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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
STEPHENVILLE SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.
A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of eighteen years or more, at least two of whom are citizens of the State of Texas, acting as incorporators of a corporation under Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I.

The name of the corporation is STEPHENVILLE SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II.

This corporation shall be a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The period of its duration is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV.

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is:

- a. To administer and develop soccer programs designed to assist children in their physical and emotional development; and
- b. To promote the development of soccer in Stephenville, Texas, and the Cross Timbers area.

Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise that is not in furtherance of the primary purposes of its corporation.

This Corporation is organized pursuant to the Non-Profit Corporation Act and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and is organized for non-profit purposes.

The said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, the making of distributions under section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any further United States Internal Revenue Law).

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be Authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or Distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other Activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by A corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V.

The address of the initial registered office is 104 E. College, Stephenville, TX 76401, and the Initial registered agent is Carol Johnston.

ARTICLE VI.

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is eight, and the names and addresses of the person who are to serve as Directors until the first annual meeting of Shareholders or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

Floyd Rush
Lingleville Highway
Stephenville, TX 76401

Cissy Bramlett
270 E. McNeill
Stephenville, TX 76401

Scott Johnston
104 E. College
Stephenville, TX 76401

Carol Johnston
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Jerry Taylor
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Stephenville, TX 76401

ARTICLE VII.

The names and addresses of the incorporation are:

Scott Johnston
104 E. College
Stephenville, TX 76401

Carol Johnston
104 E. College
Stephenville, TX 76401

Cissy Bramlett
270 E. McNeill
Stephenville, TX 76401

ARTICLE VIII.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government , for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is the located, exclusively or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, have hereunto set our hands this ____ day of _____, 1987.

Carol Johnston

Scott Johnston

Cissy Bramlett

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ERATH

I, _____, a notary public, do hereby certify that on this ____ day of _____, 1987, personally appeared before me Carol Johnston, who after being duly sworn, declared that she is the person who signed the foregoing document an incorporator and that the statements contained therein are true.

Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires:

STEPHENVILLE SOCCER ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

We the Executive Committee of the Stephenville Soccer Association, in accordance with the vote of the General Membership present at the Annual Membership Meeting conducted on July 14, 2008, do hereby sign the document thus enacting its contents as a guide by which we agree to abide so long as this meets the needs of the organization. This becomes an official document upon its signing.

Changes made to this document must be made in accordance with the procedures outlined herein and meet the approval of the North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA) before becoming officially binding. It is intended to be a "living" document and should not be viewed as overly prescriptive or restrictive, but should guide our thinking in decisions we make and actions we take.

We believe in the concept of consensus; i.e., we may not agree individually with each and every part of the contents of this document, but we are willing to try some new approaches and will compromise our personal biases in the interest of harmony and cooperation for the benefit of the SSA as a whole.

To the above, we here and now ascribe our signatures:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

U-6 Boys Commissioner

U-6 Girls Commissioner

U-8 Boys Commissioner

U-8 Girls Commissioner

U-10 Boys Commissioner

U-10 Girls Commissioner

Upper Level Commissioner

Adult/Indoor Commissioner

Competitive Commissioner

Member-At-Large

Registrar

Uniform Coordinator

Referee Coordinator

**STEPHENVILLE SOCCER ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION
July 14, 2008**

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Stephenville Soccer Association, Inc., and be known as either the "Association" or "SSA" for all purposes hereinafter set forth.

Article II. Basic Purpose/Charter

The Association was created and continues to exist by utilizing the great game of soccer to provide opportunities for its members and supporters to:

- A. Develop self-confidence through improving personal skills
- B. Experience and understand the lifelong benefits derived from, loyalty, teamwork and maintaining commitments.
- C. Develop good sportsmanship and character through learning how to win graciously and lose with dignity.
- D. Understand the rules and tactics of the most widely played sport in the world.
- E. Enjoy an energizing form of healthful recreation as either a participant or as a spectator.
- F. Provide a source of trained talent for competitive school, league, tournament, or professional play and carry the aforementioned benefits forward into the players' personal and professional lives.

Article III. Status

The SSA shall be known as a non-profit organization formed exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of and future United States Internal Revenue Law). (Exhibit A)

Article IV. Location

The headquarters of this Association shall be located in the city of Stephenville, Texas.

Article V. Geographic Scope

The Association shall be nominally bounded by all areas falling within the jurisdiction of the Stephenville Independent School District and will, with approval of the General Membership accept voluntary membership of individuals, or teams from applications outside this area who willingly agree to comply with this Constitution and Bylaws, and the General Playing Rules ascribed by SSA.

Article VI. Affiliation

This Association shall be affiliated with and guided by the North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA), United States Soccer Federation (USSF), United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA), and the world governing body known as the Federation Internationals Football Association (FIFA) and will recognize and abide by the rules and regulations ascribed and communicated by the NTSSA as agent for all. In addition, we will support the efforts of the Olympic Soccer Football Committee and Amateur Federation where soccer is considered.

Article VII. Membership and Voting Rights

The General Membership of the Association shall be comprised of:

- A. All registered players 18 years of age or older
- B. All parents or legal guardian of players (regardless of whether or not he/she has a child playing or is himself/herself a player)
- C. Any registered Head Coach of an SSA team (regardless of whether or not he/she has a child playing or is himself/herself a player)
- D. Any registered Assistant Coach of an SSA team (same caveat)
- E. Any registered Referee who is both deemed current by NTSSA and approved by SSA (regardless of age)
- F. One member from any sponsoring organization or individual who is a sponsor in accordance with prevailing and current financial sponsorship guidelines

Any individual designated or qualified according to the aforementioned protocol will be given one vote at all General Membership Meetings regardless of whether they fit more than one category, represent more than one organization, or have more than one child in the program. The only time this would vary is by designated proxy of any officer according to relevant and approved processes in place at the time of any vote.

General Membership Meetings will be held during the months of October, January, April, and July (Annual Meeting)

Article VIII. Leadership and Administration

As a non-profit organization, no officer of this Association will be paid for services rendered as an officer except reimbursement for certain pre-approved expenses as outlined in the Bylaws, and when performing the duties of a referee or linesman. Leadership will be provided and governed in the day-to-day operation by an Executive Committee. Each officer will be responsible for coordinating an operating committee as ascribed in the Bylaws. Terms of office and election procedures are also covered in the Bylaws. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Member-At-Large and all Commissioners.

A Board of Directors is established as a safety mechanism in the event of any unforeseen circumstances which may prevent the entire Executive Committee or a sufficient quorum of the Executive Committee from meeting its obligations over greater than two months. This Board has no specific governing responsibility except in said emergency state and recent Past Presidents of the Association regardless of their current affiliation with SSA and will only remain in effect until a new state of officers can be duly elected by the General Membership.

SSA operates on a fiscal calendar year that begins on August 1 and ends July 31 annually. Executive Committee meetings are held at least monthly and announced through the local newspaper. Visitors are welcome but are non-voting. The October, January, and April meetings are designated as General Membership Meetings and are held for purpose of approving changes to the Constitution and Bylaws and communicating prior activities and future needs, and are held in conjunction with the Executive Committee Meeting. All members present or proxy may vote on all business. The July meeting is designated as the Annual Membership Meeting and has the added function of electing officers and budget approval. In all cases, unless otherwise designated in the Bylaws, decisions will be made by a majority rule with group consensus being the final result.

Article IX. Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any General Membership Meeting. Proposed changes must be submitted to any Executive Committee Member 14 days in advance of an upcoming meeting. The receiving officer must then forward copies to all other Executive members within four days (10 days prior to General Membership Meetings). Proposed changes will only be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Preliminary changes in practice to the Constitution and Bylaws may be made with sufficient good reason to warrant unanimous vote of the Executive Committee. Said changes will not be written into the document until understood and ratified at an Annual General Membership Meeting. This clause is to be used sparingly and will definitely occur only as an exception. It must not become normal practice.

Article X. Changes to the Rules of Play

SSA will modify rules of play involving Laws of the Game per FIFA regulation when:

- A. Directed to do so by NTSSA
- B. Recommended to do so by USSF, USYSA, or FIFA
- C. Safety of our participants is at issue

Recommendations for changes may only be proposed by the Chairman of the Competitions, i.e., one of the duly elected Commissioners. Voting on these changes may be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee as an interim practice which must then be ratified by the General Membership; this may be done for this particular article (Article X) only by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

Article XI. Operating Principles and Performance Standards

The Stephenville Soccer Association supports the recommendations of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association and hereby includes in this Constitution our Operating Principles and Performance Standards as they pertain to our sport.

Section A.-Proper Sports Environment

We believe in creating a positive environment that allows all recreational participants to learn, grow, and have fun playing soccer.

Performance Standards

1. Minimum playing times are established and communicated for all participants involved as recreational in recreational events.
2. Players from recreational teams are not "cut" or constructively discharged from any team.
3. Post season outdoor play will only be performed by regular season teams and in accordance with tournament regulations and no system of All-Star selection will occur.
4. Participant awards are provided and place trophies are not given to players in U-8 and younger.
5. League standings will not be published for ages U-8 and younger.

Section B.-Programs Based on Well-Being of Participants

We believe the game of soccer should be used to develop the emotional, physical, social, and educational well-being of players.

Performance Standards

1. Under 6-Development Emphasis
All recreational teams; no scoring or standings kept; rules, equipment, and fields modified; no travel for league play; coeducational available; 8 games schedule; no specialized positions; corrective instruction from officials.
2. Under 8-Sport Introduction
All recreational teams; no scoring or standings kept; rules, equipment, and fields modified; no travel for league play; coeducational available; 8 game schedule; corrective instructions from officials.
3. Under 10-Organization Program
Scores kept, but standings de-emphasized; rules, equipment, and fields modified; no specialized positions.
4. Under 12 & Above-Skill Enhancement Program
 - o Limited ability grouping; variety of positions encouraged, but some specialization may begin.
5. Coaches do not encourage excessive contact or score domination.
6. Year-round participation is not required.
7. No child will be required to perform rapid weight loss or gain, but physical fitness benefits are emphasized.
8. NTSSA tournaments only with no more than two tournaments supported by the association per year. Board approval required for tournaments.

Section C. Drug and Alcohol Free Environment

We believe that alcohol, tobacco, and illegal chemical substances impair the development of soccer players and have a seriously limiting affect on future potential.

Performance Standards

1. Alcohol, illegal substances, and tobacco are not used by any coach, league officer, or game official at any soccer events.
2. SSA provides information on identifying signs and symptoms for substance use/abuse.
3. Excused absences are those due to parental request, church, school, doctors, and planned family activities.
4. Unexcused absences or lack of notice may have a bearing on the amount of playing time for participants.

Section D.-Training

We believe players deserve good instruction and will work toward the continuous development of our coaching and officiating resources.

Performance Standards

1. Commissioners' review coaches overall effectiveness each season and recommendations regarding continuance or removal are offered to the Executive Committee.
2. All registered coaches and registered assistants sign a code of ethics pledging their commitment to provide an enjoyable, healthful sports experience.

Section E.-Safety

We insist on safe playing facilities, apparel, shoes, and use of proper protective equipment, and can provide proper first aid in the event of an accident.

Performance Standards

1. Playing fields and goal standards are inspected weekly and required repairs effected prior to any game days.
2. In event of inclement weather or questionable conditions, the assigned referee has the authority to decide whether or not the game will be played or postponed at game time.
3. All players wear shin guards during all games and practices.
4. All coaches regularly check players' shoes to ensure they are legal for the competition being played.
5. No play will take place when lightning is present or after dark on unlighted fields.

6. Players playing with casts or other support devices prescribed by a physician must always wrap the device in 1" foam to prevent injury to others and must submit a note from their doctor to their Commissioner releasing them to play.
7. Any coach who knowingly allows or compels an injured player to continue will be removed from the position and banned henceforth.

Section F.-Equal Play Opportunity

We believe in equal rights for any and all individuals who want to learn to play the game of soccer and will never tolerate discrimination on the basis of race, creed, national origin, sex, economic status, or ability.

Performance Standards

1. Any claims of discriminatory behavior will be investigated immediately and appropriately resolved.
2. Coeducational soccer is offered through at least the U-14 age group.
3. An active policy is established and communicated that makes it possible for all to play regardless of their ability.

Section G.-Drug and Alcohol-Free Adults

We recognize as responsible adults that we must set a positive example for the youth of the Association and as such never use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products or come under the influence of any impairing substance while attending or participating in SSA competition and practices.

Performance Standards

1. No alcoholic beverage is to be consumed on the property of SSA including fields, facilities, or parking lots.
2. Coaches will communicate to parents and spectators that the use of tobacco on the sidelines during games and practices is discouraged.
3. Any adult believed to be under the influence of an impairing substance will be asked to leave the field and appropriate measures taken in the event they refuse.

NOTES: Sections H and I pertain to parents/legal guardians of youth players

Section H.-Parent's Active Role

We believe parents must make a serious effort to take an active role in the soccer experience of their child by providing support as a spectator, coach, league administrator, referee, or committee member.

Performance Standards

1. All parents are encouraged to attend at least one SSA meeting during their child's tenure as a player.
2. Each team holds at least one parent meeting each sports season.
3. Association officers and coaches communicate how parents can be involved when opportunities to help arise.
4. Parents are provided with timely and appropriate communications from SSA and coaches.

Section I.-Positive Role Models

We believe parents, adults, and older players must serve as positive role models by exhibiting sportsmanlike behavior at games, and practices, and at home while giving support to the players and coaches.

Performance Standards

1. SSA has a well-publicized code of conduct regarding players, coaches and spectators that specifies and enforces guidelines for unacceptable behavior; i.e., publicly berating players, coaches, and referees; vulgar language; etc.
2. Questions of conduct are referred to the A & D Committee for resolution.
3. Penalties for violations of the code of conduct are strong enough to warrant correction.
4. Referees are informed of their rights/obligations to control the sidelines as well as the playing field.
5. Appeals regarding any incident follow NTSSA guidelines and protocol.
6. All parents and players will be supplied with a code of ethics form citing their willingness to abide by the guidelines expressed.

**STEPHENVILLE SOCCER ASSOCIATION
BYLAWS**

Article I. Executive Committee

Section A.-Election of Officers

Officers are to be nominated by a committee recommended by the President and approved by the Executive Committee. Candidates can be recommended by the Nominating Committee as either a choice for each office or as a slate and will be presented for General Membership vote at the Annual Meeting held in July each year. Nominations must be made as a motion from the Nominating Committee and other nominations may be taken from the floor. In the event a slate is presented and there are nominations from the floor, the slate is considered broken and all positions must be voted upon individually. All individual positions must be voted upon individually. All individual voting will be done by secret ballot; any slate presented will first be tested for objections by the President. Seeing non, he/she has the power to declare the slate duly elected by acclamation. Uncontested individual candidates will be presented and accepted in like manner.

Section B.-Length of Term of Officers

Officers are elected for a term of two years and may succeed themselves once in the same office. Officers shall be eligible for re-election to a previously held office after one year's absence from that office. All terms of office begin August 1 and end July 31 annually. Any officer appointed to fill an unexpired term of office will be considered as having performed a full term as it pertains to re-election only if they have fulfilled that position for longer than six months following the appointment to the position.

Elections shall be held at the Annual Membership Meeting (late July) with officers being elected as follows:

President	Even numbered years
Vice-President	Odd numbered years
Secretary	Even numbered years
Treasurer	Odd numbered years
Upper Level Commissioner	Even numbered years
U-10 Commissioner-Girls	Even numbered years
U-10 Commissioner-Boys	Odd numbered years
U-8 Commissioner-Girls	Even numbered years
U-8 Commissioner-Boys	Odd numbered years
U-6 Commissioner-Girls	Even numbered years
U-6 Commissioner-Boys	Odd numbered years

Member-At-Large Even numbered years
Adult/Indoor Commissioner Odd numbered years

**If only one commissioner per age group then U-10 & U-6 will be elected on odd numbered and U-8 will be elected on even numbered years. The Board has the latitude to modify the elections as needed by majority vote.

The Member-At-Large should be the immediate past President provided there is a positive vote support by the General Membership meeting. In the event this individual declines the position or is not ratified by the voters, the position will be filled in accordance with standard election procedures.

Section C.-Responsibility/Authority

The Executive Committee shall have the power to transact all business of the Association and shall have the obligation to enforce the Laws of the Game, rules set forth by jurisdicating bodies (FIFA, USSF, NTSSA), the Constitution, Bylaws, and Code of Ethics signed by all players, coaches, and parents. It shall directly or through its designed committees have the authority to settle all disputes, appeals, or protests subject to rehearing by the Executive Committee in the event of an unsatisfactory resolution by parties involved. The Executive Committee shall have the final decision regarding rules governing the divisions, competitions, tournaments, and special events within its jurisdiction.

Section D.-Meetings

A majority of the Executive Committee, so long as one is either the President or Vice-President, shall constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting a business meeting. This governing body is required to meet at least monthly at the request of the President. He/she shall be responsible to provide public notification of business meetings. Special meeting/work sessions may be held in addition to the monthly business meetings and need not have public awareness; however, no official business may be transacted at such meetings. General Membership and Annual Membership Meetings have been fully covered elsewhere in this document.

All Board Members must not miss more than two consecutive monthly meetings without good reason as deemed appropriate by the President. In the event this occurs, the President may exercise removal by proceeding in accordance with the responsibilities of his/her office.

Article II. Officers Responsibilities

All officers of this Association shall be required upon acceptance of the office to perform responsibilities as outlined in the following sections. These lists are not intended to be all inclusive and may change as requested by the President and/or voting membership.

Section A.-President

1. **Basic Purpose**-To plan, organize, lead, and control the activities conducted by members of the Executive Committee on behalf of all members and sponsors of the SSA.
2. **Major Responsibility Areas-**
 - a. Call and publicize all public meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee (but not necessarily working sessions where no formal business is conducted).
 - b. Preside at all public meetings of the Association and Executive Committee, and in the event of any tie vote, he/she shall cast the deciding vote. The President may represent any proxy votes duly assigned him/her when such votes are documented according to these Bylaws.
 - c. Ensure all members of the Executive Committees are functioning appropriately and either functionally agree with or appoint a sub-committee to serve on Operating Committees.
 - d. Ensure all members of the Executive Committee are performing their responsibilities, attending monthly meetings, and continually exemplifying the Association/Code of Ethics/Conduct. In the event any officer does not live up to his/her agreed to responsibilities and behaviors, it is the obligation of the President to recommend to the membership present and voting at any monthly meeting that the officer in question be removed from the position and an interim officer be appointed. Any interim officer must then be duly affirmed by the membership present and voting at any quarterly meeting.
 - e. Co-sign all checks with the Treasurer, following approval of the Executive Committee, to pay all bills presented to the SSA.
 - f. Represent the SSA at any community function and solicitation campaigns where public contact is warranted and appropriate.
 - g. Serve as an ex-officio member of any or all Operating Committees with full voting rights on each.

Section B.-Vice-President

1. **Basic Purpose**-To serve as the Chairman of the Fields and Equipment Operating Committee and to accede to the office of President in the event the position is vacated or in the absence of the President at any monthly meeting.
2. **Major Responsibility Areas:**
 - a. Recommending, for agreement of the President, individuals to serve as Chairman of the following sub-committee: Fields, Equipment, Concessions, Facilities.
 - b. Calling and conducting all meetings of the Fields and Equipment Operating Committee.
 - c. Ensure the condition of all fields and goals is up to playing standards prior to each game.
 - d. Ensure each team has an allocated supply of balls; U6 coaches will be provided, if necessary, balls, bag and cones.
 - e. Work with the Sponsorship Chairman to ensure proper recognition is given on signs and fences per the Sponsorship Program.
 - f. Ensure perimeter fencing is secure and that only current officers have keys and combinations to any and all existing storage facilities.
 - g. Coordinate the activation and ensure the profitability of any concession sales activities.
 - h. Serve as Chairman of the Appeals and Discipline Committee should its convening be necessary.

Section C.-Treasurer

1. **Basic Purpose:** To serve as the Chairman of the Finance Operating Committee in order to plan, organize, and control the receipt and expenditures of operating funds.
2. **Major Responsibility Areas:**
 - a. Submit a draft budget proposal to the Executive Committee for review and approval at the June meeting.
 - b. Submit a final budget proposal to the General Membership for approval at the July meeting.
 - c. Submit a report of all balance sheet activities that occur during any month at each monthly meeting.
 - d. Submit all expenditures over \$200.00 to the Executive Committee for approval prior to purchase.
 - e. Ensure that a Sponsorship Program, including solicitation and follow-up occurs annually.
 - f. Ensure that fundraising activities of the SSA are developed to meet the financial goals expressed in the budget.

- g. Co-sign with the President all checks drawn upon Association funds.

Section D.-Secretary

1. **Basic Purpose:** To serve as the Chairman of the Communications Operating Committee order to ensure all historical records are kept and information about Association activities is disseminated to members and the general public.
2. **Major Responsibility Areas:**
 - a. Recording and distribution of minutes to all officers of all monthly meetings.
 - b. Ensure local newspaper coverage and communication of Association activities occurs in an accurate and timely manner.
 - c. Coordinate all publicity with any sub-committee chairman who requests such help.
 - d. Develop and send any correspondence directed by the Executive Committee or the SSA President.

Section E.-Member-at-Large

1. **Basic Purpose:** To serve as the Chairman of the Recognition and Development Operating Committee in order to ensure players, coaches, and referees are appropriately recognized, and activities are initiated to sustain growth of the SSA.
2. **Major Responsibility Areas:**
 - a. Ensure trophies and/or participation awards are provided in a timely manner for appropriate players each session.
 - b. With board approval, coordinate nominations, selections, and recommendation proceedings for Coach of the Year, Referee of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year for presentation at the annual Association Family Day each Spring.
 - c. To plan, organize, and recommend to the Executive Committee any programs or activities designed to facilitate future growth of the SSA; in general, its site, its players (including annual soccer camp), its coaches, and/or its referees.
 - d. To establish and enhance relationships with neighboring associations.
 - e. Serve as the SSA representative to quarterly NTSSA meetings.
 - f. Serve as the key interpreter of matters pertaining to the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section F.-Commissioners

1. **Basic Purpose:** To ensure as Co-Chairmen of the SSA Competitions/Operating Committee fairness, balance, development, and smooth functioning of all games played in Stephenville or elsewhere by SSA members.
2. **Major Responsibility Areas:**
 - a. To coordinate the section of Coaches in accordance with the Bylaws (procedures specified later).
 - b. To coordinate the selection of players in the manner prescribed by these Bylaws.
 - c. Notify the referee coordinator of any schedule changes.
 - d. To develop and publish a schedule, including reschedules and practice times, of intra-city games so that all parents have the information prior to the start of each season.
 - e. To ensure any tournaments held in Stephenville are conducted in a manner that meets or exceeds the guidelines established by the NTSSA.
 - f. Serve as the key contact between the Executive Committee and coaches in his/her age group in the event questions or problems arise.
 - g. Serve as the first level of contact with parents within his/her age group in the event questions or problems arise.
 - h. Serve as a member of the Appeals and Discipline Committee should its convening become necessary.
 - i. Ensure coaches are performing to expectations of the SSA.

For purposes of clarification:

- U-6 Commissioners' oversees all Under 6 activities
- U-8 Commissioners' oversees all Under 8 activities
- U-10 Commissioners' oversees all Under 10 activities
- Upper-Level Commissioner oversees all Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 19 activities
- Adult/Indoor Commissioner oversees all Under 23, Over 22, Over 30, Over 35, and Under 40 outdoor activities and all Indoor activities.
- Competitive Commissioner

It is recommended that the Commissioner not have any players or themselves be a player in the age group they supervise, however, this is a guideline and not a hard and fast rule.

Section G.-Committees

It is recommended that Association work be accomplished within Operating committees and that this work should be handled as much as possible by sub-committees. Executive Committee Officers must recommend Chairmen of these sub-committees to the SSA President for his/her approval. Sub-committees should include, but are not limited to any of the line items mentioned in the Organization Chart attached (Exhibit B). Special committees may be formed to meet short-term needs when viewed as appropriate by the Executive Committee. These will be dissolved upon completion of their task.

Responsibilities of Operating Committees are outlined under each Executive Officer's Major Responsibilities Areas. It is the obligation of these individuals to develop written expectations of all sub-committees and to maintain documentation of same.

Section H.-Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from the office for excessive absenteeism (Bylaws, Article I., Section D.) or misconduct (Bylaws, Article II., Section A.d.). He/she may also be removed from office by resignation following a vote of no confidence in his/her ability to perform his duties. A vote of no confidence must be proposed in writing and signed by three voting members from the General Membership. This may be entered at any monthly meeting. The removal will only occur following a two-thirds vote to the effect by all eligible voting members present at said meeting.

Section I.-Conflict of Interest

Members of the Executive Committee may be a member of any team, club, or division, but in the event any grievance involving the organization or him/her personally occurs, he/she may not act on its/his/her behalf nor be entitled to vote on the grievance. Should conflicts preclude the seating of a quorum of the Executive Committee, the President may appoint an ad hoc committee of impartial persons to hear and decide any grievance.

Article III. Coaches

Section A.-Selections

1. Coaches and Assistant Coaches must complete a NTSSA application form (example: Exhibit C) each year prior to the Fall Season Player's Pool and any new incoming coaches for the Spring Season.

2. This application must be reviewed and approved by the Executive Board.
3. Screening will consider acceptance of the Coaches Code of Conduct (Exhibit D), demonstrated compliance with the Parents Code of Conduct (Exhibit E), and a thorough understanding of the game of soccer. Good communication and administration skills; performance records; and previous experience will only be used as a way to decide when all else is considered equal.
4. In the event a team loses its head coach, the appropriate Commissioner will offer the team to a Board approved Assistant Coach. If he/she declines, a meeting of the parents will be called to assess interest in taking the team. In the event no interest exists, the Commissioner is empowered to search and appoint a Coach for the remainder of the current season.

Section B.-Development

1. Coaches attend a pre-season meeting each season for administration clarity.
2. Coaches attend development clinics when available.
3. Coaches focus on training more than winning.
4. Coaches must hold or obtain a "G" license for recreation soccer.

Section C.-Removal

1. Any complaints must be made in writing and addressed to the SSA Vice-President as Chairman of the A&D Committee (unless he/she is the subject of the complaint in which case the complaint should be sent to the President).
2. Coaches who fail to comply with the Coaches Code of Conduct may be removed from the position.
3. Removal will only occur following a thorough review by the A&D Committee of any accusations or at the direction of NTSSA.

Article IV. Players

Section A.-Ages and Brackets

1. All players will use their age as of July 31 prior to the start of any Fall season in selecting an age group.
2. Per North Texas Soccer rules, players may waive up one age group in youth brackets with a request submitted in writing to both Commissioners. It then must be approved by the Executive Committee. In adult brackets, players may waive down their capable level of play by the same procedure.

3. Only players in the Under 19 bracket may play in the adult division.
4. Age brackets for SSA are:

Youth Division	Adult Supervision
Under 6	Under 23
Under 8	Over 22
Under 10	
Under 12	
Under 14	
Under 16	
Under 19	
5. Except where prohibited by USSF laws, players that waive up must complete the current season at that age group but may move down in the next season or for tournaments with proper notification of the registrar and NTSSA.

Section B.-Registration

1. All players must register prior to published deadlines each season.
2. All players must pay the prescribed registration fee plus any authorized assessments prior to participating in any practices or games.
3. Late registrations will only be granted if positions are available on teams formed and may be subject to a late registration fee.
4. No unregistered players may participate; not even as a guest player (where permitted) unless they can prove registration by means of travel forms authorized and provided by their home association.
5. Any new players must present proof of age at their initial registration with a copy of an official notarized birth certificate to SSA.
6. The Association will waive or reduce the registration fee for player(s) who cannot afford to pay. This will be determined on a case by case basis and will be decided by the Registrar, Treasurer, and President only (in order to maintain confidentiality of the details). A Financial Assistance Application (Exhibit F) for this process must be renewed annually prior to the Fall season and may be obtained from either the Registrar or Treasurer.

Section C.-Selection

1. Recreational

- a. All players entering Under 6, Under 8, Under 10, and Under 12 for their first season in that age bracket will be placed into a Players' Pool prior to team assignment.
- b. All players in the above age groups entering their second season will return to their previous team (Unless they request to be placed into the Players' Pool).
- c. Any approved Head Coach may have his child assigned to the team he will be coaching provided his child meets the age requirements of the bracket.
- d. Following assignment of players will be drawn to fulfill team rosters.
- e. All Players' Pool entrants are assigned a-number and drawn "blind"
- f. Prior to the Players' Pool selection proceeding, the appropriate Commissioner must review and approve the following:
 - o All requests for pairings on team (normally due to transportation or sibling relationships). Requests of this nature must be submitted to the Registrar in writing prior to the drawing of players.
 - o Per North Texas Soccer rules, players may waive up one age group in youth brackets with a request submitted in writing to both Commissioners. It then must be approved by the Executive Committee.
- g. Players' Pool drawing will proceed with the Team having the greatest number of open positions drawing first; the second greatest number, next; and so forth. In the event two or more Teams have the same number of openings, they should "pick a number from a hat" to determine the rotation.
- h. Late entrants are those who register following the Players' Pool and will be assigned to the team with an open position. Later entrants will be assessed an administrative fee in addition to the regular registration fee (set by the SSA board).
- i. No player may change teams during any season following being drawn to that team. This may only occur by requesting placement into the Players' Pool during the following season.
- j. Any team progressing from the Under 10 and up division to their next appropriate age group may elect to stay

together as a unit provided there are sufficient players to form teams within the age group. All activities of this nature must be forwarded to the appropriate Commissioner in writing and be approved by a majority of the Executive Committee.

- k. Assignment of any player to a team as a guest player must occur only in accordance with guidelines established by NTSSA in all situations except "friendly games".
- l. Any other guidelines not specifically covered in these Bylaws will follow those stated in the NTSSA Administrative Rulebook which are updated annually.

2. Adult/Indoor/Youth-Competitive

- a. All teams in these categories will be considered as "club", "select", "Classic" or "all-star" teams.
- b. No player who is a member of a Youth Competitive team may play on a recreational team for any reason during a contiguous season (including participation as a guest in tournament play) except for "friendly games".
- c. Players within these classifications will only be considered as amateur performers, and will in no way be compensated for their efforts or reimbursed for expenses.
- d. Selection to these teams will not be bound by any specific guidelines other than those already pertaining to age.
- e. Late registrants will only be accepted with the agreement of the respective Commissioner and upon payment of the assessed administrative service fee.

3. Registered Players/Restricted Play

- a. No one may compete in any games sponsored in whole or in part by the SSA who is not an appropriately registered player with the Association.
- b. No registered players or teams may participate in contests other than "friendly games" with players or teams who are not actively registered with NTSSA, STSSA, or USYSA affiliate. Any player, who knowingly does so, will negate his/her current registration.

Article V. Play

A. Safety

- B. All players regardless of classification or age will be required to wear shin-guards at all practices, scheduled games and tournaments. Those who don't, will not be allowed to participate and will be deemed as an unexcused absence for administrative purposes.

C. Coaches who allow players to practice or play without this protective equipment will be subject to review by the A&D Committee.

D. Recreational

E. Minimum Playing Time

- a. All players in Under 6 and Under 8 age groups at least 50% of any regularly scheduled game or any pre-season scrimmage games agreed to by coaches.
- b. All players in Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 19 must play at least 50% of any regular scheduled game, tournament, and 50% of any pre-season scrimmage.

F. Referees

- a. Referees must be properly trained and certified in accordance with NTSSA administrative rules.
- b. At the beginning of each season, the Referee Coordinator must present a list of Referees to the Executive Committee for their review and approval.

c. "Friendly Games"

"Friendly Games" shall be defined as games which:

- o Are not associated with any other games played or to be played and thus do not lead to championships.
- o Do not lead to any trophy or award.
- o Do not require a fee to be paid by player or sponsor.
- o Are organized in a spontaneous fashion.

d. General Playing Rules

Except as otherwise noted in a. through d. above, the Laws of the Game as published by the USSF, USYSA, and NTSSA shall take precedence and be in effect and be in effect in all SSA games.

Article VI. Discipline

- A. A player may be withheld from a game for disciplinary reasons by his coach. These may include, but not are limited to: absence from practice, foul or abusive language, behavior during games, behavior towards official during previous games, behavior toward other teams, behavior toward/against team members. Coach must notify the player and opposing coach and the referee.
- B. If any player or coach receives three cautions given by two or more referees in any one season, he will be suspended from the next game.
- C. Any player or coach ejected from a game will be suspended from the next scheduled game and be required to go before the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.
- D. Coaches and players receiving three written complaints against them or one written complaint from the Commissioner will be required to go before the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee for review. The complaints may come from Referees, other coaches, or parents. Only written complaints will be considered.

- E. It will be the prerogative of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee to take whatever action they deem appropriate up to and including discharge from the Association and/or field complex.
- F. Any team which receives written cautions and/or player ejection's on three separate occasions during one game shall forfeit said game by a score of 1-0 unless the score was more favorable for the winner when play was stopped, in which case, the existing score shall be declared the final score. All play shall cease with the third caution and players will be required to leave the field.
- G. Any player who does not depart the playing field within 60 seconds after having been required to do so by the referee, shall automatically be suspended for two games. More severe penalties may be imposed by the proper division or association concerned. Suspensions shall carry over to the next season where sufficient play during the current season is not possible. In such cases, the State Association shall be notified of the name of the suspended player and the length of suspension remaining. The State Association shall make this information available to all concerned associations.
- H. The SSA is charged with the responsibility of seeing that RULE XI-DISCIPLINE as outlined by NTSSA is distributed to every youth and senior player, coach, team manager, league administrator, and referee. It is intended that each player will make known these contents to his/her parents and spectators.
- I. Parents/spectators who willfully and continuously violate the Parents Code of Conduct will be asked to come before the Appeals and Discipline Committee. The outcome of any review may follow the guidelines expressed in Section E. above.
- J. The Appeals and Discipline Committee is comprised
 - o The Vice-President (Chairman)
 - o All Commissioners
 - o Member-At-Large
 - o The Vice-President votes only as a tie-breaker. All votes are majority rules. It takes three members present to constitute a quorum.
- K. Board members, referees and field marshals at any time during play can remove a disruptive spectator.

STEPHENVILLE SOCCER ASSOCIATION GENERAL RULES

1. Leagues

SSA competition will be divided into six levels, and each level of competition will comprise a league. Eligibility for each league will be based on age as follows:

Under 6	ages 4 and 5
Under 8	ages 6 and 7
Under 10	ages 8 and 9
Under 12	ages 10 and 11
Under 14	ages 12 and 13
Under 16	ages 14 and 15
Under 19	ages 16, 17 and 18

The above age level will be utilized unless player registration determines the necessity of amending these age groups. Changes are to be approved by the Executive Committee.

2. Player Eligibility

- A. Players may play up one (1) group with the written request of the parent and written approval of the appropriate Commissioners and the Executive Committee.
- B. The playing of any youth outside the age limit of his team, as defined above, may result in the forfeiture of all games in which said player participated.
- C. No player may play in a league game without first having turned into the SSA Registrar the Player's registration form, appropriate fees, and all pertinent information. No player changes may occur after participation in a league game with exception of an error discovered by the SSA Registrar with regard to age eligibility. No player may be added after the season starts without approval of the SSA Executive Committee. This approval must be obtained prior to player participation and must be written, signed document by the SSA Executive Committee prior to the SSA Registrar's receipt of same.
- D. Upon receipt of rosters by the SSA Registrar, all players shall be considered registered to their particular teams for the duration of the soccer season. With the exceptions as noted above, no changes shall occur prior to the next registration period.
- E. No Club or Association shall be allowed to play a season until all fees for the previous season have been paid.

- F. All Club/Association fees must be paid or a deposit made based on an estimated number of players expected to register before the Club/Association will be allowed to play in SSA. Any games played by teams that are prevented from playing a game due to failure to pay fees or a deposit shall be considered forfeits to the team whose fees or deposits have been paid.

3. Team Structure

- A. At the time of registration, players from all age divisions have the option to request removal from a team and reassignment through the Players' Pool. A player sitting out one season may be allowed to return to the team he/she played for the previous season provided space is available and the team still exists in the proper age division. If the team no longer exists or his teammates have been reassigned through the Players' Pool into the next division, he/she shall be placed in the Players' Pool.
- B. New teams will be formed and an established team roster will be filled through the Players' Pool. All players not listed on any roster for the previous season, all players requesting reassignment, and all U-6 and U-8 players eligible to move to the next higher age division will be placed in the Players' Pool. New coaches and coaches requiring additional players will, by random draw from the Players' Pool, be assigned players.
- C. The nominal number of players on the U-6 teams shall be 5; maximum number shall be 8. The nominal number of players on the U-8 and above teams shall be 7; the maximum number shall be 10. U-6 shall play 5 a side; however, 7 are required for U-8 through U-19.

4. Player Release and Transfer

- A. If a player requests removal from the team for which he played in the fall season of the year and reassignment through Players' Pool, he may do so only in the following manner:
 - 1. Obtain a written release from the team with which he last registered during the soccer year, or apply for a written request to be put in Players' Pool.
 - 2. Sign a new registration and pay a transfer fee set by SSA, if any fee is in force and effect.
 - 3. The player's new team or association within which the team plays must file with the SSA Registrar the new registration form and the proper release form.
- B. If three or more players from an existing team shall request removal from that team, there will be an automatic review of these requests for approval or disapproval by the proper Commissioner.

5. Coaches

- A. The head coach shall have the privilege to have his/her child assigned to their team.
- B. In the event a team loses its head coach, the Commissioner will offer the team to the assistant coach and the parents of the team before selecting a head coach from outside.
- C. Each head coach will also submit a game report (signed by himself/herself) after each game to the referee, unless league rules, voted on by the Executive Committee, differ.
- D. Coaches will be held responsible for any misbehavior on their part of his/her team's spectators, parents, and/or players. This includes any foul or abusive language, and any comments directed toward the referees, opposing players, and/or coaches. A coach may be cautioned or ejected from the field of play by the referee as a result of any misbehavior.
- E. All persons, players, and spectators must stay at least 5 feet from the sideline on each side of the field and must remain on their own team's side of the field. They must not pass beyond the penalty area on either end of the field.
- F. Uniforms with at least 4" numbers on the back of the jerseys are required for all players.
- G. Existing teams shall have priority on colors of uniforms. All members associations are directed to check existing colors prior to making their color choices in order to avoid as much conflict as possible.
- H. Coaches are responsible for following the substitution policy in accordance with NTSSA guidelines as follows:
 - 1. At a throw-in; by team possession only
 - 2. At goal kick; either team
 - 3. After a goal is scored; either team
 - 4. At half-time; either team
 - 5. At an injury when the referee stops play; either team
 - 6. When a caution is given; that player may be substituted
 - 7. When an ejection is given; that player may not be substituted for nor may he/she participate in the next scheduled game

I. Duration of games:

AGE	LENGTH OF HALVES	LENGTH OF OVERTIME
Senior	Two 45 minute halves	Two 15 minute
U-23	Two 45 minute halves	Two 15 minute
U-19	Two 45 minute halves	Two 15 minute
U-16	Two 40 minute halves	Two 15 minute
U-14	Two 35 minute halves	Two 10 minute
U-12	Two 30 minute halves	Two 10 minute
U-10	Two 25 minute halves	Two 10 minute
U-8	Two 25 minute halves	Two 5 minute
U-6	Two 20 minute halves	

6. Practices

- A. Coaches will be designated practice areas available to him/her prior to each season. Practices will not exceed 2 per week. Minimum practice time and field in order to avoid any conflict.

EXCEPTION: Tournament practice will be at the discretion of the coach. It will be the responsibility of the coach to secure the practice time and field in order to avoid any conflict.

7. Games

- A. Forfeiture
1. Fielding an ineligible player or a player under suspension.
 2. A suspended coach appearing at a game to coach his team.
 3. Failure to field a team with a minimum of players within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time according to the referee's watch.

In the event of a forfeit, the score is 1-0. Since any forfeiture may affect the final standing of the teams, a complete inquiry as to the reason for any forfeit will be made by the proper Commissioner.

- B. Foul weather procedure:
1. The Foul weather committee will meet at the fields and make a decision on play by 8:00 a.m. on game day. The Committee will consist of the Vice-President and Commissioners.
 2. In the event games are canceled due to foul weather, each Commissioner is to notify all Head Coaches. In the absence of the Commissioner, the President must notify the Head Coaches. Unless officially notified, teams must report to the playing fields for their assigned games where the referee shall be the sole judge of whether play may begin or may not begin.

- C. All rescheduled games must go through the Commissioner (one rescheduled game per year/per coach is preferred).
- D. Field locations and size
Member associations shall provide playing fields, if possible. These fields shall be of regulation size in accordance with NTSSA guidelines.
- E. Unregistered/Non-sanctioned Play
SSA members are advised that participation with non-registered teams prohibited. Youth and senior players who participate with unregistered players or engage in unsanctioned play shall void their NTSSA registration and must apply for reinstatement directly to their NTSSA youth or senior Commissioner along with applicable filing fees.
 - 1. Unsanctioned play shall include, but not be limited by:
 - a. Outdoor/Indoor league not sanctioned by NTSSA or another USSF affiliate.
 - b. Outdoor/Indoor tournament not sanctioned by NTSSA or another USSF affiliate.
 - c. Any "friendly" game with non-USFF affiliate.
 - 2. Application by the team/player to the appropriate NTSSA Commissioner to engage in a game or games may be approved under certain conditions that may be determined to be in the best interest and enhancement of the game. However, without the above approval, unregistered/non-sanctioned play will not be permitted within SSA.

8. Discipline

- A. A player may be withheld from a game for disciplinary reasons by his coach, but the player and opposing coach and referee must be notified prior to the beginning of the game.
- B. If any player or coach receives three cautions given by two or more referees in any one season, he will be suspended from the next game and be required to go before the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.
- C. Any player or coach ejected from a game will be suspended from the next scheduled game and be required to go before the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.
- D. Coaches and players receiving three written complaints against them or one written complaint from the Commissioner will be required to go before the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee for review. The complaints may come from referees, other coaches or parents. Only written complaints will be considered.

- E. It will be the prerogative of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee to take whatever action they deem appropriate; i.e., probation, suspension, etc.
- F. It is intended that all parties have available to them access to a copy of the RULES XI-DISCIPLINE as outlined by NTSSA.

9. Recommended field and goal sizes

<u>Age groups</u>	<u>Field Width</u>	<u>Field Length</u>	<u>Goal Size</u>
Senior	Min. 70 yd.	Min. 120 yd.	8 ft x 8 yd.
U-23	Min. 70 yd.	Min. 120 yd.	8 ft x 8 yd.
U-19	Min. 70 yd.	Min. 120 yd.	8 ft x 8 yd.
U-16	Min. 70 yd.	Min. 120 yd.	8 ft x 8 yd.
U-14	Min. 60 yd.	Min. 100 yd.	8 ft x 8 yd.
U-12	Min. 60 yd.	Min. 100 yd.	8 ft x 8 yd.
U-10	Min. 40 yd.	Min. 70 yd.	7 ft x 7 yd.
U-8	Min. 40 yd.	Min. 70 yd.	7 ft x 7 yd.
U-6	Min. 25 yd. Max 35 yd.	Min. 50 yd. Max 50 yd.	4 ft x 4 yd. (min) 6 ft x 6 yd. (max)

Hints, Suggestions & Rules for Soccer Coaches for the Stephenville Soccer Association

1. No schedule changes without permission from the appropriate Commissioner and Referee Coordinator.
2. Only a Commissioner can call off a game prior to its start. Only the referee officiating that game may call it after it started.
3. Fill out a game report for EVERY game.
4. Write a short article for the newspaper and leave it in the appropriate mailbox in the office at the complex. DO NOT put this information on the back of the game report.
5. Appoint a team manager to assign team duties; i.e., pick-up and put out corner flags.
6. Collect all uniforms at the end of the season.
7. All players must wear shin guards during all games and all practices.
8. If sweats or coats are needed due to weather conditions, they should be worn under the uniform.
9. Spectators should sit five feet back from the sidelines to give coaches room to walk up and down the field, or three feet back in the marked technical areas, if provided.
10. The home team has a choice of the side of the field and should supply the game ball.
11. Coaches should check the field before the start of a game to be sure that the field is clearly and properly marked and that the net is in good condition (hung properly and has no holes).
12. On a forfeit, the team is required to show up.
13. Stephenville Soccer Association meetings are the second Monday of every month.
14. Encourage your parents to use our concession stand for refreshments.
15. Encourage participation by all team members in any fund raisers.

SSA Coaches Code of Conduct

1. Children have more need of example than criticism.
2. Attempt to relieve the pressure of the competitions, not increase it. Child is easily affected by outside influences.
3. Be kind to your players. They are voluntarily paying a fee to pursue a recreational activity and look to you to guide their development.
4. The opponents are necessary friends. Without them your players could not participate.
5. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
6. Do not openly question an official's judgment and honesty. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship.
7. Accept the results of each game. Encourage your players to be gracious in victory, and to turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement.
8. Remember, your players are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
9. Encourage your players to always play by the rules.
10. Encourage your players that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
11. I must know and adhere to the rules of the Bylaws & Constitution regarding selection, playing time, and safety of my players.
12. I recognize that continuing involvement of players is dependent on:
 - o Time gained through active play
 - o Effective communication with parents
13. I will attend developmental training sessions during the upcoming year when available.
14. I will prepare and perform all administrative functions of the role including appropriate communication with the newspaper.
15. I will do everything within my power to guide and direct sideline enthusiasm by spectators.
16. I will obtain a North Texas G license in the next year (my first year of coaching).

I accept and agree to abide by the above key points and will support these principles during my tenure as a coach in this organization.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Team Name

SSA Parent's Code of Conduct

1. Children have more need of example than criticism.
2. Attempt to relieve the pressure for the competition, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influence.
3. Be kind to your child's coach and officials. The coach is a volunteer, giving of personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child.
4. The opponents are necessary friends. Without them your child could not participate.
5. Applaud good plays by your team and members of the opposing team.
6. Do not openly question an official's judgment and honesty. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship.
7. Accept the results of each game. Encourage your child to be gracious in victory, and to turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement.
8. Remember, your child is involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
9. Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
10. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
11. Encourage participation in all SSA functions.

I accept and agree to abide by the above key points and will support these principles during my child's participation as a player in this organization.

Signature

Date

SSA Financial Assistance Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Player Name(s):

Please explain why you require financial assistance:

In order to play the season, you will be required to pay a minimal fee of \$12.00 which is the insurance fee that we must pay to the North Texas Soccer Association (NTSSA).

Information contained on this form will be kept confidential and be known only by the Registrar, Treasurer and President. Return this completed application to any of these officers.

Approved (Sign and date): _____

Denied (Explain on back): _____

Stephenville Soccer Association
Coach/Officer Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Age (if under 18): _____ Occupation: _____

_____ Coach _____ Assistant Coach _____ Officer

Why do you wish to be a Coach/Officer in SSA? Please comment on any experience or qualifications.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (other than misdemeanor traffic violations)? ____Y ____ N

If "yes", please explain on the back of the application.

Please list three (3) references who can attest to your personal character:

Name _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Occupation _____

I certify that the above information above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and do hereby agree to abide by both the Coach's and Parent's codes of conduct statements as they pertain to my position within this organization.

Signature

Date

Team Name(s): _____