SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.1 Application

To be eligible for membership in the Chapter, a potential member must submit a state application and a local application to the Chapter Board. A state application must be submitted through TASO first. The local application must be submitted to the local chapter but will not be reviewed for acceptance or denial until state dues are paid. When reviewed for local admission and approved (see Section 3.1.1), the local application shall be kept locally. If the Board approves the local application, the potential member must remain in good standing by meeting all other obligations as stated in Section 2.1 thru 2.10.

Section 2.1.1 Application Review

Local returning applications shall begin being reviewed by the current board at the next board meeting after the December 1 deadline. New members and late returning applications shall be reviewed at the next board meeting after submitting the new application or the next convenient board meeting prior to the last scheduled District Clinic. During the review, the board shall determine which applications shall be accepted for continuing membership or new membership. It shall also determine which applications shall not be accepted for membership. Any person whose local membership is denied shall be given written notice and be given a reason(s) why the application was not accepted. Any person who was denied local membership whether a previous member or not, may appeal to the board to state their case. If the decision of the board is to accept the member under any or no restrictions, the member shall not pay any reinstatement fees or late fees. The chapter shall void the local late fees and if needed pay the state reinstatement fee provided the fees are assessed because of the appeal process. If the decision of the board is to deny membership, all monies being held for payment of dues and late fees for the year applying shall be returned. Any monies due from previous seasons (fines, GAFs, etc.), may be deducted and the remaining monies shall be returned with a list of deductions taken.

Section 2.2 Dues

All members must pay state and local dues as determined by TASO and the Chapter. The fee structure shall be as determined by TASO (state dues) and the Chapter Board (local dues): For more information on state dues, go to TASO website. Local dues shall be as follows:

Type	Local Dues	Assigning Fees	Total Local Dues	Due by
New Member	$30.00	$75.00	$105.00	August 1
Renewing/Returning Member	$30.00	$75.00	$105.00	June 30
Reinstated Member*	$55.00		$130.00	June 30
*Reinstated Member is a member that did not pay their state dues by the TASO deadline or their local dues by the June 30th deadline or both.				

Renewing Members shall pay all dues for the following season by June 30th of the current season. Dues will not be accepted in partial payments. Fines, GAFs, and other monies owed from the previous season must be paid before dues will be accepted (exception, if 30-day notification extends deadline, see Section 3.2.1). If Renewing/Returning Members do not pay local dues by June 30th, a local late fee of $25 may be assessed and added to the dues (Reinstated). Eligibility for assignments will be suspended until payment is made. Any dues that are considered delinquent may be reported to TASO and may affect other sport schedules.

New members who join after December 1 and Returning Members who did not pay state dues for the previous year and were not an active member are exempted from the Late Fee and assignment suspension. However, Returning Members are not considered New Members for the purpose of assessing local dues and fees

Section 2.2.1 Fines

All members must pay any outstanding fines by December 1 or within 30 days of notification (whichever is later) in the year that they occurred. Failure to pay fine(s) by the established deadline may result in a late fee as determined by the Board but will not exceed $25.00 per fine.

A fine and all penalties that were assessed during a previous season that were not paid by December 1, for either just cause or not, must be paid prior to August 1 immediately following the date the fine was assessed. Failure to pay the fine by this date will result in the member having their schedule restricted and other penalties assessed as the board may deem, including but not limited to additional fines and/or expulsion. Any fine or penalty that is considered delinquent may be reported to TASO and may affect other sport schedules.

A member who does not renew their membership and has outstanding dues, fines, and/or fees, shall have to pay all past dues, fines, and/or fees left unpaid before returning to the chapter as a member.

Section 2.2.2 Game Adjustment Fees (GAFs)

A GAF is a fee charged to a member who has rejected an assignment on a day the member has indicated they are available. The intent of the GAF is to offset the time/expense of reassigning the match or adjusting the schedule and to hold members accountable for updating their availability.

GAFs must be paid prior to the December 1 deadline for dues. If a member has outstanding GAFs, dues will not be accepted until the GAFs have been paid. It is the responsibility of the member to pay any outstanding GAFs prior to December 1 to avoid paying late fees for late payment of dues. Members should be notified in writing when they are assessed a GAF. The notice should include the date of the match, the location of the match, and what caused the GAF (i.e., rejected by member, turned back in by member, etc.) Member should also be given an end of year notice of outstanding GAFs by the last meeting of the year. Any GAF that is considered delinquent may be reported to TASO and may affect other sport schedules.

Section 2.2.3 Late Dues Policy
(From TASO Late Dues Policy)

The LATE DUES FEE, previously referred to as the REINSTATEMENT FEE, of the TASO State dues will apply as follows:

1. The late fee will ONLY apply when the member was also a member of the Division during the dues year immediately preceding the current dues year.
2. If the member was NOT a member of the Division for any reason during the dues year immediately preceding the current dues year, the Late Fee will not apply.

(For further information see TASO Late Dues Policy)

Section 2.2.4 Dues Refund Policy
(From TASO Dues Refund Policy)

Following receipt of a member's state dues in the TASO office, the refund policy of state dues is as follows:

1. If the renewing member requests a refund of state dues
    a. After receipt of the member's state dues in the TASO office, but prior to the earliest UIL scrimmage date for volleyball, for any reason, fifty percent (50%) of the state dues are refunded to the member.
        i. If the renewal member's dues include a late fee, the late fee is refunded to the member.
    b. After receipt of the member's state dues in the TASO office, and after the earliest UIL scrimmage date for volleyball, for any reason, no portion of the dues are refunded to the member.
2. If a new member requests a refund of state dues a. After receipt of the applying member's state dues in the TASO office, for any reason, no portion of the dues are refunded to the member.
3. If a new or renewal member is a member of the armed forces and is deployed outside of the State of Texas, the member's dues will be refunded in full. Specific requests for refunds under this section may be reviewed individually and supporting documentation is required. Note: if a renewal member is a member of the armed forces and has been deployed outside of Texas, the member is not required to pay a late fee when renewing TASO membership.
4. If a new or renewal member's application for membership is not approved by the Disciplinary Action Committee, the member's state dues will be refunded in full.
5. All requests for a refund of TASO state dues must be submitted to the TASO office by the TASO member seeking a refund in the manner prescribed by the TASO Executive Director.
6. Once a member has received his/her TASO dues refund for a sport, the member acknowledges that all rights and privileges with TASO membership in that sport is waived including coverage by any and all TASO insurance policies.

(For further information see TASO Dues Refund Policy)

Section 2.3 Training

All members must attend the required education sessions as determined by the Board and Training Committee. It is of great importance that new members attend every possible education session.

Anyone who has been a member for at least 2 years, and whose work or class schedule precludes them from completing training, may appeal to the Board for relief. The Board shall make decisions on a case-by-case basis and will determine if and to what extent relief may be granted based on a member's past performance and commitment to the chapter. Documents may be required.

Section 2.4 Scrimmages

Members are required to attend at least one scrimmage, unless a work scheduling conflict prohibits attendance. Members are required to participate a minimum of 3 hours per scrimmage. Knowing a scrimmage may last more than 3 hours, the member should plan on staying the whole scrimmage. Time management and doing the right thing are encouraged traits of an excellent official. Inability to stay for full scrimmage shall be documented on the signup sheet. The member shall notify the Assigning secretary that they were unable to stay for the whole scrimmage and the reason for the departure. Continual time management concerns can lead to disciplinary actions.

If unable to attend any scrimmage, written notification must be received by Recording Secretary prior to date of last scheduled scrimmage. The Board has the authority to make exceptions and determine the resolution or outcome of missed scrimmages. Members are encouraged to do multiple scrimmages.

Section 2.5 Required Meetings

All members are required to attend at least 80% (or largest whole number approaching 80%) of all scheduled meetings. All members are required to attend a State meeting, Regional Clinic, or take the Online Clinic to be eligible for varsity matches. All members are required to notify their Division Representative with a written explanation of failure to attend any scheduled meeting(s). In lieu of Division Representatives the member may contact the Recording Secretary or the President. Notification must occur within 24 hours of missed meeting.

Section 2.6 Test

All members are required to take and pass the State Test with a minimum of 70 to be eligible to call any matches. The minimum score of 70 must be attained by August 1 or prior to receiving any paid match assignments. The local chapter shall honor the minimum "passed" score set by TASO for eligibility to call varsity matches, but the local chapter may set higher score standards for other criteria such as eligibility to be listed on the Top Crew list, classification ranking, etc. To be eligible for any post season matches, a member currently must score a 90 or above to be eligible. To be eligible for the Top Crew List member must score a 94 or above on the state test.

TASO guidelines and the Chapter guidelines require Registered officials with less than three years' experience to have a minimum score on the state test of 70 to be eligible to call varsity during the season. Chapter guidelines require a score of 80 for Approved officials with 3 t0 6 years' experience, 90 for members with 7 or more years' experience. Furthermore, all members must score a 90 or above in the state test and the line judge test for post season matches. To be eligible for the Top Crew list a member must score a 94 or above in the state test.

Level of Play	Classification Level	Tear's Experience Kevel	Minimum Score	Preferred Score
Varsity	Registered (Preferred)	Less than 3 years' experience	70	90+
Varsity	Approved (Preferred)	3 to 6 years' experience	80	90+
Varsity	Certified (Preferred)	7 or more years' experience	90	100
Post Season*	All Preferred Members	No Limits	90	100
Top Crew*	All Preferred Members	No Limits	94	100
*Other qualifications must be met.				

Section 2.7 Status

A **Preferred Member** is a member which has completed all requirements to call Varsity and Post-season requirements to call Varsity:

1. Attend an approved Rules Clinic (in person or online) for the current season.
2. Take the mandatory state test and score a 90 or above for the current season.
3. Pay all dues and fees by their designated timeline in the current season.
4. Maintain an acceptable meeting attendance (80%) for the current season.
5. Complete training requirements as set by the Chapter for the current season.
6. Complete at least 3 hours of scrimmages for the current season.
7. Maintain a Member in Good Standing status.
8. Not have any restrictions set by TASO or the Chapter that affect the current year.
9. Achieve any other criteria as set by the training committee or the Board.

All members should strive for Preferred Membership status each year.

An **Active Member** is a member for whatever reason did not qualify to call varsity but has at least:

1. Attended an approved Rules Clinic (in person or online) for the current season.
2. Taken the mandatory state test and score a 70 or above for the current season.
3. Paid all dues and fees by their designated timeline in the current season.

A **Probationary Member** is a member on probationary status or is a member NOT in Good Standing due to disciplinary action. A Probationary Member may be a Preferred or Active member and have the rights or restrictions that come with their classification and must also adhere to the punishments implemented in their probation.

A **Top Crew Member** is a member from the Preferred Member category that has completed the Top Crew process and was ranked by his peers as a top official.

A **Non-Active Member** is a member who paid state dues and has listed Corpus Christi Area as its home Chapter but has not attended Rules Clinic, taken the state test, or paid local dues.

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