

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NTPSA RULES & REGULATIONS
AND OFFICER ELECTIONS**

The following proposed amendments to the NTPSA Rules & Regulations will be presented at the League Meeting for discussion and vote by the membership on Wednesday, June 28, 2017.

Current Rule:

I. ELIGIBILITY

A. Any person residing within the boundaries of this Association is eligible to play in this Association.

Proposed Amendment:

I. ELIGIBILITY

A. Any person of proper age is eligible to play in this Association.

Current Rule:

I. ELIGIBILITY

D. Age requirement dateline will be January 1 of the current soccer year (August 1 through July 31).

Proposed Amendment:

I. ELIGIBILITY

D. Age requirement dateline will be the first scheduled game date of the current season.

Current Rule:

IV. PAYMENT OF REFEREE (Game Officials)

- C. Failure to pay game officials includes lack of monies at the scheduled game, returned checks or a stop payment on a check.
- D. Checks used in payment of referee fees, that are returned unpaid to the referee(s) by the bank or financial institution must be repaid (plus returned check fee as stated in Rule II, Letter A, #4) to the NTPSA office within fifteen (15) days of notification or the involved team is suspended from all NTPSA activities until paid.

Proposed Amendment:

IV. PAYMENT OF REFEREE (Game Officials)

C. Failure to pay game officials includes lack of monies at the scheduled game time.

Housekeeping: Delete Rule D and renumber subsections E through F to D through E

(Justification-The beginning of this section of the rules states payment of the referees will be in cash, therefore Letter C needs to be modified and Letter D can be deleted.)

Current Rule:

V. TEAM CAPTAIN/REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITY

G. Mail or fax the game sheet to the Association office within forty-eight (48) hours after the game has been completed. If the game sheet is not "league issued", not properly completed and mailed or faxed in, the team is subject to disciplinary action by the Division Commissioner. At a minimum, one (1) point will be deducted from a team's total points for division standings for each week the game sheet is delinquent.

Proposed Amendment:

V. TEAM CAPTAIN/REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITY

G. E-mail, mail or fax the game sheet to the Association office within forty-eight (48) hours after the game has been completed. If the game sheet is not "league issued", not properly completed and e-mailed, mailed or faxed in, the team is subject to disciplinary action by the Division Commissioner. At a minimum, one (1) point will be deducted from a team's total points for division standings for each week the game sheet is delinquent.

Current Rule:

VII. PLAYING RULES

E. Valid Identification

A valid ID is hereby defined as a valid Player ID.

A valid Player ID shall be a North Texas Premier Soccer Association Player ID, and must bear player's picture, name, ID number, date of birth, Team Name and Division, and be validated by the league for the current soccer season.

Proposed Amendment:

VII. PLAYING RULES

E. Valid Identification

Valid Identification for purposes of play shall be a North Texas Premier Soccer Association Player ID card with the player's picture, Name, ID number, Date of Birth, Team Name, Division and current soccer season. Out of date North Texas Premier Soccer Association ID Cards, other league's ID Cards, Driver's license or other forms of identification are not acceptable as Valid Identification.

Current Rule:

VII. PLAYING RULES

A. Game Suspension

4. Any request for a game to be played on a non-scheduled date, request must be made, in writing, at the time a team registers for the upcoming season. The team making the request must pay \$50.00 per request for play at Premier Park or \$100.00 per request for an alternate venue, payable at Team Registration. Only two (2) requests may be made per team, per league season.

Proposed Amendment:

VII. PLAYING RULES

F. Game Reschedule

Any request for a game to be played on a non-scheduled date must be made in writing at the time a team registers for the upcoming season. The team making the request must pay \$75.00 per request. Only two (2) requests may be made per team, per league season.

Current Rule:

VII. PLAYING RULES

D. Misconduct

10. Excess penalty points – NTPSA

- a. Any team that accumulates thirty (30) or more penalty points in one season will have three (3) points deducted from the team standings at the time the thirty (30) penalty point level is reached.
 - b. Any team that accumulates or exceeds forty (40) or more penalty points in one season, the coach and/or captain shall come before the NTPSA Appeals & Disciplinary Committee to discuss their team's conduct and disciplinary action.
11. Any team that accumulates or exceeds the penalty point limit for one season will be sent to the North Texas State Soccer Association for further disciplinary action. The penalty point limit will be based on five (5) points per scheduled league game per season. (Based on a five (5) point per game, per ten (10) game season the penalty point limit will be fifty (50) points.)
- a. Any team which meets or exceeds the penalty point limit in regular season play:
 1. Will not be eligible for post season play. (Playoff and Championship games.)
 2. May continue to participate in regular season league play provided the team does not accumulate an additional twelve (12) penalty points in excess of that season's penalty point limit.

Proposed Amendment:

VII. PLAYING RULES

D. Misconduct

10. Excess penalty points – NTPSA

- a. Penalty point limits shall be established at forty (40), sixty (60) and seventy (70) points.
- b. Any team that accumulates forty (40) or more penalty points in one season will have three (3) points deducted from the team standings at the time the forty (40) penalty point level is reached.
- c. Any team that accumulates or exceeds sixty (60) or more penalty points in one season, the coach and/or captain shall come before the NTPSA Appeals & Disciplinary Committee to discuss their team's conduct and disciplinary action. The team may continue to participate in regular season league play provided the team does not accumulate an additional ten (10) penalty points.
- d. Any team that accumulates or exceeds seventy (70) penalty points for one season during regular season play will be suspended from further play and sent to the North Texas State Soccer Association for further disciplinary action. Such team will not be eligible for post season play (Playoff and Championship games).

Housekeeping: Delete Rule 11 and renumber Rules 12 through 15 to 11 through 14

Proposed Amendment: -NEW RULE ADDITION

VII. PLAYING RULES

F. Hydration Breaks

- a. A hydration break may be taken if both teams agree prior to kickoff of the first half. The hydration breaks will be taken approximately midway through each half of the match and should not last more than three (3) minutes. Time will not be stopped during the hydration break.
- b. Hydration breaks for Over 50 and older divisions will be taken if one team requests. If the temperature prior to game start is over 90°F then hydration breaks shall occur automatically.

Current Rule:

IX. TEAM STANDINGS

- B. Should a tie result in the final standings, the following tie breakers shall be used in the order shown:

For purposes for this Rule, a Forfeit win score will be noted as (3) for the forfeit winner and (0) for the forfeit loser.

1. Head-to-head competition.
 - a. One (1) game = result.
 - b. Two (2) games = aggregate goals.
2. Average goal difference per game (total season).
3. Smallest ratio of goals allowed per actual number of games played, counting no more than three (3) goals from any one game.
4. Largest ratio of goals scored per actual number of games played, counting no more than three (3) goals from any one game.
5. Smallest ratio of penalty points acquired per actual number of games played.
6. Coin toss in a neutral location with a representative from the teams involved present, and the coin provided and tossed by a neutral party (i.e., NTPSA Executive Board member).

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 - b. Two (2) games = goal differential.
2. Highest goal differential (total season).
3. Lowest average of goals allowed for number of games played.
4. Highest average of goals scored for number of games played.
5. Lowest average of penalty points acquired for number of games played.
6. Coin toss in a neutral location with a representative from the teams involved present, and the coin provided and tossed by a neutral party (i.e., NTPSA Executive Board member).

Elections of Executive Committee: Per the NTPSA Constitution elections will be held at the Annual Meeting with one-half (1/2) of the Executive Committee being elected each year. An election for the following Executive Committee members will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. The names following the position have offered to run for the position. Nominations can be taken from the floor.

Appeals & Disciplinary Chairman: Bob Ducote
Tournament Chairman: Jerry Deaton
Secretary/Registrar: Neil Nobie
Association Commissioner: Dan Veshia