

Current

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Revision: 5/10/18

1.6.8.1. Regular Meetings of SASA shall be held on the 2nd Monday of each month during the off season. The month prior to seasons start Regular Meetings of SASA shall be held on the 2nd Monday and 4th Monday of each month until seasons end. In the event that SASA has a scheduled tournament at the end of regular season, twice monthly meetings will extend until the tournaments completion. Regular meetings will be in an open/closed format, with the open period being available for any guests, from the floor, to comment, in 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 as the Committee may determine.

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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. 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 NTSAA. 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.

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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. The registrar is a member of the Executive committee and is appointed by the board every two years (Even Years). 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](#) 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, and will provide team rosters, to the Commissioners, at least \(3\) 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.

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Current

2.1.2.2 Commissioners of Age Groups –

Commissioners of Age Groups shall represent the age divisions established by this document. Each Commissioner shall enforce all SASA rules, policies, and procedures primarily by watching their age groups 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. 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.

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Clarification of Commissioner Duties

Current

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: 5/10/18

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

Current

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

Revision: 5/10/18

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

Current

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

Revision: 5/10/18

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

Current

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: 5/10/18

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

Current

2.1.4.2 All Board Members **are expected** 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.

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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.

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Current

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 teams.

Revision:5/10/18

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

Current

2.5 (Article V) Elections

Election of officers shall be held, by secret ballot, of 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.

Revision:5/10/18

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Addition of (open voting) during AGM when nominees are call from the coaching body for open positions

Current

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 & Regulations section of this document**.

Revision:5/10/18

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Current

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** 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).

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Removal of “may” and add “must” for clarification Wording used in 2.7.2.2

Current

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 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 and 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.

Revision:5/10/18

3.1.1. Age for Registration

The age of a player for the purpose of league play 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.

Added change to comply with North Texas Soccer

Current

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

Revision:5/10/18

3.1.1.2 Age Divisions

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.**

Added changed to comply with North Texas Soccer

Current

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 players to play together, but may not specify a certain team for the players to be placed on. **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.**

Revision:5/10/18

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. **Requests for 6U+, will only be considered if it is a substantial request. In cases where a sibling is already on a team, is a substantial request. A returning 4U or 5U player may request to bring a friend, who is a new player, onto their team if there is room on the team. If there is not room on the team, the both friends will be placed in the pool. All such requests must be given to the Registrar and Office Manager.**

Current

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.

Revision:5/10/17

3.2.1.2.1.4 Request to transfer to a specific team –

No request for transfers to a specific team shall be honored for an existing player, unless under special circumstance and with the approval of the Board of Directors. If a player is granted approval to transfer a fee of \$45.00, which is required for the purchase of a new uniform will be assessed.

Change added to reduce the possibility of teams being formed outside of the proper procedure.

Current

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.**

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Current

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, 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** fee may be assessed for the purchase of a new uniform.

Revision:5/10/18

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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 **\$45.00** fee may be assessed for the purchase of a new uniform.

Changes add to comply with 3.2.1.2.4

Current

3.2.3 Academy

Academy teams are a group of U9 through U10, 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 must be rostered on a recreational team. Academy teams will fall under the age group Commissioner for which they are in.

Revision:5/10/18

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 must be rostered on a recreational team. Academy teams will fall under the age group Commissioner for which they are in.

Current

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.

Revision:5/10/18

Spelling change ear to year

Current

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.

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Current

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 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 will serve as an assistant for the Competitive Coaches and teams.

Revision:5/10/18

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advertisements must also be included as well. The Board of Directors or Office Manager will assist the Coaches with any questions they have. However the ultimate responsibility of knowing and complying with rules and deadlines lies with the team Coach, but the Board of Directors and Office Manager will serve as an assistant for the Competitive Coaches and teams.

Current

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.

Revision:5/10/18

Removal. Reasoning: coaches do not complete a packet of application. Instead they send a letter of intent.

Current

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 All-Star team. Any Coach interested in being chosen, to Coach an All-Star team, must have at least an "E" Coaching License 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 All-Star practices. An interested Coach must state, in his/her letter of interest, why he/she desires to Coach the 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.

Revision:5/10/18

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 and All-Star team. Any Coach interested in being chosen should have a Coaching License/diploma that corresponds with the age group 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.

Current

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 or provide any comments, to the Coaches Representative, and to gain any updates which may be available.

Revision:5/10/18

Removal. Reasoning: Coaches meetings will be held only if necessary.

Current

3.4.3 Use of Complex

Any organization wishing to use the soccer fields at the SASA Complex, including "La Lira" fields, must have prior permission from the San Angelo Soccer Association. A written request must be given at least sixty (60) days before the intended date of use.

Revision:5/10/18

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 **twenty-four (24) hours** before the intended date of use.

Spelling Change Lira to Liga and In order to increase usage and Revenue change to 24 hour notice.

Current

3.7.1.1 Refunds of Fees

Registration refunds, minus a **\$20.00** 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.

Revision:5/10/18

Change to \$25

Current

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 Lira” 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
- ANY USE OF SASA PROPERTY MUST BE REQUESTED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Revision:5/10/18

Spelling Change Lira to Liga

Current

3.9.4.4 Academy Meetings –

Academy players are limited to one (1) practice per week with each of their Academy team(s). Academy players may only play in one (1) Academy game per week, except tournaments. 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.

Revision:5/10/18

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.

Reasoning: To allow proper training time and preparation for upcoming games and events.

Current

3.10.3 Determination of Season Standings –

U6 through U8 team will NOT have official season standings. U10 through U19 age group division (boys and girls) Champions will be determined by point standings as follows:

Revision:5/10/18

3.10.3 Determination of Season Standings –

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

Current

3.10.3.2 Make-Up 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 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.

Revision:5/10/18

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 following;

1. Coaches may only request one (1) 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.

Clarification added to rescheduling policy

Current

3.10.3.4 Awards –

All players, rostered to a team, at the conclusion of the season, U4 through U8, will receive an individual participation trophy or award. Individual trophies will be presented, to the members of the first (1st) and second (2nd) place teams in each age grouping, U9 through U19. Participation awards will also be given for all players, rostered to a team, at the conclusion of the season, U9 through U19.

Revision:5/10/18

3.10.3.4 Awards –

All players, rostered to a team, at the conclusion of the season, U4 through U8, will receive an individual participation trophy or award. Individual trophies will be presented, to the members of the first (1st) and second (2ND) place teams in each age grouping, U9 through U19. If an age division has 3 or less teams, only the 1st place may be awarded.

Current

3.12 (Article X) FIFA Rules and Modifications

Games sanctioned by the San Angelo Soccer Association will be played under the rules published in the current edition of FIFA Laws of the Game (or its successor publications) except as modified by the San Angelo Soccer Association, with the permission of the North Texas State Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association. The following modifications to the current edition of Laws of the Game are the rules which will be enforced in SASA League play.

3.12.1 Modifications to the 4U

Law 1 – The Field of Play

Dimensions:

Length: 30 yards to 35 yards

Width: 20 yards to 25 yards

Center Circle radius: 3 yards

Goal Area:

Width: 12 feet along goal line (3 feet outside each goal post)

Depth: 3 feet into field

Penalty Area: NONE

Corner Arc radius: 2 feet

Goals:

Width: 6 feet between the posts

Height: 4 feet under the crossbar

Law 2 – The ball

USSF size 3

Law 3 – The Number of Players

Each team shall consist of three players on the field

A minimum of three players on a team is required to begin play

There are NO goalkeepers or designated defenders

No more than six persons may be named on the roster. (Roster size may be amended by SASA Board of Directors)

Substitution:

Substitutions may only be made during the break between quarters; however, a substitution may be made for an injured player during stoppage of play.

Each team member MUST be allowed to play at least 50% of each game he/she attends

Law 4 – The Player's Equipment

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game plus:

Jersey's must have a distinctive 4" number on the back

Home team will change jerseys, or wear pennies, if colors conflict.

NOTE: Shin guards are MANDATORY and must be covered entirely by the sock

Law 5 – The Referee

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except does NOT keep or report any scores

Coaches, in this age group only, will referee the games

NOTE: All decisions made by a person, not registered as a referee, who officiates, are just as binding and valid as if the person were a registered referee. Only referees registered with USSF may caution or send off players and/or discipline coaches or team officials.

Law 6 – The Assistant Referee

Not used in 4U Play

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match

Matches are divided into four equal periods of 6 minutes each

Half-time Interval: the interval between the 2nd and 3rd quarters will not exceed 6 minutes

Quarter Intervals: the interval between the 1st and 2nd as well as the 3rd and 4th quarters will not exceed 2 minutes. These intervals are strictly for the purpose of substituting players and should end as soon as substitutions are completed.

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

Team which takes the kickoff to start the game will take the kickoff to start the 3rd quarter. The other team will take the kickoff to start the 2nd and 3rd quarters.

Teams will exchange ends at half-time.

A goal may NOT be scored directly from a kickoff

Opponents must be 3 yards from the ball at kickoff

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring

NO RECORD OF SCORES WILL BE KEPT

If the ball crosses the goal line between the goal post, and under the crossbar, but one or more of the players, on the team attacking the goal, are in their own defensive half of the field, to play defense, the referee will restart with a goal kick. Otherwise, conform to FIFA Laws of the Game for Restart.

Law 11 – Offside

No offside in this age group

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

All free kicks will be indirect free kicks with all opponents at least 3 yards from the ball.

The referee is encouraged to explain fouls to players.

Law 13 – Free Kicks

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

All free kicks are indirect free kicks with all opponents at least 3 yards from the ball.

Law 14 – Penalty Kicks

There will be NO penalty kicks

Law 15 – The Throw-in

For this age group, replaced with a kick-in. Kick-in is an indirect free kick, from the touchline.

All opponents must be at least 3 yards from the ball.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except: A

goal may not be scored directly.

Opponents must be at least 3 yards from the ball.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except: A

goal may not be scored directly.

Opponents must be at least 5 yards from the ball.

NOTE TO PARENTS AND COACHES OF 4U

The purpose of the small sided soccer games is to teach our youth to play soccer by playing with the ball. By limiting the number of players on the field, each player has more opportunities to touch the ball. The number of touches, on the ball, by each player, is much more important than the player's technique. More opportunities to touch the ball occur when all players are close to the ball. Playing a set position limits the player's opportunity to touch the ball.

No person, other than the Coaches (acting as the referee) and the players should be on the field. Substitution players, parents/legal guardians, and other spectators should remain at least 4 feet away from the touch line. NO spectator should run up and down the touch line during play. NO spectators are allowed within 10 feet of the ends of the field. Assistant coaches and substitutions should remain within 10 feet of the halfway line.

Soccer is a game for the players! It is not a game for the coaches and/or parents, who feel the need to control the youth's game. Parents/Legal Guardians and Coaches who feel the need to play the game for their child, instead of encouraging the player, are invited to join the adult soccer leagues available in San Angelo. Encourage the players and help them enjoy their game.

3.12.2 LAW I – THE FIELD OF PLAY

The field size below is the SASA recommended, but may vary depending on field availability.

The field of play is 20 (twenty) yards wide by 30 (thirty) yards long.

A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.

The center circle is 4 (four) yards in radius.

The goal area is an 8 (eight) yard arc (The Arc).

The corner area is 1 (one) yard.

The goal size is 4 (four) feet high and 6 (six) feet wide.

LAW II - THE BALL

2.1 The ball is a size 3 (three).

3. LAW III – THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

3.1 Teams are comprised of players using the following guidelines:

League	Maximum	Minimum
Under 5	5	4
Under 6	6	4

3.2 The number of players on each side shall be as follows:

League	Players
Under 5	3
Under 6	4

3.3 No Goal Keepers are allowed in this Age Group.

3.4 Substitutions

3.4.1. For an injured player, when the referee stops play;

3.4.2. At a quarter break...

3.4.3. For any stoppage in play caused by the ball leaving the field.

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

4. LAW IV – THE PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

4.1 Players equipment must conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

4.1.1 Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.

4.1.2 No Jewelry of any sort (this includes earrings).

4.1.3 No casts of any kind are allowed.

*NOTE TO PARENTS: Shinguards are mandatory for all practices and games. Players will not be allowed to participate without them.

5. LAW V – THE REFEREE

5.1 Registered Referee.

5.2 Parent/Coach or Assistant who must remember that he/she is serving as an official.

5.3 Referee's decisions on points of facts connected to the game shall be final.

5.4 All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

5.5 Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players

6. LAW VI – THE ASSISTANT REFEREE

6.1 None

7. LAW VII – THE DURATION OF MATCH

EACH PLAYER MUST PLAY AT LEAST 50% OF EACH GAME.

7.1 The game shall be divided into 4 ten-minute quarters with a 2-minute between quarters and a 5-minute half-time period.

7.2 Teams that are not ready to play within 10 minutes of published time will forfeit game. There will be no time stoppage for any reason.

8. LAW VIII - THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY

8.1 Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

8.1.1 Opponents must be 4 (four) yards from the center mark while kicking off is in progress.

8.1.2 Restart and the end of the quarter shall be with the proper restart for the reason play was stopped (e.g., throw in, goal kick, corner kick, etc.)

9. LAW XI – THE BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

9.1 Conform to FIFA.

10. LAW X - METHOD OF SCORING

10.1. Conform to FIFA.

11. LAW XI –OFFSIDE

11.1 There shall be no off-side.

12. LAW XII - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

12.1 Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

12.1.1 All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents 4 (four) yards away.

12.1.2 The Referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.

12.1.3 No "two touches" on kicks.

12.1.4 Slide tackling is not allowed and shall be considered "dangerous play" in this age group.

*NOTE: Any 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.

13. LAW XIII - FREE KICKS

13.1 Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

13.1.1 Kick-off, throw-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).

13.1.2 Defending players must be at least 4 (four) yards from the ball at the time of the free kick.

14. LAW XIV – PENALTY KICK

14.1 No Penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

15. LAW XV – Throw-in

15.1 Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

15.1.1 If a throw is done improperly, a second throw-in must be allowed, if throw in still wrong ball will stay in play and the game move forward. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw.

15.1.2 No "Second Touches" are allowed on throw-ins. The throw in must be retaken.

15.1.3 The defending player shall be at least 2 yards from the ball at the time of the throw in.

16. LAW XVI – Goal Kick

16.1 Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

16.1.1 Opponents must be 4 (four) yards away.

16.1.2 The goal kick may be taken anywhere on the goal line between the Arc and the corner kick arc. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.

17. LAW XVII – Corner Kick

17.1 Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

17.1.1 Opponents must be 4 (four) yards away.

18 OTHER GENERAL RULES

18.1 Coaches are not allowed on the field during play, unless they are invited by the official for the purpose of assisting an injured player.

18.2 Score is not kept during games. At the end of the game there are no winners and losers. ALL kids are winners.

18.3 Only coaches and players are to be in the technical area (i.e. the coach's box) during the game. Parents and spectators may not be in the technical area. Parents and spectators may be around the fields, but should remain two yards back from the touch lines, goal lines, and goals.

18.4 Playing Restrictions:

18.4.1 If in the opinion of the referee a team is guilty of intentionally placing a player in front of their goal while his/her team is on the attack, the referee shall stop play, warn the team, and restart with an indirect free kick to the other team at the point where the ball was at the time of the stoppage.

18.4.2 No player may touch the ball inside the eight foot semi-circle in front of the goal line (the Arc). If an attacking player touched the ball inside the Arc, a goal kick is awarded. If a defending player touched the ball inside the Arc, a corner kick is awarded.

NOTE TO PARENTS AND COACHES OF 5U/6

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ball. By limiting the number of players of the field, each player has more opportunities to touch the ball. The number of touches, on the ball, by each player, is much important than the player's technique. More opportunities to touch the ball occur when all players are close to the ball. Playing a set position limits the player's opportunity to touch the ball.

No person, other than the Coaches (acting as the referee) and the players should be on the field. Substitution players, parents/legal guardians, and other spectators should remain at least 4 feet away from the touch line. NO spectator should run up and down the touch line during play. NO spectators are allowed within 10 feet of the ends of the field. Assistant coaches and substitutions should remain within 10 feet of the halfway line.

Soccer is a game for the players! It is not a game for the coaches and/or parents, who feel the need to control the youth's game. Parents/Legal Guardians and Coaches who feel the need to play the game for their child, instead of encouraging the player, are invited to join the adult soccer leagues available in San Angelo. Encourage the players and help them enjoy their game.

3.12.3 Modified Rules for 7U/8

1. LAW I – THE FIELD OF PLAY

The field size below is the SASA recommended, but may vary depending on field availability.

The field of play is 45 (forty-five) yards wide by 65 (sixty five) yards long.

A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.

The center circle is 8 (eight) yards in radius.

The goal area is 10 (ten) yards wide and 3 (three) yards in depth.

The corner area is 1 (one) yard.

The goal size is 6 (six) feet high and 12 (twelve) feet wide.

There is no penalty mark.

2. LAW II - THE BALL

2.1. The ball is a size 3 (three).

3. LAW III – THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

3.1. Teams are composed of players using the follow guidelines:

League	Maximum	Minimum
7U	10	8
8U	10	8

3.2. The number of players on each side is as follows:

League	Players
7U	6
8U	7

3.3. A team may not play with less than five (5) players on the field.

3.3.1 This age group plays with goalies

3.4. Substitutions

3.4.1. For an injured player, when the referee stops play;

3.4.2 Conform to FIFA rules for substitutions

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

4. LAW IV – THE PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

4.1. Players equipment must conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

4.1.1. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.

4.1.2. No Jewelry of any sort (this includes earrings).

4.1.3. No casts of any kind are allowed.

5. LAW V – THE REFEREE

5.1. Registered Referee

5.2. Associate Referee

5.3. Parent/Coach or Assistant who must remember that he/she is serving as an official

5.4. Referee's decisions on points of facts connected to the game shall be final.

5.5. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

5.6. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players

6. LAW VI – THE ASSISTANT REFEREE

6.1. None

7. LAW VII – THE DURATION OF MATCH

EACH PLAYER MUST PLAY AT LEAST 50% OF EACH GAME AND OF EACH HALF.

7.1. The game shall be divided into 2 twenty-two minute (22) halves with a 2-minute water break in each half and a 5-minute half-time period.

7.2. Coaches may agree to play a continuous half (i.e. no water break) and shall inform the referee of their intent prior to the opening kickoff.

7.3. Teams that are not ready to play within 10 minutes of published time will forfeit game. There will be no time stoppage for any reason.

8. LAW VIII - THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY

8.1. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

8.1.1. Opponents must be 8 (eight) yards from the center mark while kicking off is in progress.

8.1.2. Restart and the end of the water break shall be with the proper restart for the reason play was stopped (e.g., throw in, goal kick, corner kick, etc.)

9. LAW XI – THE BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

9.1. Conform to FIFA.

10. LAW X - METHOD OF SCORING

10.1. Conform to FIFA.

11. LAW XI –OFFSIDES

11.1. There shall be no offside.

12. LAW XII - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

12.1 Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

12.1.1 All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents 4 (four) yards away.

12.1.2 The Referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.

12.1.3 No "two touches" on kicks.

12.1.4 Slide tackling is not allowed and shall be considered "dangerous play" in this age group.

12.1.5 There is no violation for the ball being kicked above four feet high.

NOTE: Any 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.

13. LAW XIII - FREE KICKS

13.1 Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

13.1.1 Kick-off, throw-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).

13.1.2 Defending players must be at least 4 (four) yards from the ball at the time of the free kick.

14. LAW XIV – PENALTY KICKS

14.1. No Penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

15. LAW XV – THROW-IN

15.1 Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

15.1.1 If a throw is done improperly, a second throw-in must be allowed. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw.

15.1.2 No "Second Touches" are allowed on throw-ins. The throw in must be retaken.

15.1.3 The defending player shall be at least 2 yards from the ball at the time of the throw in.

16. LAW XVI – GOAL KICK

16.1. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

16.1.1. Opponents must be 4 (four) yards away.

17. LAW XVII – CORNER KICK

17.1. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

17.1.1. Opponents must be 4 (four) yards away.

18. OTHER GENERAL RULES

18.1. Coaches are not allowed on the field during play, unless they are invited by the official for the purpose of assisting an injured player.

18.2. Score is not kept during games. At the end of the game there are no winners and losers. All kids are winners.

NOTE TO PARENTS AND COACHES OF 7U/8U

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No person, other than the Referee and the players should be on the field. Substitution players, parents/legal guardians, and other spectators should remain at least 4 feet away from the touch line, and preferably in the bleachers. NO spectator should run up and down the touch line during play. NO spectators are allowed within 10 feet of the ends of the field. Assistant coaches and substitutions should remain within 10 feet of the halfway line.

Soccer is a game for the players! It is not a game for the coaches and/or parents, who feel the need to control the youth's game. Parents/Legal Guardians and Coaches who feel the need to play the game for their child, instead of encouraging the player, are invited to join the adult soccer leagues available in San Angelo. Encourage the players and help them enjoy their game

3.12.4 Modifications to the 9U/10U

1. Law I – The Field of Play

Dimensions:

Length: 80 yards

Width: 50 yards

Center Circle radius: 8 yards

Goal Area:

Width: 19 feet along goal line (3 feet outside each goal post)

Depth: 6 feet into field

Penalty Area:

Width: 35 yards along goal line (14 yards outside goal)

Depth: 14 yards into field

Penalty Arc Radius: 8 yards

Corner Arc radius: 2 feet

Goals:

Width: 21 feet between the posts

Height: 7 feet under the crossbar

2. Law II – The ball

2.1 USSF size 4

3. Law III – The Number of Players

League	Players
9U	8
10U	9

3.1 A minimum of six players on a team is required to begin play

3.2 This age group DOES use goalies

3.3 No more than twelve persons may be named on the roster. (Roster size may be amended by SASA Board of Directors)

3.4 Substitution:

3.4.1 Unlimited with the consent of the referee:

3.4.2 Prior to throw-in only by team taking the throw-in

3.4.3 Prior to goal kick, by either team

3.4.4 After a goal is scored, by either team

3.4.5 during the half time interval

3.4.6 After referee has issued a caution, only the player cautioned.

3.4.7 Each team member MUST be allowed to play at least 50% of each game he/she attends, but

Is subject to Rule 3.9.3.1.

4. Law IV – The Player’s Equipment

4.1 Confirm to FIFA Laws of the Game plus:

4.2 Jersey’s must have a distinctive 4” number on the back

4.3 Home team will change jerseys, or wear pennies, if colors conflict.

NOTE: Shin guards are MANDATORY and must be covered entirely by the sock

5. Law V – The Referee

5.1 Confirm to FIFA Laws of the Game except does keep or report any scores

NOTE: All decisions made by a person, not registered as a referee, who officiates, are just as Binding and valid as if the person were a registered referee. Only referees registered with USSF may caution or send off players and/or discipline coaches or team officials.

6. Law VI – The Assistant Referee

6.1 Confirm to FIFA Laws of the Game

NOTE: Club linesman may only be used to indicate, to the referee, when the ball passes over the goal lines or the touch lines, however, the referee’s decision is final.

7. Law VII – The Duration of the Match

7.1 Matches are divided into two equal periods of 25 minutes each

7.2 Half-time Interval: will not exceed 5 minutes

8. Law VIII – The Start and Restart of Play

8.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

8.2 Opponents must be 8 yards from the ball at kickoff

9. Law IX – The Ball In and Out of Play

9.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

10. Law X – The Method of Scoring

10.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

11. Law XI – Offside

11.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

12. Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct

12.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

NOTE: Only a referee may caution or send off any player or coach.

Coaches, Assistant coaches, and trainers are subject to the same game disciplinary procedures, by the referee, as are players.

13. Law XIII – Free Kicks

13.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

13.2 All opponents at least 8 yards from the ball.

14. Law XIV – Penalty Kicks

14.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

14.2 All opponents at least 8 yards from the ball.

15. Law XV – The Throw-in

15.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

16. Law XVI – The Goal Kick

16.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

17. Law XVII – The Corner Kick

17.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

17.2 Opponents must be at least 8 yards from the ball.

NOTE TO PARENTS AND COACHES OF 9U/10U

The purpose of the small sided soccer games is to teach our youth to play soccer by playing with the ball. By limiting the number of players of the field, each player has more opportunities to touch the ball. The number of touches, on the ball, by each player, helps develop the player’s technique. More opportunities to touch the ball occur when all players are close to the ball. Playing a set position limits the player’s opportunity to touch the ball. No person, other than the Referee and the players should be on the field. Substitution players, parents/legal guardians, and other spectators should remain at least 4 feet away from the touch line, and preferably in the bleachers. NO spectator should run up and down the touch line during play. NO spectators are allowed within 10 feet of the ends of the field. Assistant coaches and substitutions should remain within 10 feet of the halfway line.

3.12.5 Modifications to the 11U – 19U

1. Law I – The Field of Play

1.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

NOTE: except in small sided games, in which the field size will be that of the 9U/10U division

2. Law II – The Ball

2.1 11U-12U USSF size 4

2.2 13U+ USSF size 5

3. Law III – The Number of Players

3.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game plus:

3.2 Each team shall consist of eleven players on the field, except in small sided games where the number of players on the field is eight.

3.3 A minimum of six players on a team is required to begin play

3.4 This age group DOES use goalies

3.5 For 11U through 15U, no more than 18 persons may be named on the roster.

3.6 For 16U through 19U, no more than 22 persons may be named on the roster.

(Roster size may be amended by SASA Board of Directors)

3.7 Substitution:

3.7.1 Unlimited with the consent of the referee:

3.7.2 Prior to throw-in only by team taking the throw-in

3.7.3 Prior to goal kick, by either team

3.7.4 After a goal is scored, by either team

3.7.5 During the half time interval

3.7.6 After referee has issued a caution, only the player cautioned.

3.8 Each team member MUST be allowed to play at least 50% of each game he/she attends.

4. Law IV – The Player's Equipment

4.1 Confirm to FIFA Laws of the Game plus:

4.2 Jersey's must have a distinctive 4" number on the back

4.3 Home team will change jerseys, or wear pennies, if colors conflict.

NOTE: Shin guards are MANDATORY and must be covered entirely by the sock

5. Law V – The Referee

5.1 Confirm to FIFA Laws of the Game except does NOT keep or report any scores

NOTE: All decisions made by a person, not registered as a referee, who officiates, are just as binding and valid as if the person were a registered referee. Only referees registered with USSF certification may caution or send off players and/or discipline coaches or team officials.

6. Law VI – The Assistant Referee

6.1 Confirm to FIFA Laws of the Game

NOTE: Club linesman may only be used to indicate, to the referee, when the ball passes over the goal lines or the touch lines, however, the referee's decision is final.

7. Law VII – The Duration of the Match

7.1 Confirm to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

7.2 11U and 12U: two equal periods of 30 minutes each

7.3 13U and 14U: two equal periods of 35 minutes each

7.4 15U and 16U: two equal periods of 40 minutes each

7.5 17U and older: two equal periods of 45 minutes each

7.6 Half-time Interval: will not exceed 5 minutes

8. Law VIII – The Start and Restart of Play

8.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

9. Law IX – The Ball In and Out of Play

9.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

10. Law X – The Method of Scoring

10.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

11. Law XI – Offside

11.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

12. Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct

12.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

NOTE: Only a referee may caution or send off any player or coach. Coaches, Assistant coaches, and trainers are subject to the same game disciplinary procedures, by the referee, as are players.

13. Law XIII – Free Kicks

13.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

14. Law XIV – Penalty Kicks

14.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

15. Law XV – The Throw-in

15.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

16. Law XVI – The Goal Kick

16.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

17. Law XVII – The Corner Kick

17.1 Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

NOTE TO PARENTS AND COACHES OF 11U+

The purpose of soccer games is to teach our youth to play soccer by playing with the ball. The number of touches, on the ball, by each player, helps to develop the player's technique. No person, other than the Referee and the players should be on the field. Substitution players, parents/legal guardians, and other spectators should remain at least 4 feet away from the touch line, and preferably in the bleachers. NO spectator should run up and down the touch line during play. NO spectators are allowed within 10 feet of the ends of the field. Assistant coaches and substitutions should remain within 10 feet of the halfway line. Soccer is a game for the players! It is not a game for the coaches and/or parents, who feel the need to control the youth's game. Parents/Legal Guardians and Coaches who feel the need to play the game for their child, instead of encouraging the player, are invited to join the adult soccer leagues available in San Angelo. Encourage the players and help them enjoy their game.

3.12.6 Modifications to Adult League Soccer 18U+ Co-Ed, Open, Men's, Women's

Law 1 – The Field of Play

1.1 Dimensions:

Length & Width: Varies depending on league

Small sided 9U/10 division field

Full Sided regulation field

Center Circle radius: 8 yards

Goal Area:

Width: 19 feet along goal line (3 feet outside each goal post)

Depth: 6 feet into field

Penalty Area:

Width: 35 yards along goal line (14 yards outside goal)

Depth: 14 yards into field

Penalty Arc Radius: 8 yards

Corner Arc radius: 2 feet

Goals:

Width: 21 feet between the posts

Height: 7 feet under the crossbar

Law 2 – The ball

USSF size 5

Law 3 – The Number of Players

Each team shall consist of eight players on the field in small sided and eleven players in full sided.

A minimum of six players on a team is required to begin play

This age group DOES use goalies

Substitution:

Unlimited with the consent of the referee:

Prior to throw-in only by team taking the throw-in

Prior to goal kick, by either team

After a goal is scored, by either team

During the half time interval

After referee has issued a caution, only the player cautioned.

Law 4 – The Player’s Equipment

Confirm to FIFA Laws of the Game plus:

Jersey’s must have a distinctive 4” number on the back

Home team will change jerseys, or wear pennies, if colors conflict.

NOTE: Shin guards are MANDATORY and must be covered entirely by the sock

Law 5 – The Referee

Confirm to FIFA Laws of the Game

NOTE: All decisions made by a person, not registered as a referee, who officiates, are just as binding and valid as if the person were a registered referee. Only referees registered with USSF may caution or send off players and/or discipline coaches or team officials.

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match

Matches are divided into two equal periods of 25 minutes each

Half-time Interval: will not exceed 5 minutes

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

Opponents must be 8 yards from the ball at kickoff

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

Law 11 – Offside

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

NOTE: Only a referee may caution or send off any player or coach. Coaches, Assistant coaches, and trainers are subject to the same game disciplinary procedures, by the referee, as are players.

Law 13 – Free Kicks

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

All opponents at least 8 yards from the ball.

Law 14 – Penalty Kicks

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

All opponents at least 8 yards from the ball.

Law 15 – The Throw-in

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

Law 16 – The Goal Kick

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game

Law 17 – The Corner Kick

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game except:

Opponents must be at least 8 yards from the ball.

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3.12 (Article X) **Rules of Play**

Games sanctioned by the San Angelo Soccer Association will be played under the rules published in the current edition of 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.**

Removal of modifications due to frequent changes of FIFA and NTSSA Rules of Play. SASA will follow these rules with no modifications.

Current

3.14.5 Academy –

A “Soccer Academy” is a group of Under 9 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. **Academies** teams will fall under the age group Commissioner for which they are in.

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3.14.5 Academy –

A “Soccer Academy” is a group of Under 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.

Changes made to follow 3.2.3 rule

Current

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**. The formation of an All-Star team requires the approval of the Age Group Commissioner.

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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 **11U-19U age divisions**. The formation of an All-Star team requires the approval of the Age Group Commissioner.

Changes made to follow 3.2.4 rule

Current

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.

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