



## **Chapter 1**

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH TEXAS CO-ED SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

## **ARTICLE I**

The name of this organization shall be known as the North Texas Co-Ed Soccer Association (NTCSA) and will be known as the "Association" for all purposes here after.

## **ARTICLE II**

The purpose shall be to foster and advance the cause of soccer within the territory under jurisdiction of this Association and so guard the interest of its members.

## **ARTICLE III**

This Association shall be directly affiliated with and comply with the authority of the United States Soccer Federation and the North Texas State Soccer Association and shall represent all its members in both the United States Soccer Federation and the North Texas State Soccer Association.

## **ARTICLE IV**

The territory under jurisdiction of this Association is defined as that part of Texas that includes Denton, Collin, Rockwall, and Dallas counties, and all cities therein.

## **ARTICLE V**

The headquarters of this Association shall be within the boundaries of the county of Dallas, Texas.

- A. All original documents pertinent to the operation of this organization shall be kept in the Association office of Record.

## **ARTICLE VI**

Any properly constituted team that falls within the geographical boundaries of this Association may become a member of this Association if all requirements of membership are met and the Association finds that such membership would be in the best interest of soccer. A copy of the team name and name of the player representative must accompany all applications for membership. Application for membership must be accompanied by an initiation fee of \$15.00, which shall be returned if the applicant is denied membership.

- A. A properly constituted team shall be defined by the current season playing rules. Each member team, provided it is in good standing, at any full Association meeting shall have one (1) vote on any given issue brought before the membership at the meeting.
- B. To be in good standing in this Association, a member team must meet all of the following requirements:
  1. All current dues, fees, and assessments due to this Association must be paid. Dues of the members are payable prior to the first game of each season.
  2. A member team failing to meet any requirement of good standing for a period of thirty (30) days shall have its team roster declared open and shall not be entitled to vote or to any protection, services or competition of this association.

Each member team shall be furnished a copy of the Constitution, By-laws, and Playing Rules of the North Texas Co-Ed Soccer Association.

## **ARTICLE VII**

This Association shall have the jurisdiction over member teams, officials, referees, and players affiliated with it. Each member team shall adhere to the Constitution, By-laws, and Rules & Regulations of this Association, and must comply with its authority.

**ARTICLE VIII**

This Association shall be governed by its members, which shall consist of the Executive Officers of this Association, Division Commissioners and the official delegates from each member team in good standing, each of whom shall be entitled to one (1) vote. A list of official delegates will be retained by the Secretary of NTCSA and only the listed delegates or their written proxy will be entitled to cast votes for their team.

The official delegate may appoint a proxy for any given meeting by submitting in writing to the Secretary, his/her choice, prior to commencement of the meeting for which the proxy will apply. No delegate or proxy will be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one team. Only the official delegate or their proxy will have the right to speak at any Association meeting. Any Executive Officer, delegate or proxy may introduce anyone to speak at the Association meeting with the approval of the presiding officer.

**ARTICLE IX**

The Executive Officers, except the immediate past President, shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and may succeed themselves in office. No one officer may hold two (2) offices at the same time. There shall be no limit on the number of consecutive terms in the same position. Any officer wishing to run for a different office, before his/her tenure is expired, may do so. If an officer is elected to a second office, that officer must choose the office he/she wishes to hold and immediately resign the other office. Elections shall be held at the Annual Meeting with one-half (1/2) of the Executive Officers being elected each year. The Executive Officers whose duty it shall be to transact the business of the Association shall consist of:

President -----	elected in odd number years
Vice President-----	elected in even number years
League Commissioner-----	elected in odd number years
Referee Commissioner-----	elected in even number years
Secretary -----	elected in odd number years
Treasurer -----	elected in even number years
Field Commissioner-----	elected in odd number years
Immediate past President -----	ratified in odd number years

No two officers shall serve on the board at the same time if they are related to each other.

These Executive Officers shall constitute the Executive Board. A quorum of fifty percent (50%) of the Executive Board is necessary to transact the business of this Association. Each of the above officers shall be allowed a deputy officer if he/she so wishes, and that deputy shall serve for any conflict-of-interest concerning that board member or in any capacity, within that board member's responsibility, and so approved by the Executive Board. Any Division Commissioner or Member-At-Large in attendance at any Executive Board meeting shall have a voice and voting privileges in all matters.

**ARTICLE X**

The Annual Meeting of this Association shall be called during July or August to follow the NTSSA AGM in July and will be held in Dallas County, Texas. There shall also be a semi-annual meeting called for the month of January. Any team not represented by the captain and/or appointed written proxy, will be subject to a \$50.00 fine and/or forfeit of the first game of the season. The order of business shall be as follows:

- Roll Call and Vote Accreditation
- Approval of Minutes of Last Annual Meeting Unfinished Business
- Reports of the Chairman of Standing Committees Reports of the Auditing Committee
- Reports of Officers New Business Adjournment

**ARTICLE XI**

Association meetings, other than the Annual Meeting, may be called by the Executive Board or by a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the Association membership. A quorum must be present to transact business.

**ARTICLE XII**

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting membership present, provided all members have been given ten (10) days written notice of the meeting and a written copy of the proposed changes. A quorum must be present.

**ARTICLE XIII**

Thirty percent (30%) of the Association members, in good standing, shall constitute a quorum.