

NORTH TEXAS PREMIER SOCCER ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization will be known as the North Texas Premier Soccer Association and will be known as the "Association" for all purposes hereinafter.

ARTICLE II

Its purpose will be to foster and advance the cause of adult male soccer within the territory under jurisdiction of this Association and so guard the interests of its members.

ARTICLE III

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

ARTICLE IV

The territory under jurisdiction of this Association is defined as that part of Texas that includes Grayson, Wise, Denton, Collin, Hunt, Rockwall, Tarrant, Dallas, Kaufman, Johnson, and Ellis counties, and all cities therein.

ARTICLE V

The headquarters of this Association will be within the boundaries of the County of Dallas, Texas.

ARTICLE VI

Any properly constituted team that falls within the geographical boundaries of this Association may become a member of this Association if all requirements of membership are met and the Association finds that such membership would be in the best interest of soccer. All applications for membership must be accompanied by a copy of team name, name of player representative, and team roster. Application for membership must be accompanied by all required fees which will be returned if the applicant is denied membership.

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

Each member team will be furnished a copy of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Playing Rules of the North Texas Premier Soccer Association.

ARTICLE VII

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

ARTICLE VIII

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

The official delegate may appoint a proxy for any given meeting by submitting, in writing to the Secretary, their choice prior to commencement of the meeting for which the proxy will apply. No delegate or proxy will be entitled to vote on

behalf of more than one team. Only the official delegate or their proxy will have the right to speak at any Association meeting. Any Executive Committee Member, delegate or proxy may introduce anyone to speak at Association meetings with the approval of the presiding committee member.

ARTICLE IX

The Executive Committee will constitute the Executive Board. The Executive Committee, except the Immediate Past President, will be elected to a term of two (2) years and may succeed themselves in their position as an Executive Committee member. The Member at Large position will normally be filled by the Immediate Past President. If the Immediate Past President is unable or unwilling to serve in the Member at Large position the position may be declared vacant. The position will then be filled in accordance with Article XII of the Association By-Laws. The appointed person shall serve until the next election of the President. No one Executive Committee member may hold two (2) positions at one time. Any Executive Committee member wishing to run for a different position, before their tenure has expired, may do so. If an Executive Committee member is elected to a second position, that member must choose the position they wish to hold and immediately resign the other position. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting with one-half (1/2) of the Executive Committee being elected each year. The Executive Committee whose duties will be to transact the business of this Association, will consist of:

- President-----elected in even number years
- Appeals & Disciplinary Chairman-----elected in odd number years
- Referee Chairman-----elected in even number years
- Fields & Equipment Chairman-----elected in even number years
- Tournament Chairman-----elected in odd number years
- Secretary/Registrar-----elected in odd number years
- Treasurer-----elected in even number years
- Association Commissioner-----elected in odd number years
- Member At Large-----ratified in even number years

A quorum of fifty percent (50%) of the Executive Board is necessary to transact the business of this Association. Any Division Commissioner or Member At Large in attendance at any Executive Board meeting will have a voice and voting privileges.

ARTICLE X

The Annual Meeting of this Association will be called during a summer month and will be held in Dallas County, Texas. The order of business will be as follows:

- Roll Call and Vote Accreditation
- Reading of the Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting
- Unfinished Business
- Reports of the Chairmen of Standing Committees
- Report of the Auditing Committee
- Reports of the Executive Committee
- Amendment of Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations
- Election of Executive Committee Members
- New Business
- Adjournment

ARTICLE XI

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

ARTICLE XII

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

ARTICLE XIII

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