

Proposed 2019 Revisions for  
The San Angelo Soccer Association  
Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules & Regulations



### 1.6.8 Meetings –

Notice of all scheduled meetings shall be published on the SASA website, or other written/electronic format, to be distributed to Coaches and Referees, at least ~~two (2) weeks~~ **one (1) week** prior to each meeting.

1.6.8.1. Regular Meetings of SASA shall be held ~~at such time and place as the board may determine~~ **twice a month during the soccer season, and once a month during the off season. Dates will vary and be determined by the Board during the prior meeting. In the event that SASA hosts a tournament at any time during the off season, meetings may be held twice a month in the tournament month, as deemed necessary by the Tournament Director and Board President.** Regular meetings will be in an open/closed format, with the open period being available for any guests, from the floor to comment. Formats and timeframes determined by the Board. The voting period will be held in a closed session. Executive Committee meetings shall be held at such times and places deemed necessary by said committee.

#### 2.1.1.6 Coaches Representative –

The Coaches Representative shall represent the Coaches in all transaction of the Board, and shall present the views and concerns, of the Coaches, to the Board. The Coach's Advocate is responsible for being a mediator, when required, to settle confrontations between parents and Coaches. The Coaches Representative is responsible for keeping SASA in compliance with all affiliate Coach Requirements, including any required documentation, Risk Management/Background Check compliance, and Coach licensing requirements. ~~The Coaches Representative shall be responsible for finding coaches to fill any empty coaching positions for teams needing a coach at the beginning of the season.~~ **At the beginning of each season, the Coaches Representative shall assist commissioners in filling any and all empty coaching positions, for each commissioners individual age group.** The Coaches Representative shall give a status report, to the Coaches, whenever called upon, and shall be the major link between the Board and the Coaches. The Coaches Representative, if called upon, shall also serve as a consultant for any Coach, who is being brought before the A&D Committee, for any reason, and will perform other duties as assigned by the Board. In charge of setting up two coaches clinics per season one to include a youth module approved by NTSSA. Authorized to sign checks on behalf of San Angelo Soccer Association. In the event the Coaches Representative cannot perform said functions, the Referee Coordinator shall perform these tasks.

#### 2.1.1.9 Registrar –

The Registrar is responsible for all aspects of registration, including advertising and registration event planning. The Registrar must file all required Registrar documents, in accordance with the NTSSA rules and regulations. ~~The registrar is not to be combined with any other board or office position.~~ **It is highly preferred the Registrar not have a family member listed on any SASA Roster.** The registrar is a member of the Executive committee and is appointed by the board every two years (Even Years). **At the discretion of the Board, the Registrar position and the Office Manager position may be combined. In the event the Board has voted to combine the Registrar and Office Manager positions, it is done so on a non-permanent basis, and shall be reviewed for efficiency no less than every two years when the Board appoints the position and in the event of a vacancy. In the event of a vote appointed position combination, the Registrar/OM will not have voting privileges and is no longer a member of the Executive Committee, but becomes a member of the Board of Directors, again on a non-permanent basis. When the positions are reviewed and voted upon by the Board to separate the positions, the Registrar then becomes a member of the Executive Committee and continues their voting privileges.**

The registrar will determine the eligibility criteria for players who wish to play under the San Angelo Soccer Association, and will be responsible for ensuring all players and teams are registered in accordance with NTSSA rules and regulations. The registrar will work with the office manager to maintain a complete and accurate list of all players, teams and team officials, but it is ultimately the responsibility of the registrar to ensure all players are documented in a designated database. It is the responsibility of the Registrar to certify the rosters of teams, by signature, to other Associations or individuals, within the NTSSA, who inquire, and work with the Commissioners to ensure all necessary paperwork concerning

team formation and registration for both SASA and NTSSA are accurately completed, in a timely manner, and will also notify the Coaches Representative **and Commissioners** of any teams who do not have a Coach. The Registrar shall also oversee the formation of teams ~~by a team formation Committee, chosen by the registrar,~~ by conducting a “draft” each season where new members and pool players will be randomly drawn and assigned a team. Teams will randomly be assigned an order number and will be assigned the “drafted” players via their randomly assigned order number. The registrar will provide team rosters to the commissioners at least three (3) days prior to the AGM; as well as perform other duties as assigned by the Board. Authorized to sign checks on behalf of the San Angelo Soccer Association. In the event the Registrar cannot perform said functions, the Secretary shall perform these tasks.

#### 2.1.2.2 Commissioners of Age Groups –

Commissioners of Age Groups shall represent the age divisions established by this document. **Each required Saturday,** Commissioners shall enforce all SASA rules, policies, and procedures primarily by watching their age group’s games and counseling parents about any infringements they may witness. The Commissioner shall represent the interests of the teams (primarily referring to the team parents) in all transactions of the Board, and shall present any concerns, to the Board. Commissioners shall assist the Coaches Representative fill any vacant coaching positions at the beginning of each season. The Commissioner will also perform any other duties as assigned by the Board. In the event a Commissioner of an age group cannot perform said functions, another Commissioner, as assigned by the Board, shall perform the tasks for the age group.

~~2.1.2.2.2 Commissioners League Events Commissioners of League Events shall represent the age divisions established by this document. Each Commissioner shall enforce all SASA rules, Policies, and Procedures by primarily watching their league events. The commissioner shall represent the interest of the teams in all transactions of the Board, and shall present any concerns, to the Board. The Commissioners will also perform any other duties as assigned by the Board. In the event a Commissioner of a League Even cannot perform said functions, another commissioner, as assigned by the Board, shall perform the tasks for the league event.~~

Revision: Removal of commissioner position from By-Laws. Reasoning: (position has been vacant for several seasons and is covered by other board members)

~~2.1.2.2.2.1 Adult League Commissioner will oversee the Adult League division.~~

Revision: Removal of commissioner position from By-Laws. Reasoning: (position has been vacant for several seasons and is covered by other board members)

~~2.1.2.2.2.2 Middle School Soccer Commissioner will oversee all activities that are related to Middle School Soccer Program.~~

Revision: Removal of commissioner position from By-Laws. Reasoning: (position has been vacant for several seasons and is covered by other board members)

~~2.1.2.4 Community Liaison The liaison is one that oversees any contract negotiations that may occur between San Angelo Soccer Association and any other entity, such as the City of San Angelo, Tom Green County, or the US Army Corp of Engineers.~~

Revision: Removal of commissioner position from By-Laws Reasoning: (position has been vacant for several seasons and is covered by other board members)

#### 2.1.3 Staff –

The Executive Committee may establish qualifications for and hire such staff as deemed necessary for the operation of the San Angelo Soccer Association. A staff member can hold any office that is not an executive position, and shall not have any vote in meetings of the Association or in meetings of the Board. Staff members shall be hired and evaluated by the Executive Committee, but a majority vote from the

full Board of Directors is required to fire staff and determine pay raises. Staff members are required to sign and follow all guidelines, rules, and regulations established in this document and the San Angelo Soccer Association Employee Handbook.

2.1.3.1 The Office Manager reports directly to the President, shall attend all meetings of SASA, and are required to stay abreast of all workings of SASA events and functions. At the discretion of the Board, the Registrar position and the Office Manager position may be combined. In the event the Board has voted to combine the Registrar and Office Manager positions, it is done so on a non-permanent basis, and shall be reviewed for efficiency no less than every two years when the Board appoints the position and in the event of a vacancy. In the event of a vote appointed position combination, the Registrar maintains voting rights, but is no longer a member of the Executive Committee and becomes a member of the Board of Directors, again on a non-permanent basis. When the positions are reviewed and voted upon by the Board to separate the positions, the Registrar then becomes a member of the Executive Committee and continues to maintain their voting privileges. The Office Manager shall adhere to all confidentiality agreements, and be especially guarded with children's information.

2.1.4.1 All San Angelo Soccer Association Board Members are required to attend Meetings of the Board of Directors, which should be held at such times and places as determined by the Board. If a Board Member misses 3 or more consecutive board meetings, the Executive Committee has the option to declare the position vacant, per Article 2.1.6.3, and proceed with filling said vacancy per Article 2.1.8.

2.1.4.2 All Board Members ~~are expected~~ shall be required to work at least two (2) full Saturdays, per season, or four (4) half Saturdays, per season, and are required to work any and every major (as determined by the Board of Directors) SASA events, including Tournaments and Registration events. The following positions may be exempt from one Saturday a season, if their role required them to work hours either equal to or exceeding the hours worked on one full Saturday; Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar.

#### 2.1.8 Filling Vacancies –

In the event of death, resignation, or removal from the Board, the Executive Committee shall appoint a successor who shall take office immediately upon appointment. Those interested in applying for appointment will send a letter of intent, to the Executive Committee, for review. The Executive Committee will research the candidate, and if the Executive Committee is satisfied the candidate will be able to fulfill the required duties of a Board Member, the candidate's application will then be passed to the full Board for a majority vote at the next available Board Meeting or via other electronic voting avenues. Refer to Articles 2.1.1.9 and 2.1.3.1 for special circumstances regarding the Registrar and Office Manager.

#### ~~2.2.2.4 Competitive/Select Committee –~~

~~The Competitive/Select Committee will oversee the development of all “non-recreational” teams, registered with SASA. This will include all All Star, Academy, and Competitive Teams and Clubs. The Competitive/Select Committee will be selected by the Director of Competitive Teams, and will be charged with the main duties of serving as the communication link between SASA and the Competitive Teams, and ensuring all Coaches are familiar with the NTSSA and SASA rules governing competitive and select teams. The Committee will be responsible for assisting new Teams in these groups, and helping all with notification procedures, tryout procedures and team formation rules. The ultimate responsibility of knowing and complying with rules and deadlines lies with the team Coach, but this committee will serve as an assistant for the Competitive Coaches and~~

Removal of Competitive/Select committee from By-Laws. Reasoning: (committee has been vacant for several seasons and is covered by the Coaches Representative)

- This removal requires By-law articles under 2.2 Article Committees, to update article numbers to keep them in sequential order. From 2.2.2.4 through 2.2.2.6.

#### 2.2.2.6 Budget Committee

The Budget Committee is comprised of the Treasurer and any other Board Members selected by the Treasurer. The Budget Committee is in charge of reviewing all income and expenditures. The committee will take review and project a budget for each soccer season by reviewing all costs, all forms of revenue, long terming planning projected costs or expenditures, staff pay, and any other financially relevant information. The budget committee will also determine if a Scholarship Committee will be formed every season, based on monies available. The committee will provide a proposal for approval prior to each season.

#### 2.2.2.7 Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is appointed by the Board every season. Appointment of the committee will be determined by the Budget Committee by determining if resources are available. The Committee is responsible for advertising the scholarship/s, creating criteria for applying and receiving, reviewing applications and submitting to the Board for approval. In the event funds are not available a particular season, a committee will be appointed the next season as deemed necessary by the Board and available funds.

### 2.5 (Article V) Elections

Election of officers shall be held ~~by secret ballot~~, by an open floor nomination or by interested persons submitting a letter of intent and being presented to the voting body (as identified in 1.5.1.2.1), at the August AGM. The Nominating Committee shall be selected, by the Executive Committee, in accordance with By-Law 2.2.2.1. All nominees must consent to serve, and be age eighteen (18), or older, in good standing with SASA and all affiliates, live within 150 mile radius of San Angelo, and be able to perform the functions of the position, as outlined in this document. If there are three (3) or more nominees for any office, and one nominee does not receive a majority of the votes cast, the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes will be dropped from the list of nominees, before the next round of voting, which shall be a re-vote to determine a majority. The election results will be posted, to the SASA website, within 24 hours of certification by the Board, and count totals will be posted in the minutes of the next regular Board meeting.

#### 2.6.8 Rules of Play –

The San Angelo Soccer Association will use the Rules of Play, ~~modified as allowed for play~~, as specified by the North Texas State Soccer Association. The current copy of the playing ~~rules of SASA will be maintained in the Rules and Regulations section of this document.~~ can be found on the NTSSA or SASA website.

#### 2.7.2 Amendments –

The Board will, at any time, enact and amend these By-Laws, as deemed necessary, to ensure agreement with the Constitution, By-Laws, and the Rules and Regulations of the North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA) and/or the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA). When amending for this reason, the board must use wording directly from the NTSSA or USYSA source. If changing to wording is needed for clarification, a proposed amendment ~~may must~~ be approved by a deciding vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the active and present voting body (see 1.5.1.2.1., for a definition of the voting body), at an Annual General Meeting (AGM).

#### 3.1.1 Age for Registration –

~~All youths who are between the ages of four (4) and nineteen (some may be 3 at the time of registration, but must turn four (4) before July 31 of the current playing year, and may not turn 19 any later than July 31 of the current playing year) may register or be rostered, or assigned to a team, with the San Angelo Soccer Association, provided enough players have registered, within the player's designated age group.~~

For the purpose of this league, the age of a player shall be the players age on December 31 of the current soccer year. The current soccer year begins on September 1 and ends August 31 of the following year. Exception: If allowed by the Member Associate playing rules, players who are three (3) years of age by July 31 will be eligible in the Fall season and players who turn (3) years of age by December 31 will be eligible to play in the Spring season. The player is registered from the moment the player or the player's agent signs the registration form and pays the appropriate fees.

#### 3.1.1.2 Age Divisions

Player Divisions are separated in accordance with the NTSSA team formation method, which recognizes U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, and U19 as established age divisions. The soccer year as set by the USSF is from September 1 through August 31. The “end of the soccer year” refers to the July 31 after play have begun. For example, a player registering July 15, 2011, for the new soccer year, beginning with the Fall Season, would consider July 31 at the “end of the soccer year”, to be the July 31, 2012, occurring after the end of the Fall and Spring playing season. Below is a breakdown of the age requirements for each age division, within the San Angelo Soccer Association:

- ~~U4—Player must turn age four (4) before July 31, at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U5—Player must not turn age six (6) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U6—Player must not turn age seven (7) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U7—Player must not turn age eight (8) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U8—Player must not turn age nine (9) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U9—Player must not turn age ten (10) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U10—Player must not turn age eleven (11) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U11—Player must not turn age twelve (12) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U12—Player must not turn age thirteen (13) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U13—Player must not turn age fourteen (14) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U14—Player must not turn age fifteen (15) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U15—Player must not turn age sixteen (16) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U16—Player must not turn age seventeen (17) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U17—Player must not turn age eighteen (18) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U18—Player must not turn age nineteen (19) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~
- ~~U19—Player must not turn age twenty (20) before July 31 at the end of the soccer year~~

Player Divisions are separated in accordance with the NTSSA team formation method, which recognizes 19U, 16U, 14U, 12U, 10U, 8U, 6U (*Child must be a minimum of three (3) years of age to play soccer*) as established age divisions. The divisions are set in two-year increments. Teams/divisions may be formed in single birth year age groups. The age division of the team is determined by the birth date of the oldest player on the team as of December 31 of the current soccer year.

### 3.2 (Article II) Team Formation

San Angelo Soccer Association may only form teams in accordance with the current North Texas State Soccer Association team formation rules. There shall be four classes of teams with SASA: Recreational, Competitive, Academy, and All Star. Guest Players, for tournaments and special events, in accordance with this document Rule 3.2.5, may play in any of these classes.

#### 3.2.1.2.1.2 Requests for Players to play together –

A player, or a minor’s legal guardian, may request for two new 4U or 5U players to play together, but may not specify a certain team for the players to be placed on. No request for 6U and older are permitted. A returning 4U or 5U player may request to bring a friend, see 3.2.1.2.1.3. All requests must be given to the Registrar and or Office Manager and will be reviewed and voted on by the Board. ~~Requests for a new—player to play on a specific team, with a child who is already rostered, to that team may or may not be considered a substantial reason to specify a team, except in cases where a sibling is already on a team, which is a substantial request.~~

#### 3.2.1.2.1.3 Bring a Friend

Bring a Friend is for returning 4U or 5U players who wish to bring a new player or multiple players to their team, if there is room on the roster. If there is not room, then both friends or group of friends can go to a new team or a team with the available spots on their roster.

\*Approval of this By-law would include articles under 3.2 Team Formation to update article numbers to keep them in sequential order. From 3.2.1.2.1.3 through 3.2.1.2.1.6.



#### 3.2.1.2.1.4 Request to transfer to a specific team –

~~A player, or a minor's legal guardian, may request to transfer from one team in the Fall season to a different team in the Spring season. Requests are considered in the same manner as a new player requesting to play on a certain team, as in 3.2.1.2.1.1, with the exception of a fee of \$15.00, which is required for the purchase of a new uniform. No request for transfers to a specific team shall be honored for existing or new playing 6U and older. See 3.2.1.2.1.3 for details on the Bring a Friend program.~~

#### 3.2.1.2.1.5 Request for an entire team to “Play Up” –

A team formed or continued in accordance with this team formation rules, may request to Play Up into the next older age group. The Coach of record shall submit a request for the team to play up, to the Registrar and Office Manager. The request must include some form of documentation showing a majority of the team's legal guardians support such a request. The Board of Directors will decide if it is in the best interest of the team and the Association for the team to play up. If a decision is made to allow the team to Play Up, individual players, or the minors' legal guardian, may request they be removed from the team and assigned to another within their current age group. ~~Once a team has been approved to Play Up, the team may not return to their age group, unless the team decides to disband.~~ ~~has approval from the Board of Directors.~~

#### 3.2.1.2.1.6 Requests made after the season has begun –

Once the playing season has begun, a player, or a minor's legal guardian, may request to be moved to another team, ~~but may not request a specific team.~~ However, the player will not be allowed to be moved to another team if, in doing so, they leave their original team without a comparable number of players as the other teams in the age group, unless approved by the Board of Directors. Depending on the reasoning, a ~~\$15.00~~ \$45.00 fee may be assessed for the purchase of a new uniform.

### 3.2.3 Academy

Academy teams are a group of 7U through 10U, registered NTSSA recreational players, who participate with their standard Recreational team, but also with an Academy group and team, which does not follow the recreational team formation rules. ~~Players must register with SASA and have the choice whether must to be rostered on a recreational team, unless req.~~ Academy teams will fall under the age group Commissioner for which they are in.

#### 3.2.5.1 Recreational Guest Players –

Recreational Guest players may not be transferred, or added, to the hosting team's roster for the remainder of the current soccer year, and all of the following soccer year, unless the player transfer is approved by the SASA Board of Directors. A guest player may practice with the hosting team only if the dates for the practices are included on the guest player release, which must be properly filled out and signed. Violators to the rule are subject to discipline under the NTSSA rules governing use of ineligible players. Only recreational players, rostered to a recreational team, are eligible to participate as a guest player on any recreational team. Under no circumstances can a player on a competitive team participate as a guest player for a recreational team, unless the team is playing in an open or competitive tournament.

### 3.3.2 Licensing –

Each Coach, of a team, within the San Angelo Soccer Association, is expected to participate in the Association Coaches' Development Program. The soccer programs offered by the Association are for the good of the youth playing within those programs. For this reason, the Coaches are expected to improve their personal Coaching skills and techniques, in order to offer the players the best instruction possible. ~~Minimum standards for remaining a Coach for the San Angelo Soccer Association are as listed. For U4 through U8 teams, if not USYSA licensed, a Coach must attend a “G” Coaching course, within one (1) of the date they become a Coach of these age groups. For other Recreational age groups, attainment of, or evidence of progress towards, a State “F” Coach's License, or the local equivalent. For Competitive Teams, a minimum of an “E” license is required, however attainments~~

~~of, or evidence of, progress toward a State “D” Coach’s License, or the local equivalent is highly encouraged. Those Coaches who are currently Coaching teams, but do not have the appropriate training will be responsible for contacting the Coaches’ Representative, to attain the appropriate training within the stated time. These standards will be applied to ALL Coaches, whether head Coaches or Assistant Coaches.~~ The San Angelo Soccer Association will hold Coaching Development courses at the complex. Attendance by coaches is not required, but strongly recommended. Coaches may also find more information on other clinics on the San Angelo Soccer Website.

### 3.3.3.2 Competitive Coach Appointment –

All Coaches requesting to Coach a select/competitive team must have been a “Head Coach” or “Assistant Coach,” for the past two (2) years, and be in good standing with USYSA, UIL, NCAA, USSF, NAIA, NTSSA, and SASA. All competitive Coaches should have a Coaching license/diploma that corresponds with the age group or player format. All Coaches must present, each year, a letter of intent to Coach a Competitive team, and a copy of any tryout advertisements must also be included as well. ~~The Board of Directors or Office Manager All competitive Coaches must have obtained at least an “E” Coaching license, and Coaches U15 and up should be working towards obtaining a “D” License. No later than June 1, all Coaches must present, each year, a letter of intent to Coach a Competitive team, which should include a copy of their current TX driver’s license, and a copy of their highest USSF Coaching License; a copy of any tryout advertisements must also be included as well. The Competitive/Select Committee will assist the Coaches with any questions they have; the ultimate responsibility of knowing and complying with rules and deadlines lies with the team Coach, but this committee~~ the Board of Directors and Office Manager will serve as an assistant for the Competitive Coaches and teams.

~~3.3.3.2.1 Competitive coaches must have all licenses to be considered to coach at the competitive level. In order to become a NEW competitive coach, one must complete a competitive packet which includes: coach’s application, copy of coach’s license (coaching license) proposed team fact sheet, a summary of leagues/tournaments that team may be involved in, and a coaching philosophy.~~

### 3.3.3.3 Academy and All Star Coach Appointment –

The SASA Board of Directors must approve of, or select, any Coaches, Assistant Coaches, or managers, for any Academy or All-Star team. Any Coach interested in being chosen to coach an All-Star team, ~~must have at least an “E” coaching license~~ should have a Coaching License/diploma that corresponds with the age group or player format and must notify the SASA Board of Directors, in writing or by e-mail, at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled start of Academy or All-Star practices. An interested Coach must state, in his/her letter of interest, why he/she desires to Coach the Academy or All Star team, what credentials he/she has, what the expected training regimen will be, what Tournaments are anticipated, the total estimated cost per player, and how he/she plans to include the recreational Coaches within the age division.

### 3.3.6 Mandatory Coach’s Meeting –

All Coaches must attend both yearly AGM’s (August and February), held by SASA. Notification will be sent out, to the existing Coaches, 30 days prior to the AGM. Failure to attend, without good reason, may result in disciplinary action. ~~Two non-mandatory Coach’s meetings will be held throughout each season, to allow Coaches an opportunity to ask any questions to provide any comments to the Coaches Representative and to gain any updates which may be available.~~

### 3.4.3 Use of Complex

Any organization wishing to use the soccer fields at the SASA Complex, including “La Liga” fields, must have prior permission from the San Angelo Soccer Association. A written request must, and payment if needed, must be given at least ~~sixty (60) days~~ twenty-four (24) hours before the intended date of use.

### 3.7.1.1 Refunds of Fees

Registration refunds, minus a ~~\$20.00~~ \$25.00 administrative cost, and any fees accrued (such as uniform cost), will be given out after the second weekend of games. There will be no refunds after the AGM or



SEMI-AGM for league play. Rules regarding refunds for any other events will be established by the Board of Directors for each event.

### 3.8 (Article VIII) SASA Complex Rules

Any games, events, camps, clinics, lessons, etc., taking place on the property, or within the Complex, including the “La Liga” fields, of the San Angelo Soccer Association, are subject to the following Complex Rules:

- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED ON SASA PROPERTY
- NO PETS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED ON SASA PROPERTY (We love animals, but not on the fields)
- NO CONCEALED WEAPONS/FIREARMS ARE ALLOWED ON SASA PROPERTY
- NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE ALLOWED ON SASA PROPERTY (Not even in the parking lot, if you must smoke, you must do so in your car)
- NO USE OF ABUSIVE, AGGRESSIVE, OR OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE ANYWHERE ON SASA PROPERTY
- No sponsorships that advertise or solicit any type of alcohol or tobacco allowed on SASA property, team uniforms, or team banners is allowed.
- ANY USE OF SASA PROPERTY MUST BE REQUESTED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### 3.9.4.4 Academy Meetings –

Academy players are limited to one (1) practice per week with each of their Academy team(s) during the recreational season. After the recreation season has completed, including tournaments, an Academy team may practice (2) times per week. Academy players may only play in one (1) Academy game per week (unless league schedule requires a team to play (2) games during the same week), under those circumstance the following week must be skipped between the next games. During tournaments play an Academy team may play more than (1) games per week. Academy players may participate in only one (1) Academy tournament at a time. Violations of this rule shall result in sanctions against the offending party (Coach, Assistant Coach, manager, Parent /Legal Guardian, or other team representative), that could include suspension from all soccer activities for a period of time determined by NTSSA. Practice lengths are highly encouraged to not be longer than the length of the age group’s game.

#### 3.10.3 Determination of Season Standings –

~~U6 through U8~~ 4U through 8U teams will NOT have official season standings. ~~U10 through U19~~ 9U through 19U age group division (boys and girls) Champions will be determined by point standings as follows:

##### 3.10.3.2 Make-Up Games/Re-scheduling Games –

For any game, in which a coach/team will not be able to attend the game, an option will be available to make-up or re-schedule the game provided the Commissioner is contacted before noon (12pm) of the Tuesday before the game is scheduled to be played. Games to be made up will be arranged through the age group Commissioner, who will set up a date and time with the Referee Assignor., , the game, provided the following;

1. Coaches may only request one reschedule per season for his/her team.
2. All requests by coach must be made within 72 hours prior to the scheduled game.
3. The age group Commissioner will set up a date and time with the Referee Assignor and has to give approval back to the coach also within that 72 hour period prior to the game.
4. All games must be rescheduled within one week.
5. If the request is not made within 72 hours in advance, but the game will still be played, the teams will have to pay the referees.

##### 3.10.3.4 Awards –

All players, rostered to a team, at the conclusion of the season, 4U through 8U, will receive an individual participation trophy or award. Individual trophies will be presented, to the members of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place teams in each age grouping, 9U through 19U. If an age division has 3 or less teams, only the 1<sup>st</sup> place may be awarded.

### 3.12 (Article X) Rules of Play

#### ~~3.12 through 3.12.6 Removed Entirely~~

Games sanctioned by the San Angelo Soccer Association will be played under the rules published in the current edition of Proposed Revisions 6/2019

FIFA Laws of the Game (or its successor publications.) **The current edition of Laws of the Game are the rules which will be enforced in SASA League play which can be found on the USYSA, NTSSA, or SASA website.**

**3.12.1 Field of Play**

| <b><u>Age Groups</u></b> | <b><u>Field Width</u></b> | <b><u>Field Length</u></b> | <b><u>Goal Size</u></b>                              |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b><u>Adult</u></b>      |                           |                            |  |
| All Ages                 | Max. 80 yds.              | Max. 120 yds.              | 8 ft. x24 ft.  |
|                          |                           |                            |  |
| <b><u>Youth</u></b>      |                           |                            |  |
| 19U                      | Max. 80 yds.              | Max. 112 yds.              | 8 ft. x 24 ft.                                       |
| 16U                      | Max. 75 yds.              | Max. 112 yds.              | 8 ft. x 24 ft.                                       |
| 14U                      | Max. 75 yds.              | Max. 112 yds.              | 8 ft. x 24 ft.                                       |
| 12U                      | 44 - 55 yds.              | 70 – 80 yds.               | Max 7 ft.x 21 ft.<br>Recommend 6.5 ft. x 18.5 ft.    |
| 10U                      | 35 – 45 yds.              | 55 – 65 yds.               | Max 6.5 ft. x 18.5 ft.<br>Recommend 6.5 ft. x 12 ft. |
| 8U and younger           | 15 – 25 yds.              | 25 – 35 yds.               | 4 ft. x 6 ft.  |

**3.12.2 The Ball**

Ball sizes for various age groups will be as follows:

**Age Groups      Ball Size**

13U and older      Size #5

12U and 10U      Size #4

8U and 6U      Size #3

**3.12.3 Number of Players and Substitutions**

1. 13U and older shall play 11v11.

2. 12U shall play 9v9

3. 10U shall play 7v7

4. 8U and younger shall play 4v4 with no goalkeeper.

3.12.3. Teams shall be allowed the following maximum number of players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year.

16U and 19U – maximum 22 players

14U – maximum 18 players

12U – maximum 16 players

10U – maximum 12 players

8U and younger– recommend 6, maximum 8 players

#### 3.12.4 Duration of Game

Age Groups Length of Periods Length of Overtime

19U Two 45 min. Two 15 min.

16U Two 40 min. Two 15 min.

14U Two 35 min. Two 10 min.

12U Two 30 min. Two 10 min.

10U Two 25 min. Two 10 min.

8U and younger Max Four 10 min None Recommend Four 8 min.

#### 3.14.5 Academy –

A “Soccer Academy” is a group of Under ~~9~~ **7** through Under 10 registered NTSSA recreational players, who desire to participate with other players, without following the recreational team formation rules. Players must register with their home association and must be on a recreational team. Academy teams will fall under the age group Commissioner for which they are in.

#### 3.14.6 All-Stars –

All Star Teams are temporary teams formed by the selection of players from among all the Recreational teams, in a particular league. All-Star teams may be formed only in the ~~12U, 14U, 16U, and 19U leagues.~~ **11U-19U age divisions.** The formation of an All-Star team requires the approval of the Age Group Commissioner.

#### 3.14.8 Coed –

Coed teams are comprised of both Boys and Girls. The intentions of SASA are to keep teams gender pure until the teams reach at least 11U, however if absolutely necessary, in accordance with NTSSA Rules, SASA may create coed teams earlier. The teams will stay non-coed for as long as enough gender pure teams are able to be formed, to keep a competitive division, for both boys and girls. Once a point is reached that there are no longer enough children to make enough gender pure teams, the teams will be combined and become coed. It is possible for gender pure boy’s teams to play against a coed team, as long as the majority of the team is boys. A coed team will not be permitted to play against a gender pure girls’ team **unless it is a non-counter.**