

# Change History

Date	Affected Sections	Description of Changes
1-May-2008	ALL	This revision represents a major updating of the rules and regulations to consolidate all playing rules and play-related board policies. The Constitution and Bylaws were not revised, but were compiled from various outdated versions into the most current and correct as judged by the collective experience of the ASA Executive Board.
29-May-2008	Constitution, Bylaws, Rules & Regulations	<p><b>Annual Meeting Changes:</b></p> <p><b>Constitution:</b> Modified Article V – Officers table by adding Canyon Representative.</p> <p><b>Bylaws:</b> Added Article I, Section XIII, Canyon Representative, to the Bylaws. Added Article II, Section VII, regarding prohibitions against Executive Board members profiting from their positions.</p> <p><b>Rules &amp; Regulations:</b> Deleted former Appendix B, Misconduct Rules, by referring specifically to NTSSA Misconduct Rules in Section 7.0.</p>

## **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS**

The Executive Officers, whose duties shall be to transact the business of this Association, shall consist of:

<b>Executive Officer</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>
President	Elected annually
1st Vice President	Elected in odd number years
2nd Vice President	Elected in even number years
3rd Vice President	Elected in odd number years
4th Vice President	Elected in even number years
5th Vice President	Elected in even number years
6th Vice President	Elected in odd number years
Competitive Representative	Elected annually
Over 19 Representative	Elected annually at the November General Meeting
Treasurer	Elected in even number years
Secretary	Elected in odd number years
Chairman of Cups and Games	Elected in odd number Years
<b>Canyon Representative</b>	<b>Elected annually</b>

These Executive Officers shall constitute the Executive Board. Elections shall be held at the Annual Meeting with the designated officers being elected each year. These Officers may succeed themselves in office. No Officer of the Amarillo Soccer Officials Association may serve concurrently on the Amarillo Soccer Association Board.

## **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

### **Section 1**

The Association shall meet at times and places as designated by the Association President. The order of business for such meetings shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting
3. Unfinished business
4. Report of Officers and Committees
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

**Section VII – Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall control all the collections of monies and maintain the financial records of this Association. The Treasurer shall submit a Financial Statement, in writing, at the Annual Meeting of the Association. The Treasurer shall serve as Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.

**Section VIII – Fifth Vice-President**

The Fifth Vice-President will assist the Third Vice-President with the following Committees, Scheduling, Coaches, Registrar, and any future Committees representing player affairs.

**Section IX – Over 19 Representative**

The Over 19 Representative shall be the direct liaison between the ASA Executive Board and the Over 19 Division. The Representative shall assist the Third and Fifth Vice-Presidents with the formation of the league teams and any league affairs, including a liaison to any appeal to any Appeals and Disciplinary Hearing on an Over 19 Division matter.

**Section X – Chairman of Cups and Games**

The Chairman of Cups and Games shall be Chair of the Cups and Games Committee and the Constitution and Rules Study Committee and shall report the activities of this Committee at each regular monthly meeting of this Association. The Chairman of Cups and Games will serve on all tournaments voted by the Board to be sponsored by the Association during each playing year.

**Section XI – Competitive Representative**

The Competitive Representative shall be a direct liaison between the ASA Executive Board and the Competitive Teams. The Representative shall assist any other board members with any league or team affairs that effect ASA, including a liaison to any appeal to any Appeals and Disciplinary Hearing on a Competitive Team Matter.

**Section XII – 6th Vice President**

The Sixth Vice-Presidents shall coordinate all coaching clinics for coaches of the Association.

**Section XIII – Canyon Representative**

The Canyon Representative shall be a direct liaison between the ASA Executive Board and Canyon soccer players. This Executive Board position shall represent ASA in matters regarding soccer in Canyon, Texas as well as facilitate the growth and development of NTSSA/USYSA sanctioned soccer in Canyon, Texas to the benefit of all soccer participants. The Canyon Representative shall assist the 3rd Vice President with all issues regarding Canyon players and/or teams.

**ARTICLE II – EXECUTIVE BOARD****Section I**

The Executive Board shall transact all business of the Association and shall have the power to enforce the Laws of the Game, Rules of the United States Soccer Federation and its respective division, the Rules of the North Texas State Soccer Association, and Constitution and By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations of this Association. It shall also hear appeals of decisions of the Amarillo Soccer Association Appeals and Disciplinary Committee. Its meetings may be held at the discretion of the President at a time and place appointed by him.

## **Section II**

The President and any two (2) voting members of the Executive Board shall constitute an emergency Executive Board on matters demanding immediate attention where it is impractical or impossible to call an emergency Executive Board meeting and shall report their actions to all Executive Board members.

## **Section III**

Any member of the Executive Board shall be required to resign following a vote of no confidence in his/her ability to remain in office. The vote of no confidence must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the ballots returned from a mailing to all voting members which will be counted by tellers, a minimum of two, appointed by the President with approval by both opposing sides, to be completed within one month.

## **Section IV**

When a member of the Executive Board has a personal involvement in a grievance, he may not act in its behalf nor be entitled to vote on the grievance.

## **Section V**

An Executive Board member not active for three (3) consecutive months will have his/her office declared vacant. His office shall then be filled in accordance with Article II, Section VI of these By-Laws.

## **Section VI**

Vacancies on the Executive Board, except the office of President, which is heretofore provided for in Article I, Section VII, of these By-Laws, shall be filled by a special election called by the President within sixty (60) days after said vacancy occurred. The person so chosen in the special election shall serve in such capacity until the next Annual Meeting at which the office is scheduled for election.

## **Section VII**

A currently serving Executive Board member is prohibited from profiting from his or her elected position.

## **ARTICLE III – QUORUM**

Any (unspecified) voting members shall constitute a quorum at Association meetings and a majority of votes represented shall decide all questions to include those involving Amendments to the Constitution or as otherwise specified herein.

## **ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES**

### **Section I – Executive Committees**

#### **1. Appeals and Disciplinary Committee**

It shall be composed of the First Vice-President or his Appointee as Chairman and four (4) member appointees. The Chairman shall call all meetings of the Committee and shall cast his vote last. Two (2) members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. Should it be impossible for a quorum to be had in order for the Committee to make a ruling within the period of time set by the Rules and Regulations of these By-Laws, then the Chairman or any other member, if the Chairman is unavailable, shall appoint any impartial person(s) to serve temporarily on the Committee. In such event, the President shall approve the interim appointments. The Chairman shall notify the Secretary of this Association immediately, in writing, of the rulings of this Committee. Procedure for filing appeals with the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee shall be as follows:

unless the tournament has specified a "Soccer Academy" bracket. In that event, players must declare which Soccer Academy team they will play with in the tournament and may only play for one team in a tournament. Soccer Academy teams may travel out of state as a team to play in tournaments but Academy teams may only participate in tournaments that either have an Academy bracket or have a competitive bracket that allows Academy teams to participate.

- 6.13. Soccer Academy rosters may change from week to week to accommodate players desiring to change Soccer Academies, or to accommodate players who want to play on one team one week and another team the next week.
- 6.14. The purposes of the Soccer Academies are to:
  - A. Provide recreational players who have aspirations of becoming a more accomplished player an avenue to test and enhance his or her skills.
  - B. Provide recreational players an opportunity to train with experienced coaches.
  - C. Provide recreational players an opportunity to investigate the level of play with which they are comfortable, which players they would like to play with, and for which coaches they would like to play.
- 6.15. Recruiting is not allowed on Soccer Academy teams. Soccer Academies are to be used for training, not recruiting.
- 6.16. For the purpose of this rule, all players participating in a Soccer Academy must be registered with an Amarillo Soccer Association recreational team, if one is available in their age group, and participate in at least 50% of that team's games and practices in each season. In the event of a conflict, the player, coach, and parent must consider the ASA recreational team to be their primary team and the Soccer Academy as a secondary commitment. Players who fail to comply with this rule may have their eligibility to participate in the soccer academy revoked.
- 6.17. Failure to comply with this rule 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.
- 6.18. If the complaint is intra-association, then the complaint will follow the Amarillo Soccer Association rules regarding misconduct.
- 6.19. All academy sessions are to be held on Mondays.

## 7. MISCONDUCT

ALL ASA MEMBERS ARE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SEEING THAT NTSSA MISCONDUCT RULES AND THE ASA CODE OF CONDUCT ARE DISTRIBUTED TO EVERY PLAYER, REGARDLESS OF AGE, EVERY COACH, ADMINISTRATOR, AND REFEREE. IT IS INTENDED THAT EVERY COACH WILL MAKE KNOWN THESE CONTENTS TO HIS/HER PLAYERS, PARENTS AND SPECTATORS. ALL MEMBERS OR PARTICIPANTS IN SOCCER WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE AMARILLO SOCCER ASSOCIATION HAVE REQUESTED TO PARTICIPATE AND HAVE AGREED TO ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND CODE OF CONDUCT (APPENDIX A) OF THE AMARILLO SOCCER ASSOCIATION.

### **ASA ENFORCES THE MISCONDUCT RULES (SECTION 3.11) OF THE NORTH TEXAS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION, JANUARY 2008 (OR CURRENT VERSION).**

- 7.1. Punishment of Teams: The Amarillo Soccer Association will not hesitate to deny teams within its jurisdiction the privilege of further participation in activities within its jurisdiction for repeated offenses considered to