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RESTATED BYLAWS OF PLANO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.

These Bylaws of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC. (the "Association") were duly adopted on June 15, 1994, at a meeting of the Voting Members as same are defined in these Restated Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE I -- OFFICES

- 1.1 Principal Office. The principal office of the Association in the State of Texas shall be located in the City of Plano, County of Collin, Texas. The Association may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Texas, as the Board of Directors of the Association (the "Board") may determine or as the affairs of the Association may require from time to time.
- 1.2 Registered Office and Registered Agent. The Association shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Texas a registered office, and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, as required by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. The registered office may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office of the Association, and the Board may change the address of the registered office from time to time.

ARTICLE II -- MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION

2.1 Types and Classes of Members.

(a) This Association shall be comprised of members, the qualifications of which shall be described as follows:

- (i) Adults. Adult members, both voting and non-voting, shall be persons: (a) who are twenty (20) years old or older; (b) who have executed and delivered to the Board an Association membership application for members, plus any other document requested by the Board in its sole opinion, and whose membership has been approved by the Board in its sole opinion; (c) who agree to, and do in fact, adhere to the Articles of Incorporation of the Association (the "Articles"), the Bylaws of the Association, and all other rules and regulations of the Association (the "Rules and Regulations"); and (iv) who have paid all dues and fees required by the Association; and
- (ii) Youth. Youth members shall be non-voting members who shall be youth soccer players: (a) who are nineteen (19) years old or younger; (b) who have executed and delivered to the Board a youth membership application and release form, birth certificate, and any other document requested by the Board in its sole opinion; and (c) who has paid all dues and fees required by the Association.

(b) The Voting Members of the Association shall be the adult members of the Association who qualify for one (1) or more of the following several classes of Voting Members:

- (i) Class 1 is composed of: (a) each head coach of each recreational team (i.e., being the "head coach" listed on the roster of such recreational team) properly registered with the Association in the opinion of the Board; (b) the parent representative for each such recreational team, which parent representative shall be that person listed as the manager on that same recreational team roster and shall be the parent or guardian of a youth soccer player on that same recreational team roster; and (c) each of the members of the Recreational Division Committee except the Vice President-Recreational, who shall be a Class IV Voting Member (see below).

However, if a member is a head coach and/or player representative for more than one such team, such head coach or player representative shall be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum of Voting Members or for purposes of a vote of the Voting Members only as one Voting Member.

In the elections of the members of the Board held in accordance with these Bylaws, the Class I Voting Members shall cast votes to elect all members of the Board then eligible for election except: (i) that Director which shall hold the position on the Board of Vice President - Competitive Division; and (ii) that Director which shall hold the position on the Board of Vice President - Referees.

- (ii) Class II is comprised of: (a) each head coach of each competitive team (i.e. being the "head coach" listed on the roster of such competitive team) properly registered with the Association in

the opinion of the Board; (b) the parent representative for each such competitive team, which parent representative shall be that person listed as the manager, on that same competitive team roster, and shall be the parent or guardian of a youth soccer player on that same competitive team roster; and © each of the members of the Competitive Division Committee except the Vice President-Competitive, who shall be a Class IV Voting Member (see below).

However, if a member is a head coach and/or player representative for more than one such team, such head coach or player representative shall be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum of Voting Members or for purposes of a vote of the Voting Members only as one Voting Member.

In the elections of the members of the Board held in accordance with the Bylaws, the Class II Voting Members shall cast votes to elect all members of the Board then eligible for election except: (I) that Director which shall hold the position on the Board of Vice President - Recreational Division; and (ii) that Director which shall hold the position on the Board of Vice President - Referees.

- (iii) Class III shall be comprised of each referee who is properly registered in the Association through NTSSA (as defined herein) under the United States Soccer Federation in the opinion of the Board.

The Class III Voting Members shall cast votes to elect only that Director which shall hold the position on the Board of Vice President - Referees.

- (iv) Class IV shall be comprised of each of the members of the Association who is a member of the Board.

Class IV Voting Members shall cast votes to elect all members of the Board, including, without limitation, the Vice President - Recreational Division, the Vice President- Competitive Division, and the Vice President - Referees.

However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary: (I) Voting Members may not cumulate votes and may not vote for any Directorship more than once in spite of qualifying for more than one class of Voting Member; and (ii) Class I Voting Members may cast votes for the General Rules for the Recreational Division (any amendments thereto) only and Class II Voting Members may cast votes for the General Rules for the Competitive Division (and any amendments thereto) only; and (iii) the Vice President - Recreational Division may cast votes for General Rules for the Recreational Division (and any amendments thereto) only and the Vice President - Competitive Division may cast votes for General Rules for the Competitive Division (and any amendments thereto) only.

- 2.2 Terminations, Expulsion, or Suspension of Membership. Any member (adult or youth, voting or non-voting) of the Association may be expelled and his membership or relationship with the Association be terminated, canceled, or forfeited, or he may be suspended or censured, by the Board in its sole discretion or through its consideration of a recommendation of any committee of not less than five (5) Voting Members appointed by the Board, for a violation of the Association's Articles, Bylaws, or Rules and Regulations or for conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Association (however, a red card in itself shall not be considered an expulsion for these purposes).

Also, any member may resign at any time. However, the resignation, expulsion, termination, suspension or censure, of a member does not relieve the member from any obligations the member may have to the Association.

Upon the Board reaching the conclusion that the membership of a member should be terminated or forfeited or that a member should be suspended or expelled, the Board shall issue a written notice of such termination, expulsion, or suspension with the reasons therefore, which may include as a valid basis for termination, expulsion, or suspension, a lack of confidence in the member to fulfill his obligations as a member, and in such notice shall give the member fifteen (15) days in which to appeal this decision to the Board in writing. If such written appeal is not timely received, the termination, expulsion, or suspension is effectual and no further appeals are available.

If a written appeal is timely received, the Board, or if the appealing member is also a member of the Board or if the Board in its discretion votes to transfer the appeal to another body, then a committee appointed by the Board, shall set a hearing date and time and place for the appeal and notify the member in writing of such hearing date, time and place. Such hearing date will be within ten (10) days of the Board's receipt of the appeal, and the appealing member must attend to present all information and evidence that he reasonably desires.

Additionally, the Association will honor all orders of suspension of members of the Association or persons affiliated with the Association, including, without limitation, all players, team coaches, managers, administrators, parents, or referees, issued by the North Texas Soccer Association ("NTSSA") or any other like state association of the United States Soccer Federation Division.

ARTICLE III -- GOVERNMENT OF ASSOCIATION

- 3.1 Government of Association. The Board shall be the governing body of the Association, and the members of the Board shall be elected as provided herein.
- 3.2 Affiliation with the North Texas State Soccer Association. The Association shall be directly affiliated with and comply with the authority of the NTSSA and shall represent all its members and respective interests in and before NTSSA.
- 3.3 Superseding Authority of NTSSA Rules. The Association recognizes the superseding authority of the rules of NTSSA.
- 3.4 Territory of the Association. The territory under the jurisdiction of the Association is defined as being that part of Collin County, Texas which lies within the boundaries of the Plano Independent School District. A map reflecting the territory under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be on file with NTSSA.
- 3.5 Jurisdiction. The Association shall have jurisdiction over all members (adult and youth, voting and non-voting), administrators, parents, referees, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, players, and teams and all parents, and all other persons affiliated with such teams. Each member of the Association and each of the other persons or entities listed in the immediately foregoing sentence will adhere to the Articles, these Bylaws, and the Rules and Regulations of the Association and will comply with the authority of the Association.
- 3.6 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from July 1 to June 30.
- 3.7 Books and Records. The Association shall keep and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board at its principal office.
- 3.8 Resignation. Any member of the Board, any member of any other committee of the Association, or any office or agent may resign by giving written notice to the President of the Association. The resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or immediately if no time is specified. Unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- 3.9 Amendments to Bylaws. These Bylaws may be amended or repealed, or new Bylaws may be adopted at any meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total Voting Members present, upon a quorum being established in accordance with paragraph 4.2 Annual Meeting, hereof; provided, however, that all Voting Members have been given ten (10) days written notice of the proposed amendments, including a written copy of the proposed amendments.

ARTICLE IV -- MEETINGS OF ASSOCIATION AND THE BOARD

- 4.1 Place of Meetings. All general membership meetings of the Association shall be held at such place as shall be designated by the President (with such general membership meetings that are held on an annual basis as provided herein, being called the "Annual General Membership Meeting" or an "AGM"). All general membership meetings, whether same is an AGM or a specially-called meeting (a "Special General Membership Meeting" or "SGM"), of the Association will be open to the members and the general public, but only those members who are Voting Members as provided herein and, as such, have voting right as established hereunder, shall have the right to vote at such meetings. However, "executive sessions" of an AGM or an SGM or any meeting of the Board or any committee of the Association may be called by a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the members of that body who are present and entitled to vote to discuss personnel, real estate, or legal matters.
- 4.2 Annual Meeting. The Annual General Membership Meeting of the Association shall be held each year on a day to be selected by the President during the month of May (or within sixty (60) days before or thereafter that month as determined by the Board in its discretion by majority vote) at which AGM the election of the Directors and officers of the Association shall occur and the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. Five percent (5%) of the votes entitled to be cast represented in person shall constitute a quorum for an AGM. The order of business for such meeting shall be: (i) roll call and vote accreditation; (ii) establishment of a quorum; (iii) presentations and awards; (iv) approval of minutes of last meeting; (v) election of Directors and officers; (vi) communications; (vii) unfinished business, (viii) reports of chairmen of standing committees; (ix) reports of Directors, officers, and committees; (x) new business; (xi) good of the game; and (xii) adjournment.
- 4.3 Special Meeting. Special General Membership Meetings of the Members of the Association for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by statute or by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws, may be called by the President, a majority vote of the Board, or by petition of twenty percent (20%) of the Voting Members. Upon a like quorum being

established as provided in paragraph 4.2 above, business transacted at all Special General Membership Meetings shall be confined to the purpose stated in the notice of the meeting.

- 4.4 Board Meetings. Regular meeting of the Board shall be held on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month. A quorum of a majority of the members of the Board is required for this meeting. If, and only if, the date or location of the meeting is changed, then notice must be given or waived as herein provided.
Special meetings of the Board may be called from time to time when called by the President or any three (3) of the other Directors.
- 4.5 Emergency Actions. Any three (3) members of the Board (which shall include the President, if the President is available) may take emergency action on matters demanding immediate attention when it is impractical or impossible to call a meeting and shall report their actions in writing to all Board members within three (3) days of taking such action.
- 4.6 Notice of Meetings.
- (a) Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of an Annual General Membership Meeting or a Special General Membership meeting and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting was called shall be delivered not less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the President, to each Voting Member of record entitled to vote at the meeting, unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws.
 - (b) Written or printed notice of a special meeting of the Board stating the place, day and hour of such meeting and the purpose(s) for which the meeting is being called shall be delivered not less than five (5) days before the meeting, either personally or by mail, to each Director.
 - (c) If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to have been delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to such member at his, her, or its address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage prepaid thereon.
- 4.7 Proxy. There shall be no vote by proxy or by mail for any AGM, SGM, meeting of the Board, or any committee of the Association and proxies may not be used for any other purpose.

ARTICLE V -- NOTICE

- 5.1 Manner of Giving Notice. Whenever, under the provisions of applicable statutes, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, notice is required to be given to any Voting Member or any Director of the Association and no provisions are made as to how such notice shall be given, it shall be construed to mean personal notice shall be given in writing, by mail, postage prepaid, addressed to such Voting Member or Director at the address appearing on the records of the Association. Any notice required, or permitted, to be given by mail shall be deemed given at the time when the same is thus deposited in the United States mail as aforesaid.
- 5.2 Waiver of Notice. Whenever any notice is required to be given to any Voting Member or Director of the Association under the provisions of applicable statutes, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a person attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

ARTICLE VI -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 6.1 Board of Directors. The Business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by its Board of Directors; each of the members of the Board shall be the Directors of the Association, each of whom will be entitled to one (1) vote. 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 NTSSA, the United States Soccer Federation, and its respective divisions, and the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of the Association including, without limitation, all membership terminations, forfeitures, cancellations, expulsions, suspensions, or censures as provided in paragraph 2.2 hereof. The Board shall also hear appeals of decisions of the Disciplinary and Protest Sub-Committee of the recreational youth soccer division (the "Recreational Division") and the competitive youth soccer division (the "Competitive Division") of the Association, each of which Divisions are administered on behalf of the Association and its Board by two (2) Standing Committees appointed by the Board, the Recreational Division Committee and the Competitive Division Committee, as provided herein below.
Members of the Board must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

6.2 Members of Board of Directors and Their Respective Terms and Qualifications. The Directors, i.e., the members of the Board, are listed below. The terms of the Directors shall be staggered as provided below, and the annual election at the AGM shall occur for those Directorships available for election in the year listed below opposite the Directorship:

President/Director	(Even years)
Vice President - Recreational Division/Director	(Odd years)
Vice President - Competitive Division/Director	(Even years)
Vice President - Coaches/Director	(Odd years)
Vice President - Referees/Director	(Odd years)
Vice President – Facilities and Services	(Even years)
Treasurer/Director	(Odd years)
Secretary/Director	(Even years)
Immediate Past President/Director	(Ratified Each Year)

Any member of the Board that desires to seek election to another officer position must, prior to the election at the AGM, resign as an officer in the capacity he or she is then holding. Directors may serve in the other positions on the Board without limitations as to number of terms (consecutive or otherwise). To qualify for a position on the Board, a candidate must have previously served at least one (1) year as a member of either the Recreational Division Committee or the Competitive Division Committee or a candidate must be approved by a majority vote of the Board. A candidate shall not be a voting member of another member association. The Vice President-Referees/Director must previously have served at least one (1) year on the Referee Committee, the Recreational Committee, or the Competitive Committee and must be a registered PYSA referee. The Voting Members at the next AGM will elect the places on the Board, whose terms are to end during a fiscal year.

Creation of new position on the Board will be the duty of the Board.

The Board shall have no more than two (2) Directors at any time affiliated with any individual soccer club or team.

All officers of the Association shall be members of the Board.

6.3 Removal.

- (a) Any member of the Board shall be required to resign following a majority vote of the Voting Members of the Association of “no confidence” at an SGM; or twenty percent (20%) of the Voting Members may petition for a vote of “no confidence” by the Board as to a Board Member; the petition must be submitted in writing to the Board, which in turn will review and vote to approve or reject the petition within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such petition; such vote must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board. Approval of the petition will result in the removal.
- (b) any member of the Board who is absent from two (2) or more consecutive regular meetings or four (4) or more total regular meetings of the Board in any fiscal year may have his office declared vacant by a majority vote of the Board.
- (c) any position on the Board, which is vacated because of resignation, removal, death, or other cause, may be filled by a designee of the Board selected by a majority vote of the Board to serve until the term of office of that Directorship ends as provided herein.

6.4 Compensation. The members of the Board shall serve without salary for their services. Any Board member may be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses approved by the Board.

6.5 Written Reports. All Directors and officers of the Association, except the Immediate Past President, shall report the functions of their office, in writing, at each AGM.

6.6 Parliamentarian. A Voting Member of the Association shall be appointed annually by the President during the AGM to assist the current Parliamentarian and to act as Parliamentarian at the next AGM and at any SGM occurring before the next AGM, using *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised* as a guide.

6.7 Minutes. The Board and each committee of the Association shall keep regular minutes of their respective proceedings. The minutes shall be placed in the respective minute book of each such body, and the minutes shall be approved at the next meeting of such body.

6.8 Grievance Involving Members of the Board. A member of the Board may be a coach, administrator, or other official with, or otherwise be affiliated with, a soccer team or club registered with the Association. If any grievance or complaint involving such team or club is filed with the Association at any level, such Director may not act on behalf of such team or club, nor be entitled to vote on, that grievance.

ARTICLE VII -- OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS: POWERS AND DUTIES

7.1 Officers. The officers of the Association shall be:

- (a) 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. Except the Standing Committees, which shall be appointed as provided herein, he shall appoint all other committees that he shall deem necessary to carry out the business of the Association. He is an ex-officio voting member of all Standing Committees and all other committees, including the Recreational Division Committee and the Competitive Division Committee. He shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie at any meeting at which he is presiding, or he may waive the right to do so. He shall submit an annual report in writing at the AGM, and said report shall become part of the minutes of such meeting. He shall be responsible for insuring that all persons with responsibility for the funds of the Association, including, without limitation, check-signing authority on a bank account of the Association, are fidelity bonded. He is empowered to take prudent and reasonable action in cases not covered in the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, and the Rules and Regulations of the Association, and such authority is implicit in the office. However, any such action shall be reported in writing to the Board within three (3) days of such action and attached to the minutes of the next meeting of the Board. The President will attend to the duties of the Association's affiliation with NTSSA or will appoint his proxy for this duty.
- (b) Vice President - Recreational Division. The Vice President - Recreational Division shall be the chairperson of the Recreational Division Committee and shall preside at the meetings of the Board in the absence of the President. The Vice President - Recreational Division shall be responsible for the management and administration of the Recreational Division Committee and the Recreational Division, which is the recreational youth soccer division of the Association supervised by said Committee. The Vice President - Recreational shall have the power to suspend coaches, volunteers, or players within the recreational league in emergency situations. Such action shall be reported in writing to the Board of Directors within three (3) days and be attached to the minutes of the next meeting. The Vice President - Recreational Division shall report the activities of that office in writing at each monthly meeting of the Board. The minutes of the Recreational Division Committee meeting shall suffice.
- (c) Vice President - Competitive Division. The Vice President - Competitive Division shall be the chairperson of the Competitive Division Committee and shall preside at the meetings of the Board in the absence of those above. The Vice President - Competitive Division shall be responsible for the management and administration of the Competitive Division Committee and the Competitive Division, which is the competitive youth soccer division of the Association supervised by said Committee. The Vice President - Competitive shall have the power to suspend coaches, volunteers, or players within the competitive league in emergency situations. Such action shall be reported in writing to the Board of Directors within three (3) days and be attached to the minutes of the next meeting. The Vice President - Competitive Division shall report the activities of that office in writing at each monthly meeting of the Board. The minutes of the Competitive Division Committee meeting shall suffice.
- (d) Vice President - Coaches. The Vice President - Coaches shall be the chairperson of the Coaches Committee and shall preside at the meetings of the Board in the absence of those above. The Vice President - Coaches shall be responsible for overall program development for coaches. The Vice President - Coaches shall report the activities of that office in writing at each monthly meeting of the Board.
- (e) Vice President - Referees. The Vice President - Referees shall be the chairperson of the Referee Committee and shall preside at the meetings of the Board in the absence of those above. The Vice President - Referees shall be responsible for the management and administration of all Referees within the Association, including, but not limited to, the Recreational and Competitive Divisions. The Vice President - Referees shall have the power to suspend referees, within the recreational or competitive league in emergency situations. Such action shall be reported in writing to the Board of Directors within three (3) days and be attached to the minutes of the next meeting. The Vice President - Referees shall report the activities of that office in writing at each monthly meeting of the Board. The minutes of the monthly meetings of the Referees Committee shall suffice for such report.
- (f) Vice President – Facilities and Services. The Vice President - Facilities and Services shall be the chairman of the Facilities and Services Committee and shall preside at the meetings of the Board in the absence of those above. The Vice President - Facilities and Services shall be responsible for overall services and facilities, including tournaments, awards, civic activities, equipment, publicity, fields, and the like. He/She shall report the activities of that office in writing at each monthly meeting of the Board.
- (g) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the chairperson of the Planning and Finance Committee, which is a Standing Committee, and shall preside at the meetings of the Board in the absence of those above. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all monies collected by the Association, including, without limitation, all monies collected by the Recreational Division Committee and the Competitive Division Committee and any other committee of the Association, and shall keep a detailed account

of income and expenditures. The Treasurer shall pay all bills properly passed on, and duly budgeted, and all bills duly approved by the Board. The Treasurer shall be responsible for auditing the financial records of the Recreational Division Committee and the Competitive Division Committee and those of all other committees of the Association.

- (h) Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the AGM, any SGM, and all Board meetings and will maintain the minutes of such meetings.
- (i) NTSSA Representative. The representative of the Association to the NTSSA shall be the President (unless the President designates a proxy as authorized herein above) and shall attend all NTSSA member meetings and report back to the Board all action and discussion at their meetings.
- (j) Immediate Past President. The Immediate Past President shall be responsible for assisting the President with the duties assigned by the President. The immediate Past President shall report the activities of that office in writing at each regular monthly meeting of the Board.

7.2 Other Positions. Other non-officer positions in the Association shall include:

- (a) Executive Director. The Executive Director of the Association 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 incident to his office or specifically delegated to him by the Board. The Executive Director shall be selected by and serve at the pleasure of the Board and receive such compensation and other emoluments as the Board may from time to time determine. The Executive Director shall be an at-will employee of the Association and may be terminated at any time by the Board in its sole discretion.

Subject to the approval of the Board, the Executive Director shall appoint such assistants and employees, as he may deem proper and necessary and shall define their duties and assign their work.

ARTICLE VIII -- STANDING COMMITTEES

Upon receiving recommendations from the Nominating Committee and any member of the Board as to the appropriate members of the Association to be members of the Standing Committees and as except as provided below, the members of the Standing Committees listed below shall be appointed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board at the first meeting following the AGM of each year; however, the chairperson of each Standing Committee shall be appointed by the President or shall be that person designated in the committee description below. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, the term of office of each member of each Standing Committee will begin immediately following his or her appointment and ends following the first board meeting after the following AGM. Vacancies on such committees shall be filled by appointment by the President, within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of such vacancy; however, in case of an emergency, the committee chairman shall have the power to temporarily fill vacancies of any committee by appointment until such vacancy can be filled by the President in accordance with normal procedures. The committee meetings are open to the membership of the Association. Membership on each committee will be apportioned to represent the girls and boy's leagues in all age groups and divisions as much as possible or as required in the committee description. Upon any committee member being absent from a total of four (4) meetings of the committee, that position may be declared vacant at the discretion of the Board. The committee chairperson shall present a committee report in writing at the regular monthly meeting of the Board. A majority of the members of a Standing Committee shall constitute a quorum for that committee. If any Standing Committee is not functional the responsible V.P. shall report the matter to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall re-assign the duties of that committee until said committee regains its functionality.

The Standing Committees of the Association are as follows:

- 8.1 Recreational and Competitive Division Committees. A separate committee shall exist and be the supervising body of the Recreational Division and the Competitive Division, and such committee shall be called respectively, the "Recreational Division Committee" and the "Competitive Division Committee." Each of these Committees shall consist of the respective Vice President/Director designated herein above (i.e., Vice President - Recreational Division or Vice President - Competitive Division), who will serve as chairperson of the Committee, the chairperson of the Disciplinary and Protest Sub-Committee, the representative of the Referees Committee, the representative of the Coaches Committee, the recorder of the Committee, the Boys Commissioner, the Girls Commissioner, and the League Directors for each league in that Division. Subject to the authority of the Board, each such Committee will transact and direct the business of its Division. The Committee shall meet the objectives of the Board in carrying out its duties.

The members of the Recreational Division Committee and the Competitive Division Committee must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

Except the respective Vice Presidents of the Recreational Division and the Competitive Division, the members of the Recreational Division Committee and the Competitive Division Committee will each be appointed by the Board for a term of two (2) consecutive fiscal years (i.e., July 1 through June 30) unless indicated otherwise below. The members of the Recreational Division Committee and the Competitive Division Committee will be appointed in the following manner:

	<u>RECREATIONAL</u>	<u>COMPETITIVE</u>
Vice President	(See paragraph 6.2 herein above)	
Boys Commissioner	(Even years)	(Odd years)
Girls Commissioner	(Odd years)	(Even years)
Coaches Committee Representative	(Even years)	(Odd years)
Recorder	(Odd years)	(Even years)
League Directors	(Each year)	(Each year)
Referee Committee Representative	(Each year)	(Each year)

There are no term limitations, except as it may be provided otherwise herein.

(a) Duties of the Members of Recreational Division and Competitive Division Committees.

(i) Vice President. The respective Division Vice President shall be chairperson of the Committee for that Division and is charged with the overall administration and management of the Committee and the youth soccer division that the Committee supervises. The Vice President will assign duties to all members of the Committee as required. As chairperson of the Committee, the Vice President is empowered to take prudent and reasonable action in cases not covered by these Bylaws relating to that Committee and the youth soccer division that the Committee supervises. The Vice President may take immediate disciplinary action against coaches, assistant coaches, managers, players, parents, team representatives, and/or teams, or all other persons affiliated with such teams within the Division, and the Vice President must report immediately all such actions taken to the Board.

In the event of a tie vote in a meeting of the Committee at which the Vice President is the presiding officer, the Vice President shall cast the deciding vote or may waive the right to do so. As a member of the Board, the Vice President will represent at the Board that respective Committee that he chairs and the youth soccer division that the Committee supervises.

ii) Boys Commissioner. The Boys Commissioner shall preside at meetings of the Committee in the absence of the Vice President. The Boys Commissioner shall be responsible for the conduct of the boys leagues and for any coeducational leagues in that Division. The Boys Commissioner shall serve as chairperson of the boy's league in that division and shall be the liaison between the League Directors and the remainder of the Committee. The Boys Commissioner shall be responsible for coordinating the requirements for the boy's leagues and shall define the schedules and playoff structures submitted by the League Directors.

(iii) Girls Commissioner. The Girls Commissioner shall preside at meetings of that Committee in the absence of those above. The Girls Commissioner shall be responsible for the conduct of the girl's leagues in that division. The Girls Commissioner shall serve as the chairperson of the Girls League Directors for those girls' leagues in that division and shall be the liaison between the League Directors and the remainder of the Committee. The Girls Commissioner shall be responsible for coordinating the requirements for the girl's leagues and shall define the scheduled and playoff structures submitted by the League Directors.

(iv) Coaches Committee Representative. The Coaches Committee Representative shall preside at meetings of this Committee in the absence of those above and shall report the activities of this Committee in writing at each monthly meeting of the Committee.

(v) Recorder. The recorder of the Committee shall preside at meetings of the Committee in the absence of those above. The recorder of the Committee will record the minutes of all meetings of the Committee, attend to all correspondence, keep the records of the Committee and a list of its members, maintain a list of disciplinary actions taken against any player, coach, assistant coach, manager, referee, parent, team representative, team, or a any person affiliated with a team and maintain the records of any protests or appeals initialed within the youth soccer Division that it supervises.

In the absence of the recorder of the Committee, minutes of the Committee meetings shall be recorded by members of the Committee (except the Vice President) on the basis of alphabetical rotation. The minutes will be forwarded to the recorder of the Committee.

(vi) Referee Committee Representative. The Referee Committee Representative shall preside at meetings of this Committee in the absence of those above. The Referee Committee Representative shall report the activities of the Referee Committee in writing at each monthly meeting of this Committee.

(vii) League Directors. The league directors are voting members of the Committee. There will be one league Director for each league for each respective boys and girls age grouping in the youth soccer Division that the Committee supervises for which there are leagues, except that wherein leagues are divided into conferences, due to the large size of the league, each conference has its own League Director. The League Director responsible for the upper, or senior, conference will have overall responsibility for coordination of efforts common to all of the conferences of that league, subject to the approval of the appropriate commissioner.

If and when the number of teams in a league becomes larger than twenty-four (24) teams, that league shall be divided into two (2) or more conferences, each comprising less than twenty-four (24) teams and being as equally divided as practical. A separate League Director (that one responsible for the older or more competitive conference) being responsible for assisting the Commissioner in administering the overall league. The League Directors report to the Commissioner.

League Directors shall keep a complete list of teams, including the coach and the parent representative from each team within their respective league or conference, for the recorder of the Committee; as to recreational leagues, they will recruit coaches and forward coaches' contacts to their respective commissioners: and they will plan schedules for their respective leagues and conferences. League Directors will be responsible for the matters within their leagues and conferences and will be the liaison with the teams and commissioners. League Directors shall not be coaches or parents within their respective leagues without the express approval of their Committee and the Board.

The Recreational Division shall include the Under-5, Under-6, Under-7, Under-8, Under-9, and Under-10 girls and boys leagues, and both the Recreational and Competitive Divisions shall include Under-12, Under-14, Under-16, and Under-19 girls and boys leagues, except that all age groups will not necessarily be active in any given season.

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

8.4 Coaches Committee. The Coaches Committee shall be composed of the Vice President - Coaches as chairperson, the Recreational and Competitive Coaches Committee Representatives, and three (3) other members with two (2) of the three (3) other members being from the Recreational Division and the one (1) other member being from the Competitive Division and with all three (3) of same being coaches, who have served no less than four (4) seasons in the Association. No two (2) members of the committee shall be from the same youth soccer age group. The chairperson shall call all meetings of this Committee and, in the event of a tie vote, cast the deciding vote or may waive the right to do so. The purpose of this committee shall be to plan and coordinate training and clinics for the Association, and to recommend minimum standards, requirements, and conduct for persons coaching in the Association.

Upon the request of a League Director, the Committee shall review written complaints on coaches, assistant coaches, players, parents, or spectators. Upon written request of a League Director, the Committee shall make an assessment of said coach, assistant coach, player, parent, or spectator during a game or practice. The Committee also shall be responsible to members of the Board and the applicable Recreational Division Committee or the Competitive Division Committee requesting assistance in determining whether problems exist pertaining to coaches, assistant coaches, parent representatives, players, or referees in the event problems exist wherein the Committee can respond constructively. The League Director will notify any team receiving a written complaint. The Committee will recommend action to be taken to the appropriate member of the Board or the applicable Recreational Division Committee or the Competitive Division Committee.

8.5 Tournaments and Awards Committee. The Tournaments and Awards Committee shall be composed of a chairperson appointed by the Vice President – Facilities & Services, who shall be called the Chairman of Tournaments and Awards, and three (3) other members. It shall establish guidelines for tournaments, jamborees, and awards and, with the approval of the respective committees, shall purchase trophies, medals, etc. to be presented to the winners and/or participants, as applicable, in each league or conference and in playoff and championship games.

8.6 Public Relations Committee. The Public Relations Committee shall be composed of a chairperson appointed by the Vice President – Facilities & Services, who shall be called the Director of Public Relations, and three (3) other members. It shall handle all matters pertaining to publicity. If within the Association budget, it may publish a newsletter for members of the Association covering soccer news and pertinent Association information. In association with the Registrar, it shall plan sign-ups and prepare flyers, posters, and publicity.

8.7 Civic Committee. The Civic Committee shall be composed of a chairperson appointed by the Vice President – Facilities & Services, who shall be called the Chairman of Civic Coordination,

and three (3) other members. It shall be responsible for representing the Association in any civic activities or responsibilities that would benefit the Association, the community, and the game of soccer through positive and constructive efforts. It shall attend City Council meetings, School Board meetings, and Park Board meetings, as well as work with those groups in staying abreast of issues or activities that would affect the Association and the game of soccer. It would work within those groups in order to further the success of the Association and the game of soccer. It would present to the Board, committees, or the Association in general any reports or recommendations as a result of its activities.

- 8.8 Equipment Committee. The Equipment Committee shall be composed of a chairperson appointed by the Vice President – Facilities & Services, who shall be called the Chairman of Equipment, and three (3) other members. Subject to the Association budget, it shall purchase balls, nets, etc. It shall be responsible for the maintenance of said equipment also.
- 8.9 Planning and Finance Committee. The Planning and Finance Committee shall be composed of the Treasurer of the Association, who shall be the chairperson, and two (2) other members appointed by the Treasurer of the Association, of which there shall be one each from the Recreational Division Committee and the Competitive Division Committee. It shall consider and present to the Board and said Committees, as appropriate, suggested new programs and Association development activities. It shall present at the AGM a financial plan for the upcoming fiscal year.
- 8.10 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of a chairperson appointed by the Board and three (3) other members, two (2) of which shall be from the Recreational Division Committee and one (1) of which shall be from the Competitive Division Committee; however these appointment shall be made one (1) month prior to the AGM. It shall present to the Board slate of persons nominated for election to the Board and a list recommended for appointment to Standing Committees, including the League Directors. The Committee shall prepare written ballots to be used in such elections.
- 8.11 Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall be composed of a chairperson and four (4) additional members. It shall be responsible for annually reviewing the Association's Rules and Regulations and the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and proposing changes to such as required at the meeting of the Board immediately preceding the AGM. All proposed rules and amendments to the Rules and Regulations, Articles of Incorporation, and Bylaws shall be presented to the membership (in accordance with paragraph 3.9 Amendments to Bylaws.) at the AGM or an SGM for two-thirds (2/3) approval of Voting Members present, upon a quorum as required herein being established.

The Bylaws Committee shall maintain a list of rules and regulations enacted by NTSSA and from time to time shall provide all Voting Members with a copy of the Association's Rules and Regulations, Articles of Incorporation, and Bylaws.

- 8.12 Referee Committee. The Referee Committee shall be composed of the Vice President - Referees, who shall be the chairperson, the respective Referee Committee Representatives on the Recreational Division Committee and the Competitive Division Committee, Referee Director of Training and Assessment, Referee Committee Recorder, and one (1) additional member (recommended by the Vice President - Referees) appointed by the Board, which committee members shall be members of the Association and certified Referees. The Committee shall be responsible for all registration, training, evaluation, discipline, and promotion of Referees within the Association. The Referee Committee, in joint effort with the Referee Assignors, shall develop on an annual basis a list of all qualified Referees and the appropriate age group, which each Referee should be officiating. A full list of all qualified referees and associate referees shall be submitted to the Recreational Division Committee, Competitive Division Committee, and the Referee Committee. The list shall indicate separately the recommended age and competitive level for which each individual is capable of acting as a referee and the similar level for which the individual is capable of acting as an assistant referee. The Recreation and Competitive Division Committees may add additional names of qualified referees to the list of the respective age and competitive level.

The list shall be submitted twice annually on or before February 1st and August 1st.

Duly appointed representatives of the Recreational Division Committee, Competitive Division Committee, and Referee Committees shall jointly review the submitted list. The age and competitive level indicated for all individual referees may be changed for the mutual consent of the representatives. Lack of such consent will be used based upon assessment results. At the conclusion of the review, the resulting list, called "the Pool," shall be the basis of the referee assignment until the next regularly scheduled list is submitted; however, the list may be reviewed and revised on a monthly basis by a joint review by the Recreational Division Committee, the Competitive Division Committee, and the Referee Committee. Referee Assignors will utilize this list to select Referees for Association matches. If an Assignor is unable to find a Referee for a particular age group from that Pool, the Assignor shall have the

authority to use a Referee from the Pool assigned to an age group immediately junior to that age group to which a Referee is unavailable. A Referee who is in the Pool may only be approved for use by the Vice President - Referees; however, such Referee must be reviewed and approved or rejected for the Pool at the next Referee Committee meeting to occur thereafter (however, the Referee Committee can request for training purposes that a specific Referee be assigned to a particular age group). Each Referee Assignor will advise a Referee Committee throughout the year as to any difficulties that arise as to Referees performing their task. The Referee Committee is encouraged to make a recommendation to the Recreation Division Committee and the Competitive Division Committee as to recommend Assignors for the respective playing divisions. Each of the Referee Assignors, although selected by the respective Recreational Division or Competitive Division Committees, will be employees of the Association and paid by funds of the Association. The Recreation Division Assignor shall report to the Vice President - Recreational Division and the Competitive Division Assignor shall report to the Vice President - Competitive Division. Upon the request of the Recreational Division Committee or the Competitive Division Committee or the Referee Committee, the Assignor can be reviewed as to his compliance with the guidelines. The Board, on behalf of the Association, is the ultimate employer of the Referee or Associate Referee and shall pay referees based upon an itemized statement of charges; Treasurer shall be responsible for making such payments. The itemized statement will confirm the pay scale and indicate the number of Referee and Assistant Referee who officiated matches in a covered time frame. The Vice President - Referees Vice President - Recreational Division, and Vice President - Competitive Division shall recommend to the Board an annual pay scale for Referee and Assistant Referee; approval of the pay scale by the Board requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

- 8.13 Labor Day Tournament Scholarship Committee. The Labor Day Tournament Scholarship Committee shall be composed of a chairperson and four (4) additional members appointed by the Board; the four (4) additional members of the Committee must be Voting Members of the Association unless the Board chooses to appoint two (2) individuals in the community independent of the Association to occupy two (2) of the four (4) additional membership seats. This Committee shall supervise that fund which has been established from the receipts of the Labor Day Tournament. This fund is restricted to the following uses:
- (a) The initial restricted funding shall be \$120,000. These funds are designated as a restricted principal balance.
 - (b) Annually, one-time scholarships to those individuals selected by the Labor Day Tournament Scholarship Committee and are qualified graduating Seniors of Plano Independent School District senior high schools (including other graduating seniors such as private / parochial school and or home schooled who would qualify as Plano Independent School District students) shall be awarded. Additionally the Board of Directors may include any individual(s) at their sole discretion by a simple majority vote to be considered by the Labor Day Tournament Scholarship Committee.
 - (c) In addition to meeting the requirements of (b) above, qualified recipients of the scholarship shall include current high school soccer players, current Association, or NTSSA registered soccer players, and/or current registered PYSA Referee and Lines Persons; and
 - (d) Minimum amount to be awarded annually by the Scholarship Committee shall be four (4) \$1,500 scholarships per year; however, under no circumstances shall the annual maximum amount awarded be greater than the net annual fund income as of the prior calendar year end unless circumstances deem that the fund is to be liquidated for valid reasons. In that case it will require a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Donations and additional tournament income may be added to the fund at any time and shall become additional restricted principal funds; however, restricted principal funds may be used for scholarship awards if the net annual income from the prior calendar year is less than \$6,000.

Funds management rests solely with the Board. The Board will appoint a five (5)-member scholarship award committee from current and past Association Board members. The Board may make changes to the qualifications and eligibility requirements. The Board will review the fund results annually and authorize the President and/or the Treasurer of the Association to withdraw scholarship funds.

Principal funds may be moved to another account only with a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Board, after consultations with qualified financial experts.

ARTICLE IX -- MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.1 Administrative Remedies. In no event shall any person, persons, or organizations under the jurisdiction of the Association resort to any court, including any county, state, or federal court, until all appeal procedures and all other administrative remedies available within the Association have been exhausted. For violations of this rule, the offending party shall be subject to the

sanctions of suspension and fines as set forth by the United States Soccer Federation, and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Association and its Directors, officers, and members in defending each court action, including, but not limited to, court costs, attorneys' fees, and reasonable compensation for time spent by the Association's officers and members in responding to and defending against allegations in the actions, including responses to discovery and court appearances, travel expenses, and the expenses for holding special meetings necessitated by the court action.

9.2 Conflicts of Interest.

- (a) *Soccer Conflict of Interest.* Any member of the Board, a Standing Committee, or any other committee of the Association shall abstain from discussion of and voting upon any subject matter being considered by the respective body if such would constitute a conflict of interest, directly or indirectly, with any individual, player, coach, manager, official, referee, parent, or team, including, without limitation, those conflicts of interest related to hearing protests or appeals related to the member's team, club players or coach, or parents or managers involved with the member's team or club.
- (b) *Other Conflicts of Interest.* It is the policy of the Association that no member of the Board, a Standing Committee, or any other committee or any officer or any employee of the Association shall have any association with or interest in any business enterprise which would conflict with the proper performance of his duties or responsibilities as such or which might tend to affect his independence or judgment with respect to transactions between the Association and any such business enterprise.

It is also the policy of the Association that no member of the Board or any committee or any officer or employee of the Association shall have, directly or indirectly, any material personal business or financial interest with, or in any business enterprise with which, the Association does business, including, without limitation, the member, or any person in the immediate family of the member, holding a position with a supplier of goods and/or services to the Association, unless the material facts of the relationship or the interest in the business are disclosed to the Board and the Board in good faith authorizes the contract, of the disinterested Directors. If a member of the Board, rather than a member of a committee, is the person making the disclosure, the interested Director may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board, whereat the disinterested Directors consider whether to authorize the contract, transaction, or relationship.

9.3 Investment Advisors. The Board may from time to time contract with investment counsel, trust companies, banks, investment advisors, or investment managers regarding the Labor Day Tournament Scholarship Funds and any other funds of the Association and confer on those advisors full power and authority to:

- (a) purchase or otherwise acquire stocks, bonds, securities, and other investments on behalf of the Association; and
- (b) sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of any of the Association's assets and properties at the time and for a consideration that the advisor deems appropriate.

RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION (WITH AMENDMENTS) OF PLANO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is to be PLANO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II

The period of the duration of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III The corporation is a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE IV

The purposes for which the corporation is formed are to receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property, or both, and, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income there-from and the principle thereof exclusively for educational and charitable purposes, either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they hereafter be amended; to foster and advance the cause of youth soccer within the territory under the jurisdiction of the corporation and to support and develop players for such competitions, the primary portion of which is to plan, establish, approve, and administer all rules and regulations of all activities sponsored by and under the corporation (including all league play), and servicing the basic coaching clinics, and assessments and training and grading of coaches and referees on "as needed" basis; and to foster and advance a soccer program which will promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, and courage through amateur athletic competition. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any Director of the corporation, officer of the corporation, or any private shareholder or individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation in furtherance of one or more of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof), and 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 be 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170©(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended. 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 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws. 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 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws. The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditure as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws. Upon dissolution of the corporation or the winding up of its affairs, all of the assets of the corporation shall be distributed, in furtherance of the purpose or purposes of the corporation, exclusively to educational, scientific, literary, or charitable organizations which would then qualify as tax-exempt organizations under the provisions of Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE V

The address of the registered office of the corporation is 221 West Parker Road, Suite 480, Plano, Texas, 75023, and the name of the registered agent at such address is George Ostrander.

ARTICLE VI

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which in the Bylaws of the corporation shall be entitled the Board of Directors, which shall consist of not less than five (5) Directors. The number of Directors and their terms of office shall be fixed by the Bylaws of the corporation. The names and addresses of the Directors of the corporation and who shall serve until each of their successors is elected and qualified is: NAME

ADDRESS President Vice President - Recreational Division/Director Vice President - Competitive Division/Director Vice President - Coaches/Director Vice President – Facilities & Services Vice President - Referees/Director Treasurer/Director Secretary/Director Immediate Past President

ARTICLE VII

To the fullest extent permitted by Texas law, a Director of the corporation is not liable to the corporation for monetary damages for an act or omission in such Director's capacity as a Director.

ARTICLE VIII

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its directors, officers, members, or other private persons, except the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and disbursements in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. No substance or part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (by including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted:

- .(a) By a corporation exempt from federal income tax in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law),
- .(b) By corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE IX

This corporation and its affairs shall be so managed and conducted that income, if any, received by it shall be exempt from federal income taxation; and this corporation shall engage in no activities and perform no acts which would cause its income to be subject to income taxation by the federal government. This corporation shall not have or exercise any power or authority either expressly, by interpretation, or by operation of law, nor shall it directly or indirectly engage in any activity that would prevent this corporation from qualifying (and continuing to qualify) as corporation described in Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, contributions to which are deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Dated August 23rd, 2005.

PLANO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: _____.

Name: George Ostrander. President By: .

Name: Judi Elliott. Secretary

State of Texas

County of Collin

Before me, a notary public, on this day personally appeared, and known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, declared that the **statements therein contained are true and correct. Given under my hand and seal of office this** _____, day of 20 __.

Notary Public, State of Texas

PLANO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

RECREATIONAL DIVISION -- GENERAL RULES

1. DIVISIONS

PLANO YOUTH SOCCER competition shall be divided into two divisions, Competitive Division, and Recreational Division. Its own Committee, chaired by the Vice President, will administer each. The Competitive Division shall comprise of teams considered to be highly competitive, including classic, select, and invitation teams. The Recreational Division shall be comprised and limited to those teams considered to be recreational in nature and shall exclude teams that contain players obtained in a manner conducive to development of a selective, or partially selective, competitive team. In addition, the Recreational Division also includes the Recreational Plus division.

2. LEAGUES

The PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Recreational Division further shall be divided into ten (10) age levels, referred to as leagues. Both boys and girls leagues shall be formed in each age group. Eligibility for each league will be based upon age as follows:

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>Roster</u>			<u>Ball Size</u>	<u>Game Time</u>
		<u>On Field</u>	<u>Min to Start</u>	<u>Max on Roster</u>		
Under 5*	4	4	3	8	3	4X10min
Under 6*	5	4	3	8	3	4X10min
Under 7*	6	7	5	11	3	4X12min
Under 8*	7	7	5	11	3	4X12min
Under 9	8	8	6	12	4	2X25min
Under 10	9	8	6	12	4	2X25min
Under 12	10 and 11	11	7	15	4	2X30min
Under 14	12 and 13	11	7	16	5	2X35min
Under 16	14 and 15	11	7	17	5	2X40min
Under 19	16, 17, and 18	11	7	22	5	2X45min

***NOTE: There are no protests allowed in the Recreational Under 5, 6, 7 and 8 Leagues. This is for the player's development and enjoyment only.**

*NOTE: In order to be eligible to play in the Under-5 League, a player must be four (4) years of age by August 1.

PLANO YOUTH SOCCER shall provide both boys and girls leagues for each age group unless prohibited or otherwise undesirable based upon the number of available players. Then, at the discretion of the Recreational Committee, with approval of the Board of Directors, coeducational leagues may be formed. The Boys Commissioner shall have overall responsibility for all boys' leagues and the Girls Commissioner shall have overall responsibility for all girls' leagues, with the respective league directors reporting to their commissioners. Coeducational teams must play in a boy's league.

3. CONFERENCES

The PLANO YOUTH SOCCER leagues shall be divided into conferences, if the number of teams in a league becomes as large as to prohibit the effective administration by a single League Director. No League Director shall be responsible for more than twenty-four (24) teams. In the event a league comprises more than twenty-four (24) teams, unless otherwise specified by the Recreational Committee, the league shall be equally divided into Conferences such that each Conference comprises of less than twenty-four (24) teams and contains approximately equal numbers of teams.

The League Director for the older or more competitive Conference shall be considered the senior League Director for that league and shall be responsible for assisting the Commissioner in administering the overall league, as defined by the commissioner. The Commissioner shall be responsible for submitting the recommended schedule for any games, playoffs, jamborees, tournaments, etc., in collaboration with the other League Directors.

4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. Age of youth as of August 1 determines the league in which a youth will play regardless of age at the start of the season (Note: This is required by the USSF/NTSSA.) Players may play up one (1) age group with a written request from the parent(s).
- B. The playing of any youth outside the age limits of the team, as defined above, shall result in the forfeiture of all games in which said player participated.

- C. No player may be added after the season starts without approval of the Commissioner and submittal of the necessary information to the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER office. The playing of any player for whom PLANO YOUTH SOCCER holds no record may result in the forfeiture of all games in which said player participated and suspension of the coach for one (1) year.
- D. No player or coach registered with PLANO YOUTH SOCCER may participate in unregistered/non-sanctioned play, as stated in the NTSSA Administrative Rule Book, Rule 3.2. **Registration with PLANO YOUTH SOCCER will be suspended once a player or coach participates in such play.** Unsanctioned play shall include, but not be limited to:
- Outdoor/indoor league not sanctioned by NTSSA or another USSF affiliate.
 - Outdoor/indoor tournament not sanctioned by NTSSA or another USSF affiliate.
 - Any game (friendly or scrimmage) with a non-USSF affiliate.
- E. For the purpose of league play, the transfer of new players must be accomplished forty-eight (48) hours prior to the first scheduled game. New players may be added at the discretion of the commissioner. It is the responsibility of the coach to verify that any added players are included in the official team roster. Any team found in violation of this rule is subject to forfeiting the games in which the violation occurred.

5. TEAM STRUCTURE

- A. A team (coaches and players) formed by PLANO YOUTH SOCCER and playing in PLANO YOUTH SOCCER the previous season, may remain as a unit provided they meet the league eligibility and age requirements. The minimum number of players remaining on a team and forming the nucleus for that team, in order to remain as a unit, is six (6) players. However, it is possible that a team with more than six (6) returning players may not form. At the time of registration, recreational players have the option to request removal from a team and reassignment through the Player's Pool. A recreational player sitting out one season (i.e., not playing soccer in any organization) can return to the player's former team provided space is available. Otherwise that player will be reassigned through the Player's Pool unless decided otherwise by the Vice President of Recreation. Competitive players returning to the recreational league must be reassigned through the Player's Pool. A player from a Competitive Division team must honor a valid 1-year contract for that team, should one exist, unless the player has been duly released from that team. Every recreational team must identify its school affiliation and once done cannot be changed without approval from the Recreational Committee unless the new proposed school is in the normal progression from the original school as the players go from Elementary to Middle School to *High School* to Senior High School.
- B. New recreational teams and returning recreational teams needing additional players will obtain players in the manner described below. However, before new players are added to a returning recreational team, the head coach must contact each player from the previous season and invite them back, unless the player has moved or requested to be removed from that team.
- (1.) In the Under-6 through Under-12 age groups, players will be assigned by the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER office from the Player's Pool, as governed by the Coordinating Committee, from their local elementary school area in which they live whenever possible. If not enough players are available from the team's school; players from neighboring schools that feed into the same next level school should be used first subject to roster space constraints.
 - (2.) New players to PLANO YOUTH SOCCER in the Under 5 and Under 6 age group may request to be placed on a team with a friend. The friend may be a new or existing player in PLANO YOUTH SOCCER. This rule is independent of school boundaries. If four (4) or more players request to player together, they must provide a volunteer coach.
 - (3.) In the Under-14 age group, players will be assigned by the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER office from the Player's Pool, as governed by the Coordinating Committee, from their local middle school area in which they live whenever possible. If not enough players are available from the team's school, then players from neighboring schools that feed into the same next school level should be used first.
 - (4.) In the Under-16 and Under-19 age groups, players will be assigned by the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER office from the Player's Pool, as governed by the Coordinating Committee, to a team independent of school area in which they reside. In addition, the Recreational Board may, on a league by league basis, permit coaches of record to actively recruit and add any player in the age group to his/her team within the boundaries of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER and as long as there are no tryouts, scrimmages, drills, etc. used to assess the ability of the player and:
 - (a.) The player is not presently registered on an existing recreational team,
 - (b.) The player did not play for a returning recreational team the previous season,
 - (c.) The player has registered and indicated the desire to be reassigned through the Player's Pool, and
 - (d.) The coach does not violate any USYSA, NTSSA, or PLANO YOUTH SOCCER recruiting rules.

The PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Vice President of Recreation must approve a team, which was formed outside of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER requesting to participate in PLANO YOUTH SOCCER recreational league.

- C. No civic or youth groups, other than soccer teams, applying to play as a team in PLANO YOUTH SOCCER shall be admitted as a formed team unless it is determined by the Vice President, Recreation that membership to such a group was not in any way based upon athletic ability and that the group was formed in accordance with PLANO YOUTH SOCCER rules and policies in regards to year of birth, school area, etc. Upon a favorable recommendation by this League Director, the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Recreational Committee may vote on whether or not to accept the applying group.
- D. The number of players on a team will be as follows:

	Maximum	Recommended	Required for Game
Under 5 and 6 League	8	8	3
Under 7 and 8 League	11	10	5
Under 9 and 10 League	12	11	6
Under 12 League	15	15	7
Under 14 League	16	16	7
Under 16 League	17	16	7
Under 19 League	22	18	7

NOTE: Coaches permission does not need to be obtained before exceeding the nominal numbers as provided above. The maximum numbers shall not be exceeded except by approval of the Recreational Committee, if requested by the coach and League Director. **Once registration has closed, players may be added to teams via a late registration process. Players are added to teams in order of teams with the lowest number of players.**

E. LEAGUE COMPETITION – TEAM REASSIGNMENT

- (1.) PLANO YOUTH SOCCER can reassign teams to various levels of competition within an age group based upon performance and ability (with the exception that teams can be required to play in a higher age group if a request is made by the team's coach and approved by the Commissioner, or unless that team already has requested to play at a higher age level in another association).
- (2.) PLANO YOUTH SOCCER can promote teams within the recreational levels upward or downward from one division to another or from one conference to another, within an age level.

NOTE: Nothing in this policy should be construed to allow girl's league teams to be made to play in the boy's league, at any level, unless it is so requested by the team's coach and duly approved by the Recreational Committee. However, any team composed of at least one male player must be required to play in the appropriate boy's league.

- (3.) The Commissioner shall determine, prior to the beginning of league play, which division and/or conference each team shall be placed. At the option of the Commissioner, placement can be determined by a seeding evaluation. Final placement of teams shall be approved by the Commissioner and is subject to review by the Recreational Committee.
- (4.) In the event a team's level of competition appears to exceed that of the teams in its own division (or conference), that team shall be reviewed by its Commissioner in order to determine whether it shall be forced to play in a higher division within its own age group or in the next higher age group for the next season. If such placement of a team is into a higher age group, the team will be placed in the level of competition deemed appropriate by the Commissioner in that age group, with approval of the commissioner. Any such placement of a team shall be made prior to the beginning of the next season's play. A season includes any period identified by the fall, winter, spring, and summer play.

6. PLAYER/TEAM RELEASE AND TRANSFER

Players and teams shall be released and/or transferred only as set forth by stated PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Policy and NTSSA rules (See NTSSA rule 4, RULES FOR REGISTRATION OF YOUTH PLAYERS)

In summary, PLANO YOUTH SOCCER requires that:

- A. Players and teams require a written release from the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Registrar in order to play outside of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, whether or not the player(s) or team(s) previously has been released, during any soccer year.
- B. Players can be released to the Players' Pool at the time of registration by requesting on the application that they be reassigned to the Players' Pool. In the case of a Competitive Division player, under a duly authorized 1-year contract, the player must be released, by the coach, to return to the Players' Pool at the end of the fall season.
- C. Players and coaches should become familiar with existing PLANO YOUTH SOCCER and NTSSA Rules and the latest PLANO YOUTH SOCCER policy if they are anticipating the request for a release for a player or team, especially regarding any request to play outside PLANO YOUTH SOCCER.

7. COACHES

- A. The Head Coach shall have the privilege of having his or her child assigned to their team's roster provided the player meets the age requirements of the league.
- B. All head coaches must complete the F certification course (G certification for U5-U6) within the first year of becoming the head coach.
- C. The Coach and Assistant Coach of record are to be active coaches for the team and not in name only.
- D. In the event a team loses its Head Coach, the League Director will offer the team to the assistant coach and the parents of the team before selecting a Head Coach from the outside.
- E. Each coach has one (1) vote at any meeting of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER at which they are entitled to vote, as does the Parent Representative, listed as Manager of the roster, for that team.
- F. Coaches will be held responsible for any misbehavior on the part of the team's spectators, parents, and players. This includes any foul and abusive language and any comments directed toward the referees, opposing players, and coaches. Offenders may be cautioned or ejected from the field by the referee. If any coach or team receives three (3) written complaints against the coach, or any member of the team, or spectators, or one (1) written complaint from a league official, the coach must go before the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee for judgment of fitness to continue participation in the league and appropriate punishment (if any). These complaints must be made on separate occasions (games, practices, etc.) during the season, and may include written complaints from referees, other coaches, and spectators. All complaints must be submitted to Plano Youth Soccer and be signed.
- G. All coaching will be confined to an area ten (10) yards on either side of the midfield line and to their own side of the field, unless existing PLANO YOUTH SOCCER policy disallows coaching from the sidelines. **Only coaches and managers rostered to the team may be on the team's sideline. If the rostered coach or manager is not available, a parent may substitute for the coach. The coaching substitute must obtain a temporary identification card prior to the game.** Players on the sideline must stay within the ten (10) yard coaching box during play, and all persons, players, and spectators must stay at least five (5) feet back from the sideline (touch line) on each side. Spectators should remain in the area normally designated for spectators, when applicable, and in no case shall be allowed to line up along the sideline.
- H. Coaches are responsible for the eligibility of their players. Only registered player(s) shall be permitted to play in competitions under the auspices of this association and affiliated members. A Coach, Assistant Coach, or Administrator found to have allowed the use of an unregistered player(s) shall be brought before the Appeals and Discipline Committee. Penalties are at the discretion of the Appeals and Discipline Committee and may include suspension of the coach and the player; and forfeiture of games.
- I. Coaches are subject to the jurisdiction of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, its League Directors, the Recreational Committee and the Board of Directors and all PLANO YOUTH SOCCER rules and policies. The League Directors shall approve all coaches in their league. Returning coaches and teams in good standing are permitted and welcomed.
- J. 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.(NTSSA rule 4.7.6.1 & 4.7.6.2)
- K. Every coach is the coach with the permission of the parents of the players. If a majority of the parents of the players agree, they have the right to remove the head coach from the team. The vote of the parents shall be at one vote per child on the team.
- L. All coaches must **visibly display** the Coaches Badge during all team meetings.

8. PRACTICES

A team shall have no more than three (3) meetings per week, which include organized practices, scheduled and rescheduled games after the beginning of league play except under unusual circumstances with the approval of the Recreational Committee. Under-5 through Under-7 Leagues

may practice one (1) hour per session; Under-8 and Under-10 Leagues may practice one and one half (1.5) hours per session; Under-12 and older Leagues may practice two (2) hours per session. Teams who practice on Plano fields must conform to the policies of the City of Plano's Park and Recreational Department, which may vary from time to time.

9. GAMES

A. Forfeiture

The score for forfeiture is 3-0. The following constitutes a game forfeiture:

- (1.) Fielding an ineligible player or a player under suspension.
- (2.) A suspended coach appearing at a game to coach the game;
- (3.) Failure to field a team with less than the minimum number of players, within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time, according to the Referee's watch.
- (4.) Violation of the minimum-playing requirement for any player, as outlined in the Playing Rules.
- (5.) If a team intentionally forfeits a game, that team (coaches, managers, and/or other responsible parties) may be required to appear before the divisional Appeals and Disciplinary Committee, to present its reason for the forfeit. A team found guilty of intentionally forfeiting a game may:
 - a. Be prevented from participating in any further games during the season;
 - b. Be ineligible for any awards;
 - c. Be prevented from participation in any playoff games;
 - d. Have the coach suspended for up to a year;
 - e. Any penalty deemed appropriate by the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.
- (6.) A team knowing that it will not be able to field a team should notify the league office 48 hours prior to the game.

B. Foul Weather Procedure

Unless officially notified by PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, in a manner determined by PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, teams must report to the playing fields for assigned games. Only a referee or a League Official can cancel the games at any field should it be so warranted.

If a game is suspended because of field or weather conditions before the second half of play has begun, that game will be replayed in its entirety. If the second half of play has begun, that game will be considered a completed game. The PLANO YOUTH SOCCER office will reschedule any games scheduled and not played, due to field or weather conditions, as soon as possible. In the event a team refuses to play because of questionable field or weather conditions, the coach shall protest the situation to the Referee and any subsequent decision will be decided by the League Director subject to the approval of the Recreational Committee. A coach can further protest or appeal the decision by filing a protest to the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.

Any championship game suspended due to field or weather conditions will be replayed in its entirety.

Scheduled and rescheduled games have priority usage of fields over practices. In the event Plano Parks and Recreation and/or PLANO YOUTH SOCCER have closed a field for game usage, that field is also closed for practice usage. Any fines imposed upon PLANO YOUTH SOCCER by the city for improper field usage will be passed on to the offending team. In addition, the offending team will be required to forfeit the next scheduled game.

C. Method of Scoring for League or Division Standings:

- (1.) Win-loss record. Three (3) points are given for a win, one (1) for a tie, and no (0) points for a loss. The team with the better win-loss record is the winner. In the event of equal records, the following criteria is used:
- (2.) Total points tabulated by NASL Scoring System:

Win	6 points
Tie	3 Points
Loss	0 Points
Forfeit	9 points

One additional point per goal scored, up to a maximum of three (3) points per game. The greater number of points wins.

- (3.) If still tied after applying 1 through 2, the winner of head-to-head competition.
- (4.) Goals against system: Establish total NASL points, then decrease total by one (1) point per goal scored against a team up to a maximum of three (3) points per game. The greater number of points remaining decides the winner.
- (5.) Fewest Penalty Card Points in league games during the current season (Fall/Spring) is the winner. The card points will be figured using one (1) point for each yellow card and (2) points for each red card.

- (6.) If still tied after applying 1 through 5, the winner is determined by **Kicks from the Mark**.
- D. All teams must call in scores to your League Director at 972-422-7972 within 24 hours after the game finishes.
- E. Standings are not kept in the U 5 and U 6 leagues. In U 7 and U 8, standings are not published. The teams are requested to turn in scores so that the strength of teams may be used when creating conferences for subsequent seasons. Standings will be kept in the U 9 and above leagues.

All games will be played in accordance with FIFA laws as modified by NTSSA and PLANO YOUTH SOCCER.

10. PLAYOFFS

- A. Playoff structure will be determined by the Commissioner and approved by the Recreational Committee. The Playoff structure shall be provided to the coaches by the third game of the season.
- B. The Under 5 through Under 8 Leagues will not have playoff games
- C. Ties in playoff or Championship games must be played off. If at the end of regulation time, the game is tied, two (2) overtime halves will be played (NOTE: Overtime halves shall not be used for Playoff mini-games - the Kicks from the Penalty Mark follow the end of a tied mini-game.) The overtime halves shall be structured as follows:
Two (2) ten (10) minutes halves. Both halves must be played in their entirety. If at the end of the overtime, the game is still tied, Kicks from the Penalty Mark will be applied to determine the winner. Appendix A explains the Kicks from the Penalty Mark.
- D. The 50% playing time rule should be adhered to in overtime play.
- E. No protest will be allowed during playoff and/or championship games, except for fielding an ineligible player.

11. AWARDS

- A. Awards will be presented on the basis of one (1) set per division unless otherwise specified. If there is only one (1) division, two sets of awards will be presented for first and second place. In no event shall the number of awards exceed the average of one set of awards for every three (3) teams considering the total of all awards and all teams. The only exception to the above will be by majority vote of the Recreational Committee. This requires approval by the Board of Directors.
- B. All players in the U 10 and below divisions will receive a participation trophy. The only exception is the teams in the U 9 and U 10 league winning a division or first and second playoff trophy. These teams will receive the division winner or playoff trophy.

12. DISCIPLINE

Discipline will be rendered as set forth in Appendix B **and NTSSA Rule 3.11.**

- A. A Recreational player may be withheld from a game for disciplinary reasons, by the coach, when it has been reported to the League Director and the child's parents at least twelve (12) hours prior to the game. Each disciplinary action by the coach serves as a written complaint of misconduct, with three disciplinary actions during the season requiring review of the player by the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.
- B. Complaints against Coaches, Players, Spectators, etc.
Coaches, players, and/or spectators receiving three (3) written complaints against them or (1) written complaint from a PLANO YOUTH SOCCER league official shall be required to go before the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee after the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee has reviewed the complaint. These complaints may come from referees, other coaches, or spectators. These complaints must come from separate occasions. Only signed written complaints will be considered. It will be the prerogative of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee to take whatever action they deem appropriate - probation, suspension, etc.
- C. Any individual obtaining a seventh card in league play shall be immediately suspended pending a hearing with NTSSA A&D Committee (meaning any combination of yellow and red cards totaling seven).

13. PROCEDURE FOR FILING PROTESTS, APPEALS, GRIEVANCES, ETC.

- A. PLANO YOUTH SOCCER shall operate a system for filing protests, appeals, grievances, and the like. The Recreation Division shall operate its own system including a Appeals and Disciplinary (A&D) Committee to hear and review all game related protests and grievances. The PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Board of Directors is the first level of appeal for both appeals from the Appeals and Disciplinary (A&D) Committee and the Recreational Committee. In addition, the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Board of Directors shall provide the first level of appeal for any other organization under the jurisdiction of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, e.g., the Plano Referees Association, the Metro League, etc.

These committees, at their discretion and when requested in writing to do so, may waive the time limit for filing matters before them, but in no case will grant an extension of more than ten (10) days. A request for an extension is not a valid reason for not meeting the original requirement for filing matters to these committees.

- B. All protests, appeals, grievances, and the like shall be submitted in writing to PLANO YOUTH SOCCER within forty-eight (48) hours of the matter concerned. The written document must have either PROTEST, GRIEVANCE, or APPEAL boldly written or typed across the top. Protests and appeals shall be accompanied by a \$50 fee (cash, money order, or cashier's check). If the committee upholds the protest or appeal, the fee shall be returned. If it is denied, the fee shall be forfeited to PLANO YOUTH SOCCER. Once a fee has been forfeited to PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, it shall not be returned.
- C. PLANO YOUTH SOCCER shall refuse to hear any protest, grievance, appeal or the like where legal action is threatened or has been initiated. Recording devices, stenographers and attorneys representing either party will not be permitted at hearings. The minutes of the hearing may be recorded, by the secretary of the committee, for purpose of recording the minutes only. In no event shall any person or organization, under the jurisdiction of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER resort to the Courts, at any government level, until all appeal procedures have been exhausted. For violations of this rule, the offending party shall be subject to the sanction of suspensions and fines as set forth by PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, NTSSA, USYSA, USSF and FIFA and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by these organizations in defending related Court action, including but not limited to Court costs, attorney's fees, compensation for persons defending such allegations, travel expenses, and expenses for holding meetings related to the Court action.
- D. The Board of Directors of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER or the Recreational Committee may bring any protest, appeal, grievance, or the like directly before that body for a hearing when that body feels it is necessary in order to render a decision and to speed the normal process for matters of the utmost importance.
- E. Protests, grievances, and the like against the performance or conduct of referees must be filed with the Referee Committee and are not heard by the Recreational Division. It is the responsibility of the referee's Committee to determine the validity of such actions and to handle this within that association. Persons filing such charges should direct them to the Referee Committee through the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER office who shall forward them to the referee committee through their representative on the Recreational Committee or through the Board of Directors, Referee Vice President.
- F. Protests
- (1.) There shall be no protests in Under 5, 6, 7 & 8 league play.
 - (2.) All protests of game matters shall be submitted in writing to PLANO YOUTH SOCCER within forty-eight (48) hours of the game, accompanied by a \$50 fee.
 - (3.) The A&D Committee Chairman shall review the protest to determine the situation and the validity of the protest. A game may be protested only if:
 - a. 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**.
(Note: The Laws of the Game are the FIFA Laws of the Game as modified by NTSSA/PLANO YOUTH SOCCER)
 - b. A team has played an ineligible or suspended player.
 - c. A team's suspended coach was present and coaching the team: and/or
 - d. There has been a violation of the minimum playing requirements for any player, as outlined in the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Playing Rules.
 - (4.) The Appeals and Disciplinary Committee shall receive protests and grievances through its Chairperson and shall meet to consider them within seven (7) days of their receipt. All involved parties, coaches, and players shall be notified of the hearing and shall be requested to be present. Failure to attend after being requested to do so may cause default of the protest or require other action to be taken.
 - (5.) The Appeals and Disciplinary Committee shall not assume that a game result should be changed strictly on the basis of a protest being valid because a Law of the Game has been broken or for any other valid reason. Game protests should be upheld on the basis of the merits of the protest and the entire circumstances surrounding the game, including the determination that the outcome of the game was or was not affected by the events referred to in the protest of the game.
- G. Appeals
- (1.) Decisions from the Recreational Division Appeals and Disciplinary Committee, Recreational Committee, and other organizations under the jurisdiction of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, may be appealed to the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Board of Directors with the President receiving the appeal directly. The appeal must be received by the President within forty-eight (48) hours of the decision. The PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Board of Directors shall be the only level of appeal prior to the Appeals and Disciplinary (A&D) Committee of NTSSA. The procedure for filing an appeal is the same as for protests. All involved parties, coaches, and players shall be notified of the hearing and shall be requested to be present. Failure to

attend after being requested to do so may cause default of the appeal or require other action to be taken.

- (2.) Decisions of the Board of Directors may be appealed to the NTSSA Appeals and Disciplinary Committee through the State Office and, then, to their Executive Committee and on to the USYSA/USSF and FIFA through their appeals and protest policies and procedures, upon payment of such fees and filing of such forms as required through these organizations at that time.

H. Grievances*

These shall be handled in the same manner as protests with the Registrar or League Official accepting the grievance. A fee is not required. Grievance must be considered automatically by the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee, which shall determine whether a formal hearing should be called, and a fee is required.

*Definition of Grievances: A wrong, real or fancied, considered as grounds for complaint against an unjust act.

14. PLANO YOUTH SOCCER POLICIES

All PLANO YOUTH SOCCER policies, duly approved by the Competitive or Recreational Committee automatically become part of the General Rules of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER. Policies that affect both the Recreational and Competitive Divisions require the approval of the Board of Directors. Policy information is available through the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER office.

15. REFUND OF REGISTRATION FEES

A. Refund Policy:

No refunds will be given to a player after the second scheduled league game by any team.

All refunds will be given minus a \$20 administrative processing fee.

In the Under 5 and Under 6 age groups, if the player has received a PLANO YOUTH SOCCER provided uniform, the refund is also subject to a \$20 uniform fee unless, the uniform is returned to PLANO YOUTH SOCCER in usable condition.

B. Procedure for Paying Refunds:

- (1.) If PLANO YOUTH SOCCER is unable to provide a team for a registrant, the Commissioner will submit the application form for that player to the Treasurer, who will send a refund check to the registrant. In this situation, the \$20 administrative processing fee will not be imposed.
- (2.) All other requests for refunds must be initiated by the parent or player and submitted to the Plano Youth Soccer office with the word "REFUND" marked across the top. The Treasurer will send a refund check (with the administrative fee subtracted) to the individual who signed the application.

16. AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL AND PLAYING RULES

Amendments to the General and Playing Rules may be proposed at any meeting of the Board of Directors, the Recreational Competitive, and at any general membership meeting.

The Recreational League Board of Directors must approve all rule changes.

Proposed changes may be made from the floor at any general membership meeting as long as they are in writing, presented by an authorized voting member and are seconded by an authorized voting member.

The Recreational and Competitive Committees have authorized the Board of Directors to make any necessary changes to the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Playing and General Rules if such changes are dictated by NTSSA, based upon changes in the Laws of the Game, USSF/USYSA Rules or NTSSA Rules and Regulations. Any such changes shall be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Immediately upon making any such changes, the Board of Directors shall advise the Recreational and Competitive Committees in writing of the nature and extent of such changes, at the next meeting of the Committees.

The PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, Committees, Board of Directors, and General Membership are not authorized to make any changes in the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Playing and General Rules that are contrary or not allowed by the Laws of the Game, USSF/USYSA Rules, or NTSSA Rules and Regulations.

17. IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Each coach/assistant coach and manager whose name appears on the team roster is required to display a valid PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Identification card during all games, practices and other team activities. PLANO YOUTH SOCCER issues ID cards for rostered coach/assistant coach and manager upon completing and submitting required **Risk Management** forms as required by NTSSA. Only coach/assistant coach and managers rostered with the team and displaying valid ID's are allowed on the player's side of the field during games.

18. Facilities

Generally games are played on fields owned by the City of Plano. Some games may be scheduled in neighboring communities. All the participants, -- players, coaches, parents and fans – are to respect the facilities. The participants are to obey the rules and regulations of the facility. In addition,

- A. Smoking is prohibited in the area of the playing fields.
- B. Dogs must be leashed and cannot be with in 20 yards of the fields during the Fall or Spring season.
- C. Players are to pick up and dispose of all trash at the end of the game.
- D. While waiting for the playing field to become available, teams are not to interfere with any game. At the conclusion of the game, the teams must quickly depart from the fields to allow the next game to begin.

PLANO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

PLAYING RULES --UNDER 5 THROUGH UNDER 6

1. FIELD OF PLAY

The field of play is 60 (sixty) feet wide by 90 (ninety) feet long. The center circle is 8 (eight) feet in radius. The goal area is 20 (twenty) feet wide and 8 (eight) feet in depth. The corner area is 1 (one) foot. The goal size is 3 (three) feet high and 5 (five) feet wide. These apply to Under – 5 & 6 age group.

2. THE BALL

The ball is a size 3 (three).

3. TEAMS

Teams are composed of eight players. The number of players on each side is 4. A team may not play with less than three players on the field.

4. LENGTH OF GAME

EACH PLAYER MUST PLAY AT LEAST 50% OF EACH HALF. A player who arrives at the field after the beginning of the game may not play in the first half, at the discretion of the coach. A player who arrives after the beginning of the second half may not play in the game, at the discretion of the coach.

- A. Under 5 and Under 6 games are 4 ten-minute quarters with a 2-minute half-time period.
- B. Substitutions may only be made at the beginning of each quarter or half. Players may not be substituted at any other time. The only exception is if a player is injured or in duress.
- C. Teams that are not ready to play within 5 minutes of published time will forfeit game. A team unable to field 3 players at game time will forfeit the game. There will be no time stoppage for any reason.

5. KICK-OFF

Kick off will be decided at the beginning of the game by a coin toss with the team winning the toss choosing side of the field. The team losing the coin toss will kick off. Teams will switch for the second half.

6. FREE KICKS

Kick-off, Kick-ins, goal kick and fouls are indirect kicks (i.e. a goal cannot be scored by kicking the ball directly into the goal: the ball must first be touched by another player). Defending players must be at least 8 (eight) feet away from the ball at the time of the free kick. Balls kicked higher than 3 (three) feet will result in an indirect free kick for the opponent where the kick originated.

7. FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- A. A player who commits any of the following six (6) offenses shall be penalized by the award of an indirect free kick to the opponents.
 - 1. Kick or attempts to kick an opponent.
 - 2. Trips an opponent, (i.e. throwing or attempting to throw an opponent by the use of the legs or by stopping in front of or behind the opponent).
 - 3. Charges an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner.
 - 4. Holds an opponent with the hand or any part of the arm.
 - 5. Pushes an opponent with the hand or any part of the arm.
 - 6. Handles the ball (i.e. strikes, or propels the ball with the hand or arm). It should not be considered a "hand ball" when any player attempts to protect the vital areas of the body (chest, crotch, face, etc.) by placing hands or arms across them to protect them from being struck by the ball. The official shall be the sole judge of whether the hands or arms were used deliberately to propel the ball.
- B. A player shall be sent off the field of play if:
 - 1. In the opinion of the official, the player is guilty of fighting
 - 2. The player uses foul or abusive language

If play is stopped by reason of a player being ordered from the field for an offense without a separate breach of the rule having been committed, the game shall be resumed by an indirect free kick awarded to the opposing side from the place where the infringement

occurred. The player that is sent off can be replaced with another player from the same team. The player being sent off **must sit out the rest of that game.**

8. BALL OUT OF PLAY

The ball is out of bounds when the whole ball passes over the whole sideline or goal line. The ball will be put back in play by the opposing team as follows:

- A. Played over the sideline- a kick-in is taken at the point the whole ball crossed the line.
- B. Played over the goal line by the defending team: A corner kick is taken by the attacking team from the arc on the side of the field where the ball crossed the goal line.
- C. Played over the goal line by the attacking team: A kick-in by the defending team from the edge of the goal area.

A goal is scored when the whole ball passes completely over the goal line between the goal post and under the cross bar. A goal cannot be scored from the attacking team's half of the field. Note: All kicks are indirect; therefore a goal cannot be scored from a restart except as defined unless the ball is touched by two players.

9. OFFICIATING

The officiating will be handled by both teams. A Home Team Representative will officiate the first 2 quarters of the game. A Visiting Team Representative will officiate the last 2 quarters of the game. It is requested that a parent and not coaches officiate the game. If a coach is required to officiate, he/she must remember that during the time they are serving as an official, they cannot coach their team. Someone else will need to fulfill this role. All officials' decisions are final except for an ineligible player.

10. OTHER GENERAL RULES

- A. No Goalies: The purpose of the 4v4 game is for all children to be involved in the action.
- B. Coaches are not allowed on the field during play, unless they are invited by the official for the purpose of assisting an injured player.
- C. Kick-ins: All "kick-ins" shall be indirect kicks. If the kick is done improperly, allow the player additional attempts until it is done properly. This is a developmental league and we are here to help the players learn. Please get the kids involved.
- D. Score is not kept during games. At the end of the game there are no winners and losers. ALL kids are winners.

PLANO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

PLAYING RULES -- UNDER 7 THROUGH UNDER 19

Except as modified below, playing rules will follow the FIFA rules. See Appendix C for FIFA rules. In general, U12 and above will follow FIFA rules. U 9 and U 10 play FIFA rules except as modified for the size of field, timing, and number of players. U 7 and U 8 is further modified to improve the flow of the games.

1. FIELD OF PLAY

The Plano Parks and Recreation Department will set the size of the field, penalty area, and goals. The following are recommended field and goal sizes.

	Width	Length	Goal Size
Under 7 & 8	Min 40 yards	Min 60 yards	6 feet x 4 yards
Under 9 & 10	Min 50 yards	Min 80 yards	7 feet x 7 yards
Under 12	Min 60 yards	Min 100 yards	8 feet x 8 yards
Under 14	Min 60 yards	Min 100 yards	8 feet x 8 yards
Under 16	Min 70 yards	Min 120 yards	8 feet x 8 yards
Under 19	Min 70 yards	Min 120 yards	8 feet x 8 yards

2. THE BALL

The ball shall be spherical; the outer casing shall be of leather or other approved materials. No material shall be used in its construction, which might prove dangerous to the players.

A. Ball sizes vary as follows:

Under 7 & 8	Size 3
Under 9, 10 & 12	Size 4
Under 14 and older	Size 5

B. The game ball is provided by the home team as shown on the schedule. Game balls are provided to each Recreational team by PLANO YOUTH SOCCER.

C. The ball shall not be changed during the game unless authorized by the referee.

D. If the ball bursts or becomes deflated during the course of a match, then the game shall be stopped and restarted by dropping a new ball at the place where the first ball became defective. If this happens during a stoppage of the game (free kick, goal kick, corner kick, penalty kick or throw in), the game shall be restarted accordingly.

E. Ball Distribution - Recreational Teams

- (1.) PLANO YOUTH SOCCER will supply one (1) game ball to each team registered and playing in the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Recreational league at the start of the soccer year (fall season).
- (2.) PLANO YOUTH SOCCER will supply one (1) game ball to each new team registered and playing in PLANO YOUTH SOCCER at the start of the spring season.
- (3.) The coach is responsible for supplying the game ball at each scheduled match.
- (4.) If the game ball becomes lost, stolen, or damaged, the coach is responsible for replacing the game ball with one of equal quality.
- (5.) If the coach quits or is removed from the team, prior to the end of the soccer year, the coach must return the game ball to PLANO YOUTH SOCCER.
- (6.) After the soccer year is complete, the game ball becomes the property of the coach.

3. NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTION

A. The number of players on a team shall be seven (7) for Under 7 & 8, eight (8) for Under 9 & 10, and eleven (11) for Under 12 and older. One of the players shall be the goalkeeper.

B. Minimum players needed to play a game shall be as follows:

Under 7 & 8	Minimum of 5
Under 9 & 10	Minimum of 6
Under 12 and older	Minimum of 7

C. Substitutions

There is FREE substitution with the exception of Under 7 and 8 Leagues.

NOTE: The attention of the referee must be gained and his/her permission obtained before substitution can be made at any of the authorized points. This includes changing the goalkeeper. Failure to do so will result in a caution to the players involved and the awarding of an indirect kick to the opposing team.

NOTE: Coaches, spectators, or parents shall not enter the field of play for any reason without permission of the referee.

General: The same substitution rules will apply to playoff and championship games, except during overtimes.

FOR UNDER 7 & 8

Substitutions are required at the beginning of each quarter and half. This is the only time players may be substituted. The two exceptions are: 1. an injured player or player under duress may be substituted at any time with the permission of the referee. 2. A player who receives a caution from the referee may be substituted at the time of the caution.

FOR UNDER 9 AND OLDER, substitutions shall be unlimited.

All substitutes will enter the field at the mid-field.

Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee, at the following times:

- (1.) At a throw in, by the team in possession only;
- (2.) Either team, at a goal kick;
- (3.) Either team, after a goal is scored;
- (4.) Either team, at half-time;
- (5.) Either team, at an injury, when the referee stops play;
- (6.) When a CAUTION (Yellow Card) is given, that player may be substituted immediately.

D. Playing Time Violation

Each child in the Recreational Division will play a minimum of 50% of each half. In the case where a player's time is to be reduced for medical or disciplinary reasons, the coach must notify the player, the parents of the player, the opposing coach, and the referee prior to the beginning of the game. (Non-attendance at practice may be cause for such disciplinary action.)

When a player is late in arriving to the game and the game is in progress, the coach is required to play that child in only the last half of the game. If the player arrives after the start of the second half, the coach is not required to play that child during any part of the game. A violation of a Recreational player's time will result in a game forfeiture and possible suspension of the coach.

4. PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT

- A. Players should wear a unique and easily visible numbered shirt (number must be on the back of the shirt) of the same colors as their teammates. The referee shall make the final decision in allowing or disallowing a player to participate.

The final decision on whether there is a color conflict is up to the referee.

In the event two teams are to play and the normal jersey of both teams are identical or similar in color such that confusion might arise, the home team shall be instructed by the referee to wear a T-shirt, bib or other contrasting shirt over the jersey so that they are all the same color for that team, whether or not these substitution shirts are numbered. The referee shall make the final decision in approving or disapproving alternate jerseys.

- B. Shin guards are mandatory for all players. Socks must be worn over the shin guards and shirts must be tucked in.
- C. The goalkeeper will wear colors that distinguish him/her from other players, from the referee **and from all members of the opposing team.**
- D. Players shall not wear anything that is dangerous to himself or herself or to another player (for example, jewelry, broken cleats, etc.)
- E. A player shall not be permitted to wear anything considered dangerous by the referee. Jewelry considered dangerous to them or other players must be removed or taped. Hard casts and finger splints must be covered with suitable padding. If at any point during the match the referee determines an item to be dangerous, the player may be asked to remove it or sit out the remainder of the game.
- F. Players wearing eyeglasses are encouraged to wear an eyeglass retainer strap.

- G. Under foul weather conditions, additional garments (knit caps, gloves, and warm-ups) may be worn as long as the team jersey is on the outside.
- H. Shoes, tennis shoes, or soccer shoes must be worn by all players. All footwear must be of soft toe and have **No metal studs (screw-ins) or any other exposed metal.**
- I. Sponsor's advertisements may be displayed on uniforms. Any sponsor or product must be appropriate for a youth sports organization. The determination of any appropriate sponsor or product is solely at the discretion of the Vice President – Recreational League.
- J. The Home Team (which is listed first on the playing schedule) shall have its choice of the side of the field and is responsible for providing contrasting numbered jerseys in the event of a conflict of colors.
- K. Coaches are responsible for following the league's substitution policy (see Playing Time in the Playing Rules section of this book).

5. REFEREES

- A. A referee shall be appointed to officiate in each game.
- B. The referee has jurisdiction from the time the referee arrives at the field of play. The referee's decision on points of fact connected with the play shall be final, so far as the result of the game is concerned.
- C. The referee can stop the game for infringement of the rules and can suspend or terminate the game whenever the referee deems such stoppage necessary, for example, severe weather, interference by spectators and/or coaches.
- D. If the official referee does not appear within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled game time, a person mutually agreed upon by both coaches may referee the game. The decisions of that person serving as an emergency referee are just as binding as if he/she were a registered referee.

6. ASSISTANT REFEREES

Assistant referees will be supplied for all games. At the referee's request, each team shall supply a team assistant referee in case an assistant referee is not available. The club assistant referee will assist the referee by determining out of bounds.

7. DURATION OF THE GAME

Under 7 & 8	Four 12 minute quarters
Under 9 & 10	Two 25 minute halves
Under 12	Two 30 minute halves
Under 14	Two 35 minute halves
Under 16	Two 40 minute halves
Under 19	Two 45 minute halves

8. Penalty Kicks

- A. The penalty kick spot for U 9 and U 10 is 10 ½ yards from the goal line.
- B. Penalty kicks will not apply in the U 7 and U 8 league.

9. U 7 and U 8 Only

- A. All kicks will be indirect kicks. Penalty kicks will not be given. Instead an indirect kick will be taken at the place of the foul.
- B. Offside will not be called in this league.
- C. In an infraction occurs on a throw in, a second throw in must be allowed. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the play to re-throw. If an infraction occurs on the second throw in, the referee will allow play to continue.

PLANO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

COMPETITIVE DIVISION -- GENERAL RULES

"Plano Youth Soccer competition shall be divided into two divisions, a Competitive Division and a Recreational Division. Each will be administered by its own Committee, chaired by the Vice President. The Competitive Division shall be comprised of teams considered to be highly competitive, including classic, select, and invitational teams."

1. LEAGUE NAME

The league name of the Competitive Division is the *Plano Premier Invitational League*.

2. AGE GROUP LEAGUES AND DIVISIONS

The PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Divisions further shall be divided into age levels, referred to as leagues. Each age level of competition shall comprise a league. Eligibility for each league is as follows:

The Qualifying games held in August by the Boys Classic and Lake Highlands will help with the placement of the teams in division one for the fall season. The League Director and/or Commissioner have the authority for the final placement of teams into divisions with approval of VP Competitive. Teams wishing to play in division two or three are only required to register for the league. Any leagues where division one exceeds eight teams may be split for the spring season.

The number of teams in each league may be increased with the approval of VP Competitive.

Bye's for the Premier League are the option of the league and will be set up each year by the Competitive Committee. The Commissioners shall have overall responsibility for all competitive leagues. Coeducational teams must play in a boy's league. The Commissioner and League Director shall be responsible for submitting the recommended schedule for all games.

3. REGISTRATION

A. Competitive teams playing in Plano **cannot** play in other leagues concurrently.

B. No refund of **REGISTRATION FEES** will be made once a team has registered to play with PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, unless PLANO YOUTH SOCCER is unable to provide a league within which the team can play. This includes the U15 through U19 boys and girls as they pay the full amount for the combined fall and spring seasons. Once they pay for the season, there will be no refund.

C. No team shall play in a league game without first having submitted all the league fees and all pertinent paperwork to the registrar at Plano Youth Soccer.

D. The team's head coach or manager will handle all matters of team registration.

E. Paperwork

(1.) For teams using Plano as a Home Association:

- Roster and any Add/Transfer/Delete sheets
- USYSA form for each player
- Birth certificates all players
- Team Fact Sheet – Signature Sheet
- Completed RISK MANAGEMENT FORMS FOR ALL ROSTERED ADULTS.

(2.) For teams using Plano as a Playing Association:

- Roster and any Add/Transfer/Delete sheets signed by the team's home association registrar (3 copies)
- Volunteer Form
- Team Information Sheet
- Special Request Form (signed by Coach and/or Manager)
- ID cards for Managers and Coaches
- Registration fee

4. TEAMS

- A. Competitive Teams are those teams playing in the **Plano Premier Invitational League** (Plano Youth Soccer is the **Playing Association**) or teams that register with PLANO YOUTH SOCCER and play outside PLANO YOUTH SOCCER in other invitational or competitive leagues (Plano Youth Soccer is the **Home Association** only). All teams playing under the auspices of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER shall be subject to the by-laws of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER. All Plano Home Association teams playing in invitational, select, or classic, leagues shall be governed by the Playing Rules of the playing Association, and General Rules of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, and shall be governed by the NTSSA Rules for Competitive Play.
- B. Teams' players are selected through tryouts, invitation, or other measures provided it is done in accordance with the applicable rules.
- C. Roster Size
(1) The maximum number of players on a team shall be as follows:

		Maximum Number of Players on Roster	
<i>LEAGUE</i>	<i>AGE</i>	<i>BOYS</i>	<i>GIRLS</i>
Under 11	10	16	16
Under 12	11	16	16
Under 13	12	16	18
Under 14	13	18	18
Under 15	14	18	18
Under 16	15	18	18
Under 17	16	18	18
Under 19	17, 18	18	18

* Be aware other leagues may require different size rosters to participate in their leagues. The team must check with the individual leagues (such as Girls Classic, Boys Classic) in order to meet their qualifications.

However, the coach of the team may limit the number of players on the team to eleven (11), since the determination of the number of players and player selection is the responsibility of the coach.

(2) The Game Roster & Misconduct Report will have only 3 Adult Persons listed on it which are normally, One Coach, One Assistant Coach, and One Manager. These three LISTED persons are permitted on the sidelines with the players during the game. The three persons MUST have proper identification and ID Card to show they have filled out a Risk Management Form for NTSSA.

- D. Plano Home Association Teams - Advertised team tryouts may be held according to the NTSSA and PLANO YOUTH SOCCER rules during the month of July. The scheduling, announcement and reservations of fields for tryouts will be the responsibility of each coach or team manager.

Note: Once a player has signed a contract with a team, a Player Release Form will be required in order for another coach, team or club representative to approach the player.

* "Approach" means any contact with a player, including inviting the player to practice or tryout, talking to the player about changing teams, or any other recruitment. Also, you are reminded to review the appropriate rules related to tryouts, players' releases, and advertisements.

- E. It shall be the responsibility of the League Director and Competitive Committee to decline an invitation to a team for consistent misconduct.
- F. After completion of the fall season division one may be split if there are more than eight teams. The final placement of teams into divisions is the responsibility of the League Director with the approval of the Commissioner and VP of Competitive. NOTE: Any league where our top team(s) in Division I are allowed to Challenge for a position in another league and our team(s) are successful, the Challenged team will be placed in Division I for the upcoming season
- G. The number of practices for a team is unlimited. Plano Home Association teams who practice on Plano fields must conform to the policies of Plano Youth Soccer and of the City of Plano Parks and Recreation Department.

- H. Any team that participates in the **Games** and qualifies for the league, but decides not to participate in the league that season, will not be eligible to participate in the Premier Invitational League for a minimum of one (1) year from the end of the season in which they decided not to participate (this includes teams that play in the fall and decide not to return in the spring).
- I. **TRASH** – It is your team responsibility to pick it up – that includes “tape”. If you notice trash when you get to your bench please notify a league official immediately and it would be appreciated if your team could pick up the trash and dispose it in a trash can. Teams will be fined \$25 for leaving trash on the field, it is the players responsibility to pick up the trash on their side and the same for the parents.–The fine is payable before your next game if they leave trash on the ground.
- J. Forfeiting a game, at any time, is unacceptable. But if a game is forfeited then the forfeiting team is responsible for the whole referee and assistant referees fees (Both Visitor and Home referee fees). The fee must be paid by the next game or within 72 hours.

5. COACHES

The term “Coach” shall include, but is not limited to Head Coach, Assistant Coach(s), Manager/Trainer and/or Team Representative.

NOTE: IDENTIFICATION CARDS - Each coach/assistant coach and manager whose name appears on the team roster is required to display a valid identification card during all games, practices and other team activities. PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Home Association issues ID's for coach/assistant coaches and managers upon completing and submitting required **Risk Management** forms as required by NTSSA. Only adults with the proper ID card and appearing on the Game Roster & Misconduct Report will be allowed on the player's side of the field. League officials may request to see the risk management ID from any person standing the sidelines with the team.

- A. Coaches licenses are no longer required but are preferred for adults coaching at this level.
- B. In the event a team makes a roster change, an Add/Delete form, must be submitted to the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER office within 48 hours prior to the next scheduled game.
- C. Each Home Association Team coach has one (1) vote at any meeting of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER at which they are entitled to vote as does the Manager listed on the roster for that team.
- D. Coaches will be held responsible for any misbehavior on the part of the team's spectators, parents, and players. This includes any foul and abusive language and any comments directed toward the referees, opposing players, and coaches. Offenders may be cautioned or ejected from the field by the referee. A Coach/Asst Coach/Manager that receives a card for violent conduct (fighting) will serve a minimum of a two game suspension and will be required to appear before the A&D Committee, which may assess additional penalties.

If any coach or team receives three (3) written complaints against the coach, or any member of the team, or spectators, or one (1) written complaint from a league official, the coach must go before the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee. These complaints must be made on separate occasions (games, practices) during the season, and may include written complaints from referees, other coaches, and spectators. All complaints must be submitted to the League Director and be signed and dated.

- E. All coaching will be confined to an area ten (10) yards on either side of the midfield line and to their own side of the field, unless existing PLANO YOUTH SOCCER policy disallows coaching from the sidelines. Only adults appearing on the Game Roster & Misconduct Report will be allowed on the player's side of the field with proper ID cards. Players on the sideline must stay within the ten (10) yards coaching box during play, and all persons, players, and spectators must stay at least five (5) feet back from the sideline (touch line) on each side. Spectators should remain in the area normally designated for spectators, if applicable, and in no case shall be allowed to line up along the sideline such that they interfere with the normal conduct of the game or officiating.
- F. Coaches are subject to the jurisdiction of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, its League Directors, the Competitive Committee and the Board of Directors and all of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER rules and policies.
- G. Guest Coaches allowed, only if they have a North Texas ID card. Their name must be on the misconduct report.

6. PLAYERS

NOTE: Metal Cleats are not to be used.

NOTE: Casts or Splints (this rule applies to any equipment used to protect or prevent an injury) may be worn during play only at the discretion of the referee.

- A. Age of youth as of August 1 determines the league in which a youth will play regardless of age at the start of the season. (Note: This is required by the USSF/NTSSA) **A player who is not 10 years of age July 31 of the current soccer year may not play on a competitive team.**
- B. Any player rostered on a competitive team must be at least a pure under 11 player. Players are not permitted to play down (i.e. an under 12 player may not be rostered on a under 11 team).
- C. The playing of any youth outside the age limits of the team, as defined in A and B, shall result in the forfeiture of all games in which said player participated and may result in suspension for the coach and the player. Please refer to NTSSA rule 3.9.
- D. The playing of any player for whom PLANO YOUTH SOCCER holds no record (who is not on the team's roster) will result in the forfeiture of all games in which said player participated and suspension of the coach for one (1) year. Please refer to NTSSA rule 3.13.4.
- E. No player or coach registered with PLANO YOUTH SOCCER may participate in unregistered/non-sanctioned play, as stated in the NTSSA Administrative Rule Book, Rule 3.2.
- F. Player/Team Add, Release and Transfer
For the purpose of league play, any addition of new players to a team must be accomplished with documentation turned into the office/league director **forty-eight (48) hours** prior to the next scheduled game.

An Addition is a player who is new, meaning the player has not participated in recreational or competitive soccer in NTSSA. A transfer is any player who has been on another NTSSA roster, either a Recreational team or another Competitive team, during the current soccer year. Only time for transfers from a competitive team to another competitive team is between ("U11-U14") Dec.1-Jan.31; ("U15-U19") Dec.1-Mar 15. **ALL** releases from one competitive team to another competitive team **MUST** go through NTSSA Competitive Committee for approval. Recreational players may only transfer to a competitive team from December 1 through March 15; the release form only needs to be signed by the player, parent, and Home Association registrar.

Players and teams shall be released and/or transferred only as set forth by stated PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Policy and NTSSA rules. (See NTSSA rule 4, RULES FOR REGISTRATION OF YOUTH PLAYERS)

When a player transfers from one competitive team to another, the following is required in addition to the Add/Transfer/Delete sheet:

- (1) A player Release form signed by the releasing coach, receiving coach, parent, player, home association, and NTSSA.
 - (2) A statement from the previous playing association (if not ***Plano Premier Invitational League***) as to the number of cards (yellow and red cards) the player has accumulated during the current soccer year (league play only.).
- G. GUEST PLAYERS - The use of guest players is sanctioned by NTSSA and PLANO YOUTH SOCCER under the following restrictions: Refer to 4.7 NTSSA rule. Rule 4.7.1.4 – “Guest players may practice with the team on which they are a guest only if the dates for the practices are included on the guest player release signed by the guest player’s registered coach. Violators of this rule are subject to discipline under the rules governing use of ineligible players.” **No guest players are allowed in league play.**
 - H. Any player wishing to return to the Recreational Division will be allowed to do so the following soccer season with an approved release from NTSSA.

7. SPECTATORS & PARENTS

- A. Parents and spectators are subject to the same general rules and conditions of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, which apply to coaches and players. They should also comply with the rules and

regulations of the Plano Parks & Recreation Department governing the use of the playing facilities. These regulations include, but are not limited to:

- Golfing is prohibited.
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Dogs must be leashed and cannot be within 20 yards of the fields during the Fall or Spring season.
- Children need to be kept away from the sidelines to prevent injury to them.
- Smoking permitted in the parking area only.
- No climbing on the fences
- Noisemakers are prohibited (including, but not limited to, cowbells, rattlers, blow-horns, fog horns, drums, portable stereos, and gongs),
- No parents or spectators are allowed to cross the middle of the field before, during halftime or after the games. At the finish of the game the coaches and players should quickly clear the bench and move to another area for team discussions and cool down.

Teams found to have violated any of the above rules will be subject to a \$25 fine.

B. 5-foot Safe Play Rule: All parents and spectators must stay at least 5 feet away from the soccer field during game play. Observance of the 5-foot Safe Play Rule will reduce the likelihood of collisions between spectators and players, and spectators and referees. Running up and down the sideline addressing the players and the referee is not permitted.

8. GAMES

All games will be played in accordance with the Laws of Association Football as authorized by FIFA, USYSA, NTSSA, and PLANO YOUTH SOCCER for the soccer year.

A. Special Request

Games are scheduled for every Saturday or Sunday. Weeknight games are usually Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. We do not reschedule for Fall or Spring Break and will not reschedule for Tournaments. Please provide the tournament your league schedule as they may be able to accommodate and work around any conflicts. All special requests must be turned in at registration. The Premier League will allow a (U17-U19) team to attend 1 Showcase Tournament in the Fall or Spring Season. The team must present a receipt of payment & acceptance to this Showcase Tournament to the league director in ample time to work their league game around the date. This will allow the players to have an opportunity to be viewed by college coaches.

B. Re-Schedules -

Reschedules are prohibited, except under certain special circumstances where the Competitive Committee deems that a reschedule is appropriate. Therefore, if you ask for and are granted a reschedule more than 72 hours (3 days) prior to a game, you will be required to pay a \$90 fee. If you ask for and are granted a reschedule less than 72 hours prior to a game, you will be required to pay a \$125 fee. No special circumstance reschedule will be accepted or granted less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled game. Plano Youth Soccer must also receive the money before the game is rescheduled. If you don't pay the fee, the game will not be rescheduled and your team will forfeit the game. Teams who forfeit games during the season are subject to the rules for forfeiture. A rescheduled game is a game that has been posted.

C. Forfeiture

The score for forfeiture is 3-0. The following constitutes a game forfeiture:

- (1) Fielding an ineligible player(s) or a player(s) under suspension. The team is then ineligible for any awards.
- (2) A suspended coach appearing at a game to coach the game. The team is then ineligible for any awards.
- (3) Failure to field a team with less than eight (8) players within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time according to the Referee's watch.
- (4) If a team **intentionally** forfeits a game, that team (**coaches, manager, and/or other responsible parties**) will:
 - a. Be fined \$150 per game (the Forfeit Fee) to be paid to PLANO YOUTH SOCCER prior to the next scheduled league game or the next season's registration;
 - b. Be ineligible for any awards;

- c. Have the coach suspended for up to a year;
 - d. Must pay the total game referee fees
 - d. Be given any penalty deemed appropriate by the Appeal and Disciplinary Committee.
- (5) Failure to provide two (2) corner flags within 15 minutes of the original start time may result in forfeiture of the game. Flags are available at the main concession stand for \$3 each, there is a limited supply.
- (6) Any adult, spectator, player, coach, assistant coach, or manager that has been ejected by a referee from a game, must leave in a timely manner (within 3 minutes). If the ejected individual does not comply, thus causing the game official to abandon the game, then the game is a mandatory forfeit with a win and maximum points to be awarded to the opposing team.
- (7) If the Referee ejects a coach, assistant coach, manager, or spectator from the field, they must leave the field of play by going to the parking lot within 3 minutes. It is the referee's discretion to have the player go to the parking-lot or remain at the field. If the referee allows the player to remain on the sideline that player must remove their shoes and shin guards immediately leaving the field of play.
- (8) If a team ***unintentionally*** (showing up at the field to play but not having the minimum number of players to play) forfeits a game, that team must pay the total game referee fees.

D. Foul Weather Procedure

Unless officially notified by PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, in a manner determined by PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, teams must report to the playing fields for assigned games. Only a referee or a League Official can cancel the games at any field should it be so warranted.

If a game starts and the referees are paid and the game is then cancelled due to inclement weather, PYSA will pay the referees for the rescheduled game.

Note: During Foul weather you can call PLANO YOUTH SOCCER (972-422-7972 x12) or consult the Internet site, for "Field Conditions".

If a game is suspended because of field or weather conditions before the beginning of the second half of play, that game will be replayed in its entirety. If the second half of play has begun, that game will be considered a complete game. Any games scheduled and not played, due to field or weather conditions, will be rescheduled by the League Director as soon as possible. In the event a team refuses to play because of questionable field or weather conditions, the coach shall protest the situation to the Referee and any subsequent decision will be decided by the League Director subject to the approval of the Competitive Committee. A coach can further protest or appeal the decision by filing a protest to the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.

Scheduled and rescheduled games have priority for use of fields over practices. In the event Plano Parks and Recreation and/or PLANO YOUTH SOCCER have closed a field for games, that field is also closed for practices. Any fines imposed upon PLANO YOUTH SOCCER by the city for improper field usage will be passed on to the offending team. In addition, the offending team will be required to forfeit the next scheduled game.

E. Teams will have free substitutions in all age groups.

F. Home team must wear jerseys that are predominately (more than 50%) white or light in color. All jerseys must be numbered and shown on the Roster and Game Report. If both teams' colors are considered a clash then the home team must change to their alternate color. No two players may have the same jersey number. Jersey numbers may not exceed two digits

G. Method of Determining Team Standings for League Play:

(1.) Win-Loss Record. Three (3) points are given for a win, one (1) for a tie, and no (0) points for a loss. The team with the better win-loss point record is the winner.
(2.) If teams are tied in (1), then Head-to-Head competition is used to decide the team's position in the standings. If more than two teams are tied and are playing in leagues with 7, 8, 9 or 10 teams, only the first meeting between the teams will count toward the Head to Head tiebreaker.
(3.) If still tied after applying (1) and (2), the winner will be determined by Goal Differential , the number of goals scored minus the number of goals allowed during league play. The team with the highest goal differential is the winner.
(4.) If still tied after applying (1), (2), and (3), the winner will be determined by Most Goals Scored during league play.
(5.) If still tied after applying (1), (2), (3), and (4), the team with the Fewest Penalty Card Points in league games during the current season (fall/spring) is the winner. The card points will be figured using one (1) point for each yellow card and (2) points for each red card.
(6.) As a last resort, FIFA Kicks from the penalty spot will be the final tiebreaker.

H. The results of each game must be called into the League Director within 24 hours after the game. **The League Director has the option of modifying the deadlines.**

In addition to calling in the score, a copy of the game report must be sent to the office and to the League Director within 24hrs after the game. Failure to comply with these rules may result in fines at the discretion of League Director.

9. AWARDS

Awards will be presented on the basis of one (1) set (set will include 1st and 2nd place with team award for 1st place team) per division unless otherwise specified and will be given only in the Spring. The only exception to the above will be by majority vote of the Competitive Committee. This requires approval of the Board of Directors.

10. DISCIPLINE

Note: The Sit Out Verification Form (used for any player, coach, manager, or spectator, sitting out a game due to disciplinary action) must be signed by the referee. If the opposing team forfeits the sit-out verification is considered valid.

This rule applies to all teams in the Plano Premier Invitational League. A sit-out verification form must be filled out and signed by the referee for every suspension. If a team forgets to fill this form out the suspended party may be required to sit out again.

A. Discipline will be rendered as set forth in Appendix B and NTSSA Rule 3.11.

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 and her old and new teams.

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 suspensions 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/manager 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. PLANO YOUTH SOCCER A & D Committee may elect to reduce a red card to a yellow card if it 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. Plano Youth Soccer may not, however, do away with the card altogether. A full report must be sent to NTSSA.

c. Seventh Card

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

Hearings for offensive language and violent conduct for players will not be held by the committee unless it chooses to call one of its own volition.

B. Misconduct of Spectators

1. Each team 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.
2. Unruly spectators may be or cause:
 - a. Suspended from attending future matches.
 - b. Reported to the Plano Parks & Recreation Department.
 - c. The offending team to forfeit any games at which the spectator is present on the touchline.
 - d. The offending team to pay for presence of police at the game.
 - e. The offending team's registration to be revoked and/or be refused registration in the future.
 - f. Placed under a municipal "peace bond".

C. Misconduct and Punishment of Teams

When, during the current soccer year, the players/coaches/assistant coaches of a given team have accumulated a total of seven (7) send-offs in league play (including red cards issued as a result of an individual receiving two yellow cards in a single game) or any combination of cards totaling 25, PLANO YOUTH SOCCER shall notify the team and the State A & D Committee. The team will be fined \$100.00 payable to NTSSA within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the seventh (7th) send-off or any combination of cards totaling 25. The coach and the players of said team may also be notified to appear before the committee to explain the teams continued misconduct. Red cards or send-offs assessed against that team's spectators or against that team during tournament play will be reviewed to ascertain team misconduct tendencies.

D. Game Suspension

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 league game 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.

If a coach receives one or more game suspensions, that coach may not watch those games from any area of the complex. This includes the parking lot and neighboring streets. The coach may not have any contact with the players, including the use of any electronic device (cell phone, computer, etc).

The minimum punishment for violent conduct (fighting) is a **two game suspension** and the offending parties may be required to attend a hearing. This includes coaches, assistant coaches, manager, player and spectator.

Offensive language is a minimum one game suspension and each incident will be reviewed individually by the A&D Chairman to determine if a hearing is warranted which may assess additional penalties.

All other red cards are a one game suspension.

- (1) Coaches - Coaches who receive an **ejection** will be fined \$50 and be required to appear before the A&D Committee, which may assess additional penalties. The fine is to be paid at the scheduled hearing and needs to be cash, cashier's check or money order. All red cards received by a coach require a Member Association A&D Committee hearing. A report of this hearing must be sent to NTSSA. The NTSSA A&D Committee may assess additional punishment if it deems necessary.

Ejection: An ejection shall require a minimum one game suspension.

E. Complaints against Coaches, Players, and/or Spectators:

Coaches, players, and/or spectators receiving three (3) written complaints against them or (1) written complaint from a PLANO YOUTH SOCCER league official shall be required to go before the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee or the Ethics Committee, after the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee has reviewed the complaint. These complaints may come from referees, other coaches, or spectators. These complaints must come from separate occasions. Only signed written complaints will be considered.

It will be the prerogative of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee to take whatever action they deem appropriate.

11. PROCEDURE FOR FILING PROTESTS, APPEALS, AND GRIEVANCES

PLANO YOUTH SOCCER shall operate a system for filing protests, appeals, grievances, and the like. The PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Board of Directors is the first level of appeal for both appeals from the A&D Committee and the Competitive Committee. In addition, the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Board of Directors shall provide the first level of appeal for any other committee under the jurisdiction of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER

These committees, at their discretion and when requested in writing to do so, may waive the time limit for filing matters before them, but in no case will grant an extension of more than ten (10) days. A request for an extension is not a valid reason for not meeting the original requirement for filing matters to these committees.

- A. All protests, appeal, grievances, and the like shall be submitted in writing to PLANO YOUTH SOCCER within forty-eight (48) hours of the matter concerned. The written document must have either PROTEST, GRIEVANCE, or APPEAL boldly written or typed across the top. Protests and appeals shall be accompanied by a \$50 fee (cash, money order, or cashier's check), and delivered to the Plano Youth Soccer Office. A copy shall be delivered to the VP Competitive and League Director.

If the committee upholds the protest or appeal, the fee shall be returned if it is denied, the fee shall be forfeited to PLANO YOUTH SOCCER. Once a fee has been forfeited to PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, it shall not be returned.

- B. PLANO YOUTH SOCCER shall refuse to hear any protest, grievance, appeal, or the like where legal action is threatened or has been initiated. Recording devices, stenographers and attorneys representing either party will not be permitted at hearings. The secretary of the committee, for the purpose of recording the minutes only, may record the minutes of the hearing.

In no event shall any person or organization, under the jurisdiction of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER resort to the Courts, at any government level, until all appeal procedures have been exhausted. For violations of this rule, the offending party shall be subject to the sanction of suspensions and fines as set forth by PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, NTSSA, USYSA, USSF, and FIFA and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by these organizations in defending related Court action, including but not limited to Court

costs, attorney's fees, compensation for persons defending such allegations, travel expenses, and expenses for holding meeting related to the Court action.

- C. The Board of Directors of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER or the Competitive Committee may bring any protest, appeal, grievance, or the like directly before the body for a hearing when the body feels it is necessary in order to render a decision and to speed the normal process for matters of the utmost importance.
- D. Protests, grievances, and the like against the performance or conduct of referees must be filed with the Referee Committee and are not heard by the Competitive Division. It is the responsibility of the Referee Committee to determine the validity of such actions and to handle this within that committee. Persons filing such charges should direct them to the Referee Committee through the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER office who shall forward them to the Referee's Committee through their representative on the Competitive Committee or through the Board of Directors Referee Vice President.

E. Protests

- (1.) All protests of game matters shall be submitted in writing to PLANO YOUTH SOCCER within forty-eight (48) hours after the game accompanied by a \$50 fee and delivered to the Plano Youth Soccer office. A copy shall be delivered to the VP Competitive and League Director.
 - a. 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 in writing.**
(Note: The Laws of the Game are the FIFA Laws of the Game as modified by NTSSA/PYSA)
 - b. A team has played an ineligible or suspended player.
 - c. A team's suspended coach was present and coaching the team.
- (2.) The Disciplinary and Protest Committee shall receive protests and grievances through its Chairperson and shall meet to consider them within seven (7) days of their receipt. All involved parties, coaches, and players shall be notified of the hearing and shall be requested to be present. Failure to attend after being requested to do so may cause default of the protest or require other action to be taken.
- (3.) The Disciplinary and Protest Committee shall not assume that a game result's protest should be changed strictly on the basis of a protest being valid because a Law of the Game has been broken or for any other valid reason. Game protests should be upheld on the basis of merits of the protest and the entire circumstances surrounding the game, including the determination that said outcome of the game was or was not affected by the protestable events of the game.

F. Appeals

- (1.) Decisions from the Disciplinary and Protest Committee, Competitive Committee, and other organizations under the jurisdiction of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER, may be appealed to the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Board of Directors with the President receiving the appeal directly. The appeal must be submitted to the President within forty-eight (48) hours of the decision. The PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Board of Directors shall be the only level of appeal prior to the Appeals and Disciplinary (A&D) Committee of NTSSA.

The procedure for filing an appeal is the same as for protests. All involved parties, coaches, and players shall be notified of the hearing and shall be requested to be present. Failure to attend after being requested to do so may cause default of the appeal or require other action to be taken. A copy will be given to the VP of Competitive Soccer and the involved league director.

- (2.) Decisions of the Board of Directors may be appealed to the NTSSA Appeals and Disciplinary Committee through the State Official. Then to their Executive Committee and on to the USYSA/USSF and FIFA through their appeals and protest policies and procedures, upon payment of such fees and filing of such forms as are required through these organizations and as are in effect at that time.

G. Grievances*

These shall be handled in the same manner as protests with the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER office accepting the grievance. A fee is not required. Grievances automatically must be considered by the

Disciplinary and Protest Committee, which shall determine whether a formal hearing should be called.
cc: V P Competitive and League Director.

*Definition of Grievance: A wrong, real or fancied, considered as grounds for complaint against an unjust act.

12. PLANO YOUTH SOCCER POLICIES

All PLANO YOUTH SOCCER policies, duly approved by the Competitive Committee automatically become part of the General Rules of PLANO YOUTH SOCCER. Policies that affect both the Recreational and Competitive Divisions require the approval of the Board of Directors. Policy information is available through the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER office.

13. AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL AND PLAYING RULES

Amendments to the General and Playing Rules may be proposed at any meeting of the Board of Directors, the Recreational or Competitive Committees, and at any general membership meetings.

Proposed changes may be made from the floor, at any general membership meeting, as long as, they are in writing, presented by an authorized voting member and are seconded by an authorized voting member.

The Recreational and Competitive Committees have authorized the Board of Directors to make any necessary changes to the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Playing and General Rules if such changes are dictated by NTSSA, based upon changes in the Laws of the Game, USSF/USYSA Rules or NTSSA Rules and Regulations. Any such changes shall be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Immediately upon making any such changes, the Board of Directors shall advise the Recreational and Competitive Committees in writing of the nature and extent of such changes, at the next meeting of the Committees.

The PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Committees, Board of Directors, and General Membership are not authorized to make any changes in the PLANO YOUTH SOCCER Playing and General Rules that are contrary or not allowed by the Laws of the Game, USSF/USYSA Rules or NTSSA Rules and Regulations.

PLANO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A -- Procedures to determine the winner of a match

Extra Time and taking kicks from the penalty mark are methods of determining the winning team where competition rules require there to be a winning team after a match has been drawn.

Extra Time

Procedure

- Two periods of equal time are played at the end of normal playing time, Not to exceed 15 minutes each
- If the score is still even the match is decided by kicks from the penalty mark

Kicks from the Penalty Mark

Procedure

- The referee shall choose the goal at which the kicks will be taken
- The referee shall toss a coin, and the team whose captain wins the toss takes the first kick
- The Referee keeps a record of the kicks being taken
- Subject to the conditions explained below, both teams take five kicks
- The kicks are taken alternately by the teams
- If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score, even if it were to complete its five kicks, no more kicks are taken
- If, after both teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks
- A goalkeeper who is injured while kicks are being taken from the penalty mark and is unable to continue as goalkeeper may be replaced by a named substitute provided his team has not used the maximum number of substitutes permitted under the competition rules
- With the exception of the foregoing case, only players who are on the field of play at the end of the match, which includes extra time where appropriate, are allowed to take kicks from the penalty mark
- Each kick shall be taken by a different player and all eligible players must take a kick before any player can take a second kick
- An eligible player may change places with the goalkeeper at any time when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken
- Only the eligible players and match officials are permitted to remain on the field of play when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken
- All players, except the player taking the kick and the two goalkeepers, must remain within the center circle
- The goalkeeper who is the team mate of the kicker must remain on the field of play, outside the penalty area in which the kicks are being taken, on the goal line where it meets the penalty area boundary line
- Unless otherwise stated, the relevant Laws of the Game and International F.A. Board Decisions apply when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken
- When a team finishes the match with a greater number of players than their opponents, they shall reduce their numbers to equate with that of their opponents and inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded. The team captain has this responsibility
- Before the start of kicks from the penalty mark the referee shall ensure that only an equal number of players from each team remain within the center circle and they shall take the kicks

APPENDIX B -- DISCIPLINE (NTSSA RULE 3.11)

3.11 DISCIPLINE

All Member Associations are directed to distribute this rule to every youth and amateur 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 or her parents and spectators.

3.11.1 Authority

1. All members and participants in youth and adult soccer within the jurisdiction of the North Texas State Soccer Association have requested to participate in our programs. Therefore, these participants have agreed to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of NTSSA, their local playing association, as well as those of the United States Soccer Federation and its respective Youth and Amateur Divisions. The NTSSA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws provide that it has jurisdiction over all Member Playing Associations, players, coaches, team managers, administrators, team representatives, and referees who choose to affiliate. Any member or participant in youth and adult soccer within the jurisdiction of NTSSA found in violation of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of NTSSA, their local members association, as well as those in the United States Soccer Federation and its respective Youth and Amateur Divisions, may be subject to publication in the monthly newsletter or NTSSA President's Newsletter of this association 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.

2. All Member Associations and /or Playing Leagues are directed to form their own Appeals and Disciplinary Committees and to hold hearings **--WITH THE PARTIES HAVING THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT**—on every player/coach/assistant coach/spectators and/or parents as required for serious misconduct. All Member Associations are required to furnish the State Office with a maintained up-to-date list of their A & D Chairman and Committee members and to include their addresses and phone numbers.

3.11.2 Misconduct of Youth Players/Coaches/Assistant Coaches

1. All Member Associations, Playing Leagues and Tournament Officials are directed to 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.

2. 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 a Member Association's and/or Playing League's 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, such A & D Committee may reduce the red card to a yellow card and assess sanctions accordingly. The Member Association or Playing League 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 league play (meaning any combination of yellow and red cards totaling seven) shall be immediately suspended pending a hearing from all **NTSSA** sanctioned activities.

3. 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 6th 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 red card total for the tournament.

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 red card total for the tournament. 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 red and yellow cards for the tournament and punished accordingly. If Tournament Officials determine that 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).

4. The CUMULATIVE CARD SYSTEM prescribed by these rules defines the **minimum** disciplinary punishment to be taken by all Member Associations, Playing Leagues and Tournament Officials. Nothing herein prevents Member Associations, Playing Leagues or Tournament Officials 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.

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

6. The State 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.

7. A coach whose conduct is **less than exemplary to his or her players, parents and spectators** will be firmly dealt with by the Member Association or Playing League involved and the State A & D Committee.

8. 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.

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

10. The State 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 State A & D Committee unless it, of its own volition, chooses to call one because of the nature of the case.

11. Extreme Violent Conduct:

Member Associations, Playing Leagues and/or Tournament Officials are 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.

3.11.4 Misconduct of Spectators

1. Each team (youth and adult) 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/team manager is expected to control his spectators, especially on non-enclosed fields. If he is unable to do so, Member Associations, Playing Leagues and/or Tournament Officials are directed to take appropriate actions toward the identifiable, unruly spectator, or if unidentifiable, towards the team itself. Member Associations, Playing Leagues and Tournament Officials shall report spectator misconduct to the State A & D Committee for review and further action if warranted.

2. Suggested action for misconduct of spectators is:

- a. Suspend the spectator from attending future matches.
- b. Report spectator to the local Park & Recreation Department.
- c. 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.)
- d. Require offending team to pay for presence of police at the game.
- e. Revoke and/or refuse registration to the offending team.
- f. Cause the spectator to be placed under a municipal "peace bond".

3.11.5 Misconduct and Punishment of Teams

1. Youth Association Teams

a. When, during the current soccer year, the players/coaches/assistant coaches of a given team have accumulated a total of seven (7) send-offs in league play (*including* red cards issued as a result of an individual receiving two yellow cards in a single game) or any combination of cards totaling 25 the Member Association and/or Playing League shall notify the team and the State A & D Committee. The team will be fined \$100.00 payable to NTSSA within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the seventh (7th) send-off or any combination of cards totaling 25. The coach and the players of said team may also be required notified to appear before the committee to explain the team's continued misconduct. Failure of the Member Association or Playing league to notify the State A&D Committee within fourteen (14) calendar days of a team's seventh (7th) send-off or any combination of cards totaling 25 will result in a fine of \$ 100.00 per week for each week such notice is late. Red cards or send-offs assessed against that team's spectators or against that team during tournament play will be reviewed to ascertain team misconduct tendencies.

b. When the players/coaches/assistant coaches of a given team have accumulated a total of four (4) send-offs in a tournament (*including* red cards issued as a result of an individual receiving two yellow cards in a single game) Tournament Officials shall notify the team and the State A & D Committee. The team will be fined \$100.00 payable to NTSSA within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of the fourth (4th) send-off. The coach and the players of said team may also be required to appear before the committee to explain the team's continued misconduct. Failure of Tournament Officials to notify the State A&D Committee within fourteen (14) calendar days of a team's fourth (4th) will result in a fine of \$ 100.00 per week for each week such notice is late. Red Cards or send-offs assessed against that team's spectators or against that team during league play will be reviewed to ascertain team misconduct tendencies.

3. All Association Teams

a. The **NTSSA** holds the team and coach jointly responsible for the conduct of his or her players, parents, and spectators.

b. 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 the Member Association involved and the **NTSSA**.