

**WEST TEXAS MEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION BYLAWS**  
**(Proposed May 2004)**

**Article I.** The Executive Board. The Executive Board shall **A)** transact all business of the Association; **B)** be empowered to enforce the Laws of the Game, the Rules of the USSF, the Rules of the NTSSA, and the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules of the Association; **C)** hold meetings at the discretion of the President, at times and locations appointed by him; **D)** hear and decide appeals; **E)** maintain the budget and finances of the Association; **F)** establish dues, fees, and assessments payable each season by each member team; **G)** maintain the Standing Rules of the Association.

**Article II.** The President. The President shall **A)** preside at all Association meetings and Executive Board meetings; **B)** cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote at an Association meeting or an Executive Board meeting; **C)** appoint, task, and dissolve/remove special committees and special committee chairmen, at his discretion; **D)** attend and/or appoint delegates to attend meetings of other associations; **E)** give timely notice to each Executive Board member of each meeting of the Executive Board; **F)** co-sign with the Treasurer all checks payable by the Association; **G)** sign all sponsorship agreements concluded by the Association; **H)** submit at least annually a written report to the Association.

**Article III.** Commissioner. The Commissioner shall **A)** conduct regular season play, including governance of the competition schemes, competition rules, and playing schedules; **B)** maintain a record of official game results; **C)** maintain a list of disciplinary actions taken against participants in the Association; **D)** succeed to the powers of the President in his absence; **E) each division may have its own commissioner to perform the Commissioner duties for that division.**

**Article IV.** The Secretary. The Secretary shall **A)** record the minutes of all Association meetings and Executive Board meetings; **B)** maintain a list of member teams and their official delegates; **C)** give timely notice of scheduled Association meetings to official delegates of member teams; **D)** draft and attend to all correspondence of the Association and the Executive Board; **E) have primary responsibility to maintain and update the Association website.**

**Article V.** The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall **A)** take charge of all monies of the Association; **B)** collect all dues, fees, and assessments; **C)** pay all bills approved by the Executive Board; **D)** keep detailed account of receipts and expenditures; **E)** file taxes on behalf of the Association; **F)** be bonded; **G)** present at all Association meetings a current, written financial statement.

**Article VI.** The Registrar. The Registrar shall **A)** be responsible for the registration of all players participating on member teams of the Association; **B)** ensure the eligibility of all players.

**Article VII.** The Appeals and Discipline Chairman. The Appeals and Discipline Chairman shall **A)** serve as the chairman of the Appeals and Discipline Committee; **B)** call meetings of the Appeals and Discipline Committee as necessary; **C)** cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote at an Appeals and Discipline Committee meeting.

**Article VIII.** The Fields and Equipment Chairman. The Fields and Equipment Chairman shall **A)** be responsible for the acquisition of playing fields and equipment; **B)** ensure the readiness of playing fields and equipment.

**Article IX.** The Referee Chairman. The Referee Chairman shall **A)** be responsible for coordinating all referee affairs; **B)** serve as an advisor to the Appeals and Discipline Committee.

**Article X.** The Immediate Past President. The Immediate Past President shall **A)** serve as an advisor to the Executive Board; **B)** have a vote in Executive Board and Association meetings.

**Article XI.** Any member of the Executive Board who misses three (3) consecutive Executive Board meetings or one (1) Association meeting shall be removed from office, unless the Executive Board excuses him.

**Article XII.** Vacancies on the Executive Board and Special Elections. **A)** A vacancy on the Executive Board shall be filled by Presidential appointment. **B)** The President may call a special election for the purpose of filling such a vacancy. **C)** An appointee to office on the Executive Board shall hold office until the next Association meeting, at which time a special election for his office shall be held. **D)** An officer installed by special election shall hold office until his predecessor's intended term expires, at which time an election for his office shall be held. **E)** Should the President be unable to fulfill the term for which he was elected, the Commissioner shall succeed to the powers of the President until a special election for that office can be held.

**Article XIII.** Removal of Officers. **A)** Any member of the Executive Board shall be required to resign following a vote of no-confidence in his ability to fulfill the duties of his office. **B)** A no-confidence motion must be passed at an Association meeting by vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting membership present. **C)** Immediately upon removal of an Executive Board member, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

**Article XIV.** The Appeals and Discipline Committee. The Appeals and Discipline Committee shall **A)** be a standing committee; **B)** be chaired by the Appeals and Discipline Committee Chairman; **C)** be composed of the official delegate of each member team and any at-large member(s) elected by the Association, any of whom shall recuse himself from any hearing in which he or his team may be interested; **D)** be advised by the Commissioner and the Referee Chairman, neither of whom shall have a vote.

**Article XV.** The Special Committees and Special Committee Chairmen. The Special Committees and Special Committee Chairmen **A)** shall be appointed, tasked, and dissolvable/removable by the President; **B)** may include, but need not be restricted to, **i)** Budget and Finance, **ii)** Rules and Regulations, **iii)** Referee Conduct, **iv)** Publicity and Publications, and **v)** Nominating.

**Article XVI.** Sponsorship. **A)** A business or individual may sponsor the Association, any member team, and/or any player registered under a member team. **B)** The terms of any sponsorship of the Association shall be stated in a written agreement, negotiated and signed by the President of the Association and the sponsor. **C)** The statement shall include mention of the

Association's eligibility to receive tax-deductible contributions in accordance with § 170 of the Federal Tax Code, pursuant to its joint filing with the NTSSA, a charitable organization as described in § 501(c)(3) of the Federal Tax Code. **D)** The statement shall include a good faith estimate of the value of the goods or services that the sponsor will receive from the Association. **E)** The terms of such an agreement may provide for, but need not be restricted to, **i)** the purchase of equipment or clothing for use by the Association and/or its member teams, **ii)** the printing of a sponsor's logo and/or name on such equipment and/or clothing, **iii)** the display of sponsor advertising at a game venue, **iv)** the inclusion of a sponsor's name in Association publications and/or in coverage of the Association by the news media, **v)** the inclusion of a sponsor's name in the title of an Association-sponsored cup competition or tournament. **F)** A sponsorship agreement shall not contravene federal, state, or municipal law, the Laws of the Game, the Rules and Regulations of the USSF or of the NTSSA, or the Constitution, Bylaws, or Standing Rules of the Association. **G)** Sponsor names, logos, and/or advertising must be tasteful. **H)** Funds donated to the Association shall be collected by the Treasurer, who shall provide to the donor a receipt. **I)** Donated funds shall be deposited in the Association's general fund. **J)** Donated funds shall be expended by the Executive Board in accordance as far as possible with the terms of the written agreement. **K)** All member teams and players registered under member teams shall be encouraged to solicit sponsorship for the Association. **L)** Sponsorship of a member team or of a player registered under a member team shall not contravene the Laws of the Game, the Rules and Regulations of the USSF or of the NTSSA, or the Constitution, Bylaws, or Standing Rules of the Association.

**Article XVII.** Extraordinary Meetings of the Association. **A)** The Executive Board may at any time for any good cause call an extraordinary meeting of the Association. **B)** Written, simultaneous petition of no less than thirty percent (30%) of the Association membership shall require an extraordinary meeting of the Association. **C)** An extraordinary meeting of the Association shall be indistinct from an ordinary meeting, excepting the unusual date of its being convened.

**Article XVIII.** Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at any Association meeting by majority vote of the voting membership present.