

CLEBURNE
SOCCER
ASSOCIATION
BYLAWS

CHAPTER 1

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Articles of Incorporation for the Cleburne Soccer Association are filed with the State of Texas in accordance with the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"). Such Articles are incorporated herein by this reference. Further, such Articles may be modified by the Cleburne Soccer Association in accordance with the Act from time to time without the need to amend these Bylaws.

CHAPTER 2

2.1 ARTICLES I - OFFICES

2.1.1 Registered Office and Place of Business

Cleburne Soccer Association (hereinafter referred to as the “Association” or “CSA”) shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Texas a registered office, and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, as required by the Act. The registered office may be, but not be; identical with the principal office of the Association in the State of Texas, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

2.2 ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION

2.2.1 Membership in Association

This Association shall be comprised of adults and youths who have become members of the Association by application, in such form as the Board of Directors shall deem acceptable, to and approval of the Board of Directors and who also adhere to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of the Association. Any player and their parents or guardians may become a member of the Association upon submission to and approval by the Board of Directors of the Association of a properly executed application and release form and payment of all fees for registration. Any adult who agrees to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Association may become a coach upon registering as a coach in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Board of Directors and the receiving of the approval of the Board of Directors. Such individual may then participate in the Association as a coach subject to removal for causes by the Association.

2.2.2 Members shall include those persons holding office in the association, volunteers, registered coaches, assistant coaches, managers, referees, all over the age of 18, in good standings, approved Risk Management, whether or not they have children playing in the association.

2.2.3 Each household in which the member(s) reside may have two votes provided the votes are made by two separate adults (voting member must be 18 years or older). No proxy votes allowed.

2.3 ARTICLE III - GOVERNMENT OF ASSOCIATION

2.3.1 Government of Association

This Association shall be governed by its members who shall consist of the Board of Directors of the Association and the recognized members in good standing, each of whom shall be entitled to their members vote. No proxies will be accepted for voting purposes. Only the recognized members will have the right to speak at the meeting. Any Board of Director or member may introduce anyone to speak provided he has the permission of the chair.

2.3.2 Affiliation with North Texas State Soccer Association

This Association shall be directly affiliated with, and comply with the Authority of, the North Texas State Soccer Association (hereinafter referred to as the “NTSSA”) and shall represent all its members and respective interests in and before the NTSSA and its respective divisions.

2.3.3 Superseding Authority of NTSSA Rules

The Cleburne Soccer Association, Inc. recognizes the superseding authority of the rules of the NTSSA. CSA hereby adopts in their entirety the NTSSA Rules and Regulations included in NTSSA’s Administrative Rule Book included in the following chapters, except as specifically provided in Article 2.12 – Exemptions to NTSSA’s Rules and Regulation:

Chapter	Title
3	NTSSA Rules and Regulations
4	Rules for Registration of Youth Players
5	Indoor Soccer
6	Futsal
7	Team Travel Procedures
8	NTSSA Policy on Tournament Rules and Rosters
9	TOP Soccer
10	Miscellaneous
11	Code of Ethics/Conduct
12	Rules For Indoor Play
13	Suggested Playing Rules For Youth Coed Play

As they exist On May 31, 2004. Further CSA automatically adopts any amendment to any such rule as may be amended from time to time upon expiration of the forty-fifth (45th) day after the date of adoption of such amendment.

2.3.4 Territory of the Association

The territory under the jurisdiction of this Association is defined as being that part of Texas which includes all local soccer teams falling within Johnson County, Texas exceptions shall be determined by the Board of directors and specified in the League Rules, or as superseded by NTSSA rules. A map reflecting the territory under the jurisdiction of this Association shall be on file with NTSSA. Exception(s): (a) Burleson ISD, (b) Crowley ISD.

2.3.5 Jurisdiction

This Association shall have jurisdiction over all members, administrators, referees, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, registered players and teams affiliated with it. Each member shall retain its own autonomy, but will adhere to the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations and will comply with the authority of CSA. If CSA is presented sufficient evidence that a member is not adhering to its Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, the Association may form a committee to investigate the allegations and make recommendations to the Board of Directors to correct the infraction(s). CSA has the right to employ and terminate its own personnel for the purpose of coaching and/or administration.

ARTICLE IV - MEETING OF ASSOCIATION2.4.1 Place of Meetings

All meetings of the Association shall be held at such times and at such place as determined by the president.

2.4.2 Annual Meeting

An Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held each year on a day during the month of May to be selected by the President, at which they shall elect board members in accordance with 2.5.1 and 2.7.1 hereof, and transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

2.4.3 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Association for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by statute or by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Bylaws, may be called by the President or by petition of 3 board members. Business transacted at all special meeting shall be confined to the purpose stated in the notice of the meeting.

2.4.4 Notice of Special Meetings

Written or printed notice stating the place, day, hour, of a special meeting, and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting was called, shall be delivered not less than ten nor more than fifty days before the meeting, by two or more of the following; either personally, by mail, by the use of the web page, e-mail, or newspaper at the direction of the President, to each designated member of record entitled to vote at the meeting unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the designated delegate at the address as its appears on the records of the Association, with postage thereon prepaid.

2.4.5 Quorum

Any 10 (10) voting members in good standing along with a quorum of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum at an annual or special meeting.

2.4.6 Majority Vote: Withdrawal of Quorum

When a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote of the majority present at such meeting shall decide any question brought before such meeting, except those involving amendments to the Bylaws, a different vote is required (Ref. 2.10.9). In which case, such express provision shall govern and control the decision of such question. The members present at a duly organized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment, unless the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS2.5.1 Board of Directors

The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors, which shall consist of the Executive Officers of this Association, each of whom shall be entitled to one vote, in accordance with 2.3 hereof. The Board of Directors shall transact all business of the Association and shall have the power to enforce the Laws of the Games, Rules of the United States Soccer Federation (hereinafter referred to as the "USSF") and its respective divisions; and the Bylaws and rules and Regulations of this Association. It also shall have appeals of decisions made by the standing committees of the Cleburne Soccer Association.

The President may from time to time designate individuals other than those elected to the Board of Directors to serve as Committee members for the Board of Directors. These members shall have the right to attend all meetings and participate in all discussions of the Board of Directors but shall have no voting rights therein. The board of Directors shall consist of immediate past president (Ex-Officio) plus fifteen (15) members, who are elected from and by the membership during the General Election Meeting.

Each of the above directors shall cast one vote, with the exception of the President who shall vote only in case of a tie.

Each member of the Board of Directors is elected to a two year term. Eight (8) directors shall be elected in even numbered years, and seven (7) directors shall be elected in odd numbered years. Term of service will span two years from annual meeting elected unless person is filling an unexpired term.

2.5.2 Change in Number

The Board of Directors shall be as stated in 2.5.1 hereof. A change in number of Board of Directors shall require a change in 2.5.1 by the membership.

2.5.3 Meetings

The meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the discretion of the President at the time and place appointed by him.

2.5.4 Removal

Any member of the Board of Directors shall be required to resign following a vote of no confidence in their ability to remain in office. Any three (3) Directors may petition for such a vote. The petition must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors. If an officer receives a vote of no confidence, he is automatically suspended from the board until the next membership annual meeting.

2.5.5 Grievance against a Member of the CSA Board of Directors for Unethical Misconduct

A member in good standing of a NTSSA member association (hereinafter referred to as "Member Association") may, if he believes he has just cause, bring a grievance against a Board of Director Member of CSA. The following procedure must be followed before NTSSA will recognize or act on any grievance brought against any member of the CSA Board of Directors.

1. The individual bringing the grievance must submit in writing and with necessary documentation to support the grievance to the President of CSA. The President will then verify in writing that the individual filing the grievance is a member in good standing.
2. The President of CSA will review the grievance with the members of the Board of Directors, and if approved by a 2/3 majority vote by the board, the grievance may then be submitted to the NTSSA Executive Committee for consideration.
3. The grievance must be fully documented and accompanied by a check in the amount of \$100.00 made payable to NTSSA. The fee is to be used to cover the cost of the investigation, typing office work, etc., and is not refundable.

2.5.6 Attendance at Meetings

Any Board of Director members not attending two (2) consecutive regular meetings, excluding committee meetings as defined in 2.8, of this Association or Board of Directors meetings will have this office declared vacant unless such absences are excused by the Board of Directors. His office shall then be filled in accordance with 2.5.7 of this Article.

2.5.7 Vacancies

In the event that any Board of Director's member vacates his or her position, or an office is declared vacant for any reason, before the end of term to which he or she was elected, the position will be filled in the following ways:

The President will appoint a replacement with the Board of Directors approval to serve until the next Annual Election; the Board of Directors will have five calendar days to voice opposition after notification of such appointment.

2.5.8 Compensation

The Board of Directors shall serve without salary for their services as a Board Member. Any Board of Director member may be reimbursed for expenses previously approved by the budget and/or the Board of Directors.

2.5.9 Procedure

The Board of Directors shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings. The Board of Directors will approve the minutes, of the previous meetings, at the next scheduled meeting. The minutes shall be placed in the minute book of the Association. Eight (8) members of the Board of Directors are required to attend these meeting in order to transact any business of the Association.

2.5.10 Grievance Involving Board of Director Members

A member of the Board of Directors can be a member or official of a team, club, or Member Association. In the event of any grievance involving such organization, he may not act in its behalf nor be entitled to vote on the grievance.

2.5.11 Emergency Meetings

Subject to the provisions of applicable statutes and these Bylaws, the President and any three (3) voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute an emergency Board of Directors on matters demanding immediate attention when it is impractical or impossible to call an Board of Directors meeting and shall report their actions to all Board of Directors members in writing.

2.5.12 Rules of Order

Roberts Rule of Order, Revised shall be the authority for the parliamentary practice of this association on all points not covered by the by laws.

2.6

ARTICLE VI - NOTICE

2.6.1 Manner of Giving Notice

Whenever, under the provisions of the statutes, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, notice is required to be given to any member of the Association, and no provisions are made as to how such notice shall be given, it shall now be construed to mean personal notice, shall be given in writing, by mail, postage paid, addressed to such Association member at the address appearing on the records of the Association. Any notice required or permitted to be given by mail shall be deemed given the time when the same is thus deposited in the United States mails as aforesaid.

2.6.2 Waiver of Notice

Whenever any notice is required to be given to any member of the Association under the provisions of the statutes, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated in such notice, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance at meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a person attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

2.7

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS: Powers AND Duties

(Reference to the male gender within these bylaws and related rules, policies and procedures and the NTSSA Administration Rule Book with respect to Officers, Employees, Agents, Coaches, Administrators or Players is for simplification and refers to both males and females.)

2.7.1 Executive Officers

The Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years in accordance to 2.5.1. Any Board of Directors that desires to seek election to another office must first resign the Office he is holding, prior to the election. Those elections shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting or the first order of business at the next board meeting. The officers of the Association shall consist of:

- President
- Vice-President
- Registrar
- Treasure
- Secretary

2.7.2 Reports

With the exception of the President, all Board of Directors of this Association shall report the function of their office at each regular meeting of the Association/Board of Directors.

2.7.3 Regions, Sub-Regions, Districts

The Association shall be divided into such regions, sub-regions and districts as agreed to by the Board of Directors and the Member Associations involved.

2.7.4 President

The President of the Association shall preside at all Association meetings. He is charged with the overall administrative and executive functions of the Associations, and shall be responsible for seeing that the administrative policies and operations of the Association are carried out. He shall appoint all Service Committees. He will serve as an *ex-officio* member of any committee of the Association. He shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie at any meeting, or he may waive the right to do so.

In order to be eligible to run as president, an individual must have previously served as a CSA board member for a minimum of twelve (12) months.

2.7.5 Vice-President

The Vice-President shall also act as Parliamentarian, using "Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised" as a guide. The Vice-President of the Association shall succeed to the powers of the President in his absence, responsible to assist the President in both the daily operations of the Association and the coordination of all committees' activities. The Vice-President is the chairman for Appeals and Discipline (A&D). In the event the Vice-President cannot full fill the duties of chairman of A&D, the President shall appoint another Board of Director to that position.

In order to be eligible to run as Vice-President, an individual must have previously served as a CSA board member for a minimum of twelve (12) months.

2.7.6 Registrar

The Registrar of the Association shall plan and coordinate registration. Shall compile, maintain and submit all roster and information required to NTSSA. Shall provide to the coaches of the respective teams their NTSSA roster. Shall keep a complete list of each team and team members, as well as maintaining copies of all players' birth certificates. Shall make sure that all coaches and volunteers have completed Risk Management and satisfied those requirements. In the event the President and Vice-President are absent, the Registrar will succeed to the powers of the President.

In order to be eligible to run as Registrar, an individual must have previously served as a CSA member for a minimum of twelve (12) month.

2.7.7 Treasurer

He shall serve as the financial officer of the Association and shall be responsible for coordinating budget appropriations, complete financial reconciliation and should report in writing a balance sheet and income statement. The reporting will be itemized by category and listed appropriately.

He shall chair the Budget and Finance Committee and shall review and initial all contracts by the Association. He shall require all checks for an amount over \$250.00 to have two (2) authorized signatures. The person or persons receiving the check may not be either of the authorized signatures on the check.

In order to be eligible to run as Treasurer, an individual must have previously served as a CSA board member for a minimum of twelve (12) months.

2.7.8 The Secretary

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all Board of Directors meetings, annual meetings, and special meetings. He or She is responsible for the approved minutes, being placed in a binder, available for review by all members. The secretary will be responsible for all correspondence of the association, pick up mail, notify members of all meetings, and reserve the meeting place.

In order to be eligible to run as Secretary, an individual must have previously served as a CSA board member for a minimum of six (6) months.

2.7.9 Director of Referees

The Director of Referees shall be a registered USSF referee, shall have oversight responsibility for the referees of CSA and shall report the activities of this group at each regular monthly meeting of this Association.

2.7.10 Director of P&C Development

The Director of P&C Development shall be responsible for the recruitment of coaches each season. He/she will be responsible for scheduling coaching clinics, player camps and team camps on an annual basis to further develop and educate the coaches and players of CSA. He/she shall represent any concerns that any coaches or player may have.

2.7.11 Age Group Commissioners

Age Group Commissioners will be appointed by the President of the association. They should be included in the formation of teams as determined by the board of directors, shall assist in recruitment and development of coaches. The commissioners are responsible for the development of coaches. The commissioners are responsible for communicating with the team coaches of the appropriate age bracket. They will assist the registrar in maintain any and all team information required.

2.7.12 Immediate Past President

He shall be an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the Executive Committee and shall serve as an advisor to the President. In the case of vacancy or if the current president does not seek re-election. The elected President can appoint a person to fill this vacancy. This person should have complete knowledge of the association.

2.7.13 Employees/Staff

The Board of Directors shall be authorized to employ such employees, as it deems necessary to carry out the functions of the Association. Employees shall not have a vote in any business of the Association. The term of employment for all employees shall be at the will of the Board of Directors.

2.8

ARTICLE VIII - STANDING COMMITTEES

2.8.1 Standing Committees

The Standing Committees set forth below shall be appointed or elected, as the case may be, at the first Regular Meeting following the Annual Meeting in May of each year. Vacancies on such committees shall be filled by appointment or election. In the case of an emergency, the President shall have the power to fill vacancies on any committee by appointment until such vacancy can be filled in accordance with normal procedures. Any committee empowered to hold disciplinary hearings may investigate and enforce any code(s) of conduct or ethics that may be adopted for the Association by the Board, from time to time. Members of Standing Committees must be in good standing with all local, state, and national soccer associations. Persons under suspension or probation are ineligible for committee positions.

2.8.2 Appeals and Disciplinary Committee (“A&D Committee”)

It shall be comprised of five and no less than three impartial Board members, members at large, members of other local associations, or persons that have knowledge of USSF and/or NTSSA rules and regulations. They shall be appointed as needed by the Vice-President, and shall be chaired by the Vice-President. Three members of this A&D Committee shall constitute a quorum. Should it be impossible for a quorum to be obtained in order for the A&D Committee to make a ruling within a reasonable period of time, then the chairman or any other member, if the chairman is unavailable, shall appoint any other impartial person described above to serve temporarily on the A&D committee? In such event, the President shall approve the interim appointments. The chairman shall notify CSA immediately, in writing, of the rulings of the A&D Committee. All reports will be heard in a timely manner by the committee and in no event shall this time period exceed fourteen (14) days from the receipt of the A&D Chairman.

2.8.3 Bylaws, Rules and Regulation Committee

It shall be comprised of the Vice-President, as Chairman and four (4) members. It shall be responsible for annual reviewing the Association's Bylaws, Rules and Regulations contained in the CSA Administrative Rule Book and proposing changes, as required, to such Bylaws and Rules at a meeting prior to the Annual Meeting of this Association.

Any proposed changes to Bylaws and Rules will be voted on by the members at the Annual Meeting each year. All proposed rules shall be presented to the delegation for two-thirds (2/3) approval of the delegates present. This committee shall maintain a list of rules and regulations enacted by the CSA and its respective divisions and shall provide all Member Associations with a copy of such rules and regulations in state competitions, regional competitions, national and international competitions, on request. This Committee shall be available to meet with any Member Association and act in an advisory capacity in setting up such Member Association rules of competition, on request.

2.9

ARTICLE X - RULES, REGULATIONS, PROCEDURE FOR APPEAL

2.9.1 Procedure for Filing Appeals

Procedure for filing appeals with the A&D Committee Shall be as follows:

1. All appeals to the A&D Committee must be submitted in writing and received within five (5) days of the appealed decision. All appeals shall be accompanied by an appeal fee of \$100.00 (cash or cashier's check only).

If the appeal is upheld by the A&D Committee, the fee will be returned. If it is denied, the fee will be forfeited to the treasury of this Association. In the case of appeals regarding individual suspensions, the A&D Committee may waive or modify the appeal fee.

2. The A&D Committee may, at its discretion, when requested in writing to do so, waive the time limit for filing appeals but in no case shall an extension of more than ten (10) days be granted.
3. All appeals to the A&D Committee must be made in writing to the Chairman of the A&D Committee who will then notify the involved Member Association or Associate Member and all the members of the A&D Committee. In cases of controversy as to timely receipt of appeals, the postmark date will govern (postage meter not acceptable).
4. Upon receipt of appeal, properly submitted, the Chairman of the A&D committee shall set a time and place for the hearing and will advise all appropriate parties. Such hearing settings are solely the responsibility of the committee, but all such hearings must be scheduled within ten (10) days of receipt of the appeal and the appealing party is bound to present all information and evidence relative to the appeal at the hearing.
5. Decisions of the A&D committee may be appealed to the Board of Directors of this Association. Procedures for filing appeals with the Board of Directors shall be exactly as for filing with the A&D Committee except that all material shall be submitted to the President, which shall notify all concerned parties of the receipt of the appeals and the time and place for the hearing as set by the President.

6. Any appeal concerning the action of the particular commissioner shall be made directly to the President of the CSA and such complaint shall be acted upon within fifteen (15) days by said Board of Directors.
7. Decisions of the Board of Directors may be appealed to the NTSSA under its “Procedures for Filing Appeals”.
8. All decisions at the levels of the appeal process shall stand and be of full force and effect until changed by a higher authority.
9. In no event shall any person or persons or organizations under the jurisdiction of CSA invoke the aid of the Courts in the United States, without first exhausting all available remedies and appeals within the appropriate soccer organizations including a final appeal to the Annual General Meeting of the USSF National Council. For violations of this rule, the offending party shall be subject to the sanctions of suspension and fines, and shall be liable to CSA for all expenses incurred by CSA and its officers and employees and its members in defending each court action, including but not limited to court costs, attorney’s fees, reasonable compensation for time spent by CSA officers, employees and members in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discovery and court appearances, travel expenses, and the expenses for holding special meetings necessitated by the Court action.

2.9.2 Rules of Play

Except as otherwise specified herein, Rules of Play of the USSF and its respective divisions, amateur and youth, will apply in all competitions under the jurisdiction of the CSA and its affiliated members. However, the Board of Directors shall have the right to approve special “rules of the Competition” agreed upon by two or more Member Association conducting a special competition.

2.10 ARTICLE XI - MISCELLANEOUS

2.10.1 Playing Group

CSA is the host association of the Metro-Plex Soccer Alliance. The association has the authority to place teams in any playing group which the board of directors deemed appropriate.

2.10.2 Conduct of Association as Nonprofit Corporation

This Association shall conduct its business in a manner conforming to the purposes as set forth in 1.4 of its articles of Incorporation, being careful to comply with the rules and regulations as set forth under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code so as to maintain its status as a nonprofit corporation.

2.10.3 Dissolution of Corporation

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the Association exclusively for the purposes of the Association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated for scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Rule or Regulation), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the County in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

2.10.4 Distribution of Net Earnings

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall incur to the benefit of any private individual, member or officer of the Association (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Association affecting one or more of its purposes), and no private individual, member or officer of the Association shall be entitled to a share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Association.

2.10.5 Association will not Attempt to Influence Legislation

No Substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on the propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

2.10.6 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from September 1 to August 31.

2.10.7 Books and Records

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall keep minutes of all meetings. at it registered office.

2.10.8 Resignation

Any director, committee member, officer or agent may resign by giving written notice to the President. The resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or immediately if no time is specified. Unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective

2.10.9 Amendments to Bylaws

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, or new Bylaws may be adopted, at any meeting of the Association at which a quorum is present by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership present; provided, however, that all members have been given twenty-one (21) days written notice, including a written copy of the proposed changes.

2.10.10 Who May Propose Bylaw Changes and Amendments

Directors or properly constituted committees of CSA. Changes submitted by a member of a properly constituted committee must pertain to the duties and scope of that committee. Any proposed changes must be submitted to the Vice-President in writing Twenty-one (21) days prior to the next meeting of this Association for review and distribution to the membership within the allotted time require in rule 2.10.9.

2.10.11 Lawsuits Against the Association

Any person who threatens to file or does file a lawsuit or invokes the aid of the courts on their own behalf or as the representative for another person against CSA, or its officers, employees, or members or representatives of any of its officers, employees, or members, shall be subject to the sanction of immediate suspension from membership and from all soccer activities within the jurisdiction of CSA and its Affiliates. CSA adopts the policy that it is allowed to take full advantage of rights permitted to it by the laws of the State of Texas for “Not-for-Profit” organizations.

2.10.12 Policies and Procedures of CSA; Enforcement

The Board of Directors may adopt policies and procedures that are reasonable, necessary, or usual and customary to soccer associations in order to govern its operations. Such policies and procedures shall not be inconsistent with these Bylaws. The Board shall adopt or ratify all procedures or policies (other than those procedures that are truly administrative in nature) by a majority vote. The Board shall also be empowered to take any reasonable means to enforce such policies and producers. The policies and procedures of CSA shall be made available for review by any member of the Association.

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ARTICLE XII - EXCEPTIONS TO NTSSA RULES AND REGULATIONS