

CROWLEY INDEPENDENT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

RULES OF PLAY AND REGULATIONS

1. FIFA RULES GOVERN

1.1 The laws of the game as promulgated by FIFA control except as provided hereafter by this Association.

1.2 The affiliate stepladder of rules is:

1. Federation International de Football Association (FIFA)
2. United States Soccer Federation (USSF)
3. United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA)
4. North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA)
5. Crowley Independent Soccer Association (CISA)

2. SEASONAL YEAR

2.1 The seasonal year shall begin on August 1st and end on July 31st of the following year

2.2 CISA shall have two (2) soccer seasons per soccer year: Fall (September through December) and Spring (February through June).

3. DEFINITION OF "RECREATIONAL", "ACADEMY", AND "SELECT" SOCCER TEAMS

3.1 CISA forms teams that are recreational in nature who participate in recreational leagues administered by CISA, or other associations who are members of NTSSA. It is the intent of CISA to insure that the recreational program is not abused by the formation of illegal recreational teams that may in fact be "select" teams.

3.2 Teams are classified as "recreational", "academy", or "select" (select teams are also called "tryout" or "competitive" teams) based on these criteria:

3.2.1 Recreational team

3.2.1.1 A team is classified as a recreational team if it is made up of players who are placed on teams based upon factors other than athletic ability. CISA permits teams to remain together from season to season; therefore, a player on such a team's roster for the immediate preceding season has the right to stay on the team for the next season (so long as they register prior to the prescribed deadline). The exception would be a returning fall player who did not play in the spring, would be eligible to return to his/her team if an opening on the roster was available. This abides with a North Texas ruling. No rostered indoor player is considered to be a returning player to an outdoor team unless they played in the previous fall or spring with that CISA recreational team. CISA must insure that all those rostered players have been contacted and given the opportunity to remain on that team. CISA considers contact to be defined as an announcement of registration is open sent to the player's mail or email address. Notice will also be placed on the web site.

3.2.1.2 New recreational teams and returning teams that need players are filled by the

Team Formation Committee on a territorial basis (e.g., neighborhood school, zip code, etc.). Only players in the Under 6 age group may request a specific coach or team.

3.2.1.3 Player's names must not be identified to the coach until the player is placed on the team. New and/or non-returning players shall not be considered as placed on any team until the team's roster is delivered to the coach of record at each pre-season coaches meeting. Only the head coach may request her or his child to be placed on to the team he or she is coaching. Each team's coach, assistant coach, team manager or other team representative shall not have authority to place any other player on a recreational team and has no authority to advise any other player that they are on a special team's roster.

3.2.1.4 For Under 11, 12, 13,14,15,16, and 19 playing age groups, players are assigned by the method described in paragraph 3.2.1.2 above when players are available in the player pool. If no players are available in the player pool, coaches of record may actively seek players of the proper age group within CISA to be added to the team as long as no methods are used to assess the ability of the player, and 1) the player is not presently registered on an existing team and 2) the player did not play for a returning recreational team during the previous season.

3.2.2 Academy team

3.2.2.1 A "Soccer Academy" is a group of Under 8 through Under 19 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 may or may not be on a recreational team. Academies are to be governed by NTSSA youth associations.

3.2.2.2 Players may join any Soccer Academy of their choosing within their age group, and are not required to obtain a release from their NTSSA recreational team to participate on an Academy team. Players must present a form of proof of registration signed by their home association registrar each time they participate with an Academy.

3.2.2.3 For the purpose of this rule, all players participating in a Soccer Academy who are also registered with CISA team shall, in the event of a conflict, consider the CISA team to be their primary team and the Soccer Academy team as a secondary commitment. In the case of a recreational game being scheduled in the same time period of an academy game, the recreational game shall be the game the player plays.

3.2.3 Select team

3.2.3.1 A team not formed of players assigned as defined in the above paragraphs is considered a select/competitive team.

4. BOUNDARIES

4.1 The boundary of CISA is the boundary of Crowley Independent School District.

4.2 A player must register with the association within whose boundaries that she/he resides with her/his parent(s) or guardians (s).

4.3 Players residing outside the CISA boundaries wishing to play on a CISA team must obtain a release from their home association to play on a CISA team.

5. DEFINITION OF YOUTH REGISTRANTS

5.1 Youth registration for soccer players under these CISA rules shall include all those registrants defined as youth by USSF, being male and female registrants under the age of nineteen years.

5.2 Age grouping for CISA play shall be :

Under 19 Under10

Under 16 Under 8

Under 14 Under 6

Under12 ** Age four (4) is the minimum age to play soccer

5.3 The age of a player for the purpose of league play shall be the player's age on July 31st of the immediately preceding soccer year. The current soccer year begins on August 1st and ends July 31st of the following year. Exception: Players who are 4 years of age before January 1st of the current soccer year will be permitted to participate in the Under 6 age division in the spring season.

5.4 Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, or birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency, board of health records, passport, alien registration card issued by the United States Government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, a Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the Uniformed Services of the United States, or a certificate of an American Citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate Government agency. Hospital, school, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted. CISA shall keep a copy of proof of age on all players.

6. PLAYER REGISTRATION

6.1 Registered Players

6.1.1 Only players registered shall be permitted to play in competitions under the auspices of this association. A coach, assistant coach, or administrator found to have knowingly allowed the use of an unregistered player(s) shall be suspended from all soccer activities for a minimum of one (1) year, and the team shall forfeit all games in which the unregistered player(s) participated.

6.1.2 Player registration and/or sign up form must come through the Registrar of CISA. The registration forms will go to the Team Formation Committee for team assignment.

6.1.3 No player may appear on a roster that has not been placed on the team by the Team Formation Committee.

6.1.4 Youth players may only be registered with one team at any given time during the soccer year. The exception will be that a recreational player may play with an academy. In the case of conflicting games, the recreational game will take precedent over the academy game.

6.1.5 Classification by age: A player's age group is decided by the player's age on July 31st of the immediately preceding seasonal year.

6.1.6 An individual player wishing to play up an age division (maximum 1 year up for U5-U10) may do so only upon the approval of CISA's Team Formation Committee after receiving the player's written request and acknowledgement that the player will be placed in the player pool for assignment by the Team Formation Committee. Such player may not request to be placed on a particular team. Players in the U11 and older group may play up 2 years. A player may not request to play in a younger division than their age dictates except by approval of the NTSSA State Executive Committee (NTSSA 3.9). Failure to comply with this rule shall result in the offending team forfeiting all the games in which the older player participated. Also, the coach, assistant coach, and/or manager of the offending team may be suspended for a period of not less than one (1) year.

6.1.7 A team wishing to play up out of their age division may do so if parents/guardians of all players on such team provide written notice to CISA of their desire to do so. Such team may not request the addition of any specific players to their roster; to the extent necessary to have the appropriate roster size in the older division, players may be added to such team's roster from those available within the player pool according to player placement criteria contained herein, without regard to keeping the team which is playing up age pure in nature. Any such team which chooses to play up an age group must play in the older division in all league games, tournaments, or other events under the auspices of CISA.

6.2 Definition of Registered Player

6.2.1 Player's name must appear on NTSSA approved roster form, properly signed by the CISA registrar. Players not on such roster or otherwise eligible to play with that team in a tournament through the proper use of guest player release forms are considered unregistered players. Any person forging the registrar's signature will be suspended from soccer activities for a period of not less than a year by the Board of Directors.

6.2.2 Must have furnished required proof of age.

6.2.3 Paid appropriate fees. Fees must be paid prior to participation in any practice, scrimmage, or league game.

6.3 Special Considerations and Financial Hardships

6.3.1 On a case by case basis, the Board of CISA will review application for financial assistance. Applications must be in writing by the parent/guardian. Absolute confidentiality and compassion shall be maintained.

6.3.2 Provisions for handicapped players playing in lower age groups must be approved by the NTSSA Youth Commissioner as well as the Board of CISA.

6.3.3 If a player was not registered in the previous soccer season and then returns to play soccer, he/she with the Board of Directors approval, and with the roster availability, may be placed on the team which he/she last played. An example would be a player plays in the fall but not in the spring; he/she may be placed on the team they last played on in the previous fall season.

6.4 Player Placement

6.4.1 Players are placed on CISA teams based on the following:

6.4.1.1 The Team Formation Committee will place players on teams after giving consideration to the following factors: age, gender, school, neighborhood, and zip code.

6.4.1.2 Siblings may request same team placement if within one (1) age group higher.

7 TEAM REGISTRATION AND FORMATION

7.1 Registration Format

7.1.1 Registration dates shall be determined by the Registrar with approval from CISA Board.

7.1.2 Player fees shall be received on or before the deadline date specified for each playing season unless specific arrangements have been made and confirmed.

7.1.3 Refund Policy:

Players are typically assigned to teams, uniforms purchased, and fees paid to NTSA, weeks in advance of practice and game scheduling. Therefore, once a player is registered, refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Board. There are NO REFUNDS for practice schedule conflicts, disagreement with coach, a decision not to play, or any other conflicts. A refund will be granted in the following situations:

1. The child cannot be placed on a team due to lack of players or coaches prior to the start of the season.
2. The child cannot play for medical reasons; a doctor's note must accompany the refund request.
3. At the sole discretion of the Board.

Refund requests must be in writing and either mailed to CISA at current address or emailed to a Board member.

7.1.4 Registration requirements will include any documentation required by USYSA, NTSSA, and CISA. No uniform will be issued to a player unless the association has received his/her birth certificate, all fees have been paid (unless a payment arrangement was made by the Registrar), and/or returned checks have been cleared and paid.

7.1.5 Registration will end on the date as approved by the Board of Directors. The date should be closely followed by the player team assignment by the Team Formation Committee. Players may not register after registration ends unless approved by the Board of Directors. Returning players that have not registered by the last published registration date, give up their right to remain on their returning team. The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may re-assign the returning player to their returning team or place the player in the player pool for team assignment. Players that register after the team assignments will be placed on teams that need additional players, by the Team Formation Committee. If space is not available, the registration form along with fees paid will be returned.

7.2 Player Pool

7.2.1 Experience players moving up individually, players left behind by a team moving up, and/or players not having a coach/team will go into the player pool for that age group. In the event that team vacancies cannot cover both new and experienced players, the assignments of previous CISA players for the most recent soccer season will have priority.

7.2.2 If necessary, established teams (without a returning coach or less than ½ of the team returning) may be dissolved to increase the player pool.

7.2.3 If requested by parents, siblings may be assigned to the same team, if the playing ages are within one (1) year.

7.2.4 The player pools will be age based, gender based (except Under 6 may be coed), school/neighborhood, and/or zip code.

7.3 Roster and Number of Players

7.3.1 No team shall be allowed more than eighteen (18) registered players at any given time. The exception will be the U17-19 teams, which may roster 22. Teams within the same age group will have

balanced rosters, within 1-2 players. An exception to this will be if a team has a larger number than the rest due to returning players.

7.3.2 No team roster shall contain more than twice the number of players on the field in league play.

7.3.3 No team shall be allowed more than the limits as set forth by CISA for teams playing small sided soccer unless approved by the Board of Directors. Those limits are: The Under 10 age group will have a maximum of twelve (12) and a minimum of eight (8) players. The number on the field during a game shall normally be seven (7), one of whom is a goalkeeper.

7.3.3.1 The Under 8 age group will have a maximum of nine (9) and a minimum of six (6) players for those playing with five (5) on the field or a maximum of ten (10) and a minimum of (7) for those playing with six (6) on the field. The Under 8 age group may play with a goalkeeper. This will be decided each season by the CISA board and communicated to the coaches at the preseason meeting.

7.3.3.2 The Under 6 age group will have a maximum of eight (8) and a minimum of five (5) players. The number on the field shall normally be four (4) without a goalkeeper.

7.3.4 A coach cannot refuse to accept an assigned player even if the player has not had previous playing experience.

7.4 Improper Registration

7.4.1 Any team playing an ineligible player shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player takes part.

7.4.2 Any coach, assistant coach or team manager who may be responsible for playing ineligible players or carrying "ghost" players on the roster shall be subject to suspension and/or other penalty as stipulated by the Board of Directors. When ghost players are discovered and single responsibility cannot be determined, the coach of record shall be deemed responsible.

7.4.3 A "ghost" player is defined as any player being carried on a team roster, prior to the deadline for deleting players, but who has not actively participated in practice or games, for the purpose of keeping the Team Formation Committee from adding players from the player pool.

7.4.4 All teams are subject to roster verifications and checks. Players practicing and/or playing shall be those on the official roster as filed by the Registrar/Age Group Commissioner to NTSSA. The Registrar/Age Group Commissioner shall be responsible for maintaining team rosters.

7.5 Processing Time Needed

7.5.1 A one (1) week processing time is mandatory on all requests for changes and/or copies of rosters, individual forms, add/delete/transfer forms, and any other documents that might be needed for tournaments or league play. All requests must be made through the CISA Registrar in writing.

8 RELEASE AND TRANSFERS

8.1 Releases NTSSA player release forms may be picked up through the CISA Registrar or NTSSA office by coaches, players, or parents. Player releases are subject to approval and must be completed as required by NTSSA.

8.2 Transfers

8.2.1 All players are limited to one transfer per soccer year.

8.2.2 A player may seek a transfer from the team currently registered. Once the player has been released; he/she will be placed in the player pool.

8.2.3 If a player changes from one team to another between the fall and spring season of any given year an NTSSA official Add/Delete/Transfer registration form will be forwarded to NTSSA. The form must be accompanied by the appropriate fees.

8.2.4 No more than three (3) players from any registered team may transfer to one single team. Even between spring and fall seasons.

8.2.5 A coach may also request to release a player by completing a "Request for Player Release" and must be completed as required by NTSSA. Acceptable reasons for release/transfers requested by the coach include but are not limited to: player willful evasion of practice and/or games, or serious misconduct. Any "Request for Player Release" of a recreational player must be reviewed by the Age Group Commissioner and acted upon by the CISA Board of Directors.(CISA)

8.2.6 A player transfer after participation in a league game, must be approved by the Board of Directors.

8.2.7 Players choosing to attend a competitive tryout, clinic or other soccer related activity shall abide by NTSSA rules.

8.3 Soccer Related Activities (NTSSA 3.10.1) See NTSSA rules for description of soccer related activities.

8.4 Soccer Camps/Clinics (NTSSA 3.10.2) See NTSSA rules concerning soccer camps/clinics.

8.5 Failure to Comply (NTSSA 3.10.3) Failure to comply with the paragraphs above may result in the offending coach, assistant coach, manager/trainer, and/or team representative being suspended from soccer activities for a period of not less than one (1) year.

9 RECRUITING

9.1 CISA has determined that "recruiting" as it applies to recreational soccer within our association, is: ...that action by any individual of one team who induces and/or entices, and/or causes to be induced and/or enticed, by word or action, a player of another team to seek release from the team to which said player is bound and attempt to join another team for any purpose. No coach, assistant coach, trainer, or team representative may practice any soccer related activity with any NTSSA registered player that does not appear on his current NTSSA roster or has a release from their coach of record or without appropriate guest player release from their coach of record.

9.2 Recruiting Attempts - Recruiting or attempting to recruit registered players from any CISA recreational team by anyone to play on any other recreational team is strictly prohibited. It is the spirit of recreational soccer which must supersede.

9.3 Offenders

9.3.1 Violators will be dealt with by the A&D/NTSSA Director of CISA.

9.3.2 Any individual found to be in violation of rules within the CISA governing "recruiting" shall be firmly dealt with by the Appeals and Discipline Committee. Action may include suspension of any soccer related activities.

9.3.3 Repeat offenders will be dealt with by the Board of Directors based upon a report and recommendations of the A&D/NTSSA Director.

10 TRYOUTS (NTSSA 4.8)

CISA does not allow tryouts for recreational teams.

11 UNREGISTERED/NON-SANCTIONED PLAY

See NTSSA rules concerning unregistered/non-sanctioned play.

12 PLAYERS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS RIGHTS

12.1 Players rights and Parents/Guardians rights concerning coaches, assistant coaches, team managers or anyone who offers or who is delegated any team responsibility.

12.2 If at any time during the course of the existence of a team that a coach, assistant coach, team manager or any said responsible individual exhibits irresponsibility or that character which may be deemed detrimental to the development of a player, that individual may be required to surrender his/her position.

12.3 Such requested action shall be submitted in writing to the Age Group Commissioner. If such request is signed by 50% of team parents (each child's family counting as one signature), the Appeals and Discipline Committee shall hear the grievance.

12.4 The A&D/NTSSA Director and the Appeals and Discipline Committee shall rule.

12.5 Offenders may be subject to suspension from all CISA soccer related activities.

13 CODE OF ETHICS/CONDUCT

13.1 Coaches Code of Ethics (NTSSA 11.1) - All coaches, assistant coaches, managers and team representatives in CISA shall abide by the NTSSA Code of Ethics for Coaches:

13.1.1 Responsibility to Players

13.1.1.1 The coach must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of the players. Winning should be the result of preparation and discipline with emphasis placed on the highest ideals and character traits.

13.1.1.2 Coaches shall instruct players to play within the spirit of the game at all times.

13.1.1.3 Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching unsportsmanlike behavior to players.

13.1.1.4 Coaches should not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.

13.1.1.5 Demands on players' time should never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals and progress. Motivation for excellence should include academics as well as athletics.

13.1.1.6 Coaches must never encourage players to violate NTSSA recruitment, eligibility, or guest player rules and policies.

13.1.1.7 Under no circumstances should coaches authorize or encourage the use of medicinal or performance-enhancing drugs. Players should be directed to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery. At no time should a player be put at risk by returning from injury prematurely or by being forced to play while injured.

13.1.2 Responsibility to NTSSA and Member Associations

13.1.2.1 Adherence to all NTSSA and Member Association rules and policies, especially those regarding eligibility, team formation, recruiting, and guest players is mandatory and should never be violated. It is the responsibility of every coach to know and understand these rules.

13.1.2.2 Player development and the growth of the player through participation is essential to the growth of the sport. Additionally, the coach must behave in such a manner that the principles, integrity, and dignity of the sport are maintained.

13.1.2.3 Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to the appropriate NTSSA Commissioner, Member Association, or Director of Leagues immediately.

13.1.3 Responsibility to Laws of the Game

13.1.3.1 Coaches should be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the laws of the game of soccer. Coaches are also responsible to ensure that their players understand the intent as well as the application of the laws.

13.1.3.2 Coaches must adhere to the letter and spirit of the laws of the game. Those coaches who circumvent the rules to gain advantage have no place in soccer.

13.1.3.3 Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with the intent of injuring opposing players,

13.1.3.4 If coaches permit, encourage, or condone performance which is not in the letter or spirit of the laws, they are derelict in their responsibility to players, Member Associations, NTSSA, and the sport worldwide. The coach must strive constantly to teach good sporting behavior.

13.1.4 Responsibility to Officials

13.1.4.1 Officials must have the support of coaches, players, and spectators. Criticism of officials undermines their purpose in the game. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players.

13.1.4.2 Coaches should strive to develop a line of communication with officials, giving each an opportunity to better understand the problems relating to their specific area. This shall not be taken as encouragement to debate referee decisions during the game.

13.1.4.3 On games day, officials should be treated with respect before, during, and after the game. Officials should be addressed as "Referee" or "Mr./Ms. Referee" and not by name. Professional respect should be mutual and there should be no demeaning dialogue or gesture between official, coach, or player. Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of play.

13.1.4.4 Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.

13.1.5 Responsibility Regarding Scouting and Recruiting

13.1.5.1 It is unethical to scout any team, by any means whatsoever, except in regularly scheduled games.

13.1.5.2 The use of video tape or motion picture equipment to scout an opponent's regularly scheduled games for the purpose of recruiting is unethical.

13.1.5.3 All NTSSA rules pertaining to recruiting shall be strictly observed by the coach, manager, or any team representative.

13.1.5.4 It is unethical to recruit player(s) actively playing for another team.

13.1.5.5 It is unethical for a player to be recruited or enticed from the Olympic Development Program (ODP) setting, either by his ODP coach or any other coach, manager, parent, or team representative.

13.1.5.6 When discussing the advantages of his/her organization, the coach has an ethical obligation to be forthright and refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding other coaches, teams, and organizations.

13.1.5.7 It is unethical for any coach to make a statement to a prospective athlete which cannot be fulfilled; illegal to promise any kind of compensation or inducement for play; and immoral to deliver same.

13.1.5.8 Allegations of illegal or unethical recruiting are very serious and should be based on concrete facts rather than hearsay and innuendo. While documentation of recruiting violations is essential, the use of video tape and other electronic equipment is discouraged.

13.1.6 Responsibility of Public Relations

13.1.6.1 Coaches have a responsibility to promote the game of soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents, or the media should be positive and constructive, never prejudicial or inflammatory.

13.1.6.2 When asked to give a recommendation concerning team, camp, coach or organization, it is in the best interest of all concerned if no less than three referrals are given in order to provide a professional unbiased source of information.

13.1.6.3 Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly when in public while representing their team, Member Association, and NTSSA.

13.1.6.4 Publicly predicting a win is folly and serves no useful place in a coach's public image.

13.1.6.5 Comments stressing injuries, team, personnel conflicts, or disciplinary problems as an excuse for a loss or unsuccessful endeavor are detrimental and should be avoided.

13.1.6.6 It is unethical for a coach to solicit alumni, parents, booster club, or managers to pressure organizations, Member Associations, or NTSSA to alter established rules. The coach must not attempt to influence these organizations in political or financial dealings outside the framework of their own rules and bylaws.

13.1.6.7 The media should be allowed access to the players for comment. Players should be instructed in how to conduct themselves during an interview.

13.1.7 Game Day and Other Responsibilities

13.1.7.1 A coach's behavior must be such as to bring credit to himself, his organization, and the sport of soccer. This is never more evident than on the day of the contest.

13.1.7.2 Rival coaches shall meet prior to the game and exchange friendly greetings. While the concept of rivalry is wholly embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.

13.1.7.3 During play, coaches have a responsibility to be as inconspicuous as possible. Coaches shall exhibit a respectful attitude towards players. The coach must confine her/himself to the coaching area. The attitude of the coach towards officials, spectators, opposing players and coaches should be controlled and undemonstrative.

13.1.7.4 It shall be unethical for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an opposing coach or bench during the game. Hostile physical contact with a player is considered highly unethical.

13.1.7.5 The coach's foremost post game responsibility is her/his team.

13.1.7.6 Coaches should use their influence on unfriendly spectators who demonstrate intimidating behavior towards officials and opposing teams.

13.2 Parents Code of Conduct (NTSSA 11.2) - All parents are to be familiar with and abide by the Parents Code of Conduct set forth in the NTSSA rules.

13.2.1 All parents of CISA players shall abide by the Parent's Code of Conduct:

13.2.1.1 Children have more need of example than criticism.

13.2.2 Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.

13.2.3 Be kind to your child's coach and officials. The coach is a volunteer, giving of her or his personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child.

13.2.4 The opponents are necessary friends. Without them your child could not participate.

13.2.5 Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.

13.2.6 Do not openly question an official's judgment and honesty. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship.

13.2.7 Accept the results of each game. Encourage your child to be gracious in victory, and to turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement.

13.2.8 Remember your children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment—not yours.

13.2.9 Encourage your child to always play by the rules. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.

13.2.10 Support all effort to remove verbal and physical abuse from your child's sporting activities.

13.2.11 Remember that soccer is a team sport. Encourage your child to work with his or her teammates. Avoid giving special rewards to your child for scoring. No one player wins or loses a game.

13.3 USYSA Player's Code

13.3.1 Play the game for the games' sake.

13.3.2 Be generous when you win.

13.3.3 Be grateful when you lose.

13.3.4 Be fair always no matter what the cost.

13.3.5 Obey the laws of the game.

13.3.6 Work for the good of your team.

13.3.7 Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.

13.3.8 Believe in the honesty of your opponents.

13.3.9 Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.

14 CISA RULES OF COMPETITION

The rules of play for youth competition of NTSSA and its affiliated members shall be the FIFA Laws of the Game, modified only as to the following:

1. Size of the fields for various age groups/Law I
2. Size of the ball for various age groups/Law II
3. Number of Players varies from Law III (and substitutions)
4. Assistant referee allowing for certified junior linesman/Law VI

5. Duration of Game for various age groups/Law VII

6. Charging the Goalkeeper/Law XII

7. Developmental Rules for Under 6, Under 8, & Under 10 (CISA 15)

14.1 Law I Field of Play (NTSSA 3.14.1) - Realizing that we must generally accept and play upon fields furnished by the various organizations, the following are only recommended field and goal sizes by NTSSA.

AGE MINIMUM MINIMUM GOAL SIZE GROUP FIELD WIDTH FIELD LENGTH

U 16 & U-19 70 yards 120 yards 8 ft X 8 yards

U-12 & U14 60 yards 100 yards 8 ft X 8 yards

U 10 40 yards 50 yards 7 ft X 7 yards

U 8 30 yards 50 yards 5 ft X 12 ft

U6 20 yards 30 yards 4 ft X 6 ft

14.2 Law II The Ball (NTSSA 3.14.2)

Ball sizes for various age groups will be as follows:

Under 19 Size 5

Under 16 Size 5

Under 14 Size 5

Under 12 Size 4

Under 10 Size 4

Under 8 Size 3

Under 6 Size 3

14.3 Law III Number of Players and Substitutions (NTSSA 3.14.3)

14.3.1 Developmental Modified Soccer Rule Under 6, Under 8 and Under 10 teams will play in accordance with the Associations developmental program modified playing rules for their group.

14.3.1.1 Substitution Rule - Youth (NTSSA 3.14.3-2)

14.3.1.1.1 At a throw-on, by team in possession only

14.3.1.1.2 either team, at a goal kick

14.3.1.1.3 either team, after a goal is scored

14.3.1.1.4 either team at an injury, when the referee stops the play

14.3.1.1.5 at quarter and/or half-time

14.3.1.1.6 when a caution (yellow card) is given, that player may be substituted for

14.3.1.1.7 there is unlimited substitution in youth competition with the exceptions outlined in developmental modified soccer rules

14.3.1.2 Each recreational player, when present at the game, shall be required to play the minimum of 50% of the time, unless the player's time has been reduced for medical or disciplinary reasons, in which case the coach must notify the player, and the opposing coach prior to the beginning of the game that the minimum time has been reduced (consistent non-attendance at practice and non-payment of fees may be cause for disciplinary action).

(NTSSA 3.14.3-3) - Note: CISA requires that the appropriate age group commissioner be notified prior to the game as well as the referee.

14.4 Law IV Player Equipment (NTSSA 3.14.4)

14.4.1 Each Player shall have a number on the back of his/her jersey not less than 4 inches high and no duplicate numbers.

14.4.2 Shin guards, meeting the standards set forth in the FIFA Laws of the Game or subsequent memoranda, shall be mandatory.

14.5 Law V Referee (NTSSA 3.14.5)

14.6 Law VI Assistant Referee (NTSSA 3.14.6) - Specifically trained and certified Junior Assistant Referee may be used in place of the neutral referee/assistant referee. Their infraction calling authority is limited to ball in and out of play, direction of throw in, goal kick, and off side.

14.7 Law VII Duration of Game (NTSSA 3.14.7)

Age Groups Length of Games Half Time

Under 19 two 45 min halves 5 min

Under 16 two 40 min halves 5 min

Under 14 two 35 min halves 5 min

Under 12 two 30 min halves 5 min

Under 10 two 25 min halves 5 min

Under 8 four 12 min QTRS * 5 min

Under 6 four 10 min QTRS * 5 min

* Two minute break between quarters 1 & 2 and quarters 3 & 4(CISA)

14.8 Law VIII Start of Play (NTSSA 3.14.8)

14.9 Law IX Ball in and out of Play (NTSSA 3.14.9)

14.10 Law X Method of Scoring (NTSSA 3.14.10)

14.11 Law XI Off-Side (NTSSA 3.14.11)

14.12 Law XII Fouls and Misconduct (NTSSA 3.14.12)

14.12.1 Charging the goalkeeper in possession of the ball is NOT ALLOWED in any youth play in NTSSA. Possession is defined as: one or two hands on the ball, holding it, bouncing it, tossing it up and catching it, or patting it along the ground".

14.12.2 It is not intentional “hand-ball”_ offense for any player to attempt to protect the vital areas of his or her body(chest, crotch, face) by placing hands or arms across them to protect them from being struck at close range by the ball. The match referee shall be the sole judge of whether the hands or arms were used to deliberately propel the ball.

14.12.3 Coaches and assistant coaches are subject to the same game disciplinary procedures by the referee as are the players, i.e., cautions and/or ejections.

14.13 Law XIII Free Kick (NTSSA 3.14.13)

14.14 Law XIV Penalty Kick (NTSSA 3.14.14)

14.15 Law XV Throw-In (NTSSA 3.14.15)

14.16 Law XVI Goal Kick (NTSSA 3.14.16)

14.17 Law XVII Corner Kick (NTSSA 3.14.17)

15 DEVELOPMENTAL MODIFIED SOCCER

15.1 The philosophy of modified soccer is to have fun and teach the younger child skills and sportsmanship in a manner that is consistent with the child's emotional, physical and mental development. Modified soccer should emphasize enjoyment over competition and offer maximum playing time for each child that allows the most opportunity for touches on the ball.

15.2 League standings will not be recorded for the purpose of awarding trophies in the Under 6 and Under 8 age divisions.

15.3 Players in the Under 6 and Under 8 age divisions will receive participation trophies.

15.4 All infractions shall be briefly explained by the referee to players and if necessary to coaches.

15.5 All players, parents, coaches and spectators should shake hands after each game as good examples for youth to follow.

15.6 Coaches, non-playing players and parents/spectators should be located not less than 1 yard from the touch line and within 10 yards of the half-line along the touchline. In U8, no person shall be closer than 10 yards to the goal line.

15.7 No person shall be allowed to run the length of the field except participants of the game. No spectators will be allowed behind the goal line. Spectators should confine themselves to the coaching area.

15.8 Coaching from the sidelines (by parents or coaches) should be held to a minimum during game time.

15.9 UNDER 6 MODIFIED PLAYING RULES

LAW I - THE FIELD

1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.

2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.

3. A center circle with a three (3) yard radius.

4. Four corner arcs each with a one (1) foot radius.

5. Goal area - three (3) yards arc from the center of the goal post

LAW II - THE BALL

Size three (3).

LAW III - NUMBER OF PLAYERS

1. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time – Four (4) No goalkeeper.
2. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed – Eight (8), recommended is 6.
3. Substitutions:
 - A. Injuries.
 - B. At the beginning of each quarter.
4. Playing Time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time in each game regardless of ability.
5. Teams and games may be co-ed.

LAW IV - PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

Players equipment must conform to FIFA with the exceptions that a player may wear tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes. No baseball cleats, no jewelry or metal hair clips. Shin guards are mandatory and must be under the socks against the skin. No socks pulled over the shin guard.

LAW V - REFEREE

1. Registered Referee.
2. Associate Referees.
3. Parent/Coach or Assistant.
4. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
5. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
6. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players.

LAW VI - ASSISTANT REFEREE

Not used

LAW VII - DURATION OF GAME

1. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal ten (10) minute quarters.

2. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarter one (1) and quarter two (2), and another two (2) minute break between quarters three (3) and four (4).

3. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between quarters two (2) and three (3). Water breaks can be granted by the association during high heat situations or if both coaches agree prior to the game and the referee is notified. Players must remain on the field during the water break.

LAW VIII - THE START OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

1. Opponents must be three (3) yards from the center mark while kicking off is in progress.
2. Each quarter will start with a kick off, alternating teams.
3. All kicks are indirect, including kick-offs. No goal may be scored.

LAW IX - BALL IN AN OUT OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA.

LAW X - METHOD OF SCORING

No score will be kept

LAW XI - OFF-SIDE

There shall be no off-sides.

LAW XII - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

1. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents three (3) yards away.
2. The Referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.
3. No caution or ejections shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral referee.
4. No slide tackling will be allowed
5. Playing the ball while the player is on the ground is allowed if there is no danger to any player. This is the referee's decision to allow or stop play.

LAW XIII - FREE KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions.

1. Shall be classified under one heading - indirect.

2. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
3. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team's goal arc.

LAW XIV - PENALTY KICK

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

LAW XV - THROW-IN

U5-No throw in's are allowed. The ball will be returned to play by a kick in. If the ball does not enter the field of play, the player will be allowed to redo the kick in until the ball is placed into play

U6- A decision will be made each season as to whether the U6 program does kick in's or throw-in's. Under either choice, the player will be allowed on redo if the ball fails to enter the field properly.

LAW XVI - GOAL KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

1. Goal kick may be taken from any point inside the goal arc.
2. Opponents must be three (3) yards away from the ball.

LAW XVII - CORNER KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exception opponents must be three (3) yards away from the ball.
15.10 UNDER 8 MODIFIED PLAYING RULES

LAW I - THE FIELD

1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
3. A center circle with a five (5) yard radius.
4. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.
5. Goal area – three (3) yards from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. A second box will be seven (7) yards from each goal post and seven (7) yards in the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

LAW II - THE BALL

Size three (3).

LAW III - NUMBER OF PLAYERS

1. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time – Five (5)/Six (6). If playing 5 v 5, no goalkeeper will be allowed. If playing 6 v 6, a goalkeeper is allowed. The decision to play 5 v 5 or 6 v 6 will be made prior to the season and the coaches informed at the coaches meeting.
2. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed ten (10) for 5 verses 5-recommended (8) and twelve (12) for 6 verses 6-recommended ten (10).
3. Substitutions:
 - A. Injuries.
 - B. At the beginning of each quarter.
4. Playing Time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time in each game regardless of ability.

LAW IV - PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

Players equipment must conform to FIFA with the exceptions that a player may wear tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes. No baseball cleats, no jewelry or metal hair clips. Shin guards are mandatory and must be under the socks against the skin. No socks pulled over the shin guard. If play allows a goalkeeper, the keeper must wear a different color from their team and the opposing team.

LAW V - REFEREE

1. Registered Referee.
2. Associate Referees.
3. Parent/Coach or Assistant.
4. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
5. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
6. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players.

LAW VI - ASSISTANT REFEREE

Not used

LAW VII - DURATION OF GAME

1. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal twelve (12) minute quarters.
2. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarter one (1) and quarter two (2), and another two (2) minute break between quarters three (3) and four (4).
3. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between quarters two (2) and three (3). Water breaks can be granted by the association during high heat situations or if both coaches agree prior to the game and the referee is notified. Players must remain on the field during the water break.

LAW VIII - THE START OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

1. Opponents must be five (5) yards from the center mark while kicking off is in progress.
2. Each quarter will start with a kick off, alternating teams.
3. All kicks are indirect, including kick-offs. No goal may be scored.

LAW IX - BALL IN AN OUT OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA.

LAW X - METHOD OF SCORING

No score will be kept

LAW XI - OFF-SIDE

There shall be no off-sides.

LAW XII - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

1. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents five (5) yards away.
2. The Referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.
3. No caution or ejections shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral referee.
4. No slide tackling will be allowed.
5. Playing the ball while the player is on the ground is allowed if there is no danger to any player. This is the referee's decision to allow or stop play.

LAW XIII - FREE KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions.

1. Shall be classified under one heading - indirect.
2. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
3. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team's goal arc.
4. Opponents must be five (5) yards away the ball.

LAW XIV - PENALTY KICK

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

LAW XV - THROW-IN

Throw in's are allowed. If the 1st attempt fails to be a proper throw in, a retake will be allowed. The second attempt will result in active play.

LAW XVI - GOAL KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

1. Goal kick may be taken from any point inside the goal box.
2. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball or if a 2 box system is used, the ball must clear the second box before it can be played.

LAW XVII - CORNER KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exception opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.

15.11 UNDER 10 MODIFIED PLAYING RULES

LAW I - THE FIELD

1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
3. A center circle with an eight (8) yard radius.
4. Four corner arcs, each with a two (2) foot radius.
5. Goal area –six (6) yards from the center of the goal and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
6. Penalty area- fourteen (14) yards from the center of the goal and fourteen (14) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
7. Penalty spot-eight (8) yards out from the center of the goal line.

LAW II – THE BALL

Size four (4).

LAW III - NUMBER OF PLAYERS

1. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is seven (7). One of whom must be a goalkeeper.

2. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed twelve (12).
3. Substitutions:
 - A. Prior to a throw-in, in your favor.
 - B. Prior to a goal-kick, by either team.
 - C. After a goal, by either team.
 - D. After an injury, by either team, when the Referee stops the play.
 - E. At half time.
4. Playing Time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

LAW IV - PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

Players equipment must conform to FIFA with the following exception that a player may wear tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.

LAW V - REFEREE

1. Registered Referee.
2. Associate Referees.
3. Parent/Coach or Assistant.
4. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
5. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
6. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players.

LAW VI - ASSISTANT REFEREE

Use club assistant referee.

LAW VII - DURATION OF GAME

1. The game shall be divided into two (2) equal halves of twenty-five (25) minutes each.
2. Half-time break shall be five (5) minutes.

LAW VIII - THE START OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA with the following exception: opponents must be eight (8) yards from the center mark while kicking off is in progress.

LAW IX - BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA.

LAW X - METHOD OF SCORING

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XI - OFF-SIDE

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XII - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XIII - FREE KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exception: opponents must be eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.

LAW XIV - PENALTY KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exception: opponents must be eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.

LAW XV - THROW-IN

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XVI - GOAL KICK

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XVII - CORNER KICK

Opponents must be eight (8) yards away from the ball

16 LEAGUE STANDINGS

16.1 League Standing Determination

16.1.1 League standings will be recorded for CISA in the age divisions of Under 10, 12, 14, 16, and 19 for the purpose of awarding trophies. Those teams participating in leagues sponsored by associations or

organizations other than CISA will receive trophies based on the sponsoring association's or organization's policy (i.e. placement).

16.1.2 Final scores will be recorded to determine division standings.

16.1.3 Correctly filled out game reports are to be left in the mailbox at CISA fields. Game scores will be reported according to the Metroplex current system. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of game points for any games not reported in the above manner, at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Game reports must be made on forms provided by CISA and filled out completely and correctly. Game reports not filled out correctly may be returned for corrections or forfeiture of points for the game, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

16.1.4 The standings will be determined by the following point system. (CISA)

16.1.4.1 win - 3 points

16.1.4.2 loss - 0 points

16.1.4.3 tie - 1 point

16.1.5 In case two or more teams are tied in points for trophy place at the completion of the regular season, tie breakers are determined by the Metroplex.

16.1.6 CISA will be award trophies to any CISA team, who finishes in first or second place in their division of the Metroplex.

16.2 Divisional Make-up Divisions are set by the Metroplex commissioners, in coordination with CISA, at the beginning of the season and cannot change once the schedule is made. (CISA)

16.3 Referees

16.3.1 Jurisdiction: The referee is in control of field and all activities thereon from the time of his/her arrival at the field until he/she has left the parking lot. REFEREE DECISIONS ARE FINAL. Any incidence of assault or violence toward a referee will not be tolerated and will be very harshly dealt with. The referee/association may involve the police in this incident. Complaints concerning the conduct of CISA referees are to be properly submitted in writing to CISA through the appropriate Age Group Commissioner and Referee Assignor. Please also note the issue on the game sheet. (For those issues involving a referee not in CISA, the Metroplex VP and Referee Liason are to be notified as well as CISA.) Email addresses are on the Metroplex web site. The Referee Assignor will coordinate the investigation and disposal per NTSSA guidelines. (CISA)

16.3.2 Responsibility of the referee is to insure the safety of the players and to enforce the Laws of the Game as defined by FIFA, USSF, NTSSA, and CISA.

16.3.3 A referee is assigned to games on their qualifications and experience level as determined by the CISA Referee Assignor. Coaches are reminded that a referee's qualifications cannot be determined by visual inspections. Referees are only permitted to cover games assigned by the Referee Assignor. Referees are entitled to rest breaks.

16.3.4 Do not approach a referee to discuss game incidents or calls during the game. Open communication with the Referee at halftime and after the game is allowed within the guidelines of Coaches Code of Ethics. The referee is still acting in their capacity as an official and may therefore issue cautions, etc., if an individual continues or attempts to discuss game related incidents or calls in an inappropriate manner. (CISA)

16.3.5 Linesmen: Specifically trained and/or certified "Junior Linesmen" may be used by member associations. Their infraction calling authority is limited to ball in and out of play, direction of throw in, goal kick, and offside. (NTSSA 3.14.6 , CISA modified)

17 DISCIPLINE

17.1 Appeals and Disciplinary Committee The Appeals and Disciplinary Committee (A&D Committee) will meet for all disciplinary action warranted by a referee misconduct report or complaint. (CISA)

17.2 A&D Committee Procedures and Composition This committee shall be chaired and coordinated by the A&D/NTSSA Director. (CISA)

17.2.1 Every individual receiving a yellow card (caution) is entitled to attend the disciplinary hearing regarding the misconduct report. Attendance is not mandatory for a caution. (CISA)

17.2.2 The A&D/NTSSA Director will notify all parties of the date and time of the hearing. (CISA)

17.2.3 Members of the Appeals and Discipline Committee Make-up of this committee is specified in 10.1 of the CISA's Bylaws.

17.3 Points - For playing groups in which caution/ejection points are maintained, CISA will endorse the NTSSA point system as the minimum disciplinary guidelines.

17.4 Red Cards

17.4.1 CISA retains the right, at CISA's discretion, to hold A&D hearings on red cards given to CISA teams that participate in leagues sponsored by other organizations or associations. The CISA hearing is in addition to those hearings held by the sponsoring organization or associations. CISA may assess additional penalties above those imposed by the sponsoring organization or association. However, CISA recognizes the authority of the sponsoring organization or association and supports their findings.

17.4.2 After receiving a red card (ejection), player and coach must attend their disciplinary hearing.

17.4.3 If a coach is unable to attend, no meeting will be rescheduled for the team's convenience. Further penalties may be assessed. Notification of the hearing date and time on the red card (ejection) shall be forwarded to the coach of record by certified mail.

17.5 Distribution CISA will make these rules available to every youth player, coach, team manager, league administrator and referee upon request. It is intended that the player and/or coach will make known the contents of these rules to his or her players parents and spectators. For simplicity these rules reflect NTSSA or USSF rules as applicable and are often not duplicated into the CISA rules. Coaches, parents and players are expected to be familiar with the NTSSA and USSF rules in addition to CISA specific rules.

17.6 Authority (NTSSA 3.11.1)

17.6.1 All members and participants in youth soccer within the jurisdiction of CISA and NTSSA have requested to participate in our programs. Therefore, those participants have agreed to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of NTSSA and CISA, as well as those of USSF and its respective youth and senior divisions. The NTSSA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws provide that it has jurisdiction over all member playing associations, players, coaches, team managers, administrators and referees who choose to affiliate.

17.6.2 CISA has been directed to form its own appeals and disciplinary committee and to hold hearings with the parties having the right to be present on every player/coach/assistant coach cautioned or ejected and on referee's reports of serious misconduct by spectators and/or parents as required by subsequent sections of NTSSA 3.11. This association is required to furnish the NTSSA State Office with a maintained up-to-date list of the A&D chairman and committee members and to include their addresses and phone numbers.

17.7 Misconduct (NTSSA 3.11) - Misconduct will be handled in accordance with NTSSA rules regarding such actions. CISA reserves the right to impose additional penalties beyond the minimums specified by NTSSA at the discretion of the A&D Committee.

17.8 Appellate Procedures

17.8.1 All those under the jurisdiction of CISA are reminded that they must exhaust all appellate procedures of this association on all matters covered by these rules before NTSSA can acquire jurisdiction to hear the appeal under its rules. (NTSSA 3.11.9-1)

17.8.2 CISA may set the rules of hearings and may restrict the number of witnesses, and the time allotted to each. It may also determine whether it wants to allow closed or open hearings. (NTSSA 3.11.9-2)

17.8.3 An appeal of decisions made by CISA A&D Committee will be made to the CISA Board of Directors in accordance with procedures established in this section.(NTSSA 3.11.9-6)

17.8.4 An appeal of decisions presented to CISA Board will be: (NTSSA 3.11.9-8)

17.8.4.1 In writing

17.8.4.2 Made to the President of CISA within five (5) days of receipt of written notice of the A&D committee decision(s).

17.8.4.3 Fees, as specified, will be in cash or certified check and will accompany the written notice of appeal.

17.8.4.4 Filing fees for appeals under no circumstance will be waived, fees will be refunded to the appealing party only if the decision is overruled. Fees will be: (NTSSA 3.11.9-9)

17.8.4.4.1 All players appeals \$50

17.8.4.4.2 \$25 paid by player & \$25 paid by coach

17.8.4.4.3 All coach and referee appeals \$100

17.8.4.4.4 All team appeals \$100

17.9 Suspension - Players, coaches, and/or spectators may be suspended from the CISA Complex by the decision of the CISA A&D Committee

18 REGISTRATION/LICENSE OF COACHES

18.1 Each person, who at any time could be expected to be performing duties (coach, assistant coach, team manager, referee, board member) with any registered youth player, must have on file a completed Consent for Criminal Background Check (NTSSA Adult Application). This is done by accessing the link on the CISA web site prior to any involvement with players.

18.2 The Board will approve all persons applying for positions, such as, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and/or Managers.

18.3 Any Coach offering or participating in individual/team practices, soccer camp, skills camp, tournaments, and/or similar activities involving youth player, must be registered with and hold a current valid NTSSA coaches ID card.

18.5 A copy of CISA's By-laws and Rules and Regulations (including the Code of Ethics provided by NTSSA) will be made available to all Coaches/Assistant Coaches/Managers.

18.6 All coaches will have one year to obtain their coaching license. A minimum of a G license is required.

19 GAME PROTEST

19.1 There are only two (2) acceptable causes for the protesting of a game after it has been played. They are:

19.1.1 A team knowingly plays an unregistered, ineligible, or suspended player

19.1.2 There has been an obvious error made in the application of the Laws of the Game that directly affects the outcomes of the match, and the referee acknowledges it.

19.2 No protests can even be entertained if they are based on the judgment decisions made by the referee during play. The Laws of the Game clearly state in Law V (Referees) that..."a referee shall be appointed to officiate each game...his decision are to be final, so far as the result of the game is concerned". A game cannot be protested because one coach, or both coaches, for that matter think the referee was incompetent. This is a matter to be handled through the local referee's group or State Referee Committee.

19.3 Any protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, crossbars, or other appurtenances shall be made to the referee before the match. The referee shall require the responsible team to remove the cause of the objection, if possible, without unduly delaying the match.

19.4 Any protest must be filed in writing by the coach within forty- eight (48) hours of the alleged occurrence. Said protest may be filed with the A & D Chairman or the President of the Association. The written protest shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, or cash in the amount of fifty(\$50.00) dollars. The A & D Chairman shall then be responsible for convening a meeting of the A & D Committee within seven (7) days from the date of the written protest was received, to consider the protest. If the protesting team prevails, the fifty (\$50.00) shall be refunded. If the protest is disallowed, the fifty (\$50.00) shall accrue to the treasury of the association.

20 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

For each age division (U10 through U19), CISA will send one (1) representative team from the boys and one (1) representative team from the girls. These teams will be determined from a fall tournament held in October. CISA will pay the entry fee and performance bond for each team. However, if a team registers, then does not compete, that team will be responsible for the performance bond to CISA.

21 CISA FIELD RULES

21.1 Items prohibited from the CISA complex

21.1.1 Alcoholic beverages, weapons, and controlled substances are prohibited inside the soccer complex or on any soccer field, parking lot, or adjacent parking lot. Use of any tobacco product in the soccer complex or any soccer field under CISA control is prohibited. Smoking will only be permitted in the parking areas.

21.1.2 Glass containers (pop bottles, gator aid jars, etc.) are prohibited inside the soccer complex or at any other official soccer game on any field.

21.1.3 Littering the fields will not be tolerated. Each team is responsible for leaving their side of the field clean.

21.1.4 No dogs or other animals are allowed in the complex or any soccer field.

21.1.5 Park only in designated areas. No unauthorized vehicles will be allowed on the soccer complex.

21.1.6 Observe all signs.

21.1.7 Noise generating devices or voice amplification devices (i.e. cow bells, air horns, bull horns, etc.)

21.2 Field Usage Only those teams which have permission to use the field may do so. Field usage for friendly games must be cleared through the Property Manager.

21.3 Field of Play

21.3.1 All home games will normally be played at the CISA Soccer Complex. The U15 and above may play in Arlington.

21.3.2 The home team shall sit on the North or West side of the playing field. Whenever possible, teams shall occupy the benches on the opposite sides of the field.

21.4 Field Equipment

The association will provide for each field the following:

Two goal nets

4 Corner flags*

One Referee

Two Assistant Referees (U10,U12,U14,U16 and U19 only)

Bibs will be available for wear when there is a uniform color conflict

*Teams playing in Arlington will be provided with 2 corner flags

21.5 Player Uniforms

21.5.1 Uniforms shall conform to USSF rules. "Skin" games will not be permitted.

21.5.2 The goalkeeper shall have a different color jersey from both teams.

21.5.3 Existing teams shall have priority on colors of uniforms. Coaches shall contact the Equipment Commissioner for approval of a particular jersey color.

21.5.4 If at any time two playing teams wear the same color jersey, the home team shall change the jersey for that game. If the home team fails to change jerseys within ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start of a game, the home team will forfeit the game.

21.6 Referees

21.6.1 All Referees in U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16, and U-19 age groups shall be USSF licensed referees and wear the official uniform and badge of that Association. Referees in U-6 and U-8 age groups need not be USSF licensed but shall be approved by the Referee Assignor. (CISA)

21.6.2 In case a USSF licensed referee is not available, fails to appear, or is incapacitated during the game with no licensed official available, someone from an approved list prepared by the Referee Assignor will be assigned with the agreement of both coaches. However, neither coaches nor managers can referee games of their own teams or games of teams playing in their own age group. (CISA) Under 6 and Under 8 games are excluded from this rule.

21.6.3 Referees shall indicate to the players involved, all infractions which have been committed.

21.6.4 All complaints concerning referees other than referee assaults must be submitted in writing using a Game/Referee Protest form to the Referee Assignor not more than forty-eight (48) hours after the incident. All matters concerning assaults on Referees or Assistant Referees shall rest immediately in the NTSSA. (CISA)

21.7 Game Forfeiture

21.7.1 The Play of an ineligible player will constitute a forfeit.

21.7.1.1 The playing of anyone outside the age limits of the team shall result in forfeiture of all games and points from said games, in which said player has participated .

21.7.1.2 The playing of anyone for whom the Registrar holds no contract as required in these rules shall result in the forfeiture of all games and points, in which said player participated. (CISA)

21.7.1.3 The playing of a suspended player in a game will result in the forfeiture of all games and points, in which the said player participated in, while under suspension. (CISA)

21.7.2 Insufficient number of players

21.7.2.1 The U-12, U-14, U-16, and U-19 Age Groups require a minimum of eight (8) eligible players to begin play no later than ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start of play. If sufficient players are ejected to fall below the minimum of eight (8) players on the field, the game will be declared a forfeit in favor of the other team.

21.7.2.2 The U-10 Age Group requires a minimum of five (5) eligible players to begin play no later than ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start of play. If sufficient players are ejected to fall below the minimum of five players on the field, the game will be declared a forfeit in favor of the other team. The teams may decide to play a friendly with the remaining players and/or parents. The referee may/may not assist with the game.

21.7.2.3 The U-8 Age Group requires a minimum of four (4) eligible players to begin play no later than ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start of play. If sufficient players are ejected to fall below the minimum of 4 players on the field, the game will be declared a forfeit in favor of the other team. In the case that a team does not have enough players to play, the other team will play down to that number or give a player to the opposing team. If the other team fails to arrive after ten (10) minutes, it is recommended that the parents play the players. It is CISA's philosophy, that this age group should be allowed to play whenever the opportunity presents itself.

21.7.2.4 The U-6 Age Group requires a minimum of three (3) eligible players to begin play no later than ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start of play. If sufficient players are ejected to fall below the minimum of 3 players on the field, the game will be declared a forfeit in favor of the other team. In the case that a team does not have enough players to play, the other team will play down to that number or give a player to the opposing team. If the other team fails to arrive after ten (10) minutes, it is recommended that the parents play the players. It is CISA's philosophy, that this age group should be allowed to play whenever the opportunity presents itself.

21.7.3 A team failing to start within ten (10) minutes after the referee has ordered the team take the field, shall forfeit the game.

21.7.4 Teams refusing to play or continue a game after being ordered to do so by the referee shall automatically be suspended pending a ruling of the A&D Committee.

21.7.5 A team failing to appear to any scheduled game with no prior notice and approval of the appropriate Age Group Commissioner shall forfeit.

21.7.6 A team who improperly postpones or reschedules a game will forfeit at the Age Group Commissioners discretion.

21.7.7 All forfeits shall be 3-0, for a total of ten (10) points for the non-forfeiting team. If both teams forfeit, 0 points will be awarded to each team. (CISA)

21.8 Foul Weather Procedure

21.8.1 The Referee Assignor has final authority to postpone a game because of weather conditions. His/her decision will be based on conditions of the playing field and general welfare of the players. The Property Manager shall be consulted to determine playing field conditions. The Referee Assignor will update the rainout number with information on the fields and games status.

21.8.2 If the rainout number states the fields are open, all teams must report to the playing field ready to play unless coaches are previously notified by an Age Group Commissioner or Referee Assignor. Every attempt will be made to notify teams traveling to CISA as soon as possible when a game must be postponed. Coaches must not assume a game has been postponed unless they have been specifically advised by the Referee or CISA.

21.8.3 The penalty for failure to follow this rule (no show) is forfeiture of the game and the game will not be rescheduled.

21.9 Rescheduling and Postponing Games

21.9.1 The Age Group Commissioner is the point of contact to reschedule a game. Games cannot be postponed by a coach or coaches without a minimum of forty-eight hours notice to the Age Group Commissioner. This is to ensure that the Referee Assignor can be sufficiently notified. The forty eight hour notice may be waived by approval of the Referee Assignor and the President.

21.9.2 Postponed games must be rescheduled no later than 72 hours after the original game time. If a game date cannot be agreed upon within 72 hours, the team that requested the postponement shall forfeit. This rule does not apply if the team requesting the postponement waives their right to bargain the makeup date and allows the opposing team to pick the date and time.

21.9.3 Once the schedules are distributed, CISA games will be rescheduled at the Age Group Commissioner's discretion. Games may not be postponed if one team will gain an advantage by the postponement. Acceptable reasons to postpone a game include: (1)insufficient number of players due to a school function or (2) a tournament. School functions are defined as; any school sanctioned extracurricular activity in which a player participates such as a sports event, UIL competition etc. A three day weekend would not be considered a school sanctioned activity.

21.10 Sportsmanship

It is the responsibility of all spectators, coaches, and players to exhibit good sportsmanship to their team and the opposition. It is CISA's belief that all adults set an example for our youth. Dissent from a spectator that is ruled unsportsmanlike by the referee will result in a warning to the coach to control his sidelines. In the event the spectator continues his/her dissent, the referee will request the removal of that spectator. The referee may also have the coach leave. The coach must be informed of this possibility when he/she is warned about the spectator's behavior.

22. GENERAL PROVISIONS

22.1 Conflict of Interest

No Board member shall use their position on the Board or special information obtained by being on the Board to their advantage of their team. This includes early practicing due to any prior knowledge about team formation, special team formation requests, etc.

22.2 Concessions

The CISA concession stand will be leased out to a person(s) willing to operate the stand during the entire season. If no one can be found to operate the stand, then each team will be responsible to provide coverage for the stand for a 2 to 4 hour period. A schedule would be developed by the Property Manager.

22.3 CISA Fundraiser

Since the cost of providing soccer and improvements to the complex are not completely covered each season, CISA may opt to conduct a fundraiser each season. All association members are required to participate in the fund raising program in one (1) of the following ways during the season: Take the fund raising item(s) and make a concerted effort to sell all items or pay the opt out fee per child. The opt out fee would be set each soccer season.

22.4 Team Fundraising

Each team may conduct fundraisers for the team to offset costs of attending a tournament.

22.5 Schedules

Any special requests for the team's schedule must be given to the Appropriate Age Group Commissioner prior to the Metroplex meeting for U9 and up. The U6 and U8 program must have their requests in 2 weeks prior to the start date for the season. Requests after those dates may not be honored. CISA will do its best to accommodate as many of these as possible. Once the schedule is set, the rescheduling of games will be done only for reasons of weather-related cancellations or a school function. Any team requests for scheduling accommodations must be done by the specified date before the start of the season. CISA has concluded that it is an unmanageable, inefficient, confusing, and counter-productive situation to reschedule games once the schedule has been distributed.

22.6 Changes and Amendments of these Rules

The Crowley Soccer Playing Rules may be amended, modified, or superseded at the CISA meetings. However, the playing rule amendments, modifications, or superseding playing rules will not take effect until the beginning of the immediately following Soccer Season, unless each coach is notified of the change, in which case the change will take effect immediately. Requests for an amendment or modifications must be in written form, submitted to the Secretary of CISA 14 days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the association. The secretary will then post at the soccer complex (during the season) and the website, the notice of requested amendments or modifications, 7 days prior to the vote.

22.7 Distribution of Rules

Each coach will initially be informed of these rules. These rules will be available on the CISA web site. Additional copies of these rules will be available through CISA and may be purchased at CISA's cost. Coaches will be advised of any changes in the rules at the coaches meetings prior to the start of each season. These rules may also be posted on the website.

22.8 Initial Adoption

These rules shall initially take effect upon adoption at the August 3, 2005 regular meeting of CISA.