

Rule 5 of the GLSA Bylaws

5.1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Adult League is to promote and develop the game of soccer for the adults of the Greater Longview area. The Adult League will operate as a joint member of with the Greater Longview Soccer Association (GLSA) with membership in North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA).

The Adult League is provided these rules for the administration of the Adult League within the framework of GLSA. These rules and procedures, adopted by the membership of the Adult League, shall be presented and ratified by the GLSA membership. Once the rules and procedures are adopted, changes to these rules and procedures will be presented to the GLSA Executive Council for approval.

The Adult League reserves the right to petition NTSSA to become a separate entity. The Adult League coincidentally with the petition to reflect the requirements of an independent organization shall modify these rules and procedures.

5.1.2 Organization and Administration

The Adult League represents all adult members falling within the boundary lines of the Greater Longview Soccer Association and may accept voluntary membership from the outside area. All Adult League rules and procedures shall adhere to the rules of NTSSA and any applicable adult rules and procedures adopted by GLSA. If a rule exists at the State or GLSA level (exact or similar), and if there is a conflict with higher-level rule, the more stringent rule shall be the rule. If the Adult League does not have the rule, the next higher level that has a rule shall be followed.

5.1.3 Membership

5.1.3.1 Officers

Adult League Officers shall consist of at least a Director. The Director shall be a member of the GLSA Executive Council (EC). The Adult Director shall represent the Adult League at all GLSA EC Meetings. The Adult Director shall not be a manager of any Adult League Team. Ideally, the Adult Director should not be involved with any Adult League team to avoid potential conflict issues, but that is not required. The Adult League reserves the right to add additional officers to assist the Adult Director as needed. Any additional officers shall require a change to the rules to specify duties and responsibilities.

5.1.3.2 Players

a. In accordance with the United States Amateur Soccer Federation and NTSSA rules, players may reside anywhere and the Adult League shall recognize their right to participate with recognized teams and divisions of the adult league.

b. Any person requesting permission to play in the Association may do so provided all State and National requirements have been met.

c. Any person under suspension from any other association, league, or group must petition the Executive Board for permission to play in this association.

d. Divisions will be set with the first goal being competitiveness within the bracket. This is an inexact science, but the Association will make its best efforts to have each division relatively balance. All factors that may affect competitiveness of a team may be considered. It is the responsibility of each team manager to inform the association of any factor that might impact their team's competitiveness. Promotion and Relegation has always been the practice of this league. If a team comes in first, it will go up. If a team comes in last, for the sake of the team and its players, it will go down. Accordingly, if a manager makes changes to their roster which will affect the team going down(only), the League Director needs to be notified of these changes before any teams are placed in brackets and the schedule is completed.

5.1.3.3 Managers

Managers are individuals designated to represent a specific team during the play of the game, practice, GLSA meetings and Adult League meetings. The teams are solely responsible for selection of their managers.

5.1.4 Adult Council

The Adult Council shall consist of the Director and the Managers of the active teams for the current season. The Adult League Council shall serve the Adult League teams in the capacity of decision-making consistent with the intent of the spirit of the rules governing the Adult League. All members of the Adult League Council have exactly one vote per managed team. The Adult Director shall have a vote for breaking tied votes. The Adult League Council shall establish the annual budget and set fees necessary to meet the Adult League budget. The Adult League Council shall establish common fees for all divisions.

5.1.4.1 Adult League Director

The Adult League Director is charged with the overall Administration of the Adult League and shall act as a general manager. The Adult League Director or alternate designee shall serve on the GLSA EC. The Adult League Director shall maintain the rules and procedures of the league. The Adult League Director shall create and maintain minutes of all formal league meetings. The Adult League Director shall serve as head of the division managers when they must meet and decide procedures and budgets for the specific divisions.

A. The Assistant Adult League Director will assist the Adult League Director as needed.

5.1.4.2 Adult League Appeals and Discipline

The Adult League shall use GLSA Rules, Appeals, and Discipline Chairperson as required.

5.1.4.3 Adult League Registration

a. The Adult League Director shall be responsible for registration and fee collection. The Adult League Director shall provide GLSA the files required for registration. The Adult League Director shall deliver fees to the GLSA Treasurer or the GLSA Office Administrator and maintain an accounting of the money collected. The GLSA Office Administrator shall see that the required fees for NTSSA are paid. The Adult League Director shall provide an accounting of funds to the Adult League Council after each season.

b. All required fees, registration forms, liability releases, identification card pictures and other forms of information must be fully completed, typed and submitted on the designated Association date(s) for each season. A maximum team roster shall be 15 players (no less than 10 players). A minimum team roster shall consist of 6 male players, 4 female players and a keeper.

c. All fees and fines must be paid by the end of the season registration. Any team that is not current on their fees (i.e.; bad check, fines, etc.) will not be allowed to continue in League play until all fees and fines have been paid. GLSA shall charge and collect a bank charge at current bank rates for all returned checks, in addition but not limited to, an additional fee payable to GLSA of \$25 per NSF check presented to the League.

d. Any team requesting to withdraw from registration two weeks before the season starts, shall be allowed to do so with a full refund of all fees paid, less a \$75 administration fee. Any team requesting to withdraw from registration after schedules have been completed, shall be allowed to do so with a penalty of \$200, plus a \$75 administration fee. No team will be allowed to withdraw after the first game of the season has been played. No refunds, with or without penalty, after the first game of the season has been played.

e. Only with good cause and approval of the League Director can a team register after the designated registration date(s) each season.

f. A team that knowingly plays an unregistered, ineligible or suspended player shall forfeit all the games in which the player participated. The Team Manager of the team playing such a player shall be suspended two games and fined \$80.

g. An add or delete of a player may take place after registration with permission of the League Director. A registration form must be completed (if a new player) and submitted to the League along with a \$5.00 per player fee payable plus applicable late fee to GLSA no later than 72 hours prior to game time for which the player was added. Any team deleting a player after registration must return the players registration form and player card. A \$5.00 fee will be charged.

h. GLSA reserves the right to refuse the registration of any player who has not paid their team fees or fine. GLSA reserves the right to not allow someone to play who has caused trouble in the past.

5.1.4.4 Adult League Referees

The Adult League shall use Greater Longview Soccer Referee Association (GLSRA) and agree to fees contracted by GLSA. All Adult League games, regardless of division, shall have a standard fee, meaning all officials shall be paid the same fee for all divisions with the same parameters of players and time.

5.1.4.5 Adult League Schedules

The Adult League shall use the GLSA Scheduler and GLSA Assignor for all games and coordination of field usage. The GLSA Scheduler will create the schedules within the constraints of GLSA. The Adult League recognizes the scheduling of GLSA youth games shall take precedence and the Adult League schedules shall be adjusted as required. The Adult League Director has the authority to cancel games in accordance with the GLSA current policies.

5.1.5 Meetings

5.1.5.1 GLSA General Membership

The Adult League shall participate in GLSA general membership meetings. The Adult League quorum for the Adult-Only issues shall be 50% of the managers based on current season teams. The Adult League Director shall be part of the GLSA EC relative to quorum determination. The Adult League managers shall represent their teams with one vote for all GLSA issues that are deemed to represent their teams and with one vote for all GLSA issues that are deemed ALL VOTE or ADULT ONLY VOTE issues.

5.1.5.2 Adult League Council

Meeting of the Adult League Council will be held at times necessary for conducting normal business. If the Council meets, then the meeting shall be open and announced to teams two weeks prior to the meeting. Announcements of any meeting shall be made on the GLSA website by the GLSA Office Administrator.

5.1.5.3 Adult League Rule Changes

Changes to these rules shall require a formal meeting of the Adult League Council. The Adult League Director shall make any arrangements necessary for the meeting. All rule change proposals shall be announced to the managers at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The managers are responsible for announcements to their team members. The GLSA President or other appointed GLSA Board Member might observe the activity regarding rule changes. The Adult League Director shall report the rules changes to the GLSA EC for final approval. A quorum for Adult League rule changes consists of the Adult League Director and 50% of all Adult League Council Members.

5.1.5.4 Adult League Procedure Changes

The Adult League Council members specific to a division shall approve the procedures used by the Adult League division in day-to –day operations with each division having independent ratification of their specific game day procedures. The Adult Director shall publish the approved procedures separately to the Adult League rules.

5.1.5.5 Adult League Calendar

The Adult League Council shall coincide with the GLSA Youth soccer year.

5.1.5.6 Adult League Elections

The Adult League Council shall elect the Adult Director and the Assistant Adult Director annually in February. The Elected Adult Director shall assume office at the GLSA May General Meeting and shall have, if necessary and desired, thirty (30) days of transition between the old and the new officer. A meeting of the Adult League Council within 30 days of a vacancy shall fill vacancy by a 60% vote of the Adult League Council. The Adult League Council electing a new Adult Director shall immediately follow removal of the Adult Director.

5.1.5.7 Adult League Procedures

The Adult League Council establishes procedures for each division affiliated with Adult League. The procedures shall be specific to the league to include special game day rules. The Adult League Council consisting of the specific managers for the division shall approve the procedures. The Procedures may be changed at any time with changes in effect with the next season unless otherwise specified.