

LAWS OF THE GAME

This booklet provides a small overview of our association and the Laws of the Game. To access the Laws of the Game in their entirety, please visit our website. You will first look in the WSA Laws of the Game, if you cannot find a specific item that you are looking for, you will then look for the item in the Best Southwest Playing League, then the North Texas State Soccer Association, then US Youth Soccer and finally, FIFA.

CONTACT US

We exist to help you and your team navigate the exciting world of soccer. We love questions and are here to help! Please contact us if we can be of any assistance!

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Coach Information



Waxahachie Soccer
Fall 2022

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MY ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Enter your GotSport account information here so that you do not forget it:

Username:

Password:

SEASONAL INFORMATION

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| 8/16 | Coach Meeting |
| 8/20 | Coaching 101 (for all new Head Coaches to WSA) |
| 8/19 | Seeding Forms Due Practices should start this week |
| 8/19 | 4U-6U Uniform Colors Due All 7U and older teams should order their uniforms by today |
| | Season Begins |
| 10/22 | Team Pictures |
| 10/29- 10/30 | Midnight Monster Madness Tournament |
| 11/4 | End-of-Season Coach Meeting and Trophy Handout |
| | Rainout Weekend |
| | Last Possible Weekend for Games |

There will be ten (10) games scheduled over about a 13 week period of time. If a coach requests a weekend off during the season – those games will be placed onto weeknights.

Schedule requests must be emailed to the President a *minimum* of 10 days prior to the match. You must include the game information (such as date, game number, time, location and opponent) and the reason for the request.

In order to guarantee a specific day off, you **MUST** use it as one of your exceptions on your Seeding Form. Teams are only allowed a maximum of two requested days off.

COACHES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing below I certify that I have read/will read the information contained within this Coaches Guidebook which was last revised in Spring 2022.

I agree that I will abide by all playing rules set forth by WSA, BSW, NTX, USSF and FIFA including; but not limited to the following:

1. Respecting the referees and not performing any type of abuse or assault as defined by NTX.
2. Playing each player 50% of each game so long as they have attended practices and are not under disciplinary suspension.
3. Refraining from the recruitment of any players from any teams at any time to leave their recreational or club team.
4. Refraining from gaining a score differential of more than 6 goals. To do this I will take every action I can including changing my players field positions, implementing a pass rule and even removing players from the field.

I understand that I will be allowed to make two schedule requests for the entire season. If I choose to not make those requests on my Seeding Form, then I must make those requests at least 10 days prior to the scheduled game. I will make all schedule requests to the president. I understand that they are merely requests and may not be granted.

I agree that if I choose not to coach my team next season that I will make every effort possible to find a replacement coach among my team parents so that the players have the opportunity to continue to play with each other. Regardless of whether I decide to coach again or not, I will contact each player on my roster to let them know that registration for the next season has begun.

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

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If you need to forfeit a game, it is required by Best Southwest and North Texas that you contact your commissioner ASAP. Hopefully we will be able to contact the opposing team so they do not drive to their game. We expect this same courtesy from the teams in other cities.

Schedules will be released the **week before the first games**. All schedules are done by a third party and therefore we cannot control their release date. The schedules will be available thru your GotSport account as well as on our website. Once you receive the schedule, please distribute it to your team.

Each team is allowed to make two schedule requests (aka exceptions) each season. Please make these requests on your Seeding Form. If you choose to not make these requests on your Seeding Form, you will need to submit your schedule request to your commissioner at least 10 days prior to the requested day off. Please remember that these are merely requests.

Every team *must* have an assistant coach. Please ask one of the parents on your team to complete the coach registration process to be listed as an assistant coach. Only coaches who have completed the coach registration process will receive an ID badge, be listed on the Game Report and be allowed to coach a game. If no coach is available within 15 minutes of game start time – the team will receive a forfeit.

Team pictures will be scheduled for you by WSA and will be based on your game time for that day. We will try to schedule you for a time before your game which still allows you to drive to your game and warm-up. If we cannot accomplish this, you will be given a time after your game which will allow you to drive from your game and time to clean-up.

Uniforms for 4U-6U are supplied by WSA, you will receive them about 1 week before the season starts. Coaches in 7U-18U are responsible for ordering their team's uniforms. You can use any supplier that you'd like, we suggest Score Sports. Each parent must pay for their child's uniform. Please keep the cost reasonable. Order your uniforms ASAP to ensure on-time delivery.

COACH REGISTRATION

All coaches must register as a coach, complete a background check and submit their required certifications – this includes assistant coaches. These steps must be completed *once* per soccer year. A soccer year begins on July 1 and runs thru June 30 of the following year.

This means that if this is the Spring season and you coached (or asst coached) in the Fall season, you do not have to complete these steps.

We have tried to make this process as easy as possible for our coaches. In order to become a coach – please visit the Coach page of our website (www.waxahachiesoccer.org) and see 'Become A Coach'. You will follow the steps provided there.

PRINTING GAME REPORTS

All teams *must* bring a printed game report to all games. Failure to provide a game report within 15 minutes of game time could result in a forfeit for your team.

Follow these instructions to print a game report (**must be done from the desktop version, not mobile**).

1. Go to GotSport by either selecting the GotSport logo from any page on the WSA website, or by entering the url: www.gotsport.com
2. Login using the ID and password you created when registering.
3. Select 'Team Management'
4. From the menu on the left, select 'Matches'
5. Find the match that you wish to print, then select the three dots on the far right side of the screen for that match (you may have to scroll over or zoom out on your screen)
6. Select 'Print Match Card' and then 'Standard'
7. Print this sheet and give to the referee when you check-in at your game

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VIRTUAL PLAYER CHECK-IN

At this time, GotSport does not have an app available. You will use your web browser to access GotSport for Virtual Player Check-In.

As a reminder; coaches CANNOT use virtual check-in. Coaches *MUST* wear their ID badge displayed for the entirety of each game.

1. Login to your GotSport account
2. Select 'Team Management'
3. Select your team
4. Select 'Team Registrations'
5. Select the recreational event for this season (i.e. "2021-2022 Recreational")
6. Select 'Documents and ID's'
7. Select 'Virtual Cards'
8. Hand your device to the referee so that they can swipe thru each player picture to check them in

PRINTING PLAYER ID'S

Virtual check-in may be the easiest way to complete Player Check-In, but it is not always the most reliable. It is always a good idea to have a back-up option in case your device is unable to get signal.

1. Login to your GotSport account
2. Select 'Team Management'
3. Select 'Matches' from the menu on the left
4. Find the match that you will be playing in and select the three dots on the far right side (you may have to scroll over)
5. Select 'Print Match Card'
6. Select 'Photo' from Game Sheet Type and then Export.

You can use this Match Card to also check your players in. It is best to NOT use this as the Match Card to give the referee for the game. You will want to give the referee the Match Card that lists the names of both teams players on it for the official Game Report.

COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

1. MUST register as a coach and complete a background check. (Once per soccer year). Background checks must be approved.
2. MUST complete the concussion awareness video
3. MUST complete the SafeSport online training (Once per soccer year).
4. Will choose team name
5. Will choose uniform color and will order uniforms for team (U4-U6 will only choose color, WSA will order uniforms)
6. Will determine location, time and days of practices.
7. Will contact each player on official roster to introduce yourself and give the information for team practices.
8. Is responsible for ensuring that all players have a current picture of *just their face* loaded to their account.
9. Is responsible for communicating with team to inform of WSA information, practice schedules, game schedules and rainout information.
10. Will hand out team awards at the end of the season. All U8 and below will receive a participation trophy, U10 and older will receive awards if they place 1st-3rd in the age bracket division.
11. Will be responsible for informing team of when registration opens for the following season – even if the coach is not returning to coach.
12. Will be responsible for attempting to secure a coach for the team if the coach is choosing not to return – so that the players have the opportunity to continue to play together.

WSA *highly* suggests that you obtain a team parent to help with communication and to organize a team party. Your team parent can register as a team manager (the same way you registered and completed your coach background check) – this will give the parent access to the team account so that they can send emails and texts straight from GotSport.

NTSSA COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

ARTICLE VI - RESPONSIBILITY OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

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.
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.
3. Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly when in public while representing their team, Member Association, and NTSSA.
4. Publicly predicting a win is folly and serves no useful place in a coach's public image.
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.
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.
7. The media should be allowed access to the players for comment. Players should be instructed in how to conduct themselves during an interview.

ARTICLE VII - GAME DAY AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

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.
2. Rival coaches should meet prior to the game and exchange friendly or professional greetings. While the concept of rivalry is wholly embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.
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 him/herself to the coaching area. The attitude of the coach towards officials, spectators, opposing players and coaches should be controlled and undemonstrative.
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.
5. The coach's foremost post-game responsibility is his/her team.
6. Coaches should use their influence on unfriendly spectators that demonstrate intimidating behavior towards officials and opposing teams.
7. Coaches must act in a professional manner at all times when in the presence of players, whether at games, practices, or in any other setting. A coach demonstrating behavior that could be considered by a reasonable person to be irrational, inappropriate, or unbecoming an adult will not be tolerated. Examples of such behavior include, but are not limited to, the following: · Lewd gestures or remarks · Overly critical remarks · Ranting and raving · Snide or demeaning remarks · Threatening behavior or remarks · Physical confrontations · Temper outbursts

All Member Associations are directed to form their own ethics committee and to hold hearings-- WITH THE PARTIES HAVING THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT--on alleged violations of the Code of Ethics when properly submitted.

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ARTICLE III - RESPONSIBILITY TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME

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.
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.
3. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with the intent of causing injury to opposing players.
4. If coaches permit, encourage, or condone performance that 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.

ARTICLE IV - RESPONSIBILITY TO OFFICIALS

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.
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 section shall not be taken as an encouragement to debate referee decisions during the match.
3. On game 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.
4. Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.

ARTICLE V - RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING SCOUTING AND RECRUITING

1. It is unethical to scout any team, by any means whatsoever, except in regularly scheduled games.
2. The use of videotape or motion picture equipment to scout an opponent's regularly scheduled games for the purpose of recruiting is unethical.
3. All NTSSA rules pertaining to recruiting shall be strictly observed by the coach, manager, or any team representative.
4. It is unethical to recruit player(s) actively playing for another team.
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.
6. When discussing the advantages of his organization, the coach has an ethical obligation to be forthright and refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding other coaches, teams, and organizations.
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.
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 videotape and other electronic equipment is discouraged.

AGE LEVEL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

UNDER 4

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| 3v3 (NO goalie) | 6 Minute Quarters 2 Minute Quarter Breaks 5 Minute Halftime | Size 3 Ball |
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Only Substitute Player at a Quarter/Halftime Break or if a Player is Injured

- ONE coach (with an ID badge) can be on the field to help encourage players to run in the correct direction. Coaches must remain out of center section of field (i.e. can only run along their sideline) and can never step into the goal box, stand in front of any player, physically touch a player or impede play in any way.
- NO ONE may be behind the goal line of the field at any time, for any purpose.
- Coach is responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players and their spectators. Referee abuse *will not* be tolerated.

UNDER 5/6

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| 4v4 (NO goalie) | 8 Minute Quarters 2 Minute Quarter Breaks 5 Minute Halftime | Size 3 Ball |
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Only Substitute Player at a Quarter/Halftime Break or if a Player is Injured

- No Coaches on the field
- NO ONE may be behind the goal line of the field at any time, for any purpose.
- Coach is responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players and their spectators. Referee abuse *will not* be tolerated.

UNDER 7/8

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| 4v4 (NO goalie) | 10 Minute Quarters 2 Minute Quarter Breaks 5 Minute Halftime | Size 3 Ball |
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May substitute a player at halftime, goal kick, throw-in, or injury. Ball must be In your possession or other team's possession after they call for a substitute.

- NO ONE may be behind the goal line of the field at any time, for any purpose.
- Coach is responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players and their spectators. Referee abuse *will not* be tolerated.

AGE LEVEL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

UNDER 9/10

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| 7v7 (6 + Goalie) | 25 Minute Halves 5 Minute Halftime | Size 4 Ball |
| May substitute a player at halftime, goal kick, throw-in (your team's possession), or injury. | | |

- NO ONE may be behind the goal line of the field at any time, for any purpose.
- Coach is responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players and their spectators. Referee abuse *will not* be tolerated.
- Build out line will be used.

UNDER 11/12

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| 9v9 (8 + Goalie) | 30 Minute Halves 5 Minute Halftime | Size 4 Ball |
| May substitute a player at halftime, goal kick, throw-in (your team's possession), or injury. | | |

- NO ONE may be behind the goal line of the field at any time, for any purpose.
- Coach is responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players and their spectators. Referee abuse *will not* be tolerated.

UNDER 13/14

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| 11v11 (10 + Goalie) | 35 Minute Halves 5 Minute Halftime | Size 5 Ball |
| May substitute a player at halftime, goal kick, throw-in (your team's possession), or injury. | | |

- Coach is responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players and their spectators. Referee abuse *will not* be tolerated.

UNDER 15/16

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| 11v11 (10 + Goalie) | 40 Minute Halves 5 Minute Halftime | Size 5 Ball |
| May substitute a player at halftime, goal kick, throw-in (your team's possession), or injury. | | |

- NO ONE may be behind the goal line of the field at any time, for any purpose.
- Coach is responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players and their spectators. Referee abuse *will not* be tolerated.

NTSSA COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

CHAPTER 11 CODE OF ETHICS/CONDUCT

11.1 NTSSA CODE OF ETHICS FOR COACHES

This code of ethics has been developed to clarify and distinguish approved and accepted professional, ethical, and moral behavior from that which is detrimental to the development of the sport of soccer. (The term "Coach" shall include, but is not limited to Head Coach, Assistant Coach(s), Manager/Trainer and/or Team Representative.)

ARTICLE I - RESPONSIBILITIES TO PLAYERS

1. The coach must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players. Winning should be the result of preparation and discipline with emphasis placed on the highest ideals and character traits.
2. Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws of the game and within the spirit of the game at all times.
3. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
4. Coaches should not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation. 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.
6. Coaches must never encourage players to violate NTSSA recruitment, eligibility, or guest player rules and policies.
7. Under no circumstances should coaches authorize or encourage the use of medicinal or performance enhancing drugs, or supplements of any kind whether legal or illegal, prescription, or over-the-counter. Medication and supplementation of any kind should be the responsibility of the parents and/or legal guardian. 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.
8. A coach's dealings with players and parents must be upfront, honest, and forthright. Coaches must always be honest and refrain from misrepresentations to players and parents.

ARTICLE II - RESPONSIBILITY TO NTSSA AND MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

1. Adherence to all NTSSA and Member Association rules and policies, especially those regarding eligibility, team formation, recruiting, and guest players are mandatory and should never be violated. It is the responsibility of every coach to know and understand these rules.
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.
3. Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to the appropriate NTSSA Commissioner, Member Association, or League Commissioner immediately.
4. A coach's dealings with NTSSA and Member Associations (including playing leagues) must be upfront, honest, and forthright. Coaches must always be honest and refrain from misrepresentations to NTSSA and Member Associations (including playing leagues).