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### **Supplement to NTSSA Rules September 2005**

This document is a supplement to the "Administrative Rule Book" of North Texas State Soccer Association. A complete rule consists of a current NTSSA Administrative Rule Book and this Supplemental Document.

San Angelo Soccer Association (SASA), being a member of the NTSSA acknowledges all rules as written in the NTSSA Administrative Rule Book and accepts them. SASA further expands, clarifies and adds rules as listed in this supplement to be considered in whole with the NTSSA Administrative Rule Book as the rules governing SASA and its members.

This document is only a supplement to the rules and is not complete without NTSSA Administrative Rule Book. A current NTSSA Rule Book is available from the SASA Office at a cost of replication.

## **ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

- Individuals who are registered with San Angelo Soccer Association are eligible to be players.
- Registration will be initiated by a player, their parents/guardian, by completing the USYSA/SASA registration form and presenting a copy of their proof of age and paying the registration fees at a time and place specified by the Board.
- Prior to each SASA season, players must be given the opportunity to register with the team which they have been assigned or placed. By "Pre-Registering" with a team, the player makes a commitment for the next season.
- A coach not providing the opportunity to Pre-Register or withhold those materials in order to remove a player that wishes to remain with the team will be subject to revocation of their coach's privileges by the SASA Board.
- The coach or team representative must return the Pre-Registration materials with any funds and membership forms collected to SASA by the date specified as the Pre-Registration deadline or the team will be considered "Not in Good Standing."

## **ELIGIBILITY OF COACHES**

A person is eligible to coach a SASA team who:

- Has completed the registration requirements of coaches.
- Has completed all training requirements required by the SASA Board. This includes attending the "G" Coaching Clinic prior to or during the next season of coaching as required by NTSSA.
- Has permission to coach granted by the SASA Board of Directors.

## **REGISTRATION OF COACHES, ASSISTANT COACHES & MANAGERS**

A person intending to coach a team will register by:

- Annually completing an NTSSA Risk Management Form and furnishing it to SASA along with a copy of a photo ID.
- Reading and signing a SASA Coaches Contract furnished by SASA.
- Furnishing references as to their character, ability and fitness to teach children, if requested by the SASA Board of Directors.

## **ASSIGNMENT OF COACHES**

Eligible coaches shall be assigned to teams by the Vice – President of the age group. Parents are encouraged to become involved with the coaching program. All coaches in Development and Recreational leagues will be volunteers. If priority assignment is necessary, the guidelines for assignment will be as follows – In order of precedence:

- A senior head coach who coached in the same league in the previous season.
- An Assistant coach who coached in the same league in the previous season.
- A senior head coach who coached the previous season and is moving up an age group.
- An Assistant coach who coached the previous season and is moving up an age group.

- Other qualified individuals.

## **COMPLEX RULES**

- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on SASA property.
- No pets of any kind are allowed on SASA property.
- No firearms are allowed on SASA property.
- No tobacco products are allowed on SASA property.

## **MANDATORY COACH'S MEETING**

All coaches must attend both the August and February general membership meetings held by SASA. Failure to do so will result in their team being considered "Not in Good Standing."

New coaches MUST attend a "new coaches orientation meeting" to be held at the regular coach's meeting. New coach orientation will be furnished by SASA. All new coaches must attend an orientation meeting prior to the start of season play.

## **COACHING DURING GAMES**

Constructive coaching during play will be allowed if the following guidelines are followed:

- Must be positive in motivation.
- Must be instructional information pertaining to the laws of the game (i.e., explanation of a foul, position player on field).
- Executed in a quiet manner so that the coaches do not draw undue attention away from the game to themselves.
- Done from the sidelines (touchline) within 10 yards of the mid-field line.

## **FOUL WEATHER PROCEDURES**

- The SASA Officer of the Day or the Director of Fields shall decide if the games that are scheduled for a specific day are to be cancelled due to foul weather.
- The Referee may terminate a specific game if, in their determination, impending danger to players exists.
- During foul weather, teams that are not otherwise notified at least 1 hour prior to game time of cancellation would report to the playing field.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS TO SASA**

Parents have a responsibility to encourage the children playing youth soccer, remembering the large goal of SASA is to help young adults develop an appreciation for fair play and sportsmanship.

- Support the coaches, realizing SASA coaches are the formal leaders of SASA teams.
- Encourage and applaud each player's performance during team-related activities. Criticism, negative or abusive language, has NO place in youth athletics and will NOT BE TOLERATED.

- Report any inappropriate behavior of coaches on or off the SASA Complex to:  
San Angelo Soccer Association  
A & D Committee  
1501 Glenna Dr.  
San Angelo, TX. 76901

### ***TEAMS GAME DAY RESPONSIBILITIES***

- It will be the responsibility of the teams playing first that day to put out flags and on goal nets.
- It will be the responsibility of the teams playing the last games of the day to pick up flags and to take down the goal nets.
- The HOME TEAM will take the NORTH end and the visiting team will take the SOUTH end.
- In the U-6 age division, the home team will take the WEST end and the visiting team will take the EAST end.
- All nets and flags must be placed in the center of the fields for pick up.

### ***REGISTRATION FEES***

- The SASA Board of Directors will determine a registration fee for each season.
- Any excessive fees over the "registration fees" will be reviewed and subject to the approval of the SASA Board of Directors.

### ***REFUNDS OF FEES***

Refunds will be issued ten days after the season begins. If the uniform can be used, the full refund, minus a \$5.00 administrative fee, will be given. If the uniform is not used, the cost will be deducted from the refund.

### ***USE OF SASA FACILITIES***

- All SASA facilities, fields, parking lots, goals and equipment may be used by person engaged in non-sanctioned activities only with the SASA Board of Directors approval at a regularly scheduled meeting of the SASA Board.
- The Glenna Street Complex is not open to practice or play unless permission is secured in advance from the SASA Board of Directors or their designate. Approval must be secured for each event, game or practice.

### ***MAXIMUM ROSTER SIZES***

\* Under 10 - 13 players

- \* Under 8 - 12 players
- \* Under 6 - 10 players

### **MINIMUM SIZE OF A PRE-REGISTERING TEAM**

This is the minimum number of players to return as a group, with a coach, to be allowed to obtain supplemental players for the next season's play.

- \* Under 19 through Under 12 - 8 players
- \* Under 10 - 6 players
- \* Under 8 - 5 players
- \* Under 6 - 4 players

### **AWARDS FOR LEAGUE PLAY**

Awards will be given as follows:

- U-6 and U-8 age divisions will receive participation awards only.
- In the U-9 age division, players not receiving 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies will receive participation trophies/awards.
- In the U-10 age division, players not receiving 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies will not receive participation trophies.
- Each division with four or more teams in each league will receive 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies only in U-12 and up.
- Each division with less than four teams in each leagues U10 and up will receive 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies only.

### **SPLITTING AGE GROUPS INTO DIVISIONS**

The Vice-President of each age group will determine the need for divisional play and designate teams to their division.

### **MANDATORY PLAYING TIME FOR RECREATIONAL PLAYER**

- All recreational teams, U-6 through U-19, will play all players fifty percent (50%) of each half of play.
- If a coach cannot play each player the prescribed time, they must report the reasons why to the SASA Officer of the Day immediately after the game. A written statement will be required by SASA within 24 hours of the game.
- Intentional and/or repeated violation of this rule by a coach or acting coach will result in a minimum of six (6) month's suspension or a maximum of one (1) year suspension.

### **REDUCTION OR SUSPENSION OF PLAYING TIME**

Only in case of persistent absences or behavior problems during practices or games should this rule apply.

- Coaches having problems with a player must first talk with the parents to resolve the problem. If the problem continues, the Vice President of the age must be notified. The Vice-President will then attempt to resolve the problem by talking with the parents. Only after making every attempt to resolve the problem may the coach reduce or suspend playing time by taking the following actions:
  - The coach must notify the Vice-President of the age group **IN WRITING, 72 HOURS BEFORE THE GAME**, that the player's time will be reduced or suspended.
  - The parents must be informed **48 HOURS BEFORE THE GAME** of the coach's decision to reduce or suspend playing time.
  - The Referee of the game must be informed that the player's time will be reduced or suspended, as agreed upon by the coach and the age group Vice-President.
- Each case will be evaluated individually and if necessary to the President of SASA and the Vice-President of coaches will be involved.
- All reduction or suspension of playing may be appealed to the SASA Board of Directors.
- Any coach found violating this rule would be suspended from coaching for a period of one (1) year. Only with the approval of the SASA Board of Directors will he/she be allowed to coach after serving their suspension.

### ***TEAM MEETINGS***

For this section, a team meeting will be defined as a coming together of a team's players and coaches to practice skills, discuss strategies and/or play a friendly game or scrimmage.

A coach may not allow a player that is not registered or assigned to the team to participate in a team meeting or a regular scheduled game. Failure to comply with this rule will force a team to forfeit all games played in which said player participated. All coaches involved will be suspended from all SASA soccer-related activities.

### ***RECREATIONAL AND/OR ALL STAR TEAM MEETING***

- Teams may not have more than two (2) team meetings per week. A regular scheduled game, scheduled by SASA does not count as a team meeting.
- Teams are required to begin at least two (2) weeks prior to the first SASA scheduled games. Each season, U-6 teams start at least one (1) week prior to the first SASA game.
- No team may start participating in mandatory team meetings more than four (4) weeks to the season start. (Exception to this may be taken if the team is planning to attend a Pre-Season Tournament, in which case, the tournament date shall be used in lieu of the date of the season start).
- A team must cease mandatory team meetings after the season's last game or there last post season tournament date, whichever is later.

### ***DURATION OF PRACTICES***

Maximum times for team meetings:

U-6 and U-8                      -                      1 hour

U-10 and U-12- 1 ½ hours  
U-14 and up - 2 hours

These times are maximum times; coaches are encouraged to use their own judgement as to the duration of a practice.

### **SCRIMMAGES**

- Inter-league scrimmages will be allowed as long as each team stays within one age above or below, unless SASA Board approval is secured in advance.
- Games or scrimmages with teams not in the SASA program will require approval of the age group Vice-President.

### **DETERMINATION OF SEASON STANDING**

- U-6 and U-8 teams will NOT have official season standings.
- U-10 through U-19 age group league division champions will be determined by point standings as follows:
  - Win - 3 points
  - Tie - 1 points
  - Loss - 0 points

Games won by forfeit will result in the winning team receiving the maximum, 3 points.

- If teams are tied in the standings, based on the point system above, the following system will be used to determine the champion:
- The winner of the game in which the tied teams played during the season will be the winner. If there is a three-way tie and one team won over the other two, that team would be the champion.
- If two teams are tied in points AND the two teams tied during the regular season matches, a play-off game will be played resulting in a champion. Play-off games will not end in a tie. Overtime play and, if necessary, FIFA shoot-out will be used. Overtime will be the length stated in the playing rules for the age group involved.
- *If three or more teams are tied in points AND the teams cancelled each other out by defeating each other, then a round robin tournament with each team playing the other teams will determine the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams. At any playoff games an impartial board member shall be present AND a full crew of referees shall be present or the playoff game will be rescheduled.*

### **THE GAMES**

SASA season games tied after regulation time has expired will stand, unless determined otherwise by the age group Vice-President.

### **FORFEIT OF GAME**

Any team unable to obtain a minimum of number of players to field a team within five (5) minutes of scheduled start time will forfeit the game. If neither team is able to field

the minimum number of players within five (5) minutes of the start time, both teams will forfeit. This rule does not apply to U-6 and U-8 teams.

### ***SUSPENSION OF GAMES IN PROGRESS DUE TO WEATHER***

- A game that is suspended before the beginning of the second half will be re-scheduled by the age group Vice-President.
- A game suspended after the start of the second half will be considered complete. It will not be rescheduled.

### ***TEAM AND SPECTATOR AREAS***

- Teams will be located on opposite sides of the field. The HOME team will take the WEST or SOUTH side of the field.
- Coaches will stay within ten (10) yards of the centerline during play. Spectators will stay inside the two penalty areas and on the same side as their team.

### ***PLAYING IN AN OLDER AGE GROUP***

A player may play in the next higher age that their age allows with a completed release form that is approved by the SASA Board of Directors, or if they are rostered to an existing team that is moving up.

### ***SIMILAR JERSEY COLORS***

In cases where both teams are wearing like or similar jerseys, the home team will change jerseys. Jerseys need only be changed if the referee directs it.

### ***PROTESTS***

- All protests will be submitted in writing to the age group Vice-President within forty-eight (48) hours of the game in question. A fifty-dollar (\$50) protest fee is required and should be submitted with the written protest. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned, otherwise the fee is placed in the scholarship fund. Judgement calls by the Referee are not questionable, only violations with the Association Rules and Laws of the Game may be protested.
- Persons involved in the protest, both coaches and referee, shall be notified within twenty-four (24) hours prior to the A&D Committee meeting and their attendance or written statement is required.

### ***GOAL TENDING***

Officially, offsides is not a foul in U-6 and U-8 age groups. However, in the game, a player who is continually "positioned" close to the opposing team's goal with the intent of scoring will be called for "Goal-Tending." The foul will be punished with the awarding of an indirect free kick to the defending team.

## **EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES**

The SASA Board of Directors must approve any exception to these rules and procedures. Should any rule conflict with NTSSA rules, the most severe rule shall prevail.

## **VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES**

Violations of these policies and procedures shall result in disciplinary actions against the person(s). Penalties and action will be the responsibility of the SASA A&D Committee with appeals to the SASA Board of Directors.

### *SASA supplement to NTSSA Rules and Regulations Chapter 3.11 "Discipline"*

- 1) *When the word "SUSPENSION" is discussed in the chapter regarding any player, coach or assistant coach, "SUSPENSION" is defined as:*

*If a player, coach or assistant coach is SUSPENDED, the player, coach or assistant coach may be present at future events strictly as a SPECTATOR, unless otherwise defined by North Texas or the SASA A&D Committee. Further discipline of the suspended player, coach or assistant coach will fall under Chapter 3.11.4 "Misconduct of Spectators" found in the NTSSA Rules and Regulations.*

## **UNIFORMS – RECREATIONAL**

Recreational team's primary uniform shall be supplied by SASA. Secondary uniforms, if used, must be purchased with "team funds." (i.e. raised through a fundraiser, donations, etc.) not by individuals.

## **RULES FOR SELECT / COMPETITIVE TEAMS**

A committee to oversee the development of advanced soccer within the San Angelo Soccer Association will control the "non" recreational teams. The committee will be comprised of the Vice-President of select teams, Vice-President of coaches, Vice-President of U-12 boys, Vice-President of U-12 girls and Vice-President of U-14 and up.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS & TEAMS**

- Committee will oversee the development of all "non" recreational teams playing the constitution of SASA. This will include "All-Star," "Select" and "Competitive" teams.
- Committee will administer and help teams for SASA.
- Committee will serve as the communication link between SASA and the coaches and teams.
- Committee will be responsible for helping coaches with notification procedures, tryout procedures, and team formation rules.

## **NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES**

- All coaches or teams must notify the SASA Office with a letter of intentions to go select no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>. A copy of tryout advertisement must be included as well as qualification of coaches.
- All North Texas Soccer rules regarding tryouts and advertising must be followed.
- North Texas Soccer "Fact Sheet" must be returned to the SASA Office as well as North Texas no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> as required.

## **TRYOUTS**

- Tryouts will be conducted during the time of July 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>, while players are "Free Agents."
- Any team wishing to hold additional tryouts during the year, must have approval from SASA Board of Directors at least 30 days prior to tryouts.
- Usage of the SASA Complex for tryouts must be approved through the Vice-President of Fields, the SASS Board and/or its representative.

## **TEAM FORMATION**

- Team rosters and USYSA Competitive registration forms must be returned to SASA within five (5) days of completion of tryouts.
- Any fees due to SASA (i.e. registration, referee assignor fees, etc.) must be paid before any games are played.
- A schedule of game dates, opponents, and times must also be turned in. (All select teams are responsible for scheduling their own games, either through the league in which they play, or any other means).
- Referee fees must be paid prior to the start of each game.
- Committee will investigate all requests for "non" recreational teams and make its recommendation to SASA Board of Directors. All recommendations will be based solely on what is best for the players and the interest of the membership of SASA. The SASA Board of Directors will have final decisions on all matters.

## **COACHES**

- All coaches requesting to coach a select/competitive team must have been a "head coach" or "assistant coach" in good standing with *USYSA, UIL, NCAA, USSF, NAIA, SASA or NTSSA for at least two (2) years.*
- *All coaches and assistant coaches* in U12 and U14 must have attained at least an "E" coaching license.
- *All coaches and assistant coaches* in U16 or above must have attained at least a "D" coaching license.

## **SASA ALL STAR RULES**

- There will be one (1) team chosen per age group. (i.e.: one team in each group of U-12 boys, U-12 girls, U-11 boys, U-11 girls). Only players within the proper age range are eligible for their age group. NO EXCEPTIONS! In other words, the team will be age pure.
- The All Star coach will be selected by a majority vote of the coaches in the age group division represented by the All Star team. The coach MUST have at least an "E" Coaching License and be approved by the SASA Board of Directors.
- Coaches interested in being chosen for the All Star coaching position must notify the SASA Board of Directors in writing at least 30 days prior to the formation of the All Star team. The coach must state in writing:
  - Why he/she desires to coach the All Star team and list his/her credentials.
  - What expectations he/she has of the players and parents, what role the parents will play, what goals have been set for the team (training regiment, tournaments to enter, etc.) and how he/she will work with the recreational teams from which the players are chosen.
  - The number of tournaments and locations of the tournaments plan to enter.
  - Total estimated cost per player. This information will be furnished to all coaches in the age division and any other interested party.
- The coaches of the age division will form the All Star team. In other words, if a coach has a player on his/her team that is eligible to try out, and does try out, that coach may participate in the selection of the All Star team. Try outs will be organized and run by experienced competitive team coaches either active or "retired." Player's selection will be based on tryouts and other criteria as determined by the selecting coaches.
- All Star teams may be formed approximately four weeks prior to the recreational season end, and be in existence for ten weeks. All players trying out will be notified within seven (7) days of tryouts whether or not he/she made the team.
- RECREATIONAL TEAMS PLAY (GAMES AND PRACTICES) TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER ANY AND ALL ALL-STAR PLAY!! All coaches should support the All-Star program because player's development is the first and foremost objective of SASA.
- The All Star roster will consist of 18 players chosen by tryouts. There will be no substitutes or alternates and the roster will be no less than 18.
- The All Star teams may practice as many times per week as agreed on by the coaches and parents by an 80% vote. Only one vote per player per family. (i.e. if one family has two players chosen, they get two votes; separated or divorced parents with one player chosen gets one vote).
- Fees for tournament expenses and referee expenses may be charged back to the parents. All Star uniforms will be furnished by SASA and parents will be charged for uniforms lost or returned in unusable condition.
- The All Star process is an educational experience for the players to play with fellow players with similar abilities. This will not be a "win at all cost" situation and all SASA recreational rules apply. ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY 50% OF EACH HALF OF ALL GAMES PLAYED! Tryouts, cuts, and other facts of competitive play come soon

enough. THIS IS THE CHILD'S DECISION AND IT SHOULD NOT BE INFLUENCED BY ANYONE ELSE'S DESIRES!

- Let these players have fun and play recreational soccer.
- These are small people with big feelings. Do not shatter these feelings because it may be everlasting. Encourage those not chosen to keep trying if they want to play. Different players develop at different ages.
- A coordinator will be appointed by the SASA Board of Directors to initiate the All Star team process.

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