

MANSFIELD SOCCER ASSOCIATION



Section I

BYLAWS

**MANSFIELD SOCCER
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

(Revised – June, 2002)

Bylaws

These are the Bylaws of the Mansfield Soccer Association, Inc. (the “Association”) duly adopted on *June 29, 2002*, at an organizational meeting of the Board of Directors named in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.

ARTICLE I - OFFICES

The principal office of the Association in the State of Texas shall be located in the City of Mansfield, County of Tarrant, and the State of Texas. The Association may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Texas, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Association may require from time to time.

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 of directors may change the address of the registered office from time to time.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION

This Association shall be comprised of youth and adults who have become members of the Association by application to and approval of the Board of Directors and who also adhere to the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the Association. Any player may become a member of the Association upon submission to and approval by the Registrar of the Association of a properly executed Application/Release form, birth certificate and payment of all fees. Any adult who agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Association may become a coach upon the signing of a Coach’s Agreement and the approval of the Board of Directors and continue coaching, subject to removal for cause by the Association.

Members shall include those persons holding office in the association, even though they have no children playing. These positions could include members of the Board of Directors, Commissioners, parents, players, and any other volunteers, such as referees and coaches (hereafter “Members”)

Any member of the Association (or coach, team or official) may be expelled and his or her membership canceled, forfeited or suspended unilaterally by the Association's Board of Directors or through its consideration of a recommendation of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee or he or she may be censured by the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee and/or by the Association's Board of Directors for a violation of the Association's Bylaws, Rules and Regulations or for conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Association. A red card shall not in itself be considered an expulsion for these purposes.

The Association will honor all orders of suspension of players; coaches or referees issued by this Association or any other North Texas State Soccer Association Member or United States Soccer Federation Member Organization.

An annual membership is established as being from September 1 through August 31 of the following calendar year.

ARTICLE III – GOVERNMENT OF ASSOCIATION

Government of Association.

This Association shall be governed by its members, which shall consist of the Board of Directors and the recognized delegates from each registered team in good standing, each of whom shall be entitled to one vote. No delegate shall be entitled to more than one vote. Only the designated delegates may introduce anyone to speak provided they have the permission of the chair. The designated delegate shall be the coach of the team unless otherwise specified in writing. There shall be no vote by proxy.

Affiliation with the North Texas State Soccer Association

This Association shall be directly affiliated with and comply with the authority of, the North Texas State Soccer Association and shall represent all its members and respective interests in and before the North Texas State Soccer Association.

Superseding Authority of the North Texas State Soccer Association Rules.

The Association recognizes the superseding authority of the rules of the North Texas State Soccer Association.

Territory of the Association

The territory under jurisdiction of this Association is defined as being the part of Texas that is within the boundaries of The Mansfield Independent School District. A map reflecting the territory under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be on file with the North Texas State Soccer Association.

Jurisdiction.

This Association shall have jurisdiction over all members, administrators, referees, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, registered players, teams, parents, and other persons affiliated with such teams. Each member will adhere to these Bylaws and Rules and Regulations and will comply with the authority of the Association. If the Association is presented with substantiated evidence that a Member is not adhering to these Bylaws and Rules and Regulation, the Association will ask the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee to investigate the allegations and take necessary action.

Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from September 1 to August 31 of the following year.

Books and Records

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of all meetings at its principal office.

Resignation

Any director, committee member, officer or agent may resign by giving written notice to the President. The resignation shall take affect at the time specified therein, or immediately if no such time is specified. Unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Amendments to Bylaws

These Bylaws may be altered, 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 present membership, provided, however, that all members have been given ten (10) days written notice, including a written copy of the proposed changes. Amendments to the Bylaws may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting without advance notice.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Place of Meeting

All meetings of the Association shall be held at such place as shall be designated by the President. All meetings of the Association will be open to the members and the general public. Executive sessions may be called by a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Board of Directors or a Committee to discuss personnel or legal matters.

Annual Meeting

An Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held each year on a day to be selected by the President during the month of June, at which they shall elect officers in accordance with Article VII hereof, and transact such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting. A quorum is not required for this meeting as long as notices of such meetings were properly given. The order of business for such meeting shall be:

Roll Call and Vote Accreditation
Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
Communications
Unfinished Business
Reports of Chairman of Standing Committees
Reports of Officers
New Business
Good of the Game
Adjournment

General Membership Meetings

This Association will hold general membership meetings in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in June. This meeting shall be at a reasonable location designated by the President. A quorum is not required for this meeting as long as notices of such meeting were properly given. The order of business shall be:

Roll Call and Vote Accreditation
Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
Communications
Unfinished Business
Reports of Officers and Committees
New Business
Good of the Game
Adjournment

Special Meeting

Special meetings 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 or by a petition of 20% of the designated delegates from registered teams in good standing. Business transacted at all special meetings shall be confined to the purpose stated in the notice of the meeting. A quorum is not required for this meeting so long as notices of such meeting were properly given.

Board of Directors Meetings

The meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the third Monday of each month unless rescheduled by the Executive Committee. A quorum of 50% is required for this meeting. If the meeting is changed, then notice must be given.

Once a quorum is established, all actions taking place at the meeting shall be legal regardless of the number present at the time of a vote, providing the meeting had not been previously legally adjourned.

Emergency Actions.

Any three (3) voting members of the Board of Directors (which may include the President) may take emergency action on matters demanding immediate attention when it is impractical or impossible to call a meeting and shall report their actions to all Board of Director members in writing within three (3) days.

Notice of Meetings

Written, printed or electronic notice stating the place, day and hour, of a 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 meetings, either personally, or by mail, by or at the direction of the President, to each delegate or Board Member of record entitled to vote at the meeting unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the delegate or Board Member at their address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage thereon prepaid.

Proxy

There shall be no vote by proxy for any meeting.

ARTICLE V - NOTICE

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 delegate or Board Member 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 paid, addressed to such delegate or Board Member 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.

Waiver of Notice

Whenever any notice is required to be given to any delegates or Board Members 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, whether before or after the time stated in 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

Board of Directors

The business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by its Board of Directors, which shall consist of the Directors of this Association, each of whom will be entitled to one vote. The Board of Directors shall transact all business of the Association and shall have the power to enforce the Laws of the Games, Rules of the North Texas Association, the United States Soccer Federation and its respective members, and the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of this Association. The Board of Directors shall also hear appeals of decisions of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.

Election of Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) elected officers by the delegates and the Board of Directors for a term of 2 years and as many commissioners and directors, be deemed by the Board of Directors as appropriate and necessary to conduct the business of the association. Any board member that desires to seek election of another office, must first resign the Office he or she is holding, prior to the election. Elections shall be held at the Annual Meeting with one-half of the Board of Directors being elected each year in the following manner:

Elected Executive Board of Directors:

President	<i>(Elected even years)</i>
1 st Vice President	<i>(Elected even years)</i>
2 nd Vice President	<i>(Elected odd years)</i>
Treasurer	<i>(Elected odd years)</i>
Secretary	<i>(Elected even years)</i>

Board of Directors (Director):

Director's position shall be created and abolished by the Board of Directors based on simple majority of quorum (2/3 of the Board of Directors). The President shall appoint Directors in an "acting" capacity until the next scheduled monthly meeting is held and the appointment is confirmed by a simple majority of the existing Board of Directors.

Director of Referees	<i>(Appointed by President, ratified by the Board of Directors)</i>
Director of Field and Games	<i>(Appointed by President, ratified by the Board of Directors)</i>
Director of Coaches	<i>(Appointed by President, ratified by the Board of Directors)</i>

Board of Directors (Commissioner)

Commissioner's position shall be created and abolished by the Board of Directors based on simple majority of quorum (2/3 of the Board of Directors). The President shall appoint Commissioners in an "acting" capacity until the next scheduled monthly meeting is held and the appointment is confirmed by a simple majority of the existing Board of Directors.

U11 & Up Boys Commissioner	<i>(Appointed by President, ratified by the Board of Directors)</i>
U11 & Up Girls Commissioner	<i>(Appointed by President, ratified by the Board of Directors)</i>
U10 Boys Commissioner	<i>(Appointed by President, ratified by the Board of Directors)</i>
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U9 Boys Commissioner	<i>(Appointed by President, ratified by the Board of Directors)</i>
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U8 Boys Commissioner	<i>(Appointed by President, ratified by the Board of Directors)</i>
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U7 Boys Commissioner	<i>(Appointed by President, ratified by the Board of Directors)</i>
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U6 Boys Commissioner	<i>(Appointed by President, ratified by the Board of Directors)</i>
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U5 Boys Commissioner	<i>(Appointed by President, ratified by the Board of Directors)</i>
U5 Girls Commissioner	<i>(Appointed by President, ratified by the Board of Directors)</i>

Coaches

The head coach of each team shall have voting rights at all Board of Directors meetings, provided they are in good standing.

Removal

Any member of the Board of Directors shall be required to resign following a vote of no confidence in his or her ability to remain in office. 20% of Association Members may petition for such vote. The petition must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors, which in turn, will review the petition within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such petition. The vote of no confidence must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all the Board of Directors. If an officer receives this vote of no confidence, they are automatically suspended from the board.

Attendance at Meetings

A Board of Director member not attending three (3) consecutive meetings, including regular meetings, of this Association or Board of Directors meetings, will have their office declared vacant unless the Board of Directors excuses such absences. Their office shall be filled in accordance with procedures under Special Election.

Vacancies

The nominating Committee will find a candidate and present this person to the Board of Directors for a majority Board approval.

Compensation

The Board of Directors shall serve without salary for their services. Any Board of Director member may be reimbursed for expenses approved by the budget and/or the Board of Directors.

Reports.

With the exception of the President, all Board of Directors of this Association shall report the functions of their office, orally or in writing, at each regular meeting of the Association.

Parliamentarian

The First Vice President shall act as Parliamentarian, using “Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised” as a guide.

Minutes

The Board of Directors shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings. The minutes shall be placed in the minute book of the Association. Minutes shall be approved at the next Board Meeting.

Grievance Involving Board of Directors Members

A member of the Board of Directors can be a member or official of a team, or club. In the event of any grievance involving such organization, he or she may not act in its behalf nor be entitled to vote on the grievance.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS: Powers and Duties

President

The President of the Association shall preside at all Association meetings. They shall appoint all Service committees and be an ex-officio voting member of such committees. They shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie at any meeting, or may waive the right to do so. They may appoint delegates to any meetings of the members. They shall submit an annual report orally or in writing at the Annual Meeting and said report shall become part of the minutes of such meeting. They shall be responsible for insuring that all the members with check signing authority are bonded. They are empowered to take prudent and reasonable action in cases not covered in these Bylaws, and such authority is implicit in the office.

1st Vice President

The 1st Vice President shall succeed to the office of President in the event that office becomes vacant. They shall serve in that office until the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting, at which time the Board of Directors will appoint a President to serve until an election can be held at the next Annual General Meeting. The 1st Vice President shall succeed to the powers of President in their absence. They shall be responsible for seeing that the administrative policies and operations of the Association are carried out. They shall chair the Appeals and Discipline Committee and shall report the activities of this Committee, orally or in writing, at each regular meeting of this Association. The 1st Vice President shall be Co-Chairman of the Rules and Regulations and Bylaw Committee.

2nd Vice President

The 2nd Vice President shall succeed to the powers of President and 1st Vice Presidents in their absence. They shall be responsible for seeing that the administrative policies and operations of the Association are carried out. The 2nd Vice President shall be in charge of Team photographs, Trophies and Patches, publicity for the association, and Field Marshall assignments. The 2nd Vice President shall be Co-Chairman of the Rules and Regulations and Bylaw Committee.

Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Board of Directors meetings and Membership meetings. The Board of Directors will approve their minutes and the Members will approve Membership meeting minutes. The Secretary will keep all approved minutes in a book and have this book available for review by all Board of Directors and Association members, see that all notices are duly given in the accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws, be custodian of the minutes, keep a register of the address of each director which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such director, handle all correspondence assigned by the President. Additionally, the Secretary shall issue written minutes of all monthly meetings which shall be made available prior to the commencement of the next monthly meeting.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall serve as the financial officer of the Association and shall be responsible for coordinating budget appropriations, complete financial reconciliation and report in writing, prior to each scheduled Board of Directors meeting, a balance sheet and income statement. The reporting will be itemized by category and listed in the following manner: Activity during the month, Accumulative to date; Approved budget; Difference (plus or minus). They shall chair the Budget and Finance Committee and shall review and initial all contracts by this Association. They shall require all checks for an amount over \$500.00 to have two (2) authorized signatures and shall be bonded. The person or persons receiving the check may not be either of the authorized signatures on the check. All financial records are available for review by any Member.

Director of Referees

The President shall appoint the Director of Referees for such term as prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Director of Referees shall be a registered USSF Referee and shall be the Chairman of the Referee Committee and shall report the activities of this Committee, orally or in writing, at each regular meeting of this Association.

Director of Fields and Games

The President shall appoint the Chairman of Fields and Games for such term as prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Director of Field and Games shall be Chairman of the Fields and Games Committee and shall report the activities of this Committee, orally or in writing, at each regular meeting of this Association. The Director of Fields and Games will be responsible for field maintenance and approval of league game schedules submitted by each age group commissioner.

Director of Coaches

The President shall appoint the Director of Coaches for such term as prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Coaches Committee and shall report the activities of this Committee, orally or in writing, at each regular meeting of this Association. The Director of Coaches shall be responsible for holding coaches meeting prior to the start of each soccer season, for coordinating and recording coaches' certification through NTSSA.

Commissioners.

All Commissioners shall be responsible for team formation within the jurisdiction of the Association for their age group and shall appoint such Assistant Commissioners, as they deem necessary to carry out this function, after approval of the Board of Directors. They shall be members of the Rules and Regulations and Bylaw Committee and be advisor to the Coaches Committee. They shall be responsible for arbitration of issues/infractions involving coaches, assistant coaches, managers, registered players, team representatives and/or teams within their jurisdiction. Problems of a more serious nature shall be reported to the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.

Registrar

The President shall appoint the Registrar for such term as prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Registrar shall maintain a record of all players, handle registration with NTSSA and shall keep a record of voting members. In general, the Registrar shall perform all the duties incident to the office of Registrar and the Board of Directors may assign such other duties as from time to time.

Referee Assignor

The President shall appoint the Referee Assignor and the Director of Referees for such term as prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Referee Assignor shall maintain a record of all referees; handle all league game and MSA sponsored tournaments referees' assignments.

ARTICLE VIII - STANDING COMMITTEES

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the appropriate Chairman and approved by a 2/3-majority vote of the Board of Directors at the first Board of Directors Meeting following the Annual General Meeting of each year. Vacancies on such committees shall be filled by appointment, within thirty-days (30) of occurrence of such vacancy. In case of emergency, the Committee Chairman shall have the authority to fill vacancies of their Committee by appointment until such vacancy can be filled in accordance with normal procedures. All committee meetings/hearings are open to the membership.

Appeals and Disciplinary Committee

It shall be composed of the 1st Vice President (Chairman) and three members, who shall constitute a quorum. The Chairman shall notify those parties involved in an Appeals and Disciplinary hearing within three (3) days, in writing, of the rulings of this Committee. The Board of Directors shall appoint a referee who will serve as an advisor to the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee. Normally, all reports shall be heard in a timely manner by the Committee and should be held within fourteen (14) days of receiving a report.

Budget and Finance Committee

It shall be composed of the Treasurer as Chairman and two (2) members. It shall submit a proposed budget for the Association for the upcoming fiscal year to the Board of Directors two (2) months prior to the Annual General Meeting. It shall report the status of the budget to the Members at the General Membership Meetings. An annual audit shall be conducted by an agency appointed by the Board of Directors. The agency shall be instructed to make any recommendations to improve the Association record keeping processes. The Budget and Finance Committee shall not include a salaried employee of the Association.

Rules and Regulation and Bylaw Committee

It shall be composed of the 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President as Co-Chairman, with the Director of Referees, the Director of Coaches, the Director of Field and Games, and four (4) Commissioners as members. It shall be responsible for annually reviewing the Association's Rules and Regulations and Bylaws and proposing changes as required to such at the meeting immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting of this Association. All proposed changes shall be presented to the membership for approval.

The members at the Annual General Meeting will vote the proposed changes on each year. The Committee shall maintain a list of rules and regulations enacted by the North Texas State Soccer Association and shall provide all coaches and team administrators with a copy of the Association's Rules and Regulations and Bylaws.

Coaches Committee.

It shall be composed of the Director of Coaches as Chairman and two (2) members. Its purpose shall be to implement and administer the coaching system of the North Texas State Soccer Association throughout the territory under the jurisdiction of this Association, in compliance with the United States Soccer Federation coaching system.

Referee Committee.

It shall consist of the Director of Referees as Chairman and a minimum of two (2) USSF registered referees from the Association.

The Referee Committee shall organize the programs for instruction, registration and administration of all USSF referees within the Association in compliance with the programs and policies of the NTSSA and USSF National Referee Committees.

Field and Games Committee.

It shall be composed of the Director of Fields and Games as Chairman and two (2) members. Its purpose shall be to acquire and maintain the facilities and equipment utilized by this Association.

Nominating Committee.

It shall be appointed by the President and will consist of three (3) Association members with no Board of Directors on the Committee. It shall present a slate of candidates, in writing, ten (10) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE IX - PROCEDURE FOR APPEALS

In no event shall any person or persons or organization under the jurisdiction of this Association resort to the Courts until all appeal procedures have been exhausted. For violations of this rule, the offending party shall be subject to the sanctions of suspension and fines set forth by the United States Soccer Federation, and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Association

and its officers and members in defending each court action, including but not limited to court costs, attorney fees, reasonable compensation for time spent by the Association 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.

Procedure for Filing Appeals: Procedure for filing appeals shall be as follows:

1. All appeals to the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee must be submitted in writing and received within five (5) days of the appealed decision. A \$50.00 fee (cash or cashier's check) shall accompany all appeals. If the Committee upholds the appeal, the fee will be returned. If it is denied, the fee will be forfeited to the treasury of this Association.
2. This Committee, at its discretion, may, when requested in writing to do so, waive the time limit for filing appeals but in no case shall an extension of more than ten (10) days be granted.
3. All appeals to this Committee must be made in writing to the Chairman of the Committee. In cases of controversy as to timely receipt of appeals, the postmark date (postage meter not acceptable) will govern.
4. Upon receipt of appeal, properly submitted, the Chairman of the Committee shall set a time and place for the hearing and will serve notice to all appropriate parties. Such hearing settings are solely the responsibility of the Committee, but all such hearings should be scheduled within ten (10) days of receipt of the appeal and the appealing party is bound to present all information and evidence relative to the appeal at the hearing.
5. Decisions of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to the Board of Directors of this Association. Procedures for filing appeals with the Board of Directors shall be exactly (including time limit and filing fee) as for filing with the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee except that all material shall be submitted to the President, who shall serve notice to all concerned parties of the receipt and the time and place for the hearings.
6. Any decision of a Board Member or Standing Committee may be appealed to the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.
7. Decisions of the Board of Directors may be appealed to the North Texas State Soccer Association. Appeals must be submitted, in writing, to the North Texas State Soccer Association within five (5) days of the Board of Directors decision and accompanied by the fees set forth in the Bylaws of the North Texas State Soccer Association.
8. All decisions at all levels of the appeal process shall stand and be in full force and effect until changed by a higher authority.

ARTICLE X - RULES AND REGULATIONS

Except as otherwise specified under the Rules and Regulations of this Association herein, Rules of Play of the United States Soccer Federation and its National Associations of which North Texas State Soccer Association and this Association is a member, will apply in all competitions.

ARTICLE XI – PLAYER REGISTRATION

Registration with MSA

All players shall registrar with MSA on or before the registration deadline. The Board of Directors shall publish the registration dates no less than two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of registration.

Age Division

Players will be allowed to “play up” in a higher age division in accordance with NTSSA Bylaws. Under certain circumstances, a player may be allowed to “play down” with approval of the Board of Directors and NTSSA. (A parent request, Doctor note and letter from MSA approving the request must sent to NTSSA for approval)

Missed Season

Each season players will return to the team on which they were rostered the previous season. Players who elect to sit out one (1) season will be returned to their teams only if roster space is available. The number of players registered for that age division would determine roster space availability. Age division Commissioners will ensure, as much as possible, numerical equalization among teams.

Team Practices

A team may not practice until rostered. MSA strongly recommends that no team shall have more than three events or activities per week. This rule will be suspended during preparation for tournament play.

ARTICLE XII – LEAGUE SEASON

Schedules

The Board of Directors or their delegates shall determine the starting date, number of league games, and scheduling.

Postponed Games

Any regular season game that shall be called off due to adverse weather conditions shall be classified as “postponed”. The appropriate age division Commissioner(s) shall be responsible for the rescheduling of the postponed games. The affected teams shall be notified of the postponement no less then one (1) hour before game time, if possible.

Forfeited Games.

In the event of forfeiture by any team, that team shall be liable to the association for any official expenses incurred by the association as a direct result of the forfeiture.

Rescheduled Games

Prior to the beginning of each soccer season and the establishment of that season league schedule, all coaches must notify, in writing, their Age Division Commissioners of dates that may conflict with the game schedule (including Tournament dates). No more than three (3) dates will be accepted. The Age Division Commissioners will make every effort to honor these requests but cannot guarantee the requests will be met. Any other request after the league schedules have been established will be honored with a written request to the Age Division Commissioner and approval from the Director of Fields and Games. An absent star player(s) or conflict with another sport association is not sufficient reason to cause a game to be rescheduled.

ARTICLE XIII – MISCELLANEOUS

Amendments

The Board of Directors shall have power to make, amend or repeal the Bylaws by 2/3-majority vote of all directors at any annual or special meeting. Intention to make such changes at said meeting shall have previously been given to each director, and may be made without such notice by unanimous vote of all directors.

Adherence to NTSSA Bylaws

MSA agrees to abide by and adhere to the NTSSA Bylaws. MSA does, however, reserve the right to adopt additional Bylaws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures.