

Texoma Adult Soccer League Rules

The following rules govern the TSA Adult Soccer League. These rules are adjustments to the FIFA Laws of the Game and except for situations where these local association adjustments apply, the FIFA Laws of the Game will be used.

These rules are subject to change without notice but we will make every effort to publish and notify the coaches and players immediately when a change occurs.

Game Day Rules

- 11 v 11, variable option with narrowed field play available
- 40 minute halves
- 7 players required to start
- Two female players required on the field at all times, if only one female player available at any point throughout the game, that team must play a player down. Lack of female players at all results in a forfeit.
- No age restrictions on field players other than state restrictions regarding youth play in adult divisions
- Uniforms must be complete with permanent affixed number and different colors for all teams
- Game time is forfeit time - NO grace period
- Max roster is 18
- Rule disputes (Laws of the Game are not disputable) shall be arbitrated by the TSA president, league commissioner, and referee director. If any of these positions are also players, then another person shall be appointed to hear the dispute that is NOT a player but is a board member, coach, or referee. The referee position may only be replaced by another senior referee who is at least a Grade 7 referee.

- You may form your own teams or we can place you on a team. If you want to form your own team please contact adultsoccer@texomasoccer.org or text (903) 271-7454

Player Cards

- Each player must have a Player Card issued by TSA at each game or the player will not be allowed to play.

Woman Goal Worth 2

- Women's goals: 2 points including deflection by female attacker. If a female player shoots the ball and the ball which was, already on its way into the goal, strikes a defender and goes into the goal it will still be a female goal and worth 2 goals for the attacking team. If a female player shoots the ball and the ball was NOT already going into the net but strikes any defending player and goes into the goal, it will be considered an own goal worth only one goal for the attacking team. If a female player shoots the ball and the ball strikes an attacking male player and is redirected into the net by that deflection, the shot is no longer considered a female player's shot and is only worth one, whether or not the ball was going into the net prior to the male attacker touching the ball. Keeper is neutral and a deflection off of the keeper does not affect the goal count whether the ball was going into the net prior or not. Referee's discretion will be the determining factor on the awarding of goals in any determination with this rule.

Substitutions

- Substitutions are allowed by referee's discretion at any stoppage of play.

Slide Tackling

- Slide tackling is not allowed. Slide tackling is defined as a play where any player intentionally tackles an opponent who has control of the ball and comes in contact with the playing surface with any part of their body other than the soles of their feet. Slide tackling without any contact with either the opponent or the ball is a Foul. Slide tackling where any contact is made on the opponent or the ball will be considered Unsporting Behavior and a Caution (yellow card) will be issued to the offender. Any Slide Tackle that the Referee feels is

made using excessive force will be considered as Serious Foul Play and will result in the offending player being shown a Red Card and that player will be dismissed from the game.

Fighting

Any adult player found guilty of fighting by the reviewing A&D committee will be subject to a fine of no less than \$100 and a minimum 3 game suspension.

Yellow and Red Card Penalties and Point Accumulation

- 2 yellow cards in one game are the equivalent of a red card. All fines and penalties associated with a red card are applicable to the second yellow. A player will be shown the second yellow and then the red card.
- The penalty for receiving a red card during a game is ejection from the game, a mandatory suspension from the next game, and a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25). The player will receive his player card back when he pays the fine to the TSA Adult Commissioner, President, or Treasurer, and turns in the sit-out verification form signed by the referee of the game the player was suspended from. Any player receiving a red card may be subject to further disciplinary action if deemed necessary by TSA.
- Any player receiving multiple yellow or red cards throughout a soccer season will receive suspensions based off of the NTSSA Bylaws and Rules, 3.11.3 “Cumulative Twelve (12) Point System”. All cards are subject to further A&D review and possible further penalties or suspensions.
- Send-Off Accumulation-
 - a. First send-off - One game suspension and \$25 fine
 - b. Second send-off - Two game suspension and \$50 fine
 - c. Third send-off - Suspension pending A&D hearing and \$75 fine
- From NTSSA Rule 3.11.3, When the players/coaches/team representatives/spectators of a given team have accumulated a combined point limit for that team, based on five (5) points per scheduled league game, per season, as described in the **“CUMULATIVE TWELVE (12) POINT SYSTEM”** in Rule 3.11.3, the Amateur Member Association will notify the North Texas State Soccer Association Appeals & Disciplinary Committee. (TSA Example: For

an eight (8) game season, the combined point limit will be forty (40) points.) The team will be required to appear before the **NTSSA** Appeals & Disciplinary Committee to explain the team's continued misconduct.

- The North Texas State Soccer Association will not hesitate to deny teams, coaches, managers, team representatives or players within its jurisdiction, the privilege of further participation in all or selected soccer activities within its jurisdiction for repeated offenses and for serious offenses considered to bring the game into disrepute. A probation period and/or other sanctions may be rendered to teams, coaches, managers, team representatives or players for violation of this rule.

Team Fines -

- playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player - \$50

— All player and team fine payments will go to TSA's financial aid fund

Respect the Referees

Please treat the referees as you would want others to treat you. Do not expect to have a perfect game called every game. If there is a question, only ONE player, preferably an assigned captain, should approach a referee on the field for clarification of a rule or call. Any player, coach, or manager that follows a referee off the field or to their vehicle to continue a conversation will be issued an automatic one game suspension and will be subject to an A&D hearing. When a referee cuts off a conversation and leaves the field, that is the end of the conversation. If you feel attention needs to be called to your field during a game, please find a field marshal, or call/text (903) 271-7454. Please respect and support our referees, because, without them, soccer games cannot be played.

TSA WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY BAD BEHAVIOR AT THE FIELD TOWARD OUR REFEREES, LEAGUE OFFICIALS, COACHES, OR PLAYERS. ALL REPORTS OF ABUSE CAN RESULT IN SUSPENSION.