GREATER LEWISVILLE AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Rules and Bylaws

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CHAPTER 1 – ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
GREATER LEWISVILLE AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of eighteen (18) years or more, at least two (2) of whom are citizens of the State of Texas, acting as incorporates of a corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

1.1 Name

The name of the corporation is GREATER LEWISVILLE AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.

1.2 Non-Profit Corporation

The corporation is a nonprofit corporation.

1.3 Duration

The period of its duration is perpetual.

1.4 Purpose

The purposes for which the corporation (hereinafter called "Association") is organized are:

1 This organization is incorporated for the purpose of receiving and maintaining a fund or funds of real or personal property, or both, and subject to the restrictions and limitations hereafter set forth. To use and apply the whole or any part of the income there from and the principal thereof exclusively for the educational purposes above, either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

2 The purpose of the corporation is to foster and advance the sport of soccer in the general Lewisville area. To promote sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty and courage through organized athletic competition and to educate participants in the rules of sportsmanship and soccer through and according to the North Texas State Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation.

3 No part of any net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any Director of the corporation, officer of the corporation, or any private individual except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes. No Director or officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

4 The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

5 The corporation shall not engage in any act of self dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

6 The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

7 The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

8 The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

9 Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization to which contributions are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

1.5 Initial Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the corporation is _____, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is _____.

1.6 Board of Directors

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is 13, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are: (An updated list of Commissioners will be handed out at the beginning of each fall and spring soccer season

1.7 Incorporates

The name and street address of each incorporate is:

_____

_____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands, this 1st day of November 1979.

CHAPTER 2 – CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
GREATER LEWISVILLE AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.

2.1 Constitution

2.1.1 **Name of Organization**

The name of this Organization shall be Greater Lewisville Area Soccer Association, Inc. and it will be known as "GLASA" for all purposes hereinafter set forth.

2.1.2 **Stated Purpose**

The purpose shall be to foster and advance the cause of youth soccer within the territory under the jurisdiction of GLASA and to guard the interests of its members. The program shall promote the idea of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty and courage through organized, athletic competition.

2.2.3 **Corporate Headquarters**

The headquarters of GLASA shall be located in the City of Lewisville, or Flower Mound,Texas.

2.1.4

Jurisdiction Boundary Line

GLASA shall represent all members falling within the boundary lines of the Lewisville Independent School District (LISD), except those persons living within LISD east of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. GLASA may accept voluntary membership applications from outside this area.

2.1.5

Membership

GLASA shall be comprised of players, parents and/or legal guardians, coaches and any person who has an interest in, and sympathy with, the purposes of GLASA and their adherence to its Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

2.1.6

Board of Directors

The business and affairs of the GLASA shall be managed by its Board of Directors. Each Director will be entitled to one (1) vote and only one (1) vote regardless of the number of positions held. The Board shall transact and direct all business of the Association and shall have the power to enforce the Laws of the Games, the rules of North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA), the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and its respective divisions, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of the Association. The City of Lewisville requires the governing boards of all youth sports organizations to be 20% Lewisville Residents.

2.1.6.1

Board of Directors Terms and Qualifications

The GLASA Board of Directors is listed below and shall be elected for a term of two (2) years with the immediate Past President being ratified each year. The Board Member terms of office shall be staggered as provided below. With the exception of the Director of Referees, who is elected in even years by referees that work in GLASA, the election at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall occur for those Board Members available for election in the year listed below

opposite the Board Member. Board Members must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

Odd and even years are determined by the year in which the Fall Season began. For example: if the Fall Season began in 1999, the elections in May of 2000 are for those positions whose terms expire odd Years.

Position	**Elected**
President	Even Years
Vice President	Odd Years
General Manager	Even Years
Treasurer	Odd Years
Director of Referees	Even Years
Secretary	Odd Years
Boys Director	Odd Years
Girls Director	Even Years
U5 Boys Commissioner	Odd Years
U5 Girls Commissioner	Even Years
U6 Boys Commissioner	Even Years
U6 Girls Commissioner	Odd Years
U7 Boys Commissioner	Odd Years
U7 Girls Commissioner	Even Years
U8 Boys Commissioner	Even Years
U8 Girls Commissioner	Odd Years
U9 Boys Commissioner	Odd Years
U9 Girls Commissioner	Even Years
U10 Boys Commissioner	Even Years
U10 Girls Commissioner	Odd Years
U12 Boys Commissioner	Odd Years
U12 Girls Commissioner	Even Years
U14 Boys Commissioner	Even Years
U14 Girls Commissioner	Odd Years
U16-19 Boys Commissioner	Odd Years
U16-19 Girls Commissioner	Even Years
Adult Commissioner	Even Years

2.1.6.2 Officers

The officers of GLASA shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Referees and General Manager. The officers of GLASA together with the immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee along with the Boys League Director, Girls League Director and all commissioners shall constitute the Board of Directors.

The officers may succeed themselves once in the same office. However, in the event there are no new candidates, he or she may hold office for another term. Elections shall be held during the Spring annual General Meeting. Officers shall be eligible for re-election after one (1) year's absence from that office. Newly elected officers shall assume office on July 1st, and must have served on the Board of Directors for one (1) full term (2 years) prior to being elected.

The Executive Committee will be responsible for maintaining the ongoing business aspects of the Association. The Board of Directors will be responsible for upholding the League Rules and Laws of the Game.

2.1.7 Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees is established. This Board is composed of all Past Presidents. In the event the officers of GLASA fail in their responsibilities and obligations to GLASA and its membership, management of GLASA may be assumed by the Trustees. A meeting of the voting membership shall be called within thirty (30) days to conduct elections of new officers.

2.1.8 State and National Affiliation

GLASA shall be affiliated with and a member of the North Texas State Soccer Association and through it, affiliated with and a member of the United States Soccer Federation and will abide by the Rules and Regulations as set forth by those parent organizations.

In the interest of promoting Soccer, GLASA will work closely with the Olympic Soccer Football Committee and the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation and aid groups involved in soccer.

2.1.9 Bylaw Amendments

The Bylaws and Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of GLASA by a majority vote of the voting membership present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment(s) be given to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Any proposed amendment must be submitted to GLASA in writing.

The rules of Soccer should not be altered, unless approved and not contrary to this Constitution, with exception: to the betterment and protection of the

beginners, and younger boys and girls. Whenever the rules are altered or changed, it should be clearly explained to whomever it may concern.

2.1.10 Voting Membership

The voting membership of GLASA shall be comprised of the Board of Directors and the head coach of each team. In cases when the head coach cannot attend a meeting, he/she may appoint an assistant coach or responsible parent who is a member of the subject team as a representative.

Board members not able to attend may not appoint a representative to vote in his/her absence, but may vote by absentee ballot.

The Secretary of GLASA must receive absentee ballots and names of head coaches' representatives in writing, prior to the start of the meeting, to be eligible.

2.1.11 Voting Membership Quorum

Any twenty (20) voting members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at a general or special meeting and a majority of votes represented shall decide all questions.

2.2 Officers and Their Duties

2.2.1 Officers Duties

The Officers of GLASA and their duties:

2.2.1.1 President

The President of the Association is charged with the overall administration and executive functions of the Association and shall preside at all Annual General Membership Meetings and all Special General Membership Meetings of the Association and all meetings of the Board. The President shall initialize the appointment of all committees.

The President should preside over all meetings and call the meeting to order.

The President may co-sign checks for payment along with the Treasurer and Vice President.

The President shall have the power to call a meeting at any time, whenever necessary and shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie, or may waive the right to do so.

The President shall coordinate an audit of the treasury every year, after the spring season.

The President, along with the Vice President, shall represent GLASA and report the proceedings of the North Texas State Soccer Association to the membership.

The President may sign rosters and or guest player release forms in the event a Registrar is unavailable.

2.2.1.2 Vice President

The Vice President shall represent GLASA and report the proceedings of the North Texas State Soccer Association to the Membership.

The Vice President shall succeed to the powers of the President's office in the absence of the President. In the event the President's office is vacated for any reason, the Vice President shall assume the President's duties until an interim President can be elected at the next membership meeting.

The Vice president may co-sign checks for payment along with the treasurer and president.

The Vice President shall be responsible for overall program development for coaches.

2.2.1.3 General Manager

The General Manager shall be responsible for overall services, including tournaments, awards, civic activities, equipment, facilities, publicity and the like.

The General Manager shall also have the responsibility for up keep of all GLASA playing fields, facilities and weather line.

The General Manager may appoint and or solicit help from any member on fulfilling his duties as needed.

2.2.1.4 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall supervise and have the responsibility for the financial operations of GLASA.

The Treasurer shall prepare and submit a financial statement to the Executive Committee prior to the beginning of each season to cover the prior Season.

Prior to the beginning of each Season, the Treasurer shall be chairman of the Budget Committee and shall be responsible for the preparation of and submission of, a budget to the voting membership for approval.

All checks drawn on the bank accounts of GLASA must be co-signed by either the President or Vice President of GLASA. No monies may be drawn from any account unless allocated by the Executive Committee.

2.2.1.5 Director of Referees

The Director of Referees shall be a member of the GLASA Executive Committee.

The Director of Referees shall be a registered USSF Referee and shall be the chairperson over the Referee Committee and will report the activities of referees working in GLASA at each regular monthly meeting of this Association.

The Director of Referees duties will include keeping records on all registered referees working in GLASA and shall act as the liaison between the Referee Committee and GLASA.

2.2.1.6 Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for having a record of all minutes of all Executive Committees meetings, and all regular meetings in accordance with the Bylaws.

The Secretary shall have available at all meetings, copies of the minutes of previous meetings.

Approved minutes shall be filed in GLASA files.

The Secretary shall handle all written communication for the Association.

2.2.2 Other Positions

2.2.2.1 Referee Assignor

There will be paid referee assignors that will report directly to the Director of Referees on the GLASA Executive Committee.

Referee assignors will use a list of qualified referees and associate referees provided by the Referee Committee to schedule games.

Assignors must maintain a detailed record of hours worked by referees to be turned over to the treasurer in a timely manner for payment to said referees.

2.2.2.2 Referee Training and Assessment Coordinator

This person will be responsible for setting up clinics so that those interested persons may become a licensed assistant referee or a licensed referee. This will also include continuing education of existing referees.

This person will also be responsible for coordinating regular assessments of the referees within GLASA.

2.2.2.3 Association Director

The Association Director shall be the chief administrative staff person of the Association and, subject to the supervision of the board, shall report directly to the President and shall perform such duties as may be relevant to the office or specifically delegated by the board.

The Director shall be selected by and serve at the pleasure of the board. This is a paid position. The Director shall be an at-will employee of the Association and

may be terminated at any time by the board in its sole discretion. The Association Director will have no voting rights.

The Association Director shall also act as registrar of the Association and shall be responsible for the registration and eligibility of all players and teams within the jurisdiction of the Association and the board may appoint as many assistant registrars to assist the Association Director in registrar duties as the board deems appropriate.

2.2.2.4 Registrar

The Association Director shall serve as the registrar.

The registrar shall collect all new player registrations and distribute them to the appropriate age group before the player pool. All other players received after the player pool will go on a waiting list for placement as needed by the age group commissioner along with the A&D Committee approval.

The Registrar must register all new and returning teams.

2.2.2.5 Boys League Director

The Boys League Director shall be responsible for the conduct of the boys' leagues and for any coeducational leagues in the division and will report to the Vice President.

The Boys League Director shall serve as chairperson of the boys' leagues and shall be the liaison between the boys' commissioners and the Executive Committee.

The Boys League Director shall be responsible for coordinating the requirements for the boys' leagues and shall ensure adherence to all standards and policies.

2.2.2.6 Girls League Director

The Girls League Director shall be responsible for the conduct of the girls' leagues and will report to the Vice President.

The Girls League Director shall serve as chairperson of the girls' leagues and shall be the liaison between the girls' commissioners and the Executive Committee.

The Girls League Director shall be responsible for coordinating the requirements for the girls' leagues and shall ensure adherence to all standards and policies.

2.2.2.7 League Commissioners

The voting membership shall elect a commissioner for each division for each respective boys and girls age grouping.

Commissioners shall not be coach or parent within their respective division without the approval of the Executive Committee.

The commissioner shall keep a complete list of teams, including the coach and the parent representative from each team within their respective league for the Association Director.

They will recruit coaches and forward coaches' applications to the Association Director.

League Commissioners will report to the Boys and Girls Directors and will serve as the liaison between teams and the league directors. Copies of rules and all schedules will be kept current and passed on to the coaches.

Co-commissioners may be appointed by the Commissioner, but shall not have the Commissioner's voting authority.

2.2.2.8 Coach and Player Development

This person shall report directly to the Vice President and be appointed by the Executive Committee. This person will be responsible for setting up coaching clinics by coordinating with the state and the Association to determine which classes is needed.

This will also include continuing education of existing coaches and working with the Secretary and Association Director to keep an updated list of each coach and the license(s) they have obtained.

This person will also be responsible for coordinating events with the players in the Association. .

2.2.2.9 Tournament Director

This person will be responsible for coordinating and overseeing all tournaments sponsored by GLASA.

2.2.2.10 Scheduler

The scheduler is subject to the supervision of the board and shall report directly to the President.

The scheduler is in charge of scheduling all age group league play, with the assistance of each age group commissioner.

The scheduler shall be selected by and serve at the pleasure of the board.

The scheduler is a paid position. The scheduler shall be an at-will employee of the Association and may be terminated at any time by the board in its sole discretion.

The scheduler will have no voting rights.

2.2.3 Standing Committees

The Executive Committee shall appoint other committees and/or positions, which may include:

2.2.3.1 Election Committee

The Election Committee shall handle all matters pertaining to nominations and the annual election.

2.2.3.2 Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee shall be composed of the chairperson, appointed by the GLASA President, and four (4) members. This committee shall handle all matters regarding the ethics of all GLASA participants.

2.2.3.3 Risk Management Committee

The Risk Management Committee shall function according to the guidelines established by North Texas State Soccer Association. The chairperson shall be the Association Director, who reports to the President. A prerequisite for risk management is formal training by the NTSSA Volunteer Center.

2.2.3.4 Rulebook Committee

The Rulebook Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President of the Association.

The committee shall consist of Vice President and three members who have been approved by a Board of Directors vote.

The Rulebook Committee will update GLASA Administrative Rulebook on an annual basis to be provided at the beginning of each soccer year.

2.2.3.5 Equipment Committee

The Equipment Committee shall be chaired by the General Manager. This committee will evaluate and determine the equipment needs of the Association.

2.2.3.6 Appeals and Discipline Committee

The Appeals and Discipline Committee (A&D) shall enforce the Rules of North Texas State Soccer. The A&D Committee shall also rule on matters pertaining to teams and player assignments, team disbandment or mergers and suspected unfair practices in tryouts and player cuts and initiate hearings if deemed necessary.

2.2.3.7 Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee shall promote and publicize GLASA.

2.2.3.8 Referee Committee

The Director of Referees shall chair the Referee Committee.

Members of the Referee Committee shall be certified United States Soccer Federation referees in good standing, or current GLASA appointed assignors.

The Referee Committee shall be responsible for all registration and training of referees within the Association.

The Referee Committee, working with the Referee Assignors, shall develop a list of qualified Referees and the appropriate age group that each referee should be officiating. The list of qualified referees shall be submitted to the Executive Committee. This list shall include the recommended position, age and competitive level that each referee is capable of officiating. This list should be submitted twice annually on or before February 1 and August 1.

The Referee Committee shall appoint a Training and Assessment Coordinator who will be responsible for setting up referee trainings and assessments.

Referees are independent contractors and required to submit a completed IRS W-9 form prior to their first assignment. GLASA shall pay referees based upon an itemized statement of charges. The Treasurer shall be responsible for making such payments.

2.2.3.9 Planning and Finance Committee

The Planning and Finance Committee shall prepare an annual budget and submit it to the Executive Committee for approval. The Planning and Finance Committee shall direct all ways and means projects.

2.2.3.10 Scholarship

A yearly Scholarship Fund shall be established. The Executive Committee shall determine the total scholarship fund amount. The Scholarship Committee shall determine the number and amount of scholarships to be awarded to graduating seniors.

2.3 Rule Enforcement

The Board of Directors shall have the power to enforce the Laws of the Game, the Rules of the United States Soccer Federation, the North Texas State Soccer Association and Constitution and Bylaws of GLASA. It shall have the power to settle all disputes, appeals or protests subject to rehearing by GLASA. Its meetings may be held at the discretion of the President, at the time and place appointed by the President.

The Board of Directors shall have the final decision regarding rules governing the divisions, competitions, tournaments and special competitions within its' own structure.

2.4 Vacant Office Declaration

Any Board Member not attending three consecutive or five meetings within a 12-month period, may have his/her office declared vacant at the discretion of the President. Or, any Board Member, who does not adhere strictly to the rules set

forth in the Constitution and Bylaws, shall be removed from office. The President shall then appoint a new member to fill the vacancy, until new elections are held.

2.5 Board of Director Quorum

A majority of the voting power shall constitute a quorum at Board of Director meetings and a majority of votes represented shall decide all questions.

2.6 Division Age Brackets

Age brackets for juvenile division play shall be:

- Under 5
- Under 6
- Under 7
- Under 8
- Under 9
- Under 10
- Under 12
- Under 14
- Under 16
- Under 19

2.7 Registration Requirements

Players must register prior to each season. Unregistered players shall not be permitted to play. The Executive Committee will establish a registration fee at the time of registration.

Players may only be registered with one team at any given time. In order to change teams during the soccer year, a player must:

a) Get a written release from the Team with which they were last registered. (See League Rules)
b) Sign a new registration with the new team. The NTSSA rules for registration of players will apply.

Except where prohibited by USSF Law, players who participate in older divisions may return to younger division play, provided that they do not violate age requirements of that division.

2.8 Soccer Year

The soccer year commences September 1st and ends August 31st. Recommended playing seasons shall be divided as follows:

- September 1 to December 15 Fall Season
- February 1 to May 30 Spring Season

Ages for play will be established as of the players age on July 31, according to USSF and NTSSA rules.

2.9 Automatic Suspension for Failure to Depart Field

Any player who does not depart the playing field within 60 seconds after having been required to do so by the Referee shall be suspended for two (2) games.

More severe penalties may be imposed by the A&D Committee. Suspensions shall carry over to the next season when sufficient play during the current season is not possible. In such cases, the State Association shall be notified of the name of the suspended Player and the length of suspension remaining. The State Association shall make this information available to all concerned Associations.

2.10 Unregistered League Play

Junior and Senior Players who participate in unregistered League Play (other than friendly games or Indoor League) shall be required to request to be re-instated to registered play before registering with any Team. Such requests shall be in writing (an approved form may be used) and directed to the attention of the NTSSA who shall rule on reinstatement. All previous registrations become null and void once a Player participates in unregistered play.

2.11 Friendly Games

Friendly games shall be defined as games which:

1) Are not associated with any other games either played or to be played and thus do not lead to any Championship
2) Do not lead to any trophy or other award
3) Do not require a fee to be paid by any player or sponsor
4) Are organized in a spontaneous fashion

3.1 Registered Players

Only registered players shall be permitted to play in competitions under the auspices of the Greater Lewisville Area Soccer Association (GLASA). A coach, assistant coach or administrator found to have knowingly allowed the use of an unregistered player(s) shall 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.

3.1.1 Photo Identification Cards

No under 14 and above GLASA player may be on a roster without a valid GLASA photo identification card. All players are required to have a picture permanently laminated to the identification card, and the card must be signed by the association's registrar. The checking of player passes is subject to the rules of the league the team is playing in. However, wherever checking of player passes is not mandatory, GLASA's policy is the referees will NOT check passes unless requested to by the coach, the age group commissioner, A&D Chair or league official so long as the request is made 10 minutes prior to the scheduled kickoff. When requested, the referee or assistant referee must verify player cards to player and the team's official playing roster provided by the coach and signed by the association registrar.

It is the home playing association's responsibility and not the referees to insure all teams and players have fulfilled all North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA) requirements. Playing associations are strongly reminded that referees do not have the authority to permit players or teams to play without the proper association outdoor photo identification card or roster, regardless of the reason.

3.2 Unregistered / Unsanctioned Play

Players or teams who participate with unregistered players or engage in unsanctioned play shall have no benefits of membership, including but not limited to risk management, disciplinary or insurance protection, while playing with unregistered players or in unsanctioned play. Such players and teams must certify in writing to the appropriate NTSSA Youth or Amateur Commissioner the nature of any disciplinary actions or injuries sustained while playing unsanctioned play before resuming play in sanctioned activities.

3.2.1 Unsanctioned Play Definition

Unsanctioned play shall include, but not be limited to playing with other members of a player's NTSSA team in outdoor/indoor leagues, tournaments, and games not sanctioned by NTSSA or another United States Soccer Federation (USSF) affiliate. This shall not be construed to prevent any individual player from participating with school or church teams or neighborhood unsupervised games.

3.2.2 Unsanctioned Play Approval

Application by the team or player to the appropriate commissioner to engage in a games or games may be approved under certain conditions that may be determined to be the best interest and enhancement of the game.

3.3 Friendly Games

Friendly games shall be defined as games which:

1) Are not associated with any other games either played or to be played and thus do not lead to any championship
2) Do not lead to any trophy or other award
3) Do not require a fee to be paid by any player of sponsor, and
4) Are organized in a spontaneous fashion

3.4 Suspensions

GLASA shall honor any and all orders of suspensions of players, coaches and referees issued by NTSSA or its affiliates. A team that has used individuals under suspension shall automatically forfeit all games in which the individuals have participated.

NTSSA RULE: Member Associations which use individuals (coaches or referees) under suspension shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) or to be declared not in good standing with NTSSA.

3.5 Referees

In compliance with USSF Rule 1203, all referees serving GLASA shall be registered with the USSF and NTSSA in accordance with current rules and regulations of the USSF National Referee Committee and the State Referee Committee.

3.5.1 Unregistered Referee Usage

The use of unregistered referees is approved only in emergency situations; then, the captain or coaches of two competing teams may decide on someone agreeable to both of them to officiate. In these circumstances, the decisions of that person serving as an emergency referee are just as binding as if he were a registered referee.

3.6 Playing Age

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.

Failure to comply with this rule may 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 year.

3.6.1 **Risk Management**

Every person over the age of 17, who at any time could be expected in the performance of their duties to be alone with any registered youth player, must have on file with NTSSA a completed NTSSA Application and Consent for Criminal Background Check (NTSSA Adult Applicant).

3.6.2 **Risk Management Procedures**

Member associations and affiliates will be provided blank NTSSA Adult Application forms. Member associations and affiliates will appoint/elect a Risk Management Coordinator to insure that forms are distributed to all identified adults who have not previously submitted the NTSSA Adult Application form to NTSSA no later than October 15 of the fall season and April 15 of the spring season for outdoor play and three weeks after the start of each session of indoor play.

3.7 Guaranteed Number of Games

GLASA will do our best to schedule eight (8) games each season during the soccer year.

3.8 Foul Weather Procedure

3.8.1 **Authority**

The referee or league official has the authority to postpone a game because of weather conditions. The decision will be based on the conditions of the playing field, player safety and well being.

3.8.2 **Team Availability**

Teams must report to the playing field ready to play unless previously, officially notified. (See rule 3.).

3.8.3 **Notification**

The Referee Association will notify the respective League Commissioner of all games postponed or suspended by referees. Notifications of postponement must be made to the respective commissioner within twelve hours.

3.8.4 **Complete Game**

If a game is suspended because of foul weather before the second half has started, that game shall be replayed. If suspended after the second half of play has commenced that game will be considered a full game.

3.9 Rescheduling Games

3.9.1 **Reasons**

Games will be rescheduled for reasons mentioned in rule 3.8.

3.9.2 Process

If circumstances necessitate the rescheduling of a game, the General Manager or Scheduler will reschedule that game with the assistant of the League Commissioners. It will be the duty of the coach to notify the League Commissioner if there is a conflict with the rescheduled game.

3.10 Game Forfeitures

Teams must report to the playing field ready to play unless previously, officially notified of a re-schedule. If a team cannot field the minimum number of players required within ten minutes of the start time, the game shall be declared a forfeit. If both cannot field the minimum number of players within the ten minute grace period, a double forfeiture will be declared. Forfeiture is equivalent to a loss.

3.11 Youth Contracts and Releases

3.11.1 Practice/Training

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 current NTSSA roster or is not considered to be a free agent by current NTSSA Rules and Regulations.

A free agent is a player in the U12 U14, U16 and U19 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.

3.11.2 Soccer Clinics and Camps

GLASA registered players may attend soccer camps, clinics, academies, 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 camp meets the following criteria:

1. The clinic, camp, academy, etc. must be available to all interested persons through an open invitation.
2. Each individual, team, club and/or organization hosting any soccer clinic, camp, academy, etc. must require written registration of each participant that includes the following information:
    a. Player's name
    b. Name, address and phone number of individuals, teams, clubs and/or organizations affiliated with and/or hosting the clinic
    c. Names of coaches at the clinic
    d. Names and dates of the clinic
    e. Name of the player's current team and home association
    f. A statement signed by the player's current coach/manager stating that he or she is aware that the player is attending the camp, clinic, academy, etc.

g. The following disclaimer: The recruiting of players for the benefit of any individual, team, club, and/or organization is strictly prohibited. Any person having knowledge of any player recruitment at or through this soccer clinic, camp, academy, etc. should report it, in writing to the Youth Commissioner of NTSSA. The NTSSA Youth Commissioner shall deal with the alleged violations in accordance with NTSSA Rule 3.10.2
    - ❖ Recruiting is any action or statement, made by anyone, either verbally or in writing that encourages or entices a player to register with a particular coach, team, club and/or organization.

h. Parent signature acknowledging that he/she has read and understands the disclaimer. Date of signature. If player is 18 years or older, player should sign.

i. The host of the clinic, camp or academy, etc., must keep all registration forms for one (1) year from the date of the camp, clinic, camp, etc., so that they will be able to produce on demand from a NTSSA Member Association and/or NTSSA a copy of the registration form to verify compliance with this rule in the event charges of rule violations are alleged against the hosting individual, team, club and/or organization as stated above.

3. This rule does not apply to NTSSA Member Associations that sponsor clinics, camps, academies, etc. for their players, where the Member Association conducts the registration publicity. Any publicity must indicate that the Association sponsors this camp, clinic, academy, etc. The NTSSA Member Association must monitor the program to assure that no recruiting activities occur.

Note: These rules apply for soccer camps, clinics, academies, etc. beginning on or between September 1 and June 30 of any soccer year. Between July 1 and August 31, players are considered free agents and may practice and/or participate with any individual, team, club and/or organization of their choice.

Definition of Free-Agent: A free agent is a player in the U12, U14, U16 and U19 age division who desires to try out or be selected for a competitive team between July 1 and August 31 of the present soccer year. A free agent does not need a release from his team to try out or be selected to play on a competitive team.

3.11.3 Compliance

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 year.

3.11.4 Intra-Association

If the complaint is intra-association, the complaint will follow GLASA rules for filing complaints.

3.11.5 Inter-Association

Should the complaint be an inter-association matter, then the complainant will file the complaint directly with the NTSSA Youth Commissioner, who shall render a decision.

Either party may then file an appeal with the NTSSA Executive Committee according to the NTSSA Bylaws.

3.11.6 Release from Contract

Any player desiring to be free of his contractual obligations before the end of the seasonal year (September through August) must obtain a written release from the team with which the player is currently registered. Any player requesting and failing to receive said release within 72 hours may request his release directly from the Appeals and Discipline (A&D) Committee, who must render a decision within 72 hours.

3.11.7 Competitive Player Release

A competitive (select) player is obligated to his competitive team for the soccer playing year for competitive players from the time he signs a contract until the end of the subsequent soccer 'playing year (August 1 of the prior soccer year through May 31 of the current soccer year) and any release to transfer to another NTSSA competitive team will be allowed only in limited circumstances. A written request for a release with the purpose of being able to transfer to another competitive team must be filed with the NTSSA office to be decided upon by the Competitive Soccer Committee which shall be chaired by the NTSSA Youth Commissioner or designee. This shall be done between the dates of December 1 and January 31 for U11 through U14 and between December 1 and March 15 for U15 through U19 only and must be accompanied by a fee of $50 (refundable at the Competitive Soccer Committee's discretion). The parent/player making the appeal will be required to attend a Competitive Soccer Committee hearing to consider the request.

Any appeal of the decision of the Competitive Soccer Committee must be made directly to the Executive Committee of NTSSA within five days. A player may leave a competitive team and go into his home member association recreational player pool at any time during the soccer year. Any recreational player currently rostered to a recreational team and wishing to be released to join a competitive team may do so only between December 1 and January 31 for U11 through U14 and December 1 through March 15 for U15 through U19 and may do so only with written permission of the member association in which he is currently rostered. A competitive registration form must be completed 'prior to the player's transfer to a competitive team.

3.12 Discipline

As directed by NTSSA, GLASA is to distribute this rule to every player, every coach, team manager, league administrator and referee.

It is intended that the player and/or coach will make known the contents of this rule to his/her parents and spectators.

3.12.1 Authority

All members and participants in soccer within the jurisdiction of GLASA have requested to participate in our programs. Therefore, these participants have agreed to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of GLASA, NTSSA, as well as those of the USSF and its respective Youth and Amateur Divisions. GLASA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws provide that it has jurisdiction over all players, coaches, team managers, administrators, team representatives and referees who choose to affiliate. Any member or participant of soccer within the jurisdiction of GLASA found in violation of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of GLASA, NTSSA, as well as those of the USSF may be subject to publication in the monthly newsletter or NTSSA President's Newsletter of their name, the type of violation, and the disciplinary action taken. Publication will be limited to individuals receiving disciplinary actions of three months or greater.

As directed by NTSSA and the bylaws of GLASA, an A&D Committee for GLASA will be formed. The A&D Committee will hold hearings with the parties having the right to be present on every player, coach, assistant coach, spectators and or parents as required for point accumulation for serious misconduct. GLASA will furnish NTSSA with a maintained up-to-date list of its A&D chairman and committee members prior to the first game of each season. The list will include their addresses and phone numbers.

3.12.2 Misconduct of Youth Players/Coaches/Assistant Coaches

4. GLASA will operate and keep records on a "CUMULATIVE CARD SYSTEM" for all players/coaches/assistant coaches. Appeals of cards are not allowed except when the referee admits he made an error in the issuance of the card. Cards issued in league play are cumulative during the entire soccer year. When a player transfers to another team his or her accumulated league play cards count against the cumulative card totals for both his or her old and new teams. Player suspensions mentioned in this section, including automatic suspensions "from all NTSSA-sanctioned activities," include all games (including indoor), organized scrimmages, friendly games, and the like, but do not include team practices.

5. **A "CUMULATIVE CARD SYSTEM"** in league play will be operated as follows:

    a. **Yellow Cards** One game automatic suspension for the game following an individual's third league play yellow card. Two game automatic suspension for the game following such individual's fifth league play yellow card. One game

automatic suspension for the game following such individual's sixth league play yellow card.

NOTE: A player/coach/assistant coach receiving a second yellow card in a single game is suspended for the balance of that game, and those two yellow cards are then added to such individual's previous total of league play yellow cards to determine whether additional game suspensions, if any, are required. Red cards issued solely as a result of a second yellow in a single game will not be added to such individual's league play red card total.

b. **Red Cards** One game automatic suspension for the game following an individual's first league play red card. Automatic suspension, pending a hearing, from all NTSSA sanctioned activities following such individual's second league play red card. Red cards issued solely as a result of a second yellow card in a single game will not be added to such individual's league play red card total.

NOTE: In cases where, during a single game, an individual receives a yellow card followed by a "straight red card" (as opposed to a red card issued solely as a result of a second yellow) both cards will be added to such individual's respective total of league play red and yellow cards and punished accordingly. If an A&D Committee determines that a red card as issued for an infraction that was not an "expulsion" offense in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, such A&D Committee may reduce the red card to a yellow card and assess sanctions accordingly. However, GLASA cannot do away with the card altogether. A full report of this action must be sent to NTSSA.

c. **Seventh Card** Any individual obtaining a seventh card in league play (meaning any combination of yellow and red cards totaling seven) shall be immediately suspended pending a hearing from all NTSSA sanctioned activities.

d. **Exception** When misconduct cards are issued during a league game that is being used to determine the standings and final outcome of a regional or national league under direct control of US Youth Soccer; the regional or national body that has been charged with the operation of said league will have jurisdiction over misconduct pertaining to games of that league. All penalties received during these games will be served in the regional or national league having jurisdiction and not in the player or team's home association league.

6. A "CUMULATIVE CARD SYSTEM" for each tournament will be operated as follows:

a. **Yellow Cards** One game automatic suspension for the game following an individual's third yellow card. Two game automatic suspension for the game following such individual's fifth yellow card of the tournament. One game automatic suspension for the game following such individual's sixth yellow card of the tournament.

NOTE: A player/coach/assistant coach receiving a second yellow card in a single game is suspended for the balance of that game, and those two yellow cards are then added to such individual's previous total of yellow cards for that tournament to determine whether additional game suspensions, if any, are required. Red cards issued solely as a result of a second yellow in a single game will not be

added to such individual's tournament play red card total.

b. **Red Cards** One game automatic suspension for the game following an individual's first red card of the tournament. Automatic suspension, pending a hearing, from all NTSSA sanctioned activities following such individual's second red card of the tournament. Red cards issued solely as a result of a second yellow card in a single game will not be added to such individual's tournament play red card total.

   NOTE: In cases where, during a single game, an individual receives a yellow card followed by a "straight red card" (as opposed to a red card issued solely as a result of a second yellow) both cards will be added to such individual's respective total of tournament play red and yellow cards and punished accordingly. If Tournament Officials determine a red card was issued for an infraction that was not an "expulsion" offense in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, such officials may reduce the red card to a yellow card and assess sanctions accordingly. The Tournament Officials may not, however, do away with the card altogether. A full report of this action must be sent to NTSSA.

c. **Seventh Card** Any individual obtaining a seventh card in tournament play shall be immediately suspended pending a hearing with NTSSA A&D Committee (meaning any combination of yellow and red cards totaling seven)

d. Exceptions For misconduct cards issued during State Cup, Regionals, or National competitions (US Youth Soccer), the misconduct will be handled within that competition.

The "CUMULATIVE CARD SYSTEM" prescribed by these rules defines the minimum disciplinary punishment to be taken by GLASA. Nothing herein prevents GLASA 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.

Any misconduct by a Coach justifying a report by a referee or any other person shall be directed to theNTSSA A&D Committee as well as to GLASA and/or the playing league with which the coach is affiliated. GLASA shall promptly (within seven (7) days after receipt of the report) rule on the report and send its decision to the NTSSA A&D Committee. The NTSSA A&D Committee will determine the extent of the punishment, if any, in addition to that taken by GLASA.

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

A coach whose conduct is less than exemplary to his or her players, parents and spectators will be firmly dealt with by GLASA and the NTSSA A&D Committee. Game suspensions for Yellow and Red cards (as set forth above) are to be served by the player/coach/assistant coach at the next scheduled game (including league, playoff, championship, cup, and local or state tournament games) that such individual's team is involved in. A suspension imposed by these rules shall be recognized by all affiliated

organizations after proper notification. The lack of a hearing or referee report on the offense shall not affect such individual's suspension.

All game suspensions must be reported immediately to the NTSSA A&D Committee. GLASA will forward a copy of any referee's Misconduct Report(s) which underlie the suspension. The NTSSA A&D Committee will determine the extent of punishment, if any, in addition to that prescribed by GLASA, the Playing League or Tournament Officials, taking into consideration the severity of the misconduct.

The NTSSA A&D Committee will issue its decision based entirely upon the officials' reports and any other written reports before it, including that of the affected individual, should he or she submit a report. A hearing will not be held by the NTSSA A&D Committee unless it, of its own volition, chooses to call one because of the nature of the case.

Extreme Violent Conduct

a. GLASA is directed 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 touchline, or approaching or leaving the game site.

3.12.3 Misconduct of Adult Players/Coaches/Assistant Coaches

1. GLASA will operate and keep records on a twelve (12) point "CUMULATIVE TWELVE (12) POINT SYSTEM" for all player/coaches/assistant coaches. Offenses resulting in the cautioning of a player/coach/assistant coach by the referee (yellow card) are allowed points according to their seriousness ranging from one (1) to four (4) points. Appeals of cautions (yellow cards) are not allowed except when the referee admits he made an error in the issuance of the caution. Points are cumulative during each soccer season. When a given player/coach/assistant coach accumulates twelve (12) points sanctions are applied as described in Rule 3.11.3 (3). A player transferring to another team will carry over his or her accumulated points to his or her new team. Reports of these disciplinary actions are to be sent to the State Appeals and Disciplinary Committee at North Texas State Soccer Association Office.

2. The points of the "CUMULATIVE TWELVE (12) POINT SYSTEM" will be allocated as follows:

    a. 12 points Sent off from game due to Serious Foul Play, Violent Conduct, Spitting at Opponent/Person, Denies Goal Scoring Opportunity or Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language.

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

    NOTE: If the GLASA A&D Committee determines that a red card was issued for an infraction that was not an "expulsion" offense in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, GLASA may reduce the red card to a yellow card and assess

points for the yellow card. GLASA will not, however, do away with the card altogether. A full report of this action must be sent to NTSSA.

The CAUTION points are to be allocated as follows:

FOUR POINTS

1. Deliberate tripping, tripping and other "tactical", deliberate, physical fouls.
2. Foul tackle from behind.
3. Interference by other players when the referee is speaking to a player after an offense has been committed.
4. Continued dissent of a decision in an attempt to unsettle the referee.

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.

TWO POINTS

1. Deliberate handball 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 thrown-in.
5. Fails to respect required distance or unsporting behavior at a penalty kick.
6. Other unsporting behavior.

ONE POINT

1. Entering or leaving the field without the referee's permission.
2. Player leaning on a teammate to gain an extra height.
3. Pulling oneself up by the goal post or crossbar to gain an advantage.

3. ACCUMULATED CAUTION POINTS SANCTIONS

a. Twelve (12) Accumulated Caution Points - One Game Suspension
b. Six (6) More Points - Two Game Suspension
c. Six (6) More Points - Suspension pending A&D - Committee Inquiry

4. SEND-OFF

a. One Send-off - One Game Suspension
b. Second Send-off - Two Game Suspension
c. Third Send-off - Suspension pending A&D - Committee Inquiry

5. FINES

a. Teams Exceeding The Accumulated Point Limit - $50
b. Teams Exceeding The Accumulated Point Limit Second Time in Soccer Year - $100

NOTE: All fines must be paid within thirty (30) days of infraction to GLASA.
NOTE: This is the minimum disciplinary punishment taken by GLASA on ejections. Nothing herein prevents GLASA 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.

6. Any misconduct by a Coach justifying a report by a referee or any other person shall be directed to the NTSSA A&D Committee as well as GLASA A&D. GLASA shall promptly (within five (5) days after receipt of the report) rule on the report and send its decision to the NTSSA A&D Committee. The Committee will determine the extent of the punishment, if any, in addition to that taken by GLASA.

7. The NTSSA A&D Committee will make its decision based entirely upon the written reports before it, including that of the affected coach, 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.

8. 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 GLASA A&D Committee and NTSSA.

9. Game suspensions for caution points and/or expulsions:
    a. The suspension is to be served by the player/coach/assistant coach/manager/or team representative at the next scheduled game (regular league games, makeup league game, playoff, championship, cup games, local or state tournament game) that the player's team is involved in. A suspension imposed by NTSSA shall be recognized by all affiliated organizations after proper notification. The lack of a hearing or referee report on the suspension/expulsion of the offender shall not nullify his suspension (to sit out) the next game.

    b. All game suspensions must be reported to the State. When an ejection or game suspension under the caution point system is issued to a player, GLASA will forward a copy of the referee's Misconduct Report of the ejection or a copy of the league's Disciplinary Committee report on suspension due to the excessive Caution Points directly to the NTSSA A&D Committee, together with the action taken by GLASA. The NTSSA A&D Committee will determine the extent of punishment, if any, in addition to that prescribed by the Member Association, taking into consideration the severity of the misconduct. Each additional caution and/or ejection of said player during the remainder of the soccer year will also be forwarded to the Committee for review and possible further action.

10. The NTSSA A&D Committee will issue its decision based entirely upon the officials' reports and any other written reports before it, including that of the affected player, should he or she submit a report. A hearing will not be held by the Committee unless it, of its own volition, chooses to call one because of the nature of the case.

11. Extreme Violent Conduct:
    a. GLASA is directed 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 touchline, or approaching or leaving the game site.

3.12.4 Misconduct of Spectators

Each team in NTSSA is responsible for the conduct of its spectators. The referee shall have the authority to caution and/or send off the coach or acting

coach from the field for the misconduct of the spectators associated with the team. Therefore, the coach, assistant coach and/or team manager is expected to control his or her spectators. If coach, assistant coach and/or team manager is unable to do so, GLASA will take appropriate actions toward the identifiable, unruly spectator, or if unidentifiable, toward the team itself. The GLASA report shall be sent to the NTSSA A&D Committee for review and further action if it feels it is warranted.

NTSSA suggested action for misconduct of spectators is:

1. Assess the team with which the spectator is associated with a minimum of 12 and not to exceed 40 caution points
2. Report spectator to the local Parks & Recreation department
3. Require team to forfeit any games at which spectator is present on the touchline (cannot keep them off public street or out of parking lot.)
4. Require offending team to pay for presence of police at the game
5. Revoke and/or refuse registration to the offending team
6. Cause the spectator to be placed under a municipal peace bond

3.12.5 Misconduct and Punishment of Youth Association Teams

When the players, coaches, spectators of the given team have accumulated a total of 48 caution points or a combination (caution and ejections, with ejection equaling 12 for this purpose only) total of 64 points, GLASA will notify the NTSSA A&D Committee who will require the coach and players of said team to appear before it to explain his or her team's continued misconduct. (See 3.12.2)

GLASA will not hesitate to deny teams, coaches, managers, team representatives or players within its jurisdiction the privilege of further participation in all or selected soccer activities within its jurisdiction for repeated offenses and for serious offenses considered to bring the game into disrepute. A probation period and/or other sanctions may be rendered to teams, coaches, managers, team representatives or players for violation of this rule.

GLASA does hold the team and coach jointly responsible for the conduct of his or her players, parents, and spectators.

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 Committee of both GLASA and the NTSSA.

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 the respective authority, the respective authority shall decide as to the disposition of the game.

3.12.6 Misconduct toward the Referee

NTSSA has exclusive jurisdiction over assault or abuse of officials, both referee and linesmen, in any competition by GLASA. This jurisdiction includes:

- All USSF registered referees
- Any non-licensed person serving in any emergency capacity as a game official
- Any coach, parent or junior linesman, serving as a game official

If there is an assault or abuse of any game official by any person, including players, coaches, managers or spectators; a report of the alleged assault or abuse will be submitted immediately to the appropriate State Commissioner (Amateur Men's, Amateur Women's, Youth or Indoor) and the Executive Vice President, A&D Committee Chairman, Olympic Development Program Chairman and the Chairman of the State Referee Committee. This subcommittee, chaired by the appropriate commissioner, shall review and investigate the report(s) as submitted, and upon proper investigation shall determine the seriousness of the alleged assault or abuse report(s) in a timely manner.

Should the majority of the members of the subcommittee listed above in paragraph determine there is sufficient evidence to consider the incident a referee assault, a formal assault hearing will be held within 30 days of the incident. The act of any physical violence or personal attack upon a game official as defined in 3.12.5(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 object that could inflict injury.

Assault hearings shall be conducted by the NTSSA Executive Committee in the following manner:

1. The alleged offending party is required to be present at such hearing; however, if he is not present, the NTSSA Executive Committee will act upon the matter with the information before it.
2. The game official(s) are required to be present at the hearings. However, if they are not present, the NTSSA Executive Committee will act upon the matter with the information before it.
3. It is intended that the officials' reports be clear and that no explanations are required at the hearing. Only the NTSSA Executive Committee will question the official(s). If the offending party or any other party or any 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 NTSSA is obligated to suspend the person making the assault from all soccer activities (outdoor and Indoor) for a minimum of one (1) year. The NTSSA Executive Committee at its discretion may impose stiffer penalties. If the NTSSA Executive Committee finds the

actions to be a case of referee abuse, it may then impose such punishment, as it deems necessary and proper.

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.

Referee Abuse

Should the GLASA A&D Committee or the subcommittee determine the action referee abuse as explained in paragraph (1) below, it shall impose not less than a three game suspension. A formal hearing will not be held unless it is requested. Should a formal hearing be held, it shall be chaired by the appropriate.

1. Referee abuse shall include, but not be limited to: verbally threatening a referee (see note below), grabbing an official's uniform, arm, shoulder; poking him with a finger; taking the 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 or overlooked by any official concerned with his or his family's personal safety. Such remarks as, I'll get you after the game, I'd better not find out where you live, or You better watch out for your kids, shall be deemed referee abuse.

2. Findings of this subcommittee and/or hearing may be appealed directly to the NTSSA Executive Committee within seven days of the date of the letter of notification to the offending party. Copies of this notification shall be sent to the offending party, the coach, and/or team manager, if applicable, complainant and the President of the member association in which the abuse took place.
3. Any assault or abuse charges must be postmarked within 72 hours. No complaints will be processed by NTSSA if not received within 14 days of the alleged incident.

3.12.7 Misconduct of Referees

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

3.12.8 Appellate Procedure

GLASA will refuse to hear any appeal when any person is threatening a lawsuit. The appeal will be referred to the next higher forum, which will hear it. This is a sport to which we are giving freely of our time, and none of us needs to take the trouble and expense to appear in court.

GLASA will not allow the use of tape recorders, court reporters and the presence of attorneys at hearings.

Should any aggrieved party resort to the courts without exhausting all avenues of appeal including through to the USSF, GLASA may, at its discretion, suspend such person or refuse to accept further registration in soccer activities with its jurisdiction.

Appeal of decisions to GLASA A&D and/or Executive Committee:

Game protests or appeals must be made in writing to the appropriate League Commissioner accompanied by the appropriate filing fee (see below).

Judgment calls made by referees may not be protested (see 3.13).

Protests or appeals involving a League Commissioner decision must be made in writing to the Executive Committee accompanied by the appropriate filing fee (see below).

Time limits: Protests filed involving the referee must be made within 48 hours of the game being protested.

Protests of any other type must be made within five days to the appropriate League Commissioner, who will then take the necessary action.

All protests received by the League Commissioner must be resolved within five days.

All appeals of a League Commissioner's decision of a protest must be filed within 72 hours of the League Commissioners decision on said protest.

Filing fees for appeals will, under no circumstances, be waived. Fees will be refunded to the appealing party only if the previous decision is overruled. Fees will be:

- Game Protests/Appeals - $5.00
- League Commissioner Decision Protests/Appeals - $15.00

Checks or Money Orders made payable to GLASA will be the only form of payment accepted.

3.12.9 Records

The 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 show a trend towards numerous misconduct reports, the A&D Committee will contact such person or team for the purpose of warning or may call such person or team before it.

3.13 Game Protests

3.13.1 Acceptable Causes

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

1. A team knowingly plays an unregistered, ineligible, or suspended player or
2. There has been an obvious error made in the application of the Laws of the Game that directly affects the outcome of the match, and the referee admits it.

3.13.2 Referee Decisions

No protests can even be entertained if they are based on judgment decisions made by the referee during play. The Laws of the Game clearly state in Law V (Referees) that...A referee shall be appointed to officiate each game... his decisions on points of fact connected with the play shall be final, so far as the result of the game is concerned. A game cannot be protested because one coach, or both for the matter, thinks the referee was incompetent. This is a matter to handle through the local referees' group or the State Referee Committee.

3.13.3 Facility Protests

Any protests relating to the grounds, goal posts, cross bars, or other appurtenances of the match shall not be entertained by any protest committee or board unless an objection has been lodged with the match referee before the commencement of the match.

The referee shall require the responsible team to remove the cause of objection if this be possible, without unduly delaying the process of the match.

When an objection has been lodged, a protest, in writing, must be made to the protest committee of the NTSSA Member Association under whose direct jurisdiction the match was played. No objection or protest shall be withdrawn (because the protestor won the match) except by consent of said protest committee.

3.13.4 Ineligible Player

A team that knowingly plays an unregistered, ineligible, or suspended player shall forfeit all of the games in which the player participated. A coach, assistant coach, and/or manager of the team playing the ineligible player will also be subject to being suspended for a minimum period of one year. Player will also be subject to being suspended for one year.

3.14 Violation of League Rules

It is the League Commissioner's duty to follow-up on any reported violations of the league rules. The commissioner has the authority to investigate and bring, in writing, the findings before the A&D Committee for further investigation. The

A&D Committee will investigate, rule and submit a written report to the Board of Directors.

3.15 Coaches and Parents Responsibilities

Coaches and parents are reminded that there is a responsibility, which must be met not only to their players, but also to GLASA. It must be remembered that all adults are examples to our youth. Parents and spectators will be expected to display good sportsmanship at all times. The following actions by the coaching staff and/or parents are strictly forbidden in all soccer activities:

1. Foul or abusive language
2. Harassment of players
3. Harassment of League officials, referees or spectators
4. Acts of aggression to players, League Officials, referees or spectators
5. Accepting any form of assistance from any person(s) officially suspended from all soccer activities by the NTSSA
6. Conduct contrary to the League rules and regulations of GLASA.

3.16 Coaching License Requirements

Persons who coach or will coach Under 6 and under 8 age teams and are not USYSA licensed coaches, must attend a G coaching course prior to or during the next season they coach those age groups.

3.17 GLASA Rules of Competition / Laws of the Game

3.17.1 League Structure

1. Division Play - Leagues containing over eleven (11) teams will be divided into divisions of approximate equal number of teams.
   Divisions shall be designated Division I, II, III, etc. They will be determined by competitive strength and skill level with the strongest teams assigned to Division I, and so on. The determination is the sole decision of the League Commissioner.

   Each Division in Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 19 play will determine a Division champion. In cases of a tie refer to below tiebreaker rules.

   Division I Champion will represent GLASA in the annual NTSSA Tournament of Champions.

2. Conference Play - There will be no conference play.
3. Determining League Standings
   The following Point System will be used to determine League Standings:

   a. Under 10 through Under 19
      - Win 3 points
      - Tie 1 point
      - Loss 0 points

b. Team coaches are required to complete and submit the game results within twenty-four (24) hours to their League Commissioner. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of said game.
c. If two or more teams are tied in points after league play, the following tie breaker procedures will be used to determine the team position:
    1. Head to Head game results
    2. Goal differential - team with highest goal differential against opponents (maximum of 3) goals scored – goals against. Only the first 3 goals scored by any team in any game will be counted in calculating winning points. (Example: A 4-1 game = 3-1; a 10-4 game = 3-3).
    3. Fewest goals allowed - team with the fewest goals allowed
    4. Most number of shut-outs - team with most shut-outs
    5. Fewest accumulation of caution points, 1 point for yellow and 2 points for red
    6. Kicks from the Mark (penalty kicks)

3.17.1.1 Game Playing Time

In Under 6 and through Under 19 age groups, a reasonable effort shall be made by each coach to assure that each player attending a game shall participate in at least 50% of the playing time for that game.

Considerations toward this playing time shall include player's attendance of practices and other activities, but shall not be based on player's ability skills.

4.1 Definition of Youth Registration

4.1.1 Youth Registrants

Youth registration soccer players under these Greater Lewisville Area Soccer Association (GLASA) rules shall include all those registrants defined as youth by North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), being all male and female registrants of the age of under 19 years.

4.1.2 Age Grouping

Age grouping for GLASA play shall be:

YOUTH

- Under 19
- Under 16
- Under 14
- Under 12
- Under 10 *
- Under 8 *
- Under 6 *

Age 4 is the minimum age to play soccer

* Under 10, Under 8 and Under 6 shall be further divided into the following:

- Under 10 age group shall be divided as U10 and U9
- Under 8 age group shall be divided as U8 and U7
- Under 6 age group shall be divided as U6 and U5

The age of a player for purpose of league play shall be the player's age on July 31st of the current soccer year. The current soccer year begins on September 1 and ends August 31 of the following year.

Age divisions shall be comprised of players who are, before the first day of August of the immediately preceding seasonal year:

- Under 19 years of age
- Under 16 years of age
- Under 14 years of age
- Under 12 years of age
- Under 10 years of age
- Under 9 years of age
- Under 8 years of age
- Under 7 years of age

- Under 6 years of age
- Under 5 years of age

The player is registered from the moment the player or the player's agent signs the registration form and pays the appropriate fees.

4.1.3 Proof of Age

GLASA will require all players to present proof of age when they register to play for the first time in the association. 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 or a certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted.

4.2 Registration of Players with GLASA

4.2.1 Recreational Team Formation

1. Under 6, Under 8, Under 10 groups
   New recreational teams and returning teams that need players are formed by one of the following two methods:

   a. Players are assigned (rostered) to a team by an age group coordinating committee of more than one member on a territorial basis as defined by GLASA; or,
   b. Players are assigned (rostered) to a team by a random draw from a player pool on a territorial basis as stated in (a) above.

   ON NEW TEAMS ONLY, the head coach may request their child to be rostered on the team that he/she is coaching. In the event an existing team loses its head coach for any reason, the head coach position will be filled by a person currently associated with the team or by a person not having any association with any other team within the age group of the team in question. Under no circumstances can a new head coach replace the head coach of record and subsequently request his/her child be added or transferred from a different team and placed on the roster of team he/she is now coaching.

   Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Board.

   GLASA will only have one team formation process per age group.

   Teams which are formed by any other method are considered non-recreational and as such will be considered non-recreational for recreational league and tournament play.

2. Under 12 Under 14 Under 16 and Under 19 Age Groups
   Players are assigned by the method described in 4.2.1 #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 GLASA territorial boundaries to be added to the team as long as no methods are used to assess the ability of the player and:

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

For further clarification see 6 on page 83.

ON NEW TEAMS ONLY, the head coach may request their child to be rostered on the team that he/she is coaching. In the event an existing team loses its head coach for any reason, the head coach position will be filled by a person currently associated with the team or by a person not having any association with any other team within the age group of the team in question. Under no circumstances can a new head coach replace the head coach of record and subsequently request his/her child be added or transferred from a different team and placed on the roster of team he/she is now coaching.

Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Board.

4.2.2 Registration of Coaches

1. Each coach/assistant coach/manager of a team shall be required to register with NTSSA each soccer year and will be issued an identification (I.D.) card
2. To register, every coach/assistant coach/manager shall include a copy of a valid photo I.D. and a completed NTSSA coach/assistant coach/referee/volunteer/staff application, along with the appropriate coaches fee, if any, with the team paperwork at the time of team registration
3. Any coach/trainer offering or participating in individual/team practice or training sessions, soccer camps, skills camps and or similar activities involving youth players, must be registered with and hold a current, valid NTSSA coach I.D. card

If the coach has not received an I.D. card from the registration of a youth team, a coach shall register directly with NTSSA. To direct register, a coach shall present a valid photo I.D., complete a NTSSA Coach/referee/volunteer/staff application, and pay the appropriate NTSSA fee, is any.

4.2.3 Contracts

1. Player Contracts will be valid for one (1) soccer year. The soccer year begins on September 1 and ends on August 31.
2. Upon registering with a team, a player must stay with that team for the duration of his/her membership with GLASA. Transfers and release will only be permitted for reasons stated in 4.2.3.

3. Contracts for those players who are new (not returning from the previous season) may not be signed prior to July 1st for the Fall season or prior to January 1 for the Spring season.
4. Contracts for those Players who are returning (those rostered on teams in the Spring Season) may re-sign Contracts for the next Soccer Year with the coach beginning June 1st.
5. Players may not be contracted and added to a Team Roster after the fifth weekend of the season, unless the number of Players on the Roster has dropped below the League minimum.

   GLASA will only have one team formation process per age group. Teams which are formed by any other method are considered non-recreational and as such will be considered non-recreational for recreational league and tournament play.

   A team not formed of players assigned as defined in 4.2.1 #2 is considered a select/competitive team.

6. Any player returning to recreational play after having played on a competitive/select team must be placed on a recreational team through the process defined in 4.2.1 #2. In the event the player registers to play after the player assignment has been completed for the season in question, that player will be ineligible to play until the he/she can be placed through the player assignment for the following season.

Note: Player assignment is defined as whichever method followed for the age group in question as allowed under either method (a) or (b) in 4.2.1 #2. Player assignment does not refer to the practice allowed in Paragraph 2 where coaches may seek players for their age group if the player pool is empty.

Justification:

- Eliminate the practice of coaches changing "Head Coach of Record" in order to obtain certain players on their team.
- Adding clause for requiring select/competitive players be placed through the pool method disallows for the player to wait to sign up until after the draw so as to be placed on a certain team.

Recommended for approval by the Board of Directors and Appeals & Discipline Committee

4.2.4 Releases

4.2.4.1 Player Releases

Circumstances under which a release can be granted:

- In the event of player insubordination, willful evasion of games and/or practices, serious misconduct, or other such infractions: the head coach shall request such release in writing on the appropriate form through his League Commissioner. The League Commissioner will submit the request to A&D for a ruling.
- In the event of serious incompatibilities in the Player/Coach relationship: the player or head coach shall request such a release in writing on the appropriate form through his League Commissioner. The League Commissioner will submit the request to A&D for a ruling.
- At the beginning of the season for those players who have "played up" to the next higher age group and desire to play in their normal age group: the player obtains the appropriate release form from their present head coach properly completed. The player turns the release form in to the League Commissioner. The League Commissioner submits the release to A&D for a ruling.
- At the beginning of the season for those players desiring to "play up" to a higher age group: the player must submit his request on the appropriate release form if the player is currently rostered on a team. The release form must be signed by the player's parents or legal guardian authorizing the player to play in an older age group. If the player is not currently rostered on a team, the request must be made in writing from the parent or legal guardian. All requests (release form from returning players and written letter from new players) are submitted to the appropriate League Commissioner. The League Commissioner submits the request to the A&D for a ruling.
- At the beginning of the season for those players not desiring to play soccer for that season. Housekeeping required only if rule 4.2 is modified as presented.

4.2.4.2 Home Association Releases

All players/teams shall register or obtain releases from the NTSSA member associations within whose boundaries they reside unless that member association does not offer a league or competition for a particular age group. Member associations, which will receive such registrations or releases, are those associations having physical boundaries and being members of NTSSA.

- Once a player/team has obtained a release from his home association to play on a team outside his home association, that release is valid as long as the player does not return to its home association. If that player/team returns to its home association for league play, a new release is required in order to play outside the home association. If a player transfers teams during a soccer year, the rules governing mid-year transfers will apply.
- It is the team's responsibility to retain copies of releases and turn in a copy of each release when the team registers each year. The copy of the release is to be turned in to registering association with the team's registration paperwork.
- Each home association that releases players/teams to play outside their association on teams must keep precise records of all releases granted, including the player's name, the team to which he was released, and the date of the release.

4.2.4.3 Temporary Releases
There will be no temporary releases granted for a GLASA Player for any reason.

4.2.5 Residence Association Does Not Offer
Players of a particular age group who reside within the boundaries of a NTSSA member association which does not offer a league or competition for that particular age group, may register through any association of their choice, subject to that association's approval.

Reference 4.3.2

4.2.6 No Residence Association
Players not residing within the boundaries of a NTSSA member association may register with any association of their choice.

4.2.7 Register with Only One Team
Players may only be registered with one NTSSA sanctioned team at any given time during the soccer year. The soccer year will coincide with the soccer year of the USSF and its respective divisions. Players may change teams during the year in the following manner in compliance with rule 4.2.3.

4.2.7.1 Player Reassignment
GLASA reserves the right to reassign players and re-register the new teams by filing with the Registrar of the state the new team roster. This rule will apply to all youth in the Under 6, Under 8 and Under 10 age groups. In Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 19 age groups wherein teams are involved that do not enter state and national competitions, this section will be applicable.

4.2.7.2 State and National Competition
Youth who play on teams which will be involved in state and national competitions as well as inter-association play may only change teams during the soccer year in the following manner:

a. Obtain a written release from the team with which he was last registered during the soccer year.
   Note: Player must use the appropriate "Player Release Form"
   - NTSSA form for select/competitive teams or
   - GLASA form for recreational teams
b. New team must complete Add/Transfer/ Delete form on a transfer player; pay a transfer fee set by NTSSA in order to register a transfer player on new team; and submit form and fee to GLASA.

4.2.7.3 Select/Competitive Free Agency
Select/Competitive youth players will become "free-agents" on July 1st providing their team is not registered for any tournament or competition in July. No United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) player application, club contract, or any agreement may be signed before July 15 for the coming seasonal year. Any

player signing with a team before July 15th may be declared ineligible for the team.

Note: Exceptions to this rule may be made by the Youth Commissioner when an entire association has an earlier registration.

Definition of "Free-Agent": 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. A free agent does not need a release from his team to try out or be selected to play on a competitive team.

Note: The "free-agent" rule applies only to those players trying out or being selected for select/competitive teams. **The rule does not apply to movement of players in the recreational leagues.**

4.2.7.4 Recreational All-Star Teams

GLASA may form recreational all-star teams in U12 through UI9 divisions from players who continue to be registered within GLASA teams for purposes of participating in tournaments designated for select or competitive teams.

Recreational All-Star Teams shall be defined as a team composed of players selected from more than one team which participates in a recreational league or association.

4.2.8 Early Fall Registration

Players registering with a team (in the customary practice and form adopted by GLASA) during the month of July or August for sanctioned competition which will continue into the subsequent soccer year will, at the time of registration, be deemed registered to the team for the subsequent year.

4.3 Team Registration with GLASA

4.3.1 Seasons

(a) Fall Season
Each team must submit the original properly executed contract (both authorization and medical release sections signed) along with two (2) legible copies for each player. See 4.1.3 for birth verification. Each Team must submit the original and two (2) legible copies of the team roster (properly executed by the Head Coach on front and back) to the League Commissioner at or prior to the Fall Team Registration Meeting. The Team Roster must be completed in black ink or typed.

(b) Spring Season
Each team must submit the original and two (2) legible copies of contracts on all new players that were not rostered on the team during the Fall Season of the current soccer year (see 4.1.3 regarding birth verification). Returning

players that were rostered on the team roster for the Fall Season need not complete a new contract for the Spring Season. Each team must submit the original and two (2) legible copies of the Add/Transfer/Delete (properly executed by the head coach) to the League Commissioner prior to or at the Spring Registration Meeting. See 4.2.3 for those players not returning who were on your Team Roster for the Fall Season. All team registration paperwork must be submitted to the League Commissioner at least 48 hours prior to the first game. Failure to do so will result in the game being forfeited. In the event where a team has registered and has added new players, the required paperwork to add the new player to the team roster is to be in at least 48 hours prior to the first game in which the new player participates.

4.3.2 Team Registration

No team will begin league play without having submitted the following to its League Commissioner:

1. Team Registration paperwork as required in 4.3.1
2. A single check for the amount of all required fees payable to Greater Lewisville Soccer Association, Inc. Checks returned NSF will result in the bearer being placed in "Bad Standing" with GLASA until the payment is taken care of. The "Bad Standing" status removes any and all privileges of coaching, assistant coaching or managing of the team.

4.3.3 Other Association Team Registration

Teams whose home association is other than GLASA but has been approved for participation following the guidelines in 4.2.3 shall be required to pay all applicable fees prior to any games being scheduled in GLASA.

4.3.4 Withdraw/Expulsion

If a player or team withdraws or is expelled for any reason, no parts of the fees having been paid are refundable.

4.4 Registration of Players in an Association other than that Which They Reside

Basic to these rules is that a youth player must register through, or be released from, the association of his residence as set forth in 4.2, unless that particular association does not offer a league or competition for the particular age group of that youth player.

4.4.2 Playing in a League Conducted by another Member Association

1. A team must register and pay all fees and insurance due NTSSA through its home association and then be released to compete in another association for higher competition.

A team that does not have a readily identifiable home association may register with the association of its choice, providing that all requirements are met.

2. A team or individual player from within GLASA may apply to play in another NTSSA member association by submitting a written request to GLASA if GLASA is offering competition in the particular age bracket of that team or individual player.
3. Upon receipt of such request, GLASA must forthwith act upon such request.
    a. Should such request be approved, a written approval must be directed to the association in which the team or individual desires to play, with copies to NTSSA and to the team or players applying for such approval. The approved request shall state that the said player(s) involved is properly registered by GLASA and/or has been properly released by GLASA.
    b. Should such request be denied, written notice of such denial shall be directed to the team or player(s) involved with a copy to the office of the state association. Appeal of such decision may be made in compliance with 4.5 hereof.
4. Requests to play in another association and approval or denial by GLASA may be in bulk, as opposed to individual requests and responses.

4.4.3 Player Moving from Association Territory

Removal of player's residence to another association: the moving registrant may, at his option, remain registered in GLASA until the end of the soccer year ending August 31; or he may register with the association of his new residence.

4.4.4 New Association / Territory

A player who has registered with GLASA as his choice because of not residing within the boundaries of any approved association may remain as a registrant of GLASA until the end of the soccer year; even though an association later may be approved whose territory encompasses the residence of said registrant. However, in such event, the said player will be bound by the rules heretofore stated at the beginning of the next soccer year.

4.5 Protest of an Association in Denying Registration within another Association

4.5.1 Hearing Request

Should a team or individual player be denied a properly made request to play in another association, as stated in 4.4.1 or 4.4.2 above; that team or player(s) may request a hearing by NTSSA. Such hearing shall be initiated by letter of notification to the office of the state association. The player(s) involved, coach, parents, or any other interested parties (except the association or its representative in which the team or player(s) wishes to transfer) may request such hearing.

4.5.2 Notification of Hearing

Upon receipt of request, the state office shall notify the association denying the request for transfer and shall have that association arrange for a place for the hearing.

Such hearing shall be held within five (5) days of receipt of the request thereof.

4.5.3 Hearing Panel

The hearing shall be conducted by a panel of three (3) members, the chairman of this panel being the state Youth Commissioner. The other two (2) members of the panel will be appointed by the President of the State Association. The state association president shall not appoint members of the state Executive Committee to serve on this panel. Should any of the three (3) members of the panel not be available, then the State Association President shall have the authority to substitute any other person to serve on the panel at his discretion.

4.5.4 Procedure at the Hearing

1. Reading of the formal request for transfer of the team or player(s) and the association's response.
2. Testimony or evidence presented by the complaining party or parties.
3. Testimony or evidence presented by the home association.
4. Decision of the panel, if possible, immediately at the termination of the hearing.
5. The association to which the complainants wish to transfer will not be entitled to hear unless the panel determines it could contribute to the facts on which its decision will be based.
6. The panel will have sole discretion as to whether to have any parties thereto present during the presentation of any part of the complaint or defense.
7. Should either party decide to appeal the decision of the panel, the party will then file its appeal with the NTSSA Executive Committee according to the Bylaws of this Association
8. The panel may, of its own volition, reopen the hearing should it determine additional facts could be presented which would affect its ruling.

4.6 GLASA Responsibility as to Registration with the NTSSA

GLASA will register its players with the State Association in accordance with (Article II) 2.2.3 of the North Texas State Soccer Association Bylaws.

4.7 Purpose of the Rules for Registration of Youth Players

- To strengthen GLASA's jurisdiction over the USSF registration of players who reside within its territorial limits
- To clearly provide a method of allowing teams and players to play outside their home association
- To minimize bad feelings among NTSSA member associations that has developed because of alleged recruiting of teams and players

- To eliminate charges of pirating better players from various associations to produce so-called "super" teams

Any recreational coach who knowingly and/or willingly drops a player from their roster, or advises that player not to play for their team, whether through direct contact or coercion shall be called before the member association discipline committee, and if found to be in violation of the offense, may be suspended from coaching

4.8 Youth Transfers

NTSSA youth players may only be transferred once during the soccer year. Should any member association desire to transfer a recreational youth player more than once during a soccer year it may file an appeal directly to the NTSSA Youth Commissioner. Only those circumstances, which directly affect the successful completion of their program or the welfare of the player, will be considered. Decisions of the Youth Commissioner may be appealed directly to the NTSSA Executive Committee.

4.9 Tryouts

NTSSA has no rule that condones or restricts tryouts except that tryouts are not allowed for U6 through U10 players. It does, therefore, support its member association's rules concerning the matter. If the player's home association does not allow, or refuses the right to hold tryouts, NTSSA must uphold the member's association's actions.

- GLASA has no rule that condones or restricts tryouts.
- **THERE WILL BE NO TRYOUTS!!**
- All Teams must be formed in accordance with rule 4.2.1

4.10 Select / Competitive

4.10.1 Free Agents

Youth players will become "free-agents" on July 1st providing their team is not registered for any tournament or competition in July. No USYSA player application, club contract, or any agreement may be signed before July 15 for the coming seasonal year. Any player signing with a team before July 15th may be declared ineligible for the team.

Note: Exceptions to this rule may be made by the Youth Commissioner when an entire association has an earlier registration.

Definition of "Free-Agent": a free agent is a player in the U12, U14, U16, and U19 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. A free agent does not need a release from his team to try out or be selected to play on a competitive team.

Note: The "free-agent" rule applies only to those players trying out or being selected for select/competitive teams. The rule does not apply to movement of players in the recreational leagues.

4.10.2 Recruiting Inducements Prohibited

No coach, assistant coach, trainer, team representative, registered player, parent or advertisement may offer any kind of inducement to recruit a player to play on their respective team. Forms of inducement include but are not limited to: free t-shirts, free uniforms, college scholarships, free or discounted travel costs, professional coaching, etc. This rule applies to verbal discussions, letters, brochures as well as radio and television advertisements. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the offending party being suspended from all soccer activities for a period of not less than one (1) year.

Complainant will file his complaint with the Youth Commissioner, who shall render a decision. Either party may file an appeal of the Youth Commissioner's decision with the NTSSA State Executive Committee according to the Bylaws of the NTSSA.

4.10.3 Addendum to Rules and Regulations

In accordance with current NTSSA directives, the following is submitted to enable coaches and players to better understand the procedures involved in holding tryouts and transferring players during the seasonal year.

1. The USSF-Youth Division and NTSSA have established the seasonal year as being from September 1 through August 31. Therefore, unless a player is a free agent: Coaches, teams, and/or clubs must have a written release from the player's coach, playing association, or State Youth Commissioner if the player is to try out, practice or be placed on the roster.
2. Failure to comply constitutes a violation of current NTSSA directives concerning illegal recruitment and may be punishable by suspension of the guilty parties, i.e., coach, assistant coach, and team manager.

   Note: If a player currently registered to a team and/or his parent should contact a coach, assistant coach, or team manager to try out for another team, the above stated procedure must be followed.

3. If a player is released from a team, he/she is a free agent.

Interpretation by the NTSSA Executive Committee

4.10.4 Acceptable Advertisement Example

Teams may advertise tryouts, provided their home association has no objections. The advertisement is limited to the following format: The (soccer team, club, etc.) is holding tryouts for season (Fall or Spring) competition (hours, date) at (location).

You do not need a release from your present team to participate in these tryouts if tryouts are held from July 01 to August 31. For more information, call: (phone numbers only, no names)

Note: Advertisement is defined as any notification of tryouts on television, radio, periodicals, and newspaper articles, notices posted in public places, flyers, circulars, or direct mailing. Advertisement must not offer any inducement.

Advertisement: refer to rule regarding "Free Agents"

4.11 Sanction for Violation of Rules

Failure to comply with the "Rules for Registration of Players" may result in the offending coach, assistant coach, manager/trainer and or team representative, and players being suspended from soccer activities for a period of not less than one year.

5.1 Eligibility

Since indoor soccer is a separate sport, players of two (2) or more outdoor teams may combine without affecting their eligibility for State Cup play.

5.2 Registration to Outdoor Teams Restriction

Previously registered (outdoor) youth players, playing indoor for a specific team or coach, may not transfer to that outdoor team or any outdoor team coached by that individual after the team's first indoor game has been played until the following soccer year.

5.3 Releases

Players need not have releases from member associations to engage in indoor league or tournament play.

For more information please see the NTSSA rule book chapter 5.

6.1 Definitions of Terms used in USYSA

6.1.1 Affiliation

The process a state association uses to administer soccer for the national body (USSF/USYSA). The national body sets all the rules, regulations, programs, policies and guidelines. The state body is responsible for submission of all registration fees for all players registered under the state association from all affiliated leagues/clubs/teams under their jurisdiction regardless of age group.

6.1.2 Age Division / Group

The method used for registering players for a season to be in compliance with the USYSA Constitution Rule 2102.

The divisions are set by the USYSA Constitution in two-year increments. Teams may be formed in a single age group. The minimum age within a team is determined by the birth date of the oldest player on the team as of January 1 within the seasonal year.

See Seasonal Year, Transfer

6.1.3 Club

An organization formed to help in the administration and development of players and teams; may consist of one or more teams playing in one or more leagues. A club may or may not be classified as a league. Clubs are governed by the same restrictions as leagues.

See Home Leagues

6.1.4 Coaching Program

See National Coaching Program

6.1.5 Competitive League

A league formed with teams participating in a higher level league game program, usually comprised of advanced teams. Statistical records are kept on the teams involved.

Teams are usually from a designated geographical area in which there may be a Home League program; may be classified as a Travel League also.

6.1.6 Development Team

(Primary Team) A team comprised of novice or entry level players. Generally plays in the Home or Recreational League programs.

6.1.7 Districts

A geographical area defined by a state association for the purpose of administration of the state program.

6.1.8 Federation International de Football Association (FIFA)

The world governing organization for soccer is sub-divided into six continental associations: North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceanians (Australia and New Zealand). FIFA is the highest authority for administration of

international playing rules, international competition and technical educational development programs.

6.1.9 Home League / Club

The Home League or Club is defined as the organization through which a player is registered to a team. The league/club is affiliated to the state association and all players of all age groups are registered to the state association. Generally is classified as a recreational league.

6.1.10 League

A structured group formed for the specific purpose of providing play between teams under a common set of administrative and competition rules. A league may be comprised of teams and one or more clubs. A league may be defined by geographical boundaries.

See Competitive League, Home League, Playing League, Recreation League, and Travel League.

6.1.11 League Season

The period of time designated for the set of scheduled competition of a league program. May or may not be the same as national Seasonal Year.

6.1.12 National Coaching Program

A program of courses developed and administered by USSF for the purpose of providing registration, licensing and training of coaches at all levels of the soccer program. The National Coaching Program provides guidelines for state associations for training and licensing of coaches at lower levels. The National Coaching Program offers gradual advancement from novice to nationally licensed coaches.

6.1.13 National Referee Program

A program of courses developed and administered by USSF for the purpose of providing registration, licensing, training and assessment of referees at all levels of the soccer program. The National Referee Program provides guidelines for state association for training and licensing of referees at lower levels. The National Referee Program offers gradual advancement from novice to nationally licensed referees.

6.1.14 National Select Team Program

A program with the purpose of assembling the best team comprises of U.S. citizens in a specific age division. This includes local, regional and national tryouts and offers the means of exposing, assessing, and developing players for consideration for the national teams.

6.1.15 Player Movement

See Transfer

6.1.16 Playing League

League in which team plays, may or may not be the same as the Home League/Club.

6.1.17 Recreational League

A Recreational League emphasizes mass participation/recreational aspects of soccer mostly on a neighborhood or community basis. The Recreational League offers a low-key competition program with a common set of rules. Statistics may or may not be kept.

6.1.18 Referee Program

See National Referee Program

6.1.19 Regions

Geographical areas comprised of several state associations as defined by the USSF/USYSA constitution used for administrative purposes. Regions may be subdivided into sub-regions as defined by the constitution.

6.1.20 Registration

Process used to have the current season registration of all players of all affiliated leagues/clubs/teams within a state association on file within the state association for accounting and administrative purposes.

6.1.21 Seasonal Year

A continuous period of time defined for the accounting purpose of the membership and to identify age groups for regional and national competitions. The seasonal year as defined by the constitution is from September 1 to August 31, of the following year.

6.1.22 Select Team

A team at the local or national level for which players selection is accomplished under national guidelines with the specific purpose of participating in the National Select Team Program.

6.1.23 State Association

Through affiliation to USSF/USYSA is the recognized state administrative body.

The State Association administers the national programs within the state for the national body under their guidelines. The State Association Is responsible for the administration and development of soccer within the state and enforces national rules and policies where and when applicable.

6.1.24 Team

A team is a group of rostered players, their coach/coaches, their manager/managers, and their representative/representatives formed for the purpose of playing soccer.

See Development Team, Select Team

6.1.25 Team Representative

A Team Representative is someone acting on behalf of a team in any capacity.

6.1.26 Territory

A Territory is a clearly defined geographical area. A Territory may be the basis for player placement as teams or for administration purposes.

6.1.27 Transfer
Adding a currently USYSA registered player to a roster or a player who returns to the same roster.

6.1.28 Travel League
A Travel League is usually a league composed of teams from different communities/leagues/clubs/districts whose playing of games requires travel out of the players'/ teams' community.

6.1.29 Tryouts
Tryouts are a structured process used to evaluate performance and skills of players in order to form a team(s).

See Competitive League, Select Team

6.1.30 Youth
All programs, events, state associations for all under 19 years old players run under the auspices of USYSA.

6.1.31 United Status Soccer Federation (USSF)
The USSF is the recognized governing body for soccer in the United States, affiliated with the international governing body FIFA; the highest authority in affiliated soccer for the United States.

6.1.32 United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA)
The USYSA is a division of the USSF which has the responsibility of administering the game of soccer in the U. S. for players under the age of 19. The USYSA is comprised of sanctioned affiliated state youth associations.

6.2 Glossary of Soccer Terms

6.2.1 Center
“Center” is to pass the ball from a wide position on the field into the penalty area.

6.2.2 Charging
“Charging” is pushing the opponent off balance legally by shoulder to shoulder contact.

6.2.3 Clear
“Clear” is a throw or kick by the goalkeeper or a kick by the defender in an attempt to get the ball away from the goal area.

6.2.4 Cross
“Cross” is same type of pass as center.

6.2.5 Defender
The “Defender” is the primarily a defensive player who assists the goalkeeper in protecting the goal.

6.2.6 Dribble

"Dribble" is a way of advancing the ball past defenders by a series of short taps with one or both feet.

6.2.7 Forward

The "Forward" is primarily an attacking player whose responsibility is to create and score goals.

6.2.8 Goalkeeper

The "Goalkeeper" is the last line of defense. The Goalkeeper is the only player who can use his hands within the field of play. The Goalkeeper is limited to using his hands only within the penalty area.

6.2.9 Half Volley

The "Half Volley" is kicking the ball just as it is rebounding of f the ground.

6.2.10 Handling

"Handling" is the illegal act of intentionally touching the ball with the hands or arms.

6.2.11 Heading

"Heading" is a method of scoring, passing and controlling the ball by making contact with the head.

6.2.12 Link Man

The "Link Man" is another name for midfielder.

6.2.13 Lob

The "Lob" is a high, soft kick taken on the volley, lifting the ball over the heads of the opponents.

6.2.14 Marking

"Marking" is guarding an opponent.

6.2.15 Midfielder

The "Midfielder" is both an offensive and defensive player who is primarily responsible for linking the forwards and defenders.

6.2.16 Obstructing

"Obstructing" is preventing the opponent from going around a player by standing in his path.

6.2.17 Overlap

"Overlap" is the attacking play of a defender going down the touchline past his own winger.

6.2.18 Pitch

"Pitch" is another name for the field of play.

6.2.19 Save

A “Save” is the goalkeeper stopping an attempted goal by catching or deflecting the ball away from the goal.

6.2.20 Screen

The “Screen” is retaining possession and protecting the ball by keeping your body between the ball and opponent.

6.2.21 Sliding Tackle

A “Slide Tackle” is attempting to take the ball away from the opponent by sliding on the ground.

6.2.22 Striker

A “Striker” is a central forward position in the team with a major responsibility for scoring goals.

6.2.23 Sweeper

The “Sweeper” is a defender who roams either in front of or behind the defender line to pick up stray passes.

6.2.24 Tackling

“Tackling” is attempting to or taking the ball away from an opponent when both players are playing the ball with their feet.

6.2.25 Trap

A “Trap” is controlling a ball passed close to the player by means of the feet, thighs or chest.

6.2.26 Volley

A “Volley” is kicking the ball while it is in flight.

6.2.27 Wall Pass

A “Wall Pass” is a pass to a teammate followed by a first time return pass on the other side of the opponent ("give and go").

6.2.28 Wing

A “Wing” is an area of the field near the touchline.

6.2.29 Winger

A “Winger” is the name given to the right and the outside forwards.

CHAPTER 7 - CODE OF ETHICS/CONDUCT
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7.1 GLASA Code of Ethics for Coaches

- Show respect and courtesy to the referee at all times. He is the final authority.
- Coach yourself before you coach others.
- Do your coaching at practice; not at game time. The game belongs to the players.
- Teach sportsmanship and fair play.
- Control your parents. They are your responsibility.
- Show respect and courtesy to other coaches and team players at game time and throughout the year.
- Teach soccer. Only professionals have to win.
- Allow players to retain their dignity.
- Teach your players that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Support all effort to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.

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7.2 GLASA Parents Code of Conduct

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

7.3 Board Members Code of Conduct and Ethics

None of us arrives at any administrative level, volunteer or not, without spending some "grass roots" time somewhere. We are appointed or elected to our positions because enough people had confidence in us, appreciation for what we had done in the past and assurance that we could lead them in a positive, productive future. This responsibility of accepting such a challenge, especially in a volunteer capacity, must have some guidelines.

It is important to remember that as board members we are very high profile. As it is with anything that is high profile, we may come under scrutiny from time to time. It is equally important that we remember that we are primarily a service organization and that we treat fellow volunteers as partners with a common goal - the organization, development and promotion of soccer. We should maintain high standards and serve by example.

Have respect for the game, players, officials, parents, coaches, fellow NTSSA member association volunteers and fellow board members and deal with them in a patient, courteous and consistent manner.

Criticism channeled through the proper quarter should be educational, constructive, balanced and positive. Under no circumstances should it be demeaning or detrimental to the self-respect of the individuals involved.

Administrators should be informed and available. As facilitators they should know the right questions, have the ability to elicit the right answers and foster creativity with accountability within their committee or area.

Regarding committeemen and other volunteers: they should be praised for time spent and jobs well done; their suggestions welcomed, evaluated and conclusions communicated to them. Abilities should be recognized and encouraged.

Above all, administrators should be models for courtesy, self-control and loyalty. We are role models for the youngest players to the newest association. Our responsibility is to serve them well as we work toward our common goal.