner Kicks (Exception to FIFA)

- A. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.
- B. Corner kicks are indirect free kicks.

GRSA Under-10 Modified Playing Rules

(Rules shall conform to FIFA except for the modifications discussed below)

I. Law I - The Field (Modified from FIFA)

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 eight (8) yard radius
4. Four corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius
5. Goal area - six yards (6) from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal-line
6. Penalty Area - fourteen (14) yards from each goal post and fourteen (14) yards into the field of play, joined by a line parallel with the goal line.
7. Penalty Spot – Eight (8) yards out from the center of the goal line.
8. A coaches boundary area will be marked on each side of the field indicating an area 10 yards from either side of the center line

B. Goals

Maximum: Seven (7) feet high and seven (7) yards wide
Minimum: Four (4) feet high and six (6) feet wide

GRSA will attempt to meet the field and goal size requirements where practical.

II. Law II - The Ball (GRSA 14.2)

III. Law III - Number of Players (Modified from FIFA)

A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is six (7). One of whom may be a goalkeeper.

B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed Twelve (14) for 7v7.

C. Substitutions:

- a. Prior to a throw in, in your favor.
- b. Prior to a goal-kick, by either team.
- c. After a goal, by either team.
- d. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops the play.
- e. At half-time.

D. Playing Time- Each recreational player, when present at a game, shall be required to play the minimum of 50% of the time, unless the player's time has been reduced for medical or disciplinary reasons, in which case the coach must notify the player, and the opposing coach prior to the beginning of the game that the minimum time has been reduced (non-attendance at practice and non-payment of fees may be cause for disciplinary action. Disciplinary action must be first approved by the appropriate age-group commissioner).

- IV. Law IV - Players Equipment (Exception to FIFA)
 - A. A player should wear tennis shoes or soft cleated shoes with no toe cleat.
 - B. During inclement weather protective clothing may be worn with the proper color jersey being the outermost garment. A cap may be worn to protect the head and ears. A knit cap with no tassel on top is recommended.
- V. Law V - Referee (Modified from FIFA)
 - A. Registered Referee
 - B. Associate Referees.
 - C. Parent/Coach or Assistant
 - D. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
 - E. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players.
- VI. Law VI - Assistant Referee (GRSA 14.5)
Use assistant referee.
- VII. Law VII - Duration of Game (GRSA 14.6)
- VIII. Law VIII - Start of Play (Exception to FIFA)**
 - A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards from the center mark while the kick-off is in progress.
- IX. Law IX - Ball In and Out of Play (Conform to FIFA)**
- X. Law X - Method of Scoring (Conform to FIFA)**
- XI. Law XI - Offside (Conform to FIFA)**
- XII. Law XII - Fouls and Misconduct (GRSA 14.12)**
- XIII. Law XIII - Free Kicks (Exception to FIFA)**
 - A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away from the ball before a kick is allowed.
- XIV. Law XIV - Penalty Kicks (Exception to FIFA)**
 - A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away from the ball.
- XV. Law XV - Throw In (Conform to FIFA)**
- XVI. Law XVI - Goal Kicks (Conform to FIFA)**
- XVII. Law XVII - Corner Kicks (Exception to FIFA)**
 - A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away from the ball.

BYLAWS OF GLEN ROSE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

These Bylaws (referred to as the "Bylaws") govern the affairs of the GLEN ROSE SOCCER ASSOCIATION, a nonprofit corporation (referred to as the "Corporation") organized under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act (referred to as the "ACT").

ARTICLE 1 OFFICES

1.1 Principal Office

The principal office of Glen Rose Soccer Association (GRSA) in the State of Texas shall be located in the City of Glen Rose, County of Somervell.

1.2 Registered Office and Registered Agent

GRSA shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Texas a registered office, and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, as required by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. The registered office and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSES

2.1 Statement of Purpose of GRSA

The purpose of this Association is to promote soccer in Glen Rose and surrounding areas; to elevate the standards of integrity, honor, loyalty, courage and courtesy among youth of our community and all other participating in the game of soccer; and to cultivate the spirit of brotherhood and good fellowship.

2.2 GRSA Organization

GRSA is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in accordance with Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code 1954, as amended (herein after referring to as the "Code").

2.3 Powers of GRSA

Solely for the above stated purposes, GRSA is empowered to exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Texas upon non-profit corporations, including, but without limitations thereon, the right and power to receive gifts, devises, bequests and contributions in any form, and use, apply, invest and reinvest the principal and/or income therefrom for the above purposes. It is intended that GRSA shall have the status of a corporation which is exempt from federal income taxation. These Articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of GRSA shall be limited accordingly. GRSA shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such extent as would result in loss of its exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c)3 of the Code, nor shall any activity of GRSA consist of participation in or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office (including the publishing or distributing of statements).

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERS (Class of Members)

- 3.1 The executive members of GRSA shall be the current members of the Board of Directors of GRSA.
- 3.2 Each executive member shall have one vote at the semi-annual meeting to be held at the first regularly scheduled December and June meetings.
- 3.3 Each executive member shall have one vote at regular, special, and emergency meetings.
- 3.4 General Members shall be coaches of amateur teams, coaches of recreational teams, Association referees, and parents or legal guardians as listed on a registering Recreational Player's USYSA form (or alternate form) that is registering with Glen Rose Soccer Association and rostered to a recreational Glen Rose Soccer Association team, and parents of Association Referee if referee is a minor. Residents within GRSA boundaries may request general membership and upon approval by the Board of Directors, be general members.
- 3.5 General Members present at regular and semi-annual meetings shall have one vote on items defined by these bylaws that are to be voted on by General Members.

ARTICLE 4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4.1 General Powers

The affairs of GRSA shall be managed and voted upon by its Board of Directors.

4.2 Number, Tenure, Qualifications and Elections

The number of Directors shall be 8(Two Co Directors = 10). A Director must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age. All members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years by a simple majority of executive and general members. The date or dates and time of the elections shall be set by the Board of Directors. The dates and times of the elections must be publicly displayed online at least 15 days prior to the election date. All members wishing to vote must be present to place a ballot, no proxy ballots are allowed The Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by a simple majority of executive and general members. All members wishing to vote must be present to place a ballot, no proxy ballots are allowed. President, 2nd Vice-President, and Secretary are elected June of even years. First Vice-President, Third Vice President, Treasurer/Co-Treasurer, and Register will be elected in odd years. Any Board of Directors member that desires to seek elevation to another office; must first resign from the office he/she currently holds prior to election.

The officers of the Association shall consist of:

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Third Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Co-Treasurer (One/Two General Board Member/s)
- Secretary
- Register

4.3 Regular Meetings

The Board of Directors may provide by resolution for the time and place for the holding of regular meetings of the association. These meetings will be held the first Monday of the month (Unless Holiday then the following Monday). Place and time be determined by the board. The location, date, and time of the meetings will be publicly displayed online ten (10) days in advance of the meeting. The purpose of the regular meetings is for all the Board of Directors to inform general members on items of interest relating to GRSA. The Board of Directors will also provide regular reports, as necessary, to the general membership at the regular meetings.

4.4 Semi Annual General Meeting

A semi-annual meeting of GRSA shall be held on the first regularly scheduled meeting of June and December in each year. In addition to the purpose stated in 4.3 for Regular Meetings, the purpose of the semi-annual meeting shall be to vote on proposed by-law amendments. Written notice of the meeting shall be publicly displayed online ten (10) days in advance of meeting.

4.5 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by any three (3) Directors. The person or persons authorized to call a special meeting of the Board may fix the time and place for holding any such meeting called.

4.6 Notice

Notice of any change in regularly scheduled meetings or of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least fifteen (15) days before the scheduled meeting date by email, text message or phone call. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such a meeting except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of any regular or special meetings of the Board need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such a meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these bylaws. Any change of meeting time or date shall be posted online 5 days prior to meeting and personal notice is to be given to the board of directors 5 days prior.

4.7 Quorum

Five members of the board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board. Once a quorum is established at a meeting, all actions taking place at that meeting shall be legal regardless of the number present at the time of a vote, provided the meeting had not been previously legally adjourned.

4.8 Manner of Acting

The act of a majority by the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these bylaws.

4.9 GRSA Policies

The Board of Directors will adopt and maintain the necessary policy statements that are needed to govern the regular business of the association. No policy statement may be used to override any part of the adopted playing rules and bylaws of GRSA. Changes to, or adoption of a policy statement may be made at any meeting of the board, called in accordance with these bylaws, by a majority of the directors present at that meeting.

4.10 Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors shall be filled for the remainder of the none-expired term of the vacating Director by appointment by a majority of the remaining Directors no later than sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs.

4.11 Compensation

Directors as such shall not receive any stated salaries for their services as Directors.

4.12 Informal Action by Directors

Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of Directors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing or by email setting forth the action so taken and was signed by all the Directors.

4.13 Emergency Meetings

The Directors may meet with less than the required amount of Notice if the President and at least three (3) other Board members believe that an emergency exists which necessitates such a meeting. Any action taken or resolution passed at such a meeting must be ratified at a duly called Regular or Special meetings within thirty (30) days of such an emergency meeting or the said acts and resolutions shall be void ab initio.

ARTICLE 5 ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.1 Nominating

The Person or Person's nominated must be an Executive or General member of GRSA, in good standing with GRSA and NTSSA. Nominations for the Executive Board shall be submitted to the President in writing (personal delivery, regular mail, or electronic mail) no less than ten (10) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or may be made at the Annual General Meeting from the floor.

5.2 Removal

A Board member not attending three (2) consecutive meetings, including regular meetings, will have his/her office declared vacant unless such absences are excused by the unanimous vote of the remaining Board members. Such a removal does not require a Notice of Meeting to all members of the Board.

Any Director may be removed at any time, with or without cause, upon the vote of Five (9) of the members of the Board. Apart from removal due to non-attendance, no Director shall be removed unless notice of such action has been first given in a Notice of Meeting to all members of the Board. Any vacancy created by such removal shall be filled as set forth in Section 4.10.

ARTICLE 6 OFFICERS' DUTIES

6.1 President

The President of the Association shall preside at all Association meetings. The President, as chief officer, is charged with the overall administrative and executive functions of the Association. He/she shall appoint such committees as he/she deems necessary to carry out such functions with the Board of Directors approval. He/she shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie at Board of Directors meetings. He/she shall oversee an annual audit of the financial records of the Association. He/She shall have the power to enter contracts on behalf of the Association with board approval.

6.2 First Vice-President

The First Vice-President will be the Director of Referees and must hold a current Referee license. The First Vice President must be a licensed "referee assignor" who will be responsible for assigning all GRSA soccer games. NTSSA requires the assignment of the referees be done by a licensed "referee assignor". The First Vice-President shall be responsible for arranging for the training of new referees, overseeing referee and linesman assignment and to periodically evaluate the referees and linesmen in the performance of their duties. Submit a budget report at the beginning of each soccer season to the Executive Board for expected referee fees.

6.3 Second Vice-President

The Second Vice-President will be responsible for the registration of Players, Coaches, and General Members of GRSA. The Second Vice-President will be responsible for the formation and direction of the Appeals and Discipline / Coaches Ethics Committee. The Second Vice-President shall handle all misconduct of coaches, players, parents and spectators. All misconduct against a referee shall be forwarded to North Texas Soccer Association. In the absence of the President, he/she shall assume the duties of the President.

6.4 Third Vice President

The Third Vice President will be responsible for Field Maintenance and Sponsorships. The Third Vice President will be responsible for ensuring the upkeep of all properties and equipment belonging to or under the control of GRSA. This includes equipment on loan to or leased by GRSA. The Third Vice President shall recommend new equipment or field improvements. The purchase and/or improvements must first obtain Board approval. The Third Vice President shall ensure nets and fields are in playing order.

The Third Vice President will be responsible for seeking out monies from individuals or businesses for the purpose of supporting the association. The Third Vice President can create a Sponsor Committee if necessary. The committee will be responsible for keeping complete and accurate records of sponsors, funds received, names and addresses of sponsors, and terms of agreement. The committee is also responsible for making sure all GRSA obligations toward sponsors are met in a timely fashion and is responsible for sending thank you (cards/gifts/plaques) to be voted on and approved by the board of directors and sent/delivered to the sponsors by the Sponsorship committee. spo

6.5 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall collect all the money of the Association and submit a statement of receipts and expenditures and a complete statement of assets and liabilities at the end of each soccer year. The Treasurer will clearly set forth the sources of receipts and purposes of expenditure, including such items as loans, or lease details and the extent to which any receipt or income is derived from nonmembers through ticket sales, facilities furnished, or any income producing activities. He/she shall pay all bills properly passed upon and approved by the Board of Directors. All checks on the Association bank account must be signed by the Treasurer and at least one other Board Member. He/she shall submit a verbal report on finances at all meetings and a written report at the semi-annual meetings. No money shall be withdrawn from the bank account unless it was previously voted by the Board of Directors. He/She will be responsible for the formation and direction of the Finance Committee and other committees as assigned by the Board of Directors.

6.6 Co-Treasurer

Budget Chairperson– Work with Executive Board to create a budget plan for GRSA to operate on yearly. Will include Uniforms, Trophies, Field Equipment, Field Maintenance, Concession Stand and include Referee Budget from First Vice President/Referee Director. Budget items will be voted on and approved by the Executive Board.

Finance Chairperson – Keep track and Categorize spending for GRSA. Help File Reporting Package with North Texas to complete our Taxes every October. Present monthly statement to Executive Board.

6.7 Secretary

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings, attend to all correspondence, and keep records of the GRSA. He/she shall also keep a complete list of each team, team member, GRSA member and referee. He/She will be responsible for the formation and direction of committees as assigned by the Board of Directors.

6.8 Registrar

The Registrar of the Association shall plan and coordinate registration. The President/or Vice-President, Registrar and at least one other association member to be selected by board, will draw players from the pool and form teams. The Registrar shall compile, maintain, and submit all roster and information required to NTSSA. He/she shall provide the coaches of the respective teams, their NTSSA roster. He/she shall keep a complete list of each team and team members, as well as maintaining that all players have birth certificates and photos on file. He/she shall make sure that all coaches and volunteers have completed Risk Management and satisfy those requirements.

ARTICLE 7 COMMITTEES

7.1 Committees

The Board of Directors may designate and appoint one or more committees, each of which shall be under the direction of one or more Directors. Each committee formed will have a charter document approved by the Board of Directors which will detail the committee responsibilities and members' term of office. No such committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors in reference to amending, altering, or repealing the bylaws; electing, appointing, or removing any member of any such committee or any Director; amending the Articles of Incorporation; adopting a plan of merger or adopting a plan of consolidation with another corporation; authorizing the sale, lease, exchange, or mortgage of any or substantially all of the property and assets of GRSA. The designation and appointment of any such committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors, or any individual Director, of any responsibility imposed on it or him by law.

ARTICLE 8 STANDING COMMITTEES

The following standing committees shall be approved by the Board of Directors and shall serve for a one-year term. Additional responsibilities may be assigned to these committees in the committee charter for each committee.

8.1 Appeals and Disciplinary / Coaches Ethics Committee

It shall be composed of the Second Vice-President as chairperson and four (4) representatives of the general membership. The chairperson will make recommendations for the four (4) in large positions. The Chairperson shall call all meetings of the Committee and shall cast his vote last. Three members of this committee (one being the Chairperson) shall constitute a quorum.

This committee shall hear any protests, appeals, and misconduct reports and any other hearing required or permitted under NTSSA Rule 11. The Committee decision shall be final and may be appealed to the GRSA Board of Directors with further appeals to NTSSA. The Committee shall notify in email if an email address is provided or in writing if no email address is listed in GRSA records, the player or coach of any decision.

This committee shall hear any complaint made against a coach under the Ethics Rules of NTSSA and/or GRSA. The hearings held by this committee may be opened or closed at the discretion of the Chairperson. Any decisions made by this committee may appeal to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors will appoint the Chairperson of this committee. The chairperson will select and present to the Board of Directors for approval the members of the committee. The Committee shall be responsible for acquiring bids for trophies and recommending the GRSA "place" and "participation" type trophies to the Board. Upon approval by the Board, the Finance Committee Chairperson shall order "participation" trophies and later, upon notification by the Board, "place" and possibly more "participation" trophies. The Committee will also review the financial status of the Association once per season and make recommendations to the Board regarding fundraisers. Also, the Committee will work with the Commissioners and coaches regarding the need for new GRSA uniforms. As the need arises, the Committee will make recommendations to the Board for the purchase of new GRSA uniforms.

8.2 Booster Club/Concession Committee

The Board of Directors will appoint the Chairperson of this committee. The chairperson will select and present to the board of directors for approval the members of the committee. This committee is responsible for creating and maintaining a master schedule of concession stand workers, and a list of volunteer names and phone numbers. The committee is responsible for maintaining concession stand operations, including but not limited to: cleaning the concession stand, stocking concession stand, keeping inventory of goods and statistics of sales so that the committee may recommend the most profitable inventory purchases to the board. The committee shall keep accurate and thorough records of all concessions operations and give monthly reports and recommendations to the board of directors at the monthly board meetings.

ARTICLE 9 TEAMS AND PLAYERS AND COACHES

9.1 Registration

All teams and players shall be registered with GRSA and NTSSA and shall pay all fees prior to beginning play. A team using an unregistered player, in addition to other penalties, shall forfeit all games in which that player participated.

9.2 Recreational Teams

Recreational teams shall be formed by a Registrar in accordance with GRSA guidelines. The team coaches may be present at the pool draw. Whether or not a team is validly formed within GRSA guidelines shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

9.3 Coaches and Assistant Coaches Background Checks and Complete SafeSport Training

All Coaches and Assistant Coaches must submit to a criminal background check and complete Safesport training. Any prospective coach or assistant coach that is not willing to fill out the NTSSA Criminal Background Check (or alternative supplied by NTSSA) cannot coach or assistant coach any team or team activity.

9.4 Coaches and Assistant Coaches

All Coaches and Assistant Coaches shall be approved or disapproved, with or without cause, on a soccer season basis, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

GRSA Board of Directors can act to remove a coach, if, it is the opinion of the Board, the coach in question is a detriment to the team or the Association. The method of removal will fall to a simple majority Board vote.

ARTICLE 10 CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

10.1 Contracts

The Board of Directors may authorize the President and/or any member of the Board of Directors to enter any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of GRSA. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

10.2 Checks and Drafts

All checks, drafts or order for the payment of money, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of GRSA shall be signed by such person or persons and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the President and Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

10.3 Deposits

All funds of GRSA shall be deposited in a timely manner to the credit of GRSA in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

10.4 Gifts

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of GRSA any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for general purposes or for any special purpose of GRSA.

ARTICLE 11 BOOKS AND RECORDS

11.1 GRSA shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors, and of committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors, and shall keep at the registered or principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members of the Board of Directors. All books and records of GRSA may be inspected by any member of the Board of Directors for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

ARTICLE 12 FISCAL YEAR

12.1 The fiscal year of GRSA shall begin on the first day of September and end on the last day in August each year.

ARTICLE 13 WAIVER OF NOTICE

13.1 Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act or under the provisions of the Article of Incorporation or the bylaws of the Corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time state herein, shall be deemed equivalent to giving of such notice.

ARTICLE 14 AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

- 14.1** These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative majority of the members present at the Semi-Annual General Meeting, or at a specially called general meeting. At least ten (10) days written, emailed or online notice must be given of an intention to alter, amend, or repeal these bylaws or to adopt new bylaws at such a meeting.

ARTICLE 15 INDEMNIFICATION

15.1 Authorization

In the event that any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding (whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative) seek indemnification from GRSA against expenses (including attorney fees), and in the case of actions other than those by or in the name of GRSA, judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement, incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was a Director, employee, or agent of GRSA, then unless such indemnification is ordered by a court, GRSA shall determine or cause to be determined (in the manner provided by Texas law) whether or not indemnification is proper in the circumstances because the person claiming such indemnification has met the applicable standard of conduct under Texas law and, to the extent that it is so determined that such indemnification is proper, the person claiming such indemnification shall be indemnified.

15.2 Expenses

Expenses, including attorney fees, incurred in defending any action, suit, or proceeding referred to in Section 16.1 of this Article may be paid by GRSA as authorized by the Board of Directors.

15.3 Indemnification Not Exclusive

The indemnification provided by Section 16.1 of this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under the law or any agreement, vote of Directors or otherwise, both as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to person who has ceased to be a Director, employee, or agent.

ARTICLE 16 PROCEDURE

- 16.1** The rules of parliamentary procedure governing GRSA shall be those of Robert's Rules of Order as most currently revised.