

NORTH TACOMA SOCCER CLUB (NORTAC) RULES AND REGULATIONS

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RULES REGARDING CLUB POLICY

Section 1.

The organization and administration of leagues, competitions, tournaments, and other tests of skill under the North Tacoma Soccer Club (NORTAC) jurisdiction shall be governed by these Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors may approve Special Rules and Regulations on a "one time" basis for special events.

Section 2.

FIFA Laws will apply, except where amended or altered by these Rules and Regulations.

Section 3.

Events such as those outlined in Section 1 above, scheduled by other organizations (Association, WSYSA, USYSA, etc.) shall be conducted by Rules and Regulations established by that jurisdiction, but will be coordinated through NORTAC and these Rules and Regulations.

Section 4.

It is recognized that within NORTAC there exists differing qualities of ability and the desire for various levels of competition. It is the intent of this document to consider and provide for these needs, either within NORTAC jurisdiction, or by cooperation and coordination with other jurisdictions.

In order to carry out the objectives of NORTAC, a "stair step" system is issued as follows:

- a. A Mod/Micro soccer academy: Designated for player 10 and younger, a beginner's program designated to get young participants interested in the sport of soccer. This program will also help develop young inexperienced players so that they may move up into the higher levels of competition offered by NORTAC.
- b. Association / District Leagues: Leagues of differing skills allowing for teams to compete at an appropriate level, while at the same time providing competition for players and coaches who want only "recreational play".
- c. Competitive Leagues: Designated for youth teams seeking keener competition; NORTAC coordinates with the Association, WSYSA, USYSA, US Club, District Leagues, etc., to accommodate the pursuit of excellence.

Section 5.

Meetings

- a. Monthly meetings of the NORTAC board of directors shall be held on the second Monday of each month at the designated meeting place to be determined by the Executive board. Meeting notices shall be communicated to the club membership no later than one week prior.
- b. Monthly Executive board meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at the designated meeting place to be determined by the executive board.
- c. Meeting time and place may be altered based on executive board majority approval as long as notice is provided to the general board within one week.

RULES REGARDING THE DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees under the President

- a. **Risk Management Committee:** the President shall chair the Risk Management Committee as needed. Duties include insuring that all volunteers and employees have undergone a background check. The President shall keep private the returned information except where the safety of any NORTAC members is an issue.
- b. **Ethics Committee:** The President shall appoint a chairperson for the committee. The committee shall:
 1. Consist of one Chairperson and a minimum of four (4) additional members who will be selected by the Chairperson.
 2. Be charged with the responsibility of investigating any acts by members of NORTAC that are deemed to be detrimental to the purposes and standards set by the NORTAC Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.

In any situation deemed by this committee to require disciplinary action, this committee shall take such action using the following procedures.

 - I. Upon receipt of evidence indicating disciplinary action may be justified, the chairperson of the committee shall call a meeting within fifteen (15) days or in sufficient time to render a decision before the completion of the current season, whichever is least, and shall notify the principle parties at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the date of said meeting.
 - a) The committee chairperson shall call before the committee representatives of all parties involved.
 - b) All debate among the committee members concerned in the matter shall be held in private.
 - c) All decisions made by the committee shall be made in writing, one copy to be retained by the committee, one copy to each principle party involved, and one copy to be sent to the NORTAC Secretary.
 - d) Protests – Protests will follow approved WSYSA / US Club guidelines in the protest and appeals manual.
 3. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 4. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.

Section 2. Committees Under the First Vice President

- a. **Disciplinary Committee:** The First Vice President shall appoint a chairperson for the committee. The committee shall:
 1. Be composed of the appointed chairperson or his/her delegate. The sitting committee for a hearing shall be a minimum of five (5), the chairperson plus four (4) team delegates selected, from different teams, so as to give that particular hearing maximum impartiality as regards teams, age groups, etc., involved.
 2. Deal with all matters relating to violations of game conduct, rules of play and rules of competition within these Rules and Regulations, or any misapplication of the “Laws of the Game” as published by FIFA, or changed or altered by USYSA, US Club Soccer, WSYSA, or the Association.
 3. Investigate NORTAC members found to be in “bad standing”.

4. Procedures:
 - I. Disciplinary Action – All misconduct reports shall be sent directly to the Disciplinary Chairperson of the Association or league. Upon receipt, the Disciplinary Committee shall handle disciplinary actions, and shall:
 - a) Deal with all players and coaches sent off the field by the referee.
 - b) Upon receipt in writing of evidence indicating disciplinary action may be justified, the chairperson shall call a meeting within fifteen (15) days or in sufficient time to render a decision before the completion of the current season, whichever is least; and shall notify the principle parties at least 72 hours prior to the date of said meeting.
 - c) All debate among the committee members concerned in the matter shall be held in private.
 - II. Protests – Protests will follow approved WSYSA / US Club guidelines in the protest and appeals manual.
 5. All decisions by the committee shall be made in writing, one copy to be retained by the committee, one copy to each principle party involved, and one copy sent to the NORTAC Secretary.
 6. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 7. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.
- b. **Equipment Committee:** The First Vice President shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the team representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
1. Coordinate with the Games and Fields Committee Chairpersons to provide all necessary equipment for all league games.
 2. Be responsible for all club equipment (i.e. nets, goals, corner flags, paint, lining machines, lights, etc.), it's safekeeping, usage, and storage.
 3. Appoint a Jersey Coordinator to be responsible for all club jerseys and/or any other uniform items owned by the club.
 4. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 5. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.

Section 3. **Committees under the Vice President – Competition**

- a. **Games Coordinator or Committee:** the Vice President – Competition shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the team representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
1. Prepare and present the match schedules received from the Association, District, US Club Soccer, and WSYSA after coordinating with the Fields and Referee Chairpersons.
 2. Have the authority to call meetings with all coaches and team representatives.
 3. Convey the postponement of matches declared by the league Games Chairperson on any given day when an emergency condition warrants such action.
 4. Coordinate the scheduling of all make-up matches.
 5. Require all club teams to notify the committee of all non-scheduled intra-club matches twenty-four (24) hours in advance.
 6. Keep a permanent match record of all games conducted.
 7. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.

8. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.
 9. The Games Committee Chairperson shall be entitled to compensation deemed appropriate by the executive board.
- b. **Fields Coordinator or Committee:** the Vice President – Competition shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the team representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
1. Consult with the area agencies holding ownership of fields (parks, Schools etc.), requesting use of fields, and shall acquire written agreements of use schedules for NORTAC. This schedule shall be provided to the Games Chairperson in writing.
 2. Fully publicize to all NORTAC teams the use limitations of acquired fields and be responsible for the preparation of fields for practice and play and their maintenance.
 3. Provide information to the Association Fields Committee as to possible loss or gain of fields within NORTAC jurisdiction due to new construction, remodeling, destruction, re-designation, etc.
 4. Be responsible for making sure that fields in NORTAC jurisdiction are used in a proper manner. Violators should be handled at club level, with appeal to the Board of Directors of the Association, if a problem is unmanageable.
 5. Be sensitive to the need for long-range field development and shall bring potential opportunities to the attention of the Fields Development Committee.
 6. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 7. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.
- c. **Referee Assignor Coordinator:** the Vice President – Competition shall appoint a coordinator. The coordinator shall:
1. Coordinate with the Games Chairperson regarding the field and game schedules for all the league games.
 2. Be responsible for scheduling referees to all club league games.
 3. Prepare a record of assignments and coordinate with the Treasurer to provide payments.
 4. Plan for and schedule club wide referee clinics.
 5. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 6. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.
- d. **Tournament Coordinator:** the Vice President – Competition shall appoint a coordinator. The coordinator shall:
1. Be the Association representative.
 2. Be the coordinating liaison on behalf of NORTAC teams entered in tournaments.
 3. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 4. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.

Section 4. **Committees under the Vice President - Development**

- a. **Player Development Committee:** The Vice President – Development shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the team representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
1. Plan for and schedule club wide training clinics, either in house or through association leagues and other quality sources.

2. Coordinate with the association to avoid conflicting dates, to give maximum publicity to other clubs, and to assist the club in determining that they are receiving quality offerings.
 3. Be the primary promoter and source of new player enrollment, coordinating these activities with the Vice President of communications and club registrar.
 4. Coordinate with the Games Committee to assure adequate fields and avoid scheduling conflicts.
 5. Provide training for coaches and players to include, but not limited to the following:
 - I. Laws of the game.
 - II. NORTAC Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.
 - III. Association Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.
 - IV. Sports medicine and first aid clinics.
 - V. Basic soccer skills, films and lectures.
 - VI. Basic soccer skills field work.
 6. Organize MICRO league in accordance with the format stated in these Rules and Regulations, separate from the Association "Home Leagues".
 7. Provide all the above on a continuing basis as a centralized Club function, with follow up by each member team.
 8. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 9. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.
- b. **Coaches Development Committee:** the Vice President – Development shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the team representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
1. Plan for and schedule club wide training clinics, either in house or through association leagues and other quality sources.
 2. Coordinate with the Association to avoid conflicting dates, to give maximum publicity to other clubs, and to assist the Club in determining that they are receiving quality offerings.
 3. Give maximum publicity to NORTAC coaches when the USSF Coaching School, or similar quality schools are coming to our area.
 4. Coordinate with and advise Select Teams Committee on determination of select coaches in accordance with Team Formation Rules, Section 2.
 5. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 6. Prepare and update standard operating procedure.
- c. **Director of Coaching Development Committee:** The Vice President of – Development shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the team representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The Committee Shall:
1. When necessary plan for and enact the task of hiring a Director of Coaching. This task shall include:
 - I. Developing a list of requirements and desired talents necessary to fulfill the role of this position.
 - II. advertising the position.
 - III. Arranging for interviews of all qualified candidates.
 - IV. Arranging for applicant presentations before the executive board and Selection Committee.
 - V. Negotiating any contracts necessary for the hiring of a DOC.

2. The committee shall be responsible for communicating a 3, 6, and 12-month plan as set Forth by the DOC to the Executive Board.
 3. The committee shall provide resources necessary for the DOC to complete his or her tasks.
 4. The committee shall be the general liaison to the Executive Board.
- d. **Referee Development Committee:** the Vice President – Development shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the team representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
1. Plan for and schedule club wide clinics following the PCSRA referee requirements.
 2. Coordinate with the Association to avoid conflicting dates, to give maximum publicity to other clubs, and to assist the Club in determining that they are receiving quality offerings.
 3. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 4. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.
- e. **Fields Development Committee:** the Vice President – Development shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the team representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
1. Be the coordinating liaison on behalf of NORTAC, with those area agencies holding ownership of fields (Parks, Schools, private sources, etc.), as regards long range development of fields.
 2. Present to those agencies the needs, viewpoints, and cooperation of NORTAC in the long range development of fields.
 3. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 4. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.
- f. **Select Teams Committee:** the Vice President – Development shall appoint a chairperson. The committee shall be composed of the chairperson, and two nonmembers of the Executive Board. The Committee shall:
1. Keep the Association Vice President of Development advised of the progress of the select program.
 2. Promote, organize, schedule and administer the NORTAC select team’s selection process of players and coaches in accordance with Section 2 of the Team Formation Rules
 3. Publicize to all eligible players, the tryout/selection schedule.
 4. Communicate with the select team coaches and managers in regard to team needs throughout the season.
 5. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 6. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.
 7. The Select Committee Chairperson shall be entitled to compensation deemed appropriate by the executive board.

Section 5. **Committees under the Vice President – Communications and Outreach**

- a. **Registrar:** the Vice President – Communications shall appoint a registrar with the approval of the executive board. The registrar shall:
1. Handle all insurance and registration of teams and players within the NORTAC jurisdiction.
 2. Organize through affiliated teams the time and locations of preseason registration.

3. Be responsible for preparation and distribution of information for team managers prior to each soccer season.
 4. Determine the date of final team registration.
 5. Ensure that all team rosters and changes thereto are sent to the Association and league Registrars.
 6. Maintain a current file on every player and coach registered for a minimum of four years.
 7. Verify and record verification of age of players.
 8. Coordinate with the President to ensure all coaches, assistant coaches, team representatives/ managers, or others as required by the committee have obtained RMA approval.
 9. Review, update and/or amend registrar job description as needed with the approval of VP of Operations.
 10. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 11. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.
 12. The Registrar shall be entitled to compensation deemed appropriate by the executive board.
- b. **Public Relations Committee:** the Vice President – Communications shall appoint a coordinator who shall:
1. Be responsible to perform public relations functions as required by the Executive Board.
 2. Coordinate the communications and updates to the Nortac Website.
 3. Coordinate all Email or US Mail Communications to Nortac coaches, managers, parents, and the public (such as tryouts, registration, meetings, tournaments, training events, etc.).
 4. Create a yearlong schedule of events.
 5. Manage Social Media outlets as a way to promote and enhance NORTAC in the local area.
 6. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 7. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.
- c. **Scholarship Committee:** the Vice President – Communications shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the team representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
1. Determine and set guidelines for individual scholarship applications.
 2. Determine and set deadlines for applications, coordinating with the NORTAC Registrar.
 3. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 4. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.

Section 6. **Committees under the Vice President – Organization**

- a. **Bylaws and Rules and Regulations Committee:** the Vice President – Organization shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the team representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
1. Review the stated documents periodically, or when requested through the NORTAC Board of Directors.
 2. Submit proposed changes, in accordance with each document's articles, through the Executive Board, the Board of Directors and the teams.
 3. Be the screening agent and advisor to the Executive Board on proposed changes coming from teams to determine if some unintentional conflicts with other articles are being created.

4. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 5. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.
- b. **Nominations/AGM (Annual General Meeting) Committee:** The Vice President - Organization shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the team representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
1. Seek out the most capable people within NORTAC, and encourage them to stand for election to the Executive Board at the AGM.
 2. Receive names from the teams and individuals.
 3. Present the slate of candidates at the AGM.
 4. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 5. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.
- c. **Awards Committee:** the Vice President – Organization shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the team representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
1. Determine and collect all appropriate awards, trophies, etc., in adequate time to make presentation to the winners.
 2. Arrange and schedule the time, date, and place of all appropriate awards and associated activities, in coordination with and approval of the Executive Board.
 3. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 4. Prepare and update standard operating procedures.
- d. **Fund Raising Committee:** The Vice President – Organization shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the club representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
1. Solicit funds and equipment for on behalf of NORTAC as requested by the Executive Board.
 2. File an annual report with the appropriate Vice President.
 3. Prepare and update standard operating procedures

Section 7. **Committees under the Secretary**

- a. **Volunteer committee:** Secretary shall coordinate and ensure all committees are filled with the appropriate number of volunteers.

Section 8. **Committees under the Treasurer**

- a. **Review Committee:** The Treasurer shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the club representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
 1. Perform an annual review of the treasures records as required by the NORTAC Executive Board or Board of Directors.
 2. Have the authority to inspect, copy and report on any and all bank accounts or other records of the teams, coaches or team representatives that may pertain to NORTAC matters.
 3. File an annual report with the Club President
 4. Prepare and update standard operating procedures

- b. **Budget Committee:** The Treasurer shall appoint a chairperson, who may appoint as many members from the club representatives as the chairperson feels appropriate. The committee shall:
 - 1. Be charged with the responsibility of creating an annual budget to be presented to the Executive Board for approval and voted upon by the Board of Directors at the AGM.

PLAYER REGISTRATION AND TRANSFERS RULES

Section 1. Registration

- a. All youth amateur players may participate in soccer matches under the jurisdiction of NORTAC, providing they are a member of an affiliated team, in good standing, and are duly registered in this club.
- b. Each affiliated team(s) shall have a team manager responsible to the Registrar for registration and certification of eligibility for all players on that team.
- c. Each player shall show proof of age by submitting a copy of one of the following: birth certificate, or birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency, board of health records, passport, alien registration card issued by Immigration and Naturalization attesting to age or a certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal or religious certificate will not be accepted.
- d. Each player shall pay the required fees.
- e. A player shall be considered a "Registered Player" only after signing an intent to play in WSYSA or US Club Soccer, providing proof of age and paying the required fee. A player shall be considered a "Rostered Player" after the club registrar has assigned a registered player to a team.

Section 2. Transfers - A rostered player within NORTAC jurisdiction may transfer at will, subject to the following conditions:

- a. A transfer form is initiated by the receiving team and filed with the club registrar.
- b. Certify to the club registrar that the player is in "good standing" and is free of debt to his/her current team, club and association; and that the return to current team of all issued uniforms and equipment is completed.
- c. Once a transfer form has been submitted to the club registrar, then completed, the player is eligible to compete.
- d. A team shall be limited to a total of three (3) transferred players per registration period. Transfers will be counted against the team only after the initial roster has been registered with the association registrar and includes post-season tournament play.
- e. Players in debt to his/her current team, club, and association will be considered in "bad standing". Parents/legal guardians of players believed to be in "bad standing" will receive notification from the NORTAC Ethics Chairperson by certified or electronic mail. The Ethics Committee will proceed as per Rules Regarding Committee Chairpersons Section 1. b.

TEAM FORMATION RULES

Section 1. Teams are formed within and by the rules of this Club, subject to the conditions of these Rules and Regulations.

- a. All players will be assigned to teams by age per current league guidelines.
- b. No team shall have more than two younger players "playing up", unless special and unique circumstances warrant it. The Club Registrar shall have final say as to the placing of a player on non-select teams. NORTAC highly encourages all players to play "on age" and younger players should be discouraged from "playing up".
- c. A player requesting to play in an age group beyond two years of his legal age must have a signed permission slip on file with NORTAC and the Association.
- d. A team's age group is determined by the birth year of its oldest player.
- e. Any teams playing an over aged player or violating the maximum number of legal players per team, in accordance with league rules shall forfeit the game(s) in which such player takes place and the coach, parent and player may be subject to other disciplinary action in accordance with these rules and regulations.
- f. Any team, through its coach, parent or players attempting to induce a registered player, or any team under the jurisdiction of this Club or the Association, to transfer from his/her team, without the player's coach's prior consent shall be deemed to have committed an offense for tampering, and shall be dealt with by the NORTAC Ethics Committee. This is not to be construed to mean that a coach may not make his/ her needs known to other coaches.
- g. All teams affiliated with NORTAC must have a team name and that name must be retained for the entire season. All newly forming teams affiliating with NORTAC for the first time must choose a team name that does not duplicate any name that presently exists within NORTAC. This does not apply to sponsor's names, i.e., Jones' Chargers and Jones' Drillers is not considered to be a duplication, but Chargers and Jones's Chargers is considered to be duplicates.
- h. Any team affiliating with NORTAC for the first time from an outside organization must meet the above requirements.
- i. Each team shall:
 1. Have an assistant coach, one or more.
 2. Have a team manager who shall perform the following tasks:
 - I. Do paperwork, phone calls, team and player registration, fee collections, etc.
 - II. If necessary establish a team bank account and, it is recommended that you have a team treasurer, other than yourself to handle the money.
 - III. Have an annual meeting with the parents and outline the year, goals and objectives, needs for help; the schedules, both games and practices, fees, post season tournaments, skills competition, leagues placements, etc.
 - IV. Provide advanced requests for any and all fundraisers or donations and written approval must be obtained from the Treasurer or assignee on the form approved by the Executive Board.
 - V. If necessary provide to the Treasurer or assignee a copy of the team budget, along with identification of and authorization for inspection of team accounts.
 - VI. Additional responsibilities of the team manager can be found in Article 10 under Team Representatives in the Nortac Bylaws.
 3. Consult with the Club/Association Games Chairperson, Club/Association Vice President of Competition and Club/Association Registrar, specifically as to what level of league competition your team should be placed. This should be done as soon as possible after a

- team formation; but in all cases no later than the deadline established each year prior to the Games Committee setting the season league schedules.
- 4. Prepare an annual written report to the NORTAC Treasurer showing amounts and source of funds, if team earned or raised \$2,000.00 or more in any one year.
- j. All team coaches and manager applicants shall be approved by the NORTAC Executive Board.

Section 2. NORTAC Select Program teams may be formed from any age division with the approval of the Executive Board. NORTAC will make every effort not to break apart existing teams.

Section 3. NORTAC Select Program additional team policy and procedures:

- a. NORTAC Select Program teams shall:
 - 1. Consist of players possessing a high level of soccer skills, competitive ability and desire, selected from an eligible group of players.
 - 2. Consist of more than one select team in any age group if a sufficient number of eligible players and coaches exist.
- b. Initiative for NORTAC Select Program teams shall be:
 - 1. To provide an avenue for the more skilled players to advance in soccer skills and competitive ability by playing at a high competitive level and with players of near or equal ability.
 - 2. To allow those players who have previously been restricted in their participation in game situations because of their skill level and competitive ability, to participate to a greater extent on a team with players of near or equal ability, thus increasing their interest and preventing normal attrition from the game.
- c. Player Selection Committee shall:
 - 1. Be established for every age group in which there is a selected coach and sufficient player participation for a select team.
 - 2. Consist of the coach, assistant coach, and any Select Program committee members, and other NORTAC coaches known to be knowledgeable of the level of players to be selected.
- d. NORTAC Select Program Coaches shall:
 - 1. Be appointed annually, prior to annual tryouts, by the Select Program Committee, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.
 - 2. Be appointed for one year unless terminated earlier by the Executive Board. If a coach is unable to continue, a replacement shall be appointed by the committee.
 - 3. Attend Nortac board meetings.
 - 4. Sign the NORTAC "Coaches Code of Conduct" prior to beginning their coaching duties.
 - 5. Follow the NORTAC recommended qualifications as follows:
 - I. USSF "D" license or national equivalent.
 - II. Will have passed a written examination of the State Referees Commission within the last two years.
 - III. A minimum of two years of youth soccer coaching experience.
- e. Select Program Assistant Coach shall:
 - 1. Be appointed by the select team coach, subject to approval of the Executive Board. It is not mandatory but it is strongly advised that the assistant coach meet the above qualifications.
 - 2. Sign the NORTAC "Coaches Code of Conduct" prior to the beginning of their coaching duties.
- f. Select Program Team Manager shall: Be appointed by the select team coach. Team managers are expected to fulfill the duties outlined above in Section 1 i.
- g. Selection of players:

1. Players will be selected annually by select coaches and their evaluators at a pre-determined date.
2. In those age groups for which a coach has been selected, invitations may be sent to all players currently registered within WSYSA or US Club Soccer. Dates and times for tryouts will be established by the Select Program Committee.
3. The final roster will be determined by the select team coach.
4. All NORTAC select teams will compete within the WSYSA or US Club Soccer in the highest available league of competition, for which qualified.
5. Any player who shall tryout for a NORTAC select team, but is not selected, will have the right to return to his/her former club team. The Registrar will be charged with the responsibility of assuring that said players are given the option of returning to their former team.

TEAM REGISTRATION RULES

Section 1. All teams must affiliate with the club in which a predominant number of its players reside.

Section 2. A team shall be permitted to have a minimum/maximum number of players per league guidelines. Any changes from the original roster shall be made through the team manager to the club registrar, whose duty shall be to date, sign and forward the proper form to the association registrar.

Section 3. A team shall be considered disbanded either when its responsible officers informed the club of its termination, or when the Executive Board declares, after an investigation, that the team has disbanded. The club shall survey this matter each spring, in anticipation of the coming season.

Section 4. All fees established by the NORTAC Board of Directors are due and payable at the time the association team affiliation forms are submitted, whether by team or by club. Deadlines shall be established by the NORTAC Executive Board as recommended by the NORTAC Registrar.

LEAGUE FORMATION RULES

Section 1. The Mod/Micro Soccer academy league (Academy Soccer) shall be organized by the Vice President of Development and the Director of Coaching.

Section 2. The Home League shall be organized by the Games Coordinator, as specified in the Rules Regarding the Duties of Committees section of these Rules and Regulations.

Section 3. The playing season, number of games, league formation shall be governed by the league Rules and Regulations, or by the NORTAC Games Chair as appropriate.

RULES OF COMPETITION

Rules of Competition shall be governed by the league Rules and Regulations said team is participating in.

RULES OF PLAY

Rules of Play shall be governed by the league Rules and Regulations said team is participating in.

RULES OF GAME CONDUCT

Rules of Game Conduct shall be governed by the league Rules and Regulations said team is participating in. Any violations shall be brought before the NORTAC ethics and/or disciplinary committee for appropriate action.

RULES REGARDING SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

Any Special Competitions which shall be established annually by the Vice President of Competition, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall be conducted by the chairperson of the Special Competition Committee.

RULES REGARDING AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Section 1. The Awards Committee may plan a yearly event to recognize the achievement, excellence and service of individual players and teams.

- a. The event can be done at a club or individual team level as desired by the Executive Board and team representatives.
- b. The Awards Committee can work within the Newsletter Committee and the Public Relations Committee so that our players can be recognized in the community as well as within the Club.

Section 2. Award of Excellence:

- a. Presented to individuals who demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- b. Awards may consist of individual T-shirts, pins, patches or other awards agreed upon by the Awards Committee.

Section 3. President's Service Award:

- a. Presented to individuals who have contributed significant outstanding service to NORTAC – individual plaque, as approved by the NORTAC Board of directors.
- b. Criteria:
 1. Minimum of two years of service on the Executive Board.
 2. Minimum of four years of service on the Board of Directors.
 3. Minimum of three years of service as a NORTAC committee chairperson.
 4. Minimum of four years of service as a committee member.
 5. Outstanding direction/leadership of a designated project of NORTAC.
 6. Any combination of the above factors.
 7. In all cases, the overall consideration of the personal integrity, honor, and general conduct of the individual as reflecting favorably on the objectives and purposes of NORTAC.
 8. This award shall be limited to not more than two presentations in any one year.

Section 4. Lifetime Award:

- a. Presented to a selected individual who has contributed significantly outstanding service to NORTAC – individual plaque, as approved by the NORTAC Board of directors.
- b. Criteria:
 1. Minimum of two years of service on the Executive Board.
 2. Minimum of four years of service on Board of Directors.
 3. Minimum of three years of service as NORTAC committee chairperson.
 4. Minimum of four years of service as NORTAC committee member.
 5. Outstanding direction/leadership of a designated project of NORTAC.
 6. Any combination of the above factors.
 7. In all cases, the overall consideration of the personal integrity, honor, and general conduct of the individual as reflecting favorably on the objectives and purposes of NORTAC.
 8. This award shall be limited to not more than one presentation in any one year.

Section 5. Other awards which may be established by the NORTAC Board of Directors and incorporated in and as part of this article.

CHANGES TO RULES AND REGULATIONS

- a. Changes to these Rules and Regulations may be made at any regular Board of Directors meeting by a two thirds majority vote cast by the Board of Directors present.
- b. No change to these Rules and Regulations shall be retroactive.
- c. The Secretary shall publish and mail within thirty (30) days of approval to all coaches and officers of affiliated teams and to the Association Secretary, any changes to these Rules and Regulations.
- d. Changes are effective fifteen (15) days after board approval.