

- c) A player, upon registering with a team within the regular registration period, must stay with that team for the entire Soccer Year. No transfers or releases will be allowed during the Soccer Year except for reasons stated in Rule #6.
 - d) If a player drops off a team during the Soccer Year without a release, he will not be allowed to play for any other team during that Soccer Year.
 - e) Any player on a Team Roster has the option of returning to that team or going into the player pool for assignment to a new team. At no time will any team requests be granted for any reason except for the following reasons during regular registration times.
 - U4, U5 & U6 teams may request teams and/or teammates as defined in NTSSA Administrative Rule 4.8.1.
 - U7 & up may not have any requests.
 - All requests are not guaranteed.
 - f) Players not returning to existing teams within one year of leaving said team, shall be placed in the player pool, from which they will be randomly assigned.
 - g) No player may be contracted and added to a Team Roster after the third game of the season has been played by the team, unless the number of players on the roster drops below the minimum set by the Association.
 - h) Contracts must be submitted to the Registrar at least forty-eight hours prior to the first game in which the new player participates. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of all games in which the added player(s) played.
 - i) Allowing a player, for whom TCYSA holds no contract, to play in any game shall result in forfeiture of all games in which that player participated.
 - j) The player and/or coach may be suspended from participation in TCYSA for a period of one year for any violation of the above.
6. **RELEASES:**
- a) Any player under contract with any team in the NTSSA who desires to have his contract nullified, must have a release.
 - b) In the event of serious incompatibilities in the player/coach relationship that has been documented with the League Director, the player or coach may request such a release through the Director. Any resulting action requires approval of the Executive Committee.
 - c) The child of any head coach who desires to play on the parent's team shall request such a release through the Director.
 - d) A temporary release may be granted by the Director in accordance with NTSSA, for the purpose of playing and practicing as a guest player in any tournament that allows guest players with the permission of the parent of the player, with the understanding that the Coach using the guest player may not in any way offer the player a contract to play on his team in the current or following season.
 - e) Other releases may be granted based on the applicable NTSSA Rules.
7. **RECRUITING:**
- a) There shall be no recruiting.
 - b) It will be assumed that a team has recruited if it can be established that any representative of the team in question has actively solicited a player under contract to another team to join their team by talking to the player or player's parent or having anyone else talk to the team members or their parents.
 - c) For any violation of this rule, the Coach concerned and all offending parties shall appear before the Director. The Coach and all participating persons may be suspended from participation in TCYSA for a minimum of one year.
8. **DISBANDMENTS:**
- a) Any registered team is considered under contract with TCYSA and shall not be disbanded without prior consideration of the Director.

- b) The coach and/or manager, prior to resigning, will inform the Director of their intentions.
- c) If the coach and/or manager cannot find a successor, the Director will “adopt” the team temporarily and assist the players’ parents in selecting and securing new leadership.
- d) If, after all possible efforts by the Director and team, a new coach and/or manager cannot be found, the Director will declare each player a free agent and will make every effort to place each player on a team.

9. TEAM FORMATION:

- a) Team formation will be handled under the direction of the Director.
- b) Teams will be formed using a “blind draw” format, so that no coach has advanced knowledge of the child they are selecting to the team.
- c) The blind draw must occur so that no team has an advantage over another.
- d) A suggested format is:
 - 1) Teams draw for order of the actual blind draw
 - 2) The team with the least number of players draws first, regardless of order within the draw. That team continues drawing until they have the same number of players as the team with the next fewest players.
 - 3) Based on the draw order, the teams with fewer players will draw until the number of players on each team is equal.
 - 4) This process will continue until all of the players in the pool are chosen.
 - 5) To ensure fairness amongst the teams, the team that drew first in one round, will draw last in the next round. This will allow all teams to draw first through the course of the draw.

10. UNIFORMS:

- a) At its discretion, TCYSA may provide uniforms for all teams. If so provided, uniforms will be supplied for the Soccer Year (fall and spring), and additional uniforms will be supplied for new teams and new players that sign up in the spring.
 - 1) An individual player, or their family, must pay for replacement of a TCYSA-supplied uniform when the uniform is lost, out grown, or damaged beyond use. This only applies to uniforms that must be worn within the same Soccer Year.
- b) If TCYSA opts not to provide uniforms under 10.a. above, the teams will provide their own uniforms, subject to the following:
 - 1) Teams must have matching jerseys (shirts) with a permanent number on the back measuring at least 6". Home team will be required to change jerseys or wear pinnies in the event both teams have similar colors. It is recommended that all team players have like colored shorts and socks.
 - 2) A sponsor may be obtained to cover the cost of uniforms. If a sponsor is obtained, the sponsor should pay for the uniform of any new player added to the team in the Soccer Year.
 - 3) A sponsor must specify in writing if they are sponsoring the team or the players. If the team is sponsored, the team may request the uniforms back, to be used by new players the following season. If the sponsorship is for the players, the players will not be required to return any items to the team (including uniforms).

11. LEAGUE STRUCTURE:

- a) The Director will determine competitive strength and skill level of all teams within a league. The Director may solicit assistance for this responsibility, but the final decision is that of the Director.
- b) Under-4 through Under-9 play is noncompetitive. Standings will not be kept and champions will not be named. An award will be presented to each player.

- c) Standings will be kept and champions named to each Division in each age group for Under-10 and up. For age divisions that play inter-association, standings will be kept in accordance with inter-association rules. For age divisions that play only within TCYSA, standings and champions will be determined as follows:
- 1) Three points will be given for a win, one point for a tie, and no points for a loss.
 - 2) Trophies will be awarded as follows:

Two (2) or three (3) team leagues	- 1 st Place
Four (4) or five (5) team leagues	- 1 st , 2 nd Place
Six (6) through eight (8) team leagues	- 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Place
Nine (9) or more teams	- 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Place
- d) In the event of a tie in season standings for First and Second place in a league, the champion will be determined by the 10-point tournament rule system, as stated in NTSSA Tournament Rule 5.a (which can be found in NTSSA Administrative Rules Chapter 8).
- e) In the event of a tie in the three-point system, and a tie in the 10-point system, the champion will be determined by a play-off game. This game will be a full-length game as determined by that age group.
- f) Overtime periods will be utilized and, if necessary, kicks from the penalty spot in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game will be used to determine the winner if a championship game ends in a tie.
- g) OVERTIME PERIODS:
- 1) U12 Two (2) ten (10) minute halves
 - 2) U14 Two (2) ten (10) minute halves
 - 3) U16 Two (2) fifteen (15) minute halves
 - 4) U19 Two (2) fifteen (15) minute halves
- h) Tournament of Champions (TOC). Each Fall season, TCYSA will send one boys team and one girls team per age group to TOC. Age groups are defined in NTSSA Bylaws, Chapter 4.1.2. Only teams that play in competitive age groups are eligible. The TCYSA representative will be chosen as follows:
- 1) If there is only one team in a given age group, that team has the option of participating in TOC. No team will be allowed to play up to an age group if that age group has no representative (for example, a team that played in a U12 league cannot play up as the U14 TOC representative).
 - 2) If multiple teams exist in an age group, the TOC representative will be determined as follows:
 - 1) If all teams compete in the same division, the team with the most points at the end of the season (as determined by TCYSA Rule 11.c.1 or by inter-association rules) will be the TOC representative. In the event of a tie, the 10-point tournament rule system will be applied. If a tie still exists, the TOC representative will be determined by a play-off game
 - 2) If teams compete in different divisions, the team with the most points in each division at the end of the season (as determined by TCYSA Rule 11.c.1 or by inter-association rules) can challenge to be the TOC representative. The challenge must be submitted in writing to the appropriate Director. If more than two divisions exist, the Director will set the playoff format to be played to determine the TOC representative.
 - 3) If league play splits age groups into age pure groups (for example, the U12 age group has an all U12 group and an all U11 group), the TOC representative will be determined as follows:
 - i. The even-numbered age group representative will be determined as set forth in 11.g.1 or 2.
 - ii. The odd-numbered age group representative (U11, U13 or U15) must place in top division in order to challenge the

even-numbered age group representative. Placing will be defined as the same as receiving trophies in an age group, as outlined in TCYSA Rule 11.c.2. The challenge must be submitted in writing to the appropriate Director. If more than two teams place in separate divisions, the Director will set the playoff format to be played to determine the odd-numbered age group representative.

iii. If there is no even-numbered age group representative, the odd-numbered age group representative must still meet the requirements in 11.g.3.ii.

- 4) If a team commits to play in TOC and does not show for their scheduled games, the team will face possible disbandment, a fine up to \$250 and possible removal of the coach.
- 5) All TCYSA TOC representatives must meet NTSSA Administrative Rules outlined in Chapter 8.

12. GAME PROCEDURES:

- a) Teams must remain within the technical area (coaches box) designated by the Association. Parents and spectators must remain in the spectator area as designated by the Association. Only players and team personnel listed on the roster, who have completed an NTSSA background check, may occupy the technical area. A maximum of three registered team personnel may occupy the technical area with the team, as long as they are in possession of a NTSSA coach identification card.
- b) The Home team of the first game at each field is responsible for chalking the field and placing corner flags on the field. If the field is not chalked within the Forfeit grace period, as defined in League Rule #16 below, the referee can call the game an abandonment against the home team.
- c) The Home team of the last game at each field is responsible for returning the corner flags to the storage area.
- d) The Visiting team is requested to assist the Home team with chalking the fields.

13. SCRIMMAGES:

- a) All scrimmages will be in full uniform with a referee.
- b) All scrimmages will be scheduled through the League Scheduler.
- c) The teams involved are responsible for finding and paying the referee and for any equipment needed.

14. FOUL WEATHER:

- a) The referee or Field Manager has the authority to postpone a game because of weather conditions.
- b) Teams must report to the playing fields ready to play unless previously officially notified. Information regarding cancellations will be posted on the Association answering machine and/or web site. Coaches must not assume that a game has been postponed or canceled.
- c) The Referee Assignor will notify the respective Directors of all games postponed or suspended by referees. Notification of postponement must be made to the Director within twelve hours.
- d) If a game is suspended because of foul weather before the second half has started, that game shall be replayed from the start. If a game is suspended after the second half has begun, the game shall be considered a full game.

15. RESCHEDULING GAMES:

- a) The Director of the age group will reschedule games, when necessary, other than for adverse field or weather conditions. The reschedule request will only be honored if the function prohibits the team from fielding enough players to play.

Requests for reschedule must be submitted in writing to the Director at least 14 days before the scheduled game. The Director will decide on the request after consulting with the League Scheduler. The Director will notify both teams (Coach or Manager) and the League Scheduler of their decision, on the request for the rescheduled game.

- b) Rescheduling games because of adverse field or weather conditions will be the sole responsibility of the Association. The decision to delete or reschedule games due to adverse field or weather conditions will be the responsibility of the Director, Field Manager and Referee Assignor. The Director may notify teams of schedule changes.
 - c) A team may request one weekend bye per season. The request must be submitted in writing to the Director at least three (3) weeks prior to the beginning of scheduled play. The Association will make every effort to grant the request. But field limitations, inter-association scheduling, etc. may make it impossible for the Association to grant the request. The Director will notify the requesting team of the decision before the beginning of scheduled play.
16. FORFEITS:
- a) A fifteen-minute grace period will be allowed after the starting time. A forfeit for the team not in attendance will be declared after fifteen minutes. A double forfeit will be declared if neither team arrives within fifteen minutes of game time.
 - b) A forfeit is equivalent to a loss.
 - c) Failure of a team representative to complete documentation may result in a forfeiture of said game.
 - d) The Director will notify both coaches upon forfeiture of a game.
 - e) The results of a forfeit will not be official until forty-eight hours after the coaches have been notified and all appeals have been exhausted.
17. GAME PROTESTS:
- a) Game protests shall be made in writing to the appropriate Director. All protests must be accompanied with a \$25.00 check made payable to TCYSA. If their protest is upheld, the fee will be returned.
 - b) Protests filed involving the referee must be made within forty-eight hours of the game being protested. Judgment calls by the referee shall not be protested.
 - c) Protests of any other type shall be made within five days to the appropriate Director, who will take the required action within five days.
18. APPEALS:
- a) All appeals of a Director's and/or A&D Committee decisions must be filed within seventy-two hours of the decision.
 - b) Should any party wish to appeal a decision made by the Director, such appeal shall be made in writing to the A&D Chairman, accompanied with a \$25.00 check made payable to TCYSA. If their appeal is upheld, the fee will be returned.
 - c) Should any party wish to appeal a decision made by the A&D Committee, such appeals shall be made in writing to the TCYSA Executive Committee, accompanied with a \$50.00 check made payable to TCYSA. If their appeal is upheld, the fee will be returned.
19. COACHES / PARENTS RESPONSIBILITIES:
- a) Coaches and parents are reminded that there is a responsibility, which must be met, not only to their players, but also to TCYSA. The following actions by the coaching staff and/or parents is strictly forbidden in all related soccer activities:
 - 1) Foul or abusive language
 - 2) Harassment or acts of aggression toward players, league officials, referees or spectators

- 3) Accepting any form of assistance from any person officially suspended from all soccer activities by NTSSA or TCYSA
 - 4) Any other conduct contrary to the rules and/or spirit of the rules of NTSSA or TCYSA
 - b) Any violation of the above may result in a warning, and/or suspension from all TCYSA related activities for an indefinite period of time.
20. COACHES LICENSES:
- a) Coaches are required to have a coaching license. The license level requirements are:
 - 1) U5-U8: G or higher or equivalent National coaching license
 - 2) U9-U12: F or higher or equivalent National coaching license
 - 3) U13-U19: E or higher or equivalent National coaching license
 - b) A coach may coach the first season without the required license, but the license must be obtained by the end of that first season. For example, when a team moves to U9, the coach has until the end of the team's first season to obtain an F license.
 - c) If the license is not obtained by the end of that season, the coach may not coach the next season.
21. NTSSA RULE #3.11:
- a) All members are charged with the responsibility of seeing that this rule is distributed to every coach, administrator, and referee. It is intended that each coach will make known these contents to their parents and spectators.
22. PAID COACHING:
- a) Recreational teams registered in TCYSA shall be allowed no more than five private practices conducted by a paid coach within any single Soccer Season. This shall not apply to individual players who seek the private tutoring of a soccer coach or to participation in organized soccer clinics.
 - b) Paid coaches shall not have a role in coaching a recreational team while that team is playing a game sanctioned by NTSSA.
23. COMPETITIVE (SELECT) TEAMS:
- a) Competitive teams must have the Executive Committee's approval of their operating rules, prior to being considered operational within TCYSA.
 - b) Teams registering with TCYSA and wishing to play outside TCYSA shall be required to pay any applicable fees before they will be given a Team Release.
 - c) Protests relating to the club requirements will be heard only when they apply to violations of the TCYSA Constitution, By-Laws, or League Rules or NTSSA Rules.
24. ACADEMIES
- a) Team formation and league play for Academies will adhere to NTSSA rules, as outlined in NTSSA Administrative Rule 3.10.3
 - b) TCYSA will require all eligible players to also register on a TCYSA recreational league team.
25. REQUIRED SUBSTITUTIONS:
- a) Players must be substituted for and may not re-enter the game until the next appropriate substitution time in these situations:
 - 1) A player whose injury required the stoppage of play.
 - 2) A player who received a caution.
 - b) A player that is bleeding must be substituted for and may not re-enter the game until the next appropriate substitution time after the bleeding has been attended to.
26. PLAYING TIME:
- a) All players must play a minimum of 50% of each game at which they are present.

- b) If a player is injured and must come out of the game, that player may be substituted back in at the first available time to allow the player to play their 50% requirement.
- c) A player, whose coach has documentation for disciplinary action, must still play a minimum of 25% of the game.