

Bylaws Of The Northwest Oklahoma Soccer Association

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Section 1

NOSA Organization

- A. Utilizing the State of Oklahoma Recreational map, the Oklahoma Soccer Association encouraged the development of what is the Northwest Oklahoma Soccer Association, which covers seven counties in Northwest Oklahoma: Woodward, Dewey, Ellis, Harper, Woods, Major, and Beaver. Similar organizations in Tulsa, Enid, and Watonga, known as the Green Country, Red Carpet Country, and Great Plains Soccer Associations, have also been formed, while others are being formed in other areas.**
- B. The NWOSA Soccer Association (NOSA) was formed as a non-profit organization to support and propagate the game of soccer on Northwest Oklahoma .It is associated with and is a member of the Oklahoma Soccer Association (OSA), the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), and the Federation Internationals de Football Association (FIFA). No youth soccer group in the NOSA area described above which is not a member of NOSA will be officially affiliated with the USYSA and its format.**
- C. NOSA is organized through soccer teams. The purpose of this organizational plan is to permit league games to be played conveniently to most players homes.**

Section 2

Organizational Regulations And Responsibilities In The NOSA

A. Teams

The Responsibilities of each team will include:

- 1. Promoting and developing youth soccer within its area of jurisdiction.**
- 2. Recruiting , selecting, and educating coaches, assistant coaches, managers. And referees where needed.**
- 3. Actively recruiting both boys and girls as players and providing or organizing boys only, girls only, and/or co-ed teams where player enrollment permits.**
- 4. Working with coaches to provide practice and playing fields for the teams within the association.**
- 5. Assuring that all teams of all age levels are balanced in terms of numbers and of members and their playing skills insofar as possible.**
- 6. Assuring that only NOSA-registered coaches shall coach the association teams, thereby assuring a consistency of standards throughout the association.**
- 7. Working with the fields, equipment, and purchasing committee.**

B. Teams

1. Membership

a. Each team must be registered with NOSA. Each team must be classified as either a recreational team or a competitive team and must be formed in accordance with appropriate rules. No team that is formed by tryouts or selection may be classified as a recreational team.

b. Recreational Teams Shall Be Formed As Follows:

(1) When a player on an existing team registers, he/she shall indicate whether he/she wants to stay on that team or be placed on another team. A player may not request to be placed on a particular team or not be placed on a particular team except that a player may request:

(a) To be placed on or not placed on a team he/she is a current member of:

(b) To be placed on or not to be placed on all boys or all girls team:

(c) To be placed on or not placed on a team that which his/her or step-sibling is currently a member of unless such placement would cause that team to have more players than is feasible.

2. Each coach shall indicate whether:

(a) His/her previously existing team will stay together or disband.

(b) His/her team is going to play the upcoming season.

3. Once Fall or Spring registration is completed, a team placement meeting will be held at which:

(a) All coaches may attend

(b) Players shall be placed on teams as follows:

1) The number of teams to be formed in each age division shall be determined by the number of players who have signed up and have elected to play for the upcoming season in that age division.

2) Existing teams which have elected to continue and to play the upcoming season shall be included in the number of teams to be formed before any new teams are formed.

3) The child or children of a coach shall automatically be placed on the team of that coach. Each coach can designate one person as an assistant coach and the children of the designated assistant coach shall be automatically placed on the team of that coach. The assistant coach designation shall not be changed unless no child of the assistant coach is a member of that team.

4) Players who are not on an existing team (including players who are on a team which has elected not to play in the upcoming season) shall be placed on teams so that (a) all co-ed teams is as age pure as possible, and (b) all co-ed teams are as equally balanced as possible as to numbers of boys and girls. Subject to (a) and (b), players are placed on teams by random selection. The random selection shall be conducted by placing a number on the registration sheet of each player to be randomly placed on a team and the same numbers being written on slips of paper and the slips of paper being drawn by lot to place players on the various teams.

- C) If a coach elects to keep a team together but not to play the upcoming season, all players on that team must register and pay the full registration fee for that upcoming season in order to stay on that team. Any player who does not register and pay the full registration fee for the upcoming season will be placed on a team using the above procedure when he/she registers to play and WILL NOT automatically placed on his/her old team when their old team elects to play again. If a player on an existing team which has elected to stay together but not to play the upcoming season, he/she shall be placed on a team comprised of other such players if that is possible.**
- D) Except as provided in paragraph B.3. of this Section, previously existing teams CANNOT be combined, even partially, instead of the players thereof being placed on teams using the above procedure. Existing teams which have acquired players in this manner SHALL be required to forfeit an undesignated assistant coach slot, if one remains on that team.**
- E) The registrar shall notify all existing coaches and prospective coaches of the date, time and place of the team selection meeting.**
- c. Once a team is organized, its roster shall be maintained, if possible, without change during each seasonal year, August 1st to July 31st.**
 - d. Teams may be organized, consolidated, or reorganized by the NOSA as required for maximum player participation.**
 - e. A team player may continue with his/her original team and may move up with that team to the next age level.**
 - f. NO team which has been selected and classified as a competitive team may be reclassified as a recreational team. Such a team MUST be disbanded and its team members must go through general registration in order to play in the recreational league. NO recreational team may be required to play a classic team during the regular season.**

2. Registration

- a. Each player must be registered with the NOSA, using prescribed registration forms. Registration forms MUST include the players name, address, and full birth date.**
- b. Registration after the closing date for registration may be permitted by the NOSA. Payment of a late fee for a registration after the closing date may be required. The registrar SHALL maintain a list of players in each age division registering late in the order that they registered. Placement of players on the late sign-up list will be made by the playing committee. Requests for additional players by coaches SHALL be in writing.**
- c. A current roster of all teams participating in the season SHALL be maintained by the registrar.**
- d. Any team playing a player who is over-age SHALL forfeit all games in which that player takes part.**

3. Consolidation and Dissolution of Teams

- a. Consolidation of two or more teams during a playing season because of a lack of player participation requires approval of the NOSA playing committee.**
- b. Each surviving team of a consolidation will complete the schedule of one the original teams as determined by the playing committee.**
- c. The consolidated teams will be reorganized on the original team basis at any time that registration of players make it possible.**
- d. (April 6th 1993)**

If a coach or assistant coach no longer perform as said coach of a team, then the playing committee , chaired by the 2nd Vice-President, will find a suitable person for said team or the team will be disbanded and the members thereof placed on teams as provided in paragraph B.1. of this Section.

4. Practices and Team Activities

- a. All team meetings SHALL be considered team activities. This includes games, practices, scrimmages, and instructional meetings, provided, however, one or more games per day SHALL be considered only one team activity.**
- b. Team activities for recreational teams SHALL be limited to 4 during any calendar work week. NO activity SHALL exceed 90 minutes except for U-19 teams whose activities may NOT exceed 100 minutes in duration.**
- c. The calendar week SHALL begin with Saturday and SHALL consist of that day and the following six days.**
- d. (May 6th 1993)**

It is the responsibility of any team wishing to travel to inform opposing team. Opposing team is to decide if game is to be made up or forfeited by traveling team. All traveling teams must ask approval of the playing committee.

5. Suspension

- a. The playing committee may suspend a team and forbid future participation of a team in the NOSA league play if, its players or supporters or coaches, is acting contrary to the best interest of the NOSA, or is encouraging dangerous playing practices, or is acting in an unsportsmanlike manner. Such suspension is subject to appeal the the NOSA. Furthermore, NOSA decisions are subject to appeal the OSA and OSA decisions are subject to appeal to the USYSA .**

6. Team Funds

- a. (November 3rd 1994)**

A registered team MAY establish a funding account for the sole purpose of financial support to that team. The team account MUST be approved by the Board Of Directors and the team must furnish accounting records to the Board upon request at the next scheduled monthly meeting. The team representative will represent the team in that regard to the funding account and be responsible for all transactions. The Treasurer Will keep on file all accounting records for review.

C. Players

1. Registration

- a. Individual players WILL be enrolled by the NOSA registrar using the individual enrollment form prescribed by the NOSA.**
- b. Individual registration fees MUST be paid at the time of enrollment.**
- c. NO player who is physically able to play soccer and meets registration requirements will be denied or discourages from playing.**

2. Eligibility

- a. A player MAY NOT participate in a practice or game unless his enrollment form is on file with the appropriate registration and all fees are paid 72 hours before 1st practice or game.**
- b. For the purpose of registration, a players age BEFORE August 1st SHALL be his playing age for both the fall and spring seasons.**
- c. A player may play in an older division but NOT in a younger division than his/her allows according to Article VIII of the Constitution, except as provided in paragraph B.2.D. of this section.**
- d. NO player SHALL play on more than one NOSA team at the same except according to the policies for secondary registration approved by the NOSA board and except that a player from the next younger age division may play as a substitute for a team which would otherwise have to forfeit due to a lack of players to give it the minimum number of players to avoid a forfeit.**
- e. (June 6th 1994)**
A select team committee, chaired by the 3rd Vice-President, will be formed to select classic teams. The select team committee will set guidelines for classic coaches and players. The select team committee may select players from the recreational league to fill roster spots on a classic team due to transfer, injury, etc.

3. Transfers And Releases

Transfer is defined as a player change from one team to another during a seasonal year after the player is duly placed on a team.

- a. Transfers ARE TO BE DISCOURAGED.**
- b. The consent of the NOSA playing committee, and the teams involved WILL BE REQUIRED for all transfers.**
- c. A player must transfer using the appropriate form, which is available from the 2nd vice-president,**
- d. A team SHALL be limited to a total of 3 transferred players per seasonal year (August 1st thru July 31st) except for teams consolidation or reorganization under paragraph B.3. of this section. A transferred player is one who has been registered with another USYSA team in the same seasonal year, August 1st – July 31st.**
- e. (March 3rd 1994)**
A transfer of a player from a recreational team may occur at anytime a vacancy exists on a classic team, and the classic team coach, the player, and the players parents or guardian request the transfer. Such transfer must be approved the playing committee

to be effective. The players recreational coach must be notified prior the approval of such transfer.

f. (November 3rd 1994)

A player may request voluntary release from a team roster or transfer from a team roster upon approval of the playing committee. A player may request a release from the NWOA playing area only when established recreational or competitive teams are not available or cannot be formed accommodate a player during a seasonal year.

4. Player Equipment

- a. ALL players must provide and wear shirts, shorts, or long pants, shin guards, and socks during team competition. Uniforms need to be nothing more than a pair of tube-type socks, a pair of gym shorts, and a white or dyed t-shirt. ALL shirts are to be numbered. Numbers must be placed on the back. Team colors or uniform styles will be determined by each team, subject to approval of the local clubs games committee to avoid repetition of colors between teams. Players other than the goalkeeper must wear similar uniforms to distinguish them from the opposition.**
- b. Shoes are required. They may be athletic, sneakers, or soccer shoes. In NO EVENT can the equipment create a hazard to any player.**
- c. Shin guards are MANDATORY in all divisions.**
- d. NOSA or local team patches may be worn on the left chest or shoulder of the shirt.**
- e. All emblems or logos worn on player uniforms are subject to approval by the NOSA playing committee.**
- f. In the event two teams with similar colors compete, the home team will change to uniforms or distinguishing colors.**
- g. The goalkeeper must wear a target jersey or a shirt of a contrasting color to those jerseys of his/her team, the jerseys of the opposing team, and the uniform of the game officials.**
- h. ALL equipment is subject to the approval of the NOSA playing committee and SHALL be inspected before each game by the officials.**

5. Caution, Ejection, And Suspension

- a. Players are subject to a caution and/or ejection by the referee of a game for various types of misconduct.**
- b. A player who is ejected SHALL LEAVE the immediate area of the playing field before recommencement of the game.**
- c. Refusal by a player to leave the area of the playing field within the time specified by the referee SHALL result in immediate termination of the game. The game SHALL be declared a forfeit and SHALL NOT be replayed.**
- d. NO substitution is allowed for a player ordered from the field of play by a referee in the juvenile division. A substitution may be made in the Junior Division at the next regularly scheduled time of substitution. NO player SHALL leave the field of play, except by accident, without the consent of the referee.**
- e. A player who is ejected SHALL NOT participate in the remainder of the game from which they were ejected or in the next game in which that player would normally have**

participated. Furthermore, additional punishment subject to appeal to the NOSA board may be required by the appeals subcommittee. The ejected player has the right to submit within 72 hours of the game involved, a written statement to the appeals committee for their consideration and review prior to punishment.

- f. Decisions of the appeals committee as to player cautions, ejections, suspensions, or additional punishment are subject to the Board Of Directors of NOSA if put in writing and submitted within 72 hours of notification of the decision of the appeals subcommittee. Such appeals must be accompanied by a \$50.00 cashier's check or certified check made payable to NOSA. This fee is refundable only if the appeal is upheld and the original decision is overruled.*

6. Discipline

(March 4th 1993)

If a player (or players) has/have become a disciplinary problem and disciplinary action in the form of suspension is proposed, the coach SHALL bring the matter before the playing committee for possible suspension from a team or NOSA.

D. Coaches

1. Registration

- a. ALL COACHES SHALL be registered with NOSA and their local team and SHALL be required to meet the registration requirements as specified by NOSA. ALL COACHES and assistant coaches must be approved by the playing committee.*
- b. The registration of any coach may be suspended or revoked by the playing committee of NOSA for conduct deemed not in the best interest of soccer, the players within NOSA, the NOSA board of directors, the OSA and USYSA. Suspension of a coach must be reported in writing to the NOSA board, which in turn file a report the OSA.*
- c. (March 5th 1994)*
Any person that wishes to coach a select team must be at least an "F" level coach and upgrade at least one level, up to a "D" level certification, each year to maintain their coaching position.

2. Responsibilities And Duties

- a. Each coach is responsible for the proper training and conditioning of the players on his/her team.*
- b. Coaches are responsible for maintaining order and respect for the authority of the referees and assistant referees during the game.*
- c. Each coach is to discourage discourtesy by the spectators toward officials and players. Each coach is responsible for keeping his/her teams spectators behind the spectator restraining line if one is marked. If a line is not marked, spectators SHALL NOT enter the playing field and SHALL remain far enough away from the touchlines to avoid interfering with the players, assistant referees, and coaches.*
- d. Coaches MUST REMAIN in the marked coaching area. If there is no marked coaching area, coaches SHOULD NOT enter the playing field or be more than 10 yards from the half-line. Neither coaches nor spectators are permitted along the goal line or BEHIND the goal area.*

- e. **NO COACH SHALL endeavor to run up a high score against any team.**
 - f. **Each coach SHALL ALLOW only players who are properly registered with the local club and NOSA to participate in games or practices.**
 - g. **Each coach SHALL play each player on his/her team at least ½ of the total time, excluding overtime periods and tournament games, except for health or disciplinary reasons. For example, in a game with two 25 minute halves, each player SHALL BE PLAYED at least 25 minutes of that game. The referee and opposing coach SHALL BE NOTIFIED prior to the commencement of the match when a player is not playing a full half for one of the above reasons.**
- 3. Caution, Ejection, And Suspension**
- a. **Coaches SHALL BE subject to a caution and/or ejection by the referee for misconduct.**
 - b. **A coach who is ejected SHALL LEAVE the playing area so that he/she may not possibly take part in any further actions during the remainder of the game. Furthermore, the game SHALL NOT recommence before the coach has exited the area.**
 - c. **Refusal by an ejected coach to leave the playing field in the time specified by the referee SHALL RESULT in immediate termination of the game. The game SHALL BE declared a forfeit and SHALL NOT be replayed.**
 - d. **A coach who is ejected SHALL BE disqualified from further participation at the game from which he/she is ejected and may not attend at least the next game of the team for which he/she serves as coach. If he/she does appear at the following game, that game SHALL BE forfeited. Additional punishment for being ejected may be required by the appeals committee of NOSA playing committee.**
 - e. **An ejected coach has the right to submit, within 72 hours of the incident involved, a written statement of his/her position to the appeals committee for its consideration and review prior to any additional punishment. Decisions of the appeals committee are subject to appeal to the NOSA Board, if put in writing and submitted to a Board Member within 72 hours of notification of said decision by the appeals committee. All such appeals must be accompanied by a \$50.00 cashiers check or certified check made payable to NOSA (one-time fee). This fee is refundable only if the appeal is upheld and the original decision is overruled.**
 - f. **A coach, player, or spectator who intentionally strikes a referee SHALL BE prohibited in NOSA competition for at least one calendar year. Any action taken by NOSA under authority of this rule will not limit the prosecution of the offender by the referee and/or NOSA under the criminal laws of the State of Oklahoma. NOSA SHALL REPORT the incident to OSA which SHALL have jurisdiction in this matter.**

E. Officials

1. Referees

- a. **Referees WILL BE assigned and scheduled by the games subcommittee of the NOSA playing committee or its appointed representatives.**
- b. **ALL REFEREES MUST BE CERTIFIED by the USSF. The state referee administrator or his/her assistant shall be responsible for certification and training of all referees.**

- c. *The disciplinary board for referees is appointed by the state referee administrator or his/her assistant. ALL complaints which are filed against a referee SHALL BE HEARD by this board.*
 - d. *The state referee administrator or his/her assistant SHALL BE the liaison between NOSA and all referees.*
 - e. *Any person who is ejected or suspended by NOSA SHALL NOT act as a referee or assistant referee.*
 - f. *The referee will submit within 72 hours to the appeals committee of NOSA playing committee a game report for all games which are canceled or terminated or in which a player or coach is ejected or for which one or both teams fail to appear.*
 - g. *If an official referee fails to appear within 15 minutes after the scheduled game time, a person mutually agreed upon in writing by the coaches of both teams may act as referee. In such case, the referee should keep on his/her person the written agreement for his/her acting as a referee and return it to the winning coach with the final score and the signature of the referee. The winning coach should keep this as a record of the game for the remainder of the season unless NOSA directs him otherwise.*
 - h. *A referee who assaults a coach, player, or spectator SHALL BE reported to NOSA who will in turn report in writing to OSA.*
2. *Assistant Referees*
- a. *The games subcommittee of NOSA playing committee will attempt to assign 2 assistant referees for each game that is applicable.*
 - b. *ALL assigned assistant referees SHALL BE certified referees.*
 - c. *Upon request of the referee, each team will supply one assistant referee to help the referee.*
 - d. *Team assistant referees SHALL ASSIST the referees only on determining and enforcing the spectator restraining line.*

Section3

Rules Of Play

A. Laws Of The Game

Except as modified below or by USYSA or in special rules of play approved by NOSA, soccer competition SHALL BE governed by the FIFA rules and interpretation then current as set forth in FIFA's laws of the game and universal guide for referees.

B. Fields And Equipment

1. Fields

- a. *The size and marking of playing fields SHALL BE as described in Special Rules Of Play.*
- b. *All fields MUST BE reasonably flat and free of any object or holes that will endanger players.*
- c. *If necessary, fields may be different dimensions than in the special rules of play. However, in no instances shall the markings for the goal area, penalty areas, spectator line, coaches box, or center circle, or the size of the goals be different from those specified in the special rules of play.*

- d. All fields **MUST BE APPROVED** by NOSA playing committee.
- e. On fields used for matches in the U-6 and U-8 age divisions, the field, goal and interior *dimensions may be adjusted to be more compatible for those ages.*
- f. All matches will be played on juvenile sized fields and with juvenile sized goalposts.
- g. The home team **SHALL BE** responsible for marking the field, putting up and taking down nets, and providing corner flags.
- h. All fields must be equipped with approved corner flags which must be of suitable size and color and attached to poles at least 5 feet tall with rounded tops.

2. Balls

- a. *The under 6 and under 8 divisions will use a size 3 ball, the under 10 and under 12 divisions will use a size 4 ball and all other juvenile divisions will use a size 5 ball*
- b. *The home team WILL PROVIDE a game ball acceptable to the referee.*

C. Games

1. Schedules

- a. *All games will be scheduled and rescheduled by the NOSA playing committee.*

2. Cancellation

- a. *Games may be canceled by the assigned referee when, in his/her opinion, at game time, or within 2 hours prior to game time the field is not in suitable condition for play and/or is dangerous to players.*
- b. *If the referee suspends or terminates a game for reasons other than misconduct on the part of players, coaches, or spectators, after the second half is started but before the completion of the full duration of the game, the game will be considered completed.*
- c. **COACHES WILL NOT CANCEL GAMES.**
- d. *A host team, through its team representative, may cancel a game due to unplayable field conditions at any time, and must notify the coach of the visiting team, and also notify the assigned referee.*

3. Forfeiture

- a. *If a team fails to appear or to field at least the following number of players:*

<i>Maximum Number of players Allowed on the field</i>	<i>Minimum Number of Players Allowed on the field</i>
<i>11.....</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>9-10.....</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7-8.....</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>5-6.....</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>4 or less.....</i>	<i>2</i>

At the time of the scheduled kickoff, the referee SHALL TERMINATE the game and report the occurrence to the appeals sub-committee of NOSA playing committee, which SHALL declare the game forfeited in favor of the team that was present. If neither team appears, the referee SHALL REPORT such occurrence to the appeals subcommittee of the NOSA playing committee, which shall declare a double forfeiture (both teams will be charged with a forfeiture).

- b. *The final score will be recorded as 3-0.*

- c. *A team that allows an unregistered player, or a player or a coach serving a suspension, to participate SHALL forfeit that game, if won: if the game is lost, the first victory thereafter SHALL BE forfeited.*

4. Protests

- a. *Inter-team protests will be heard and decided by the appeals committee of NOSA. Intra-team protests will be heard and decided by the appropriate team protests committee subject to appeal to the appeals committee.*
- b. *Protests to the NOSA appeals committee must be detailed in writing 72 hours and accompanied by a check for the \$10.00 protest fee.*
- c. *Appeals of decisions made by the appeals committee may be made to the NOSA board of directors. The written appeal and a \$50.00 fee payable in such form as requested by the NOSA President must be submitted within 7 days of receipt notice from the appeals committee. The appeal fee will be refunded if the appeal is decided in favor of the person or team which posted the fee.*
- d. *Appeals of Executive Board decisions may be made in writing to the OSA. OSA decisions are subject to appeal to USYSA.*
- e. *A copy of the protest shall be mailed by the chairperson of the committee to the coach of the opposing team and, where applicable to the referee involved.*
- f. *The opposing team and/or referee will furnish a written response to the protest based on the qualifications of the referee or upon matters of the referees judgment.*
- g. *The committee will not uphold a protest based on the qualifications of the referee or upon matters of the referees judgment.*
- h. *The committee may uphold or change a game result or schedule a replay of the game when the committee determines that the referee's interpretation of the game laws is faulty.*
- i. *Decisions on protests will be rendered in writing to the coaches of the two teams, and where applicable, to the referee of the game within 7 business days of the receipt of the protest.*
- j. *Protests involving the conditions of the field, equipment, or facilities will be denied unless the referee is notified in writing prior to the start of the game that the game is being played under protest.*

5. League Standings

- a. *Team standings for league competition shall be determined according to the number of points earned by the teams. Points shall be determined by game results according to the following:*
 - Win.....6 points*
 - Tie.....3 points*
 - Loss.....0 points**One additional point for each goal scored up to 3.*
- b. *League Standings at the end of the season will be determined on the basis of all regularly scheduled games regardless of the number of games played and the number of teams in the league.*

- c. *A tie for first place at the completion of all games of league competition scheduled prior to the start of the season competition may be broken by an elimination round among the tied teams.*
 - d. *Elimination round games shall not be permitted to end in a tie.*
 - e. *If any game is tied when terminated by the referee before the beginning of the 2nd half, it shall be replayed from the beginning, unless termination resulted from the ejection of a coach or player.*
6. *Playing Season*
- a. *There will be 2 playing seasons in each seasonal year.*
 - b. *Games for the fall season will begin each year not before September 1st and finish no later than December 1st.*
 - c. *Games for the spring season will begin each year not before March 1st and finish no later than June 1st.*
7. *NOSA Tournaments and Playoffs*
- a. *In NOSA tournaments, where a winner must be determined, two overtime periods shall be played. Duration of the overtime periods will be as follows:*
U-16 & 19.....Two 15 minute halves
U10, U12, & U14.....Two 10 minute halves
U8 & U6.....Two 5 minute halves
A coin toss will be made between the end of the 2nd half and the beginning of the first overtime period to determine which team will kick off the first overtime period and which team will defend which goal. There shall be an interval of 5 minutes the 2nd half and the 1st overtime period and between the 1st overtime period and the 2nd overtime period. The two teams shall change ends between overtime periods and the team that did not kick off the 1st overtime period shall do so the 2nd overtime period, penalty kicks shall be used to determine the winner.
 - b. *Penalty kicks to resolve a draw will be as follows:*
 - (1) *Only players on the field at the end of the 2nd overtime period shall take penalty kicks.*
 - (2) *The referee shall flip a coin to decide who shall start, the team winning the toss taking the 1st kick.*
 - (3) *Each team shall alternate taking 1 kick each for the first 5 kicks for each team.*
 - (4) *If the score is still a draw, each team shall alternate taking one kick until the draw is resolved.*
 - (5) *No player shall kick a 2nd time until other players have kicked.*
 - (6) *Any player on the field of play at the end of 2nd overtime may substitute for the goalkeeper at any time with the permission of the referee.*
 - c. *Additional rules, guidelines, and deadlines for all NOSA tournaments will be determined by the 1st Vice-President, the 2nd Vice-President. And the rules sub-committee.*

Section 4

Insurance Coverage And Provisions

- A. USYSA will provide blanket accident and legal liability soccer insurance for all registered players, managers, coaches, and officials while engaged in NOSA sponsored soccer activities.**
- B. The insurance coverage shall insure against bodily injuries sustained while participating in or directly going to or returning from a game, practice, or exhibition game sponsored by NOSA or local team.**
- C. The benefit amounts may vary from year to year, and will not be less than that provided by the USYSA blanket policy with some deductible amount.**
- D. The insurance coverage amount shall be for the seasonal year August 1st thru July 31st.**
- E. The required application for insurance shall be filed with NOSA, on the prescribed form by the coach for each team and all players and coaches on it roster, with the team registration form.**

Section 5

Amendment Of These Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular scheduled team representative meeting by a 2/3 majority vote of those present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment is presented in writing at least one week in advance of said meeting to the NOSA Executive Board. These bylaws may not be amended at a special membership meeting.