

2008 NCASA AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

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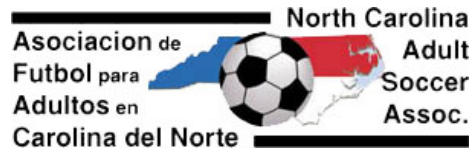
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

It is proposed that Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution, be amended.

TITLE: Payment Received

PRESENT WORDING:

NONE

PROPOSED WORDING:

All forms and applications (e.g. player registrations, travel clearances, tournament applications, etc.), that require payment to NCASA, are to be received at NCASA with complete payment to NCASA. Such items received without full payment will not be processed until full payment is received by NCASA or once 10 business days has transpired at which point such items will be returned to sender or league association for resubmission.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY: Diego Munoz

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

It is proposed that Article VI, Section 2 of the Constitution, be amended.

TITLE: Bad Standing

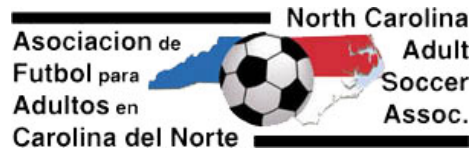
PRESENT WORDING:

The North Carolina Adult Soccer Association shall have the authority to investigate and correct or demand to be corrected, unfavorable conditions which may develop in its affiliated organizations.

PROPOSED WORDING:

The North Carolina Adult Soccer Association shall have the authority to investigate and correct or demand to be corrected, unfavorable conditions which may develop in its affiliated organizations. Affiliate organizations irresponsive to NCASA demands for corrective action can be placed in "bad standing" by majority vote of the NCASA Executive Committee with specified sanctions and/or fines. The NCASA Executive Committee may also deem an affiliated organization already in bad standing as an "outlaw" organization or association with further specified sanctions and/or fines.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY: Diego Munoz



PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

It is proposed that Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, be amended.

TITLE: Redefinition of Regional Vice President Position

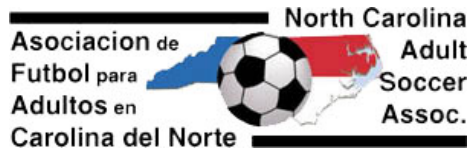
PRESENT WORDING:

For the purpose of administering the affairs of the Association between Council meetings, there shall be an Executive Committee composed of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President/Development, Regional Vice President/West, Regional Vice President/East, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Referee Liaison and Discipline and Appeals Chairman.

PROPOSED WORDING:

For the purpose of administering the affairs of the Association between Council meetings, there shall be an Executive Committee composed of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President/Development, Regional Vice President/West Calendar Year, Regional Vice President/East FIFA Year, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Referee Liaison and Discipline and Appeals Chairman.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY: Executive Committee



PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

It is proposed that Article II, Section 3 of the By-Laws, be amended.

TITLE: Redefinition of Regional Vice President Positions

PRESENT WORDING:

The election of officers will take place at the Annual General Council Meeting (AGM). Officers will take office on the day after their election. They may succeed themselves in office. Their terms of office will be:

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| President – 2 years | Executive Vice-President – 2 years |
| Vice President/Development – 2 years | Regional Vice-President/West – 2 years |
| Regional Vice-President/East – 2 years | Treasurer – 2 years |
| Secretary – 2 years | Discipline and Appeals Chairman – 2 years |
| Registrar – 2 years | |

Elected in odd numbered years: President, Vice President/Development, Regional Vice-President/East, Secretary and Registrar.

Elected in even numbered years: Executive Vice-President, Regional Vice President/West, Treasurer and Discipline and Appeals Chairman.

To be elected to office it shall be necessary to receive a majority of the votes cast. Nominees must be in good standing.

PROPOSED WORDING:

The election of officers will take place at the Annual General Council Meeting (AGM). Officers will take office on the day after their election. They may succeed themselves in office. Their terms of office will be:

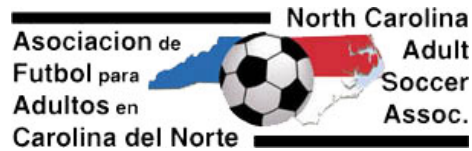
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| President – 2 years | Executive Vice-President – 2 years |
| Secretary – 2 years | Discipline and Appeals Chairman – 2 years |
| Registrar – 2 years | Treasurer – 2 years |
| Vice President/Development – 2 years | Regional Vice President/West <u>Calendar Year</u> – |
| 2 years | |
| Regional Vice President/East <u>FIFA Year</u> – 2 years | |

Elected in odd numbered years: President, Vice President/Development, ~~Regional Vice President/East~~ FIFA Year, Secretary and Registrar.

Elected in even numbered years: Executive Vice-President, ~~Regional Vice President/West~~ Calendar Year, Treasurer and Discipline and Appeals Chairman.

To be elected to office it shall be necessary to receive a majority of the votes cast. Nominees must be in good standing.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY: Executive Committee



PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

It is proposed that Article IV, Section 5 of the By-Laws, be amended.

TITLE: Redefinition of Regional Vice President Positions

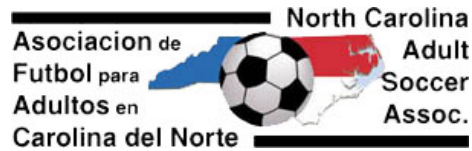
PRESENT WORDING:

The Regional Vice-President/West and the regional Vice-President/East shall coordinate the activities of affiliated leagues in their respective regions and shall take steps to foster the responsible growth of NCASA-affiliated adult soccer in their region, to include the addition of new affiliates.

PROPOSED WORDING:

The ~~Regional Vice President/West~~ Calendar Year and the ~~Regional Vice President/East~~ FIFA Year shall coordinate the activities of affiliated leagues in their respective ~~regions~~ registration years and shall take steps to foster the responsible growth of NCASA-affiliated adult soccer in their region, to include the addition of new affiliates.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY: Executive Committee



PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO NCASA POLICY

It is proposed that the Article entitled, "REGISTRATION" in NCASA Policy, be amended to add Section 7.

TITLE: Electronic Registration

PRESENT WORDING:

None

PROPOSED WORDING:

Section 7 Electronic Registration

- A. Each league has the option to register their players electronically. The league registrar may enter player data into the excel spreadsheet supplied to each league, all other formats will be denied.
- B. Orders received at NCASA will contain a minimum of 5 players, all orders smaller than 5 players must be submitted by paper registration.
- C. Only one (1) electronic order will be processed before payment is received. Any order sent to NCASA with out full payment will not be processed. Once NCASA accepts an electronic order the league will have 3 business days to mail the corresponding check.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY: Rachel Brubaker, Diego Munoz & Donna Langdon

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO NCASA POLICY

It is proposed that the Article entitled, "NC State Cup" in NCASA Policy, be amended to add Section 3.

TITLE: Official Amateur State Cup Date

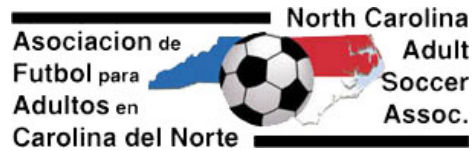
PRESENT WORDING:

None

PROPOSED WORDING:

Section 3 *The last weekend of October will be considered the official play dates for the Amateur divisions of the North Carolina Adult State Cup.*

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY: Executive Committee



PROPOSED REFORMAT OF NCASA POLICY

It is proposed that the NCASA Policy be reformatted.

TITLE: Reformatting of Policy

PRESENT WORDING:

A training and informational meeting of the presidents of all leagues affiliated with the North Carolina Adult Soccer Association will be held annually in conjunction with the Annual Council Meeting. Attendance at that meeting by every league president, or by a league officer selected by the league president if the president is not able to attend, is mandatory.

ARTICLE NC STATE CUP

Section 1 Roster Requirements

The following are roster requirements for team and players applying to enter NCASA State Cup.

A. Requirement that apply for all division of play

- 1. Teams and players must be registered and in good standing with the NCASA.*
- 2. All players must possess their current NCASA player passes for the duration of the tournament to participate.*
- 3. To register or to add new players to new or existing teams, teams must register through a local association.*
- 4. Team rosters will consist of a maximum 20 players, including guest players.*
- 5. A maximum of 5 guest players are allowed.*
- 6. All guest players and player transfers must be go through a local association.*
- 7. Guest players must be currently registered NCASA players and possess their current player pass. Players with out of state player registration passes are not permitted to play in any division of the NC Adult State Cup.*
- 8. Players may register in two separate divisions*
- 9. The team's NCASA stamped league rosters must be submitted.*

B. Requirement specific to Men's Amateur divisions

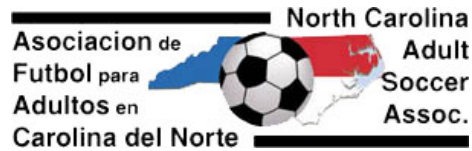
- 1. Any men's amateur team participating in the NCASA State Cup must be comprised of the players that are registered to that team during current league play.*
- 2. A minimum of 9 players from the current roster is required.*
- 3. Guest players maybe registered with any NCASA affiliated league in good standing.*
- 4. Professional players (domestic, international and foreign born) must demonstrate approved Amateur Reinstatement from US Soccer to participate.*

C. Requirement specific to Men's Over 30 divisions

- 1. Any men's over 30 team participating in the NCASA State Cup must be comprised of the players that are registered to that team during current league play.*
- 2. A minimum of 9 players from the current roster is required.*
- 3. Guest players maybe registered with any NCASA affiliated league in good standing.*
- 4. All players participating in the Over 30 Division must be 30 by the end of the calendar year in which the NCASA State Cup is being held.*
- 5. Professional players (domestic, international and foreign born) must demonstrate approved Amateur Reinstatement from US Soccer to participate.*

D. Requirement specific to divisions other than Men's Amateur and Men's Over 30

- 1. These teams are not bound to a league roster therefore teams are allowed to be created for the purpose of participating in the State Cup.*



2. *All players must be register with an NCASA member league and have valid player passes.*
3. *Professional players (domestic, international and foreign born) must demonstrate approved Amateur Reinstatement from US Soccer to participate.*
4. *Coed teams must have a minimum of 5 female players on the field at all times.*
5. *All players participating in the Men's Over 40 Division must be 40 by the end of the calendar year in which the NCASA State Cup is being held.*
6. *Men's Over 50 teams are allowed to have three underage players, age 48 years old by the end of the calendar year in which the NCASA State Cup is being held.*

Section 2

Rules and Regulations

Pre-Match Responsibilities

1. *Uniforms: All players must wear completely covered, legal shin guards and have cleats that meet FIFA standards. Jewelry is not permitted to be worn on the field of play during match play. All team jerseys must be clearly numbered. The goalkeeper's jersey must be of a different color than either teams' jerseys. The HOME team, as listed on the tournament schedule, MUST change to alternative jerseys if there is a color conflict in the opinion of the officials.*
2. *Captains Meeting & Team Check-In: Team contact/captain must be present at the captain's meeting for team check-in at the tournament headquarters. Upon arrival you will provide a mobile phone number where they can be reached throughout the dates of the event. If your team is not going to be at team check-in, you must notify NCASA to arrange a pre-tournament check-in at the NCASA offices or your team will be dropped from the schedule. At team check-in you MUST have a copy of your final roster as approved by NCASA on or before the roster freeze deadline AND all the validated player passes of each of the players listed on your state cup roster, INCLUDING guest players with photos and signatures.*

A. Field Check-In

Teams must be on time, at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start. 10 minutes past the scheduled start time will constitute a forfeit. (refer to FORFEITS) Seven players will constitute a team and the clock will start accordingly. Captains need to be ready when the referee calls for captains to present the team's certified jersey roster with the correct corresponding jersey numbers to the center referee and meet the opposing captain. In an orderly fashion, have the individual players turn in their player pass to the center referee for ID, jersey number, and equipment check. Coaches, players, and spectators must remain between the penalty areas and 3 to 5 yards from the touchline. No one shall be behind the goal lines and goals. Each team, all coaches, and all spectators will take a position opposite the field from their opponents. If teams share one side of the field, coaching is restricted to their bench's half of the field.

B. Substitution

Substitutions can be made only on goal kicks, kickoffs, and possession throw-ins. An injured or cautioned player may be substituted at the referee's discretion. Stay off the field until the player being replaced comes off. Sub in at the midfield line with the assistant referee when Re-entry is allowed.

C. Divisions Groupings

Shall be determined by the tournament committee based on the number of entries received, the geographical distribution of teams, and the timeliness of applications received, as the priorities. Consideration of league schedule, league results, and previous tournament results will be secondary considerations.

D. Match Play Format

Each team will play the other teams in their designated group as scheduled one time. The points for bracket standings are as follows: 3 points for the win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for

the loss.

The tiebreaker will be applied in the following sequence A, B, C, D and E for ranking.

1. Head to Head. If two or more teams are tied for the same ranking, the tiebreaker will be the result of the game previously played between these two or more teams; the winner will be ranked prior to the other(s).
2. If two or more teams are still tied, the tiebreaker will be the team with greatest goal differential.
3. If two or more teams are still tied, the tiebreaker will be most goals scored.
4. If two or more teams are still tied, the tiebreaker will be least goals allowed.
5. Finally if two or more teams are still tied, the tiebreaker will be go to kicks from the mark (FIFA).

E. Forfeits

A forfeit shall be awarded if a team is not present and prepared to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled commencement time, with the score being 3-0 in favor of the team that was there on time. The match can be played by the teams when they arrive with approval of the tournament director and both coaches, but no score will be kept. A forfeit will be issued for teams who do not follow the eligibility requirements. Any team that is issued a forfeit will lose its entire performance bond. Additional penalties may be applied. Any team that forfeits or abandons a scheduled match will not be eligible to play in the finals.

F. Referees

All matches will be officiated by USSF certified referees. The referee must report the score of the match to the headquarters within 15 minutes of the conclusion of each match.

G. Elimination Matches

If tied at the end of regulation time, two 15 minute overtime periods will be played. If the game is still tied after the overtime periods, the kicks from the mark (FIFA) procedure will be used to determine the winner.

H. Wanderer's Rules

If a match is abandoned after 25 minutes of play by the official the score will stand and the match will be counted. Teams that abandon a match at any point will be considered having forfeit and may be subject to further penalties, beyond forfeiture of performance bond.

I. Player/Coach Ejections

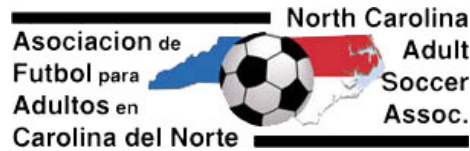
Any player/coach ejected from a match: will not be replaced; will not be allowed to remain at the field; the player could be subject to an immediate multiple game suspension and/or other penalties if they remain within sight and sound of the field. The player will be suspended for the next match or next league match. All player passes of ejected players/coaches will be turned into the tournament committee. The passes will be returned to the team's captain after the suspension of one match. The tournament committee reserves the right to administer additional penalties as warranted.

J. Protests and Appeals

The North Carolina State Cup will be overseen by a tournament committee consisting of NCASA's executive director, NCASA's State Cup Commissioner, and a member of the hosting organization. All tournament committee decisions are final. However to appeal a tournament committee decision, one must submit a written appeal in triplicate to NCASA along with a \$100.00 appeal process fee and be postmarked within 72 hours of the dispute. The appeal will be heard by the executive committee of NCASA.

K. Inclément Weather

Regardless of the weather conditions, teams must appear on the field ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match. Only the referee or tournament director may cancel or postpone a match. In case of severe weather before play, referees may reduce the length of the match by up to 50%. Should a match be terminated after 25 minutes due to weather, the match will be considered official and the score will stand. Referees should not begin or continue a match when lightning is seen in the area. In case the entire tournament is postponed, a rain date has been set. Teams are



expected to participate. For more weather information call the Hotline at 336-856-0702. In case the Cup is cancelled teams will be refunded all but \$100.00 of their entry fee.

L. Bond & National Fees

All performance bonds will be refunded in full by mail within 30 days after the tournament, barring any violation of State Cup rules and requirements. Teams under tournament committee or discipline and appeal consideration will have their performance bonds held indefinitely, until all associated matters are resolved by the appropriate NCASA governing committee. Withdrawal from the tournament after the application cutoff date, will result in forfeiture of the team's entry fee AND performance bond. Teams interested in competing in the National Cup, the Coed National Championship or the Veteran's Cup will have to pay the appropriate fees and bonds for those events. In an effort to keep the NC Adult State Cup fee as low as possible, NCASA no longer pays the entry fee of these tournaments for adult state cup division winners.

M. Disclaimer

NCASA reserves the right to adjust the competition format depending on the number of team entries in a given division. NCASA may even close a division due to lack of team registration. In which case, the teams entered will receive the full refund of their registration and performance bond. NCASA will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any person, team, league, or any other association as a result of participating in the State Cup. By participating in the North Carolina Adult State Cup the team is acknowledging that team officials have read and understood the rules and that the team will abide by all the rules of the NC Adult State Cup. THE NC ADULT STATE CUP'S INTENTION IS TO DETERMINE A STATE CHAMPION FOR EACH DIVISION FROM THE VARIOUS LEAGUE SYSTEMS ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NC ADULT STATE CUP IS DEDICATED TO THE PROMOTION OF THE GOOD OF THE GAME AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP. THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MAY SUSPEND WITHOUT RECOURSE TO APPEAL, PLAYERS TEAMS, AND/OR COACHES WHO DEMONSTRATE POOR SPORTSMANSHIP.

ARTICLE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 New Provisional Membership Application Windows

Applications received from leagues for new membership will be considered by NCASA during specific windows of time during the year. Leagues interested in FIFA year membership status, starting in the Fall and concluding at the end of Summer, must have their applications received by NCASA October 15 to be considered for membership by NCASA for the current FIFA year. Leagues interested in Calendar year membership status, starting in January and concluding in December, must have their application received by April 15 to be considered for membership by NCASA for the current Calendar year.

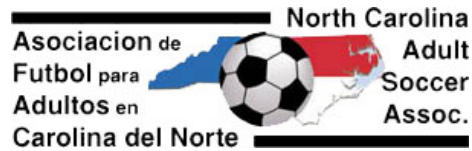
Leagues interested in applying for new membership may do so at any time of the year

Section 2 Determination Process

NCASA will, in accordance with its constitution and bylaws, make determinations on new membership within 31 days of the completed application received at the NCASA office.

NCASA will complete the following steps in order before making a determination on application:

- A. Application will be deemed complete in accordance with the NCASA constitution, by-laws and policies, otherwise NCASA will notify the applicant of missing requirements to the application to be deemed complete and ready for determination process.
- B. At least two (2) officers of applicant leagues must attend an NCASA Executive Committee meeting anytime prior to the Executive Committee consideration and vote of the application.



- C. *Concurrent notices of a new applicant will be sent to the following entities allowing for 8 business days to respond with comments and/or concerns:*
 - 1. *All member leagues within a 50 miles radius*
 - 2. *The designated local certified assignor*
 - 3. *Each of the field/facility locations managers. Background information on USASA's insurance program and NCASA's membership requirements will also be sent.*
- D. *In the event any concerns or comments are received by NCASA from these entities, NCASA may decide to suspend the determination process and have the applicant respond to such accordingly to the satisfaction of NCASA before the determination process reactivated.*
- E. *In accordance with the NCASA constitution, by-laws and policies, NCASA will make a determination on the application for membership.*

Section 3 Application

The following must be in order and included in/with the application to be considered complete and ready for the determination process:

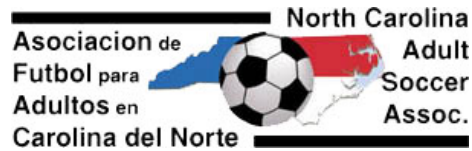
- A. *Official league name on application*
- B. *Colors (if any) on application*
- C. *A list of officers with addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses (when available), including president, registrar to be certified by NCASA, and discipline and appeal chairperson.*
- D. *Every league shall have a United States Soccer Federation ("USSF") certified referee assignor ("certified assignor") who is properly and currently registered through the North Carolina Soccer Referees Association ("NCSRA") responsible for assigning the officials to its matches. If the league does not have one listed with complete contact information, NCSRA will assign one to the league upon approval of the application.*
- E. *Signature of league president/administrator confirming an understanding of the application requirements and determination process.*
- F. *A copy of both the Ruling Charter and the By-Laws of the league organization. These must specify a covered territory and a league purpose.*
- G. *Annual playing calendar with seasonal start date(s) and end date(s) and monthly or periodic organizational meeting dates.*
- H. *Application Fee as set by NCASA*
- I. *Completed liability insurance request forms for each field location to be used by the league, including address of the field(s)/facility, directions and complete contact information for field/facility managers.*
- J. *Confirmation of intent to play from teams with team contact person and corresponding contact information.*
- K. *All other requirements that are otherwise described and detailed in the NCASA constitution, by-laws and policies.*

Section 4 Rights of Full Membership

League members in good standing with NCASA in accordance with the NCASA constitution, by-laws and policies will enjoy all benefits afforded by NCASA, USASA, and USSF to its members, in accordance with the constitution, by-laws and policies of NCASA, USASA, and USSF.

The benefits of NCASA to its league members included but not limited to:

- A. *USASA's insurance program for leagues and players*
- B. *NCASA, USASA and USSF competitions and tournament in accordance with the rules of participation for each.*
- C. *NCASA, USASA and USSF player development programs in accordance with the rules of participation for each.*



- D. Access USSF certified assignors and match officials through NCSRA.
- E. Access to Referee Training, Certification, and Development through NCSRA
- F. NCASA, USASA and USSF coaching education programs in accordance with the rules of participation for each.
- G. Annual NCASA Awards
- H. Eligible to become officers of NCASA, USASA and USSF
- I. Access to staffed State Office/ Single point of Information
- J. League Administration Support and Consultation
- K. Annual Meeting and Workshops
- L. Interactive website
- M. Travel Clearances for out of state tournaments
- N. Player and team registration and validation
- O. Official team rosters and individualized player identification passes

Section 5 Renewal of Full Membership

Member leagues are to renew their membership affiliation with NCASA annually based on their original membership year using the process of Application as described in Section 3 of NCASA policies for Membership. Application for renewed membership must be received and deemed complete before NCASA will afford a league its Rights of Membership as described in Section 4 of NCASA policies for Membership.

Member leagues wishing to change their membership year to or from FIFA or Calendar to the other must request so in writing to NCASA, along with submitting a new and updated Application as described in Section 3 of NCASA policies for Membership, and allow for the Determination Process as detailed in Section 2 of NCASA policies for Membership.

Member leagues with FIFA year status will have their membership expired by NCASA on August 31 of each year. Member leagues with Calendar year status will have their membership expired by NCASA on December 31 of each year. Upon expiration of membership all Rights of Membership as described in Section 4 of NCASA policies for Membership can be invalidated by NCASA.

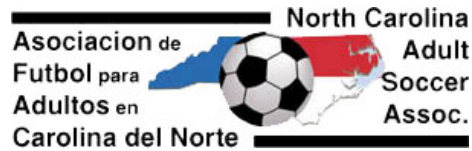
ARTICLE REGISTRATION

In accordance with the NCASA Constitution and Bylaws, all aspects of registration addressed in this article must be handled by and through a designated registrar of an NCASA affiliated leagued.

Section 1

Player Registration -*The league will conduct its player registration process by collecting the appropriate required registration information and the NCASA registration fee from each player. All players wishing to partake in an NCASA affiliated league MUST provide the following registration components to the league prior to their first match: Full Legal Name, **Date of Birth**, Gender, Complete Address, Team Name, and Birth Nation with their signature affirming the required NCASA disclaimer and the registration fee. Any player missing the requirements will not be registered until all necessary registration components are complete. Optional player information includes Telephone number, Email address and Professional or Amateur Status.*

The league registrar MUST verify that all registrations are complete with ALL required registration components listed above. Incomplete registrations are returned to the league administrator and credited toward the league's balance until the form is returned complete WITH NCASA proof of credit.



- Section 2** **Team Registration** - To be completed by a team manager, coach or captain. This is required for all teams to verify captains, playing level and track the player count for that team. The league registrar **MUST** verify that all team registrations are complete.
- Section 3** **Transfer Players** - All players that transfer midseason or midyear from one team to another must provide the name of the old team, name of the accepting team, proof of approval by the league, and the NCASA transfer fee. In transferring teams, the player is no longer registered to their old team.
- Section 4** **Multiple Roster Players** - Multiple registered players need to complete a Player Registration (shown in section 1) for each team they are playing on and pay the NCASA multiple registration fee, instead of the NCASA registration fee.
- Section 5** **NCASA Process**: The NCASA office will process the league's registrations within 10 business days. Registrations are processed in the order they are received. NCASA mails the validated player passes and official rosters to the league registrar by regular mail unless otherwise noted on payment form with added fee for rush shipment. In the event of an error or missing pass, card or sticker, the State Office should be notified **immediately** with player and team information for assistance.

Section *Player Registration Windows*

Member leagues shall have the option of annual or semi-annual player registration. The semi-annual player registration window shall be valid for a period of not less than six months and not more than twelve months. Players registered during each semi-annual period shall have their registration expire on the last day of the semi-annual year immediately preceding the one-year anniversary of their registration date. Calendar semi-annual player pass expiration dates are February 15 and August 15.

PROPOSED WORDING:

ARTICLE I *MEMBERSHIP*

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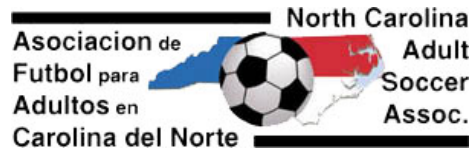
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NCASA will, in accordance with its constitution and bylaws, make determinations on new membership within 31 days of the completed application received at the NCASA office.

NCASA will complete the following steps in order before making a determination on application:

- A. *Application will be deemed complete in accordance with the NCASA constitution, by-laws and policies, otherwise NCASA will notify the applicant of missing requirements to the application to be deemed complete and ready for determination process.*



- B. *At least two (2) officers of applicant leagues must attend an NCASA Executive Committee meeting anytime prior to the Executive Committee consideration and vote of the application.*
- C. *Concurrent notices of a new applicant will be sent to the following entities allowing for 8 business days to respond with comments and/or concerns:*
 - 1. *All member leagues within a 50 miles radius*
 - 2. *The designated local certified assignor*
 - 3. *Each of the field/facility locations managers. Background information on USASA's insurance program and NCASA's membership requirements will also be sent.*
- D. *In the event any concerns or comments are received by NCASA from these entities, NCASA may decide to suspend the determination process and have the applicant respond to such accordingly to the satisfaction of NCASA before the determination process reactivated.*
- E. *In accordance with the NCASA constitution, by-laws and policies, NCASA will make a determination on the application for membership.*

Section 3 Application

The following must be in order and included in/with the application to be considered complete and ready for the determination process:

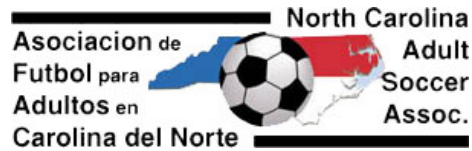
- A. *Official league name on application*
- B. *Colors (if any) on application*
- C. *A list of officers with addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses (when available), including president, registrar to be certified by NCASA, and discipline and appeal chairperson.*
- D. *Every league shall have a United States Soccer Federation ("USSF") certified referee assignor ("certified assignor") who is properly and currently registered through the North Carolina Soccer Referees Association ("NCSRA") responsible for assigning the officials to its matches. If the league does not have one listed with complete contact information, NCSRA will assign one to the league upon approval of the application.*
- E. *Signature of league president/administrator confirming an understanding of the application requirements and determination process.*
- F. *A copy of both the Ruling Charter and the By-Laws of the league organization. These must specify a covered territory and a league purpose.*
- G. *Annual playing calendar with seasonal start date(s) and end date(s) and monthly or periodic organizational meeting dates.*
- H. *Application Fee as set by NCASA*
- I. *Completed liability insurance request forms for each field location to be used by the league, including address of the field(s)/facility, directions and complete contact information for field/facility managers.*
- J. *Confirmation of intent to play from teams with team contact person and corresponding contact information.*
- K. *All other requirements that are otherwise described and detailed in the NCASA constitution, by-laws and policies.*

Section 4 Rights of Full Membership

League members in good standing with NCASA in accordance with the NCASA constitution, by-laws and policies will enjoy all benefits afforded by NCASA, USASA, and USSF to its members, in accordance with the constitution, by-laws and policies of NCASA, USASA, and USSF.

The benefits of NCASA to its league members included but not limited to:

- A. *USASA's insurance program for leagues and players*
- B. *NCASA, USASA and USSF competitions and tournament in accordance with the rules of participation for each.*



- C. *NCASA, USASA and USSF player development programs in accordance with the rules of participation for each.*
- D. *Access USSF certified assignors and match officials through NCSRA.*
- E. *Access to Referee Training, Certification, and Development through NCSRA*
- F. *NCASA, USASA and USSF coaching education programs in accordance with the rules of participation for each.*
- G. *Annual NCASA Awards*
- H. *Eligible to become officers of NCASA, USASA and USSF*
- I. *Access to staffed State Office/ Single point of Information*
- J. *League Administration Support and Consultation*
- K. *Annual Meeting and Workshops*
- L. *Interactive website*
- M. *Travel Clearances for out of state tournaments*
- N. *Player and team registration and validation*
- O. *Official team rosters and individualized player identification passes*

Section 5 *Renewal of Full Membership*

Member leagues are to renew their membership affiliation with NCASA annually based on their original membership year using the process of Application as described in Section 3 of NCASA policies for Membership. Application for renewed membership must be received and deemed complete before NCASA will afford a league its Rights of Membership as described in Section 4 of NCASA policies for Membership.

Member leagues wishing to change their membership year to or from FIFA or Calendar to the other must request so in writing to NCASA, along with submitting a new and updated Application as described in Section 3 of NCASA policies for Membership, and allow for the Determination Process as detailed in Section 2 of NCASA policies for Membership.

Member leagues with FIFA year status will have their membership expired by NCASA on August 31 of each year. Member leagues with Calendar year status will have their membership expired by NCASA on December 31 of each year. Upon expiration of membership all Rights of Membership as described in Section 4 of NCASA policies for Membership can be invalidated by NCASA.

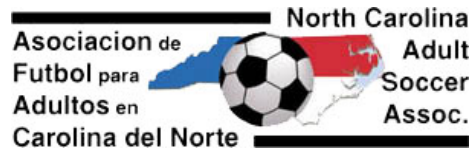
Section 6 *A training and informational meeting of the presidents of all leagues affiliated with the North Carolina Adult Soccer Association will be held annually in conjunction with the Annual Council Meeting. Attendance at that meeting by every league president, or by a league officer selected by the league president if the president is not able to attend, is mandatory.*

ARTICLE II **REGISTRATION**

In accordance with the NCASA Constitution and Bylaws, all aspects of registration addressed in this article must be handled by and through a designated registrar of an NCASA affiliated league.

Section 1 *Player Registration*

- A. *The league will conduct its player registration process by collecting the appropriate required registration information and the NCASA registration fee from each player.*
- B. *All players wishing to partake in an NCASA affiliated league MUST provide the following registration components to the league prior to their first match: Full Legal Name, Date of Birth, Gender, Complete Address, Team Name, and Birth Nation with their signature affirming the required NCASA disclaimer and the registration fee. Any player missing the*



requirements will not be registered until all necessary registration components are complete.

- C. *Optional player information includes Telephone number, Email address and Professional or Amateur Status.*
- D. *The league registrar MUST verify that all registrations are complete with ALL required registration components listed above. Incomplete registrations are returned to the league administrator and credited toward the league's balance until the form is returned complete WITH NCASA proof of credit.*

Section 2 Team Registration

To be completed by a team manager, coach or captain. This is required for all teams to verify captains, playing level and track the player count for that team. The league registrar MUST verify that all team registrations are complete.

Section 3 Transfer Players

All players that transfer midseason or midyear from one team to another must provide the name of the old team, name of the accepting team, proof of approval by the league, and the NCASA transfer fee. In transferring teams, the player is no longer registered to their old team.

Section 4 Multiple Roster Players

Multiple registered players need to complete a Player Registration (shown in section 1) for each team they are playing on and pay the NCASA multiple registration fee, instead of the NCASA registration fee.

Section 5 NCASA Process

The NCASA office will process the league's registrations within 10 business days. Registrations are processed in the order they are received. NCASA mails the validated player passes and official rosters to the league registrar by regular mail unless otherwise noted on payment form with added fee for rush shipment. In the event of an error or missing pass, card or sticker, the State Office should be notified immediately with player and team information for assistance.

Section 6 Player Registration Windows

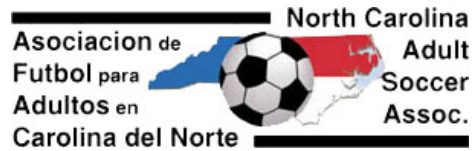
Member leagues shall have the option of annual or semi-annual player registration. The semi-annual player registration window shall be valid for a period of not less than six months and not more than twelve months. Players registered during each semi-annual period shall have their registration expire on the last day of the semi-annual year immediately preceding the one-year anniversary of their registration date. Calendar semi-annual player pass expiration dates are February 15 and August 15.

ARTICLE 3 NC STATE CUP

Section 1 Roster Requirements

The following are roster requirements for team and players applying to enter NCASA State Cup.

- A. *Requirement that apply for all division of play*
 - 1. *Teams and players must be registered and in good standing with the NCASA.*
 - 2. *All players must possess their current NCASA player passes for the duration of the tournament to participate.*

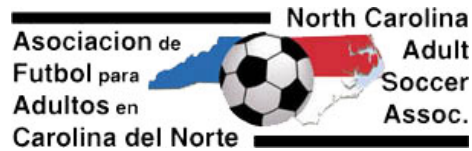


3. *To register or to add new players to new or existing teams, teams must register through a local association. Team rosters will consist of a maximum 20 players, including guest players.*
 4. *A maximum of 5 guest players are allowed.*
 5. *All guest players and player transfers must be go through a local association.*
 6. *Guest players must be currently registered NCASA players and possess their current player pass. Players with out of state player registration passes are not permitted to play in any division of the NC Adult State Cup.*
 7. *Players may register in two separate divisions*
 8. *The team's NCASA stamped league rosters must be submitted.*
- B. Requirement specific to Men's Amateur divisions**
1. *Any men's amateur team participating in the NCASA State Cup must be comprised of the players that are registered to that team during current league play.*
 2. *A minimum of 9 players from the current roster is required.*
 3. *Guest players maybe registered with any NCASA affiliated league in good standing.*
 4. *Professional players (domestic, international and foreign born) must demonstrate approved Amateur Reinstatement from US Soccer to participate.*
- C. Requirement specific to Men's Over 30 divisions**
1. *Any men's over 30 team participating in the NCASA State Cup must be comprised of the players that are registered to that team during current league play.*
 2. *A minimum of 9 players from the current roster is required.*
 3. *Guest players maybe registered with any NCASA affiliated league in good standing.*
 4. *All players participating in the Over 30 Division must be 30 by the end of the calendar year in which the NCASA State Cup is being held.*
 5. *Professional players (domestic, international and foreign born) must demonstrate approved Amateur Reinstatement from US Soccer to participate.*
- D. Requirement specific to divisions other than Men's Amateur and Men's Over 30**
1. *These teams are not bound to a league roster therefore teams are allowed to be created for the purpose of participating in the State Cup.*
 2. *All players must be register with an NCASA member league and have valid player passes.*
 3. *Professional players (domestic, international and foreign born) must demonstrate approved Amateur Reinstatement from US Soccer to participate.*
 4. *Coed teams must have a minimum of 5 female players on the field at all times.*
 5. *All players participating in the Men's Over 40 Division must be 40 by the end of the calendar year in which the NCASA State Cup is being held.*
 6. *Men's Over 50 teams are allowed to have three underage players, age 48 years old by the end of the calendar year in which the NCASA State Cup is being held.*

Section 2 *Rules and Regulations*

A. Pre-Match Responsibilities

1. *Uniforms: All players must wear completely covered, legal shin guards and have cleats that meet FIFA standards. Jewelry is not permitted to be worn on the field of play during match play. All team jerseys must be clearly numbered. The goalkeeper's jersey must be of a different color than either teams' jerseys. The HOME team, as listed on the tournament schedule, MUST change to alternative jerseys if there is a color conflict in the opinion of the officials.*
2. *Captains Meeting & Team Check-In: Team contact/captain must be present at the captain's meeting for team check-in at the tournament headquarters. Upon arrival you*



will provide a mobile phone number where they can be reached throughout the dates of the event. If your team is not going to be at team check-in, you must notify NCASA to arrange a pre-tournament check-in at the NCASA offices or your team will be dropped from the schedule. At team check-in you MUST have a copy of your final roster as approved by NCASA on or before the roster freeze deadline AND all the validated player passes of each of the players listed on your state cup roster, INCLUDING guest players with photos and signatures.

B. Field Check-In

Teams must be on time, at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start. 10 minutes past the scheduled start time will constitute a forfeit. (refer to FORFEITS) Seven players will constitute a team and the clock will start accordingly. Captains need to be ready when the referee calls for captains to present the team's certified jersey roster with the correct corresponding jersey numbers to the center referee and meet the opposing captain. In an orderly fashion, have the individual players turn in their player pass to the center referee for ID, jersey number, and equipment check. Coaches, players, and spectators must remain between the penalty areas and 3 to 5 yards from the touchline. No one shall be behind the goal lines and goals. Each team, all coaches, and all spectators will take a position opposite the field from their opponents. If teams share one side of the field, coaching is restricted to their bench's half of the field.

C. Substitution

Substitutions can be made only on goal kicks, kickoffs, and possession throw-ins. An injured or cautioned player may be substituted at the referee's discretion. Stay off the field until the player being replaced comes off. Sub in at the midfield line with the assistant referee when Re-entry is allowed.

D. Divisions Groupings

Shall be determined by the tournament committee based on the number of entries received, the geographical distribution of teams, and the timeliness of applications received, as the priorities. Consideration of league schedule, league results, and previous tournament results will be secondary considerations.

E. Match Play Format

Each team will play the other teams in their designated group as scheduled one time. The points for bracket standings are as follows: 3 points for the win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for the loss.

The tiebreaker will be applied in the following sequence A, B, C, D and E for ranking.

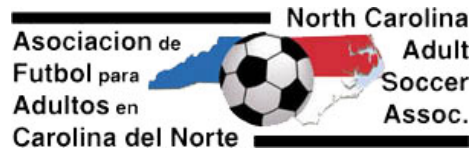
- 1. Head to Head. If two or more teams are tied for the same ranking, the tiebreaker will be the result of the game previously played between these two or more teams; the winner will be ranked prior to the other(s).*
- 2. If two or more teams are still tied, the tiebreaker will be the team with greatest goal differential.*
- 3. If two or more teams are still tied, the tiebreaker will be most goals scored.*
- 4. If two or more teams are still tied, the tiebreaker will be least goals allowed.*
- 5. Finally if two or more teams are still tied, the tiebreaker will be go to kicks from the mark (FIFA).*

F. Forfeits

A forfeit shall be awarded if a team is not present and prepared to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled commencement time, with the score being 3-0 in favor of the team that was there on time. The match can be played by the teams when they arrive with approval of the tournament director and both coaches, but no score will be kept. A forfeit will be issued for teams who do not follow the eligibility requirements. Any team that is issued a forfeit will lose its entire performance bond. Additional penalties may be applied. Any team that forfeits or abandons a scheduled match will not be eligible to play in the finals.

G. Referees

All matches will be officiated by USSF certified referees. The referee must report the score of the match to the headquarters within 15 minutes of the conclusion of each match.



- H. *Elimination Matches*
If tied at the end of regulation time, two 15 minute overtime periods will be played. If the game is still tied after the overtime periods, the kicks from the mark (FIFA) procedure will be used to determine the winner.
- I. *Wanderer's Rules*
If a match is abandoned after 25 minutes of play by the official the score will stand and the match will be counted. Teams that abandon a match at any point will be considered having forfeit and may be subject to further penalties, beyond forfeiture of performance bond.
- J. *Player/Coach Ejections*
Any player/coach ejected from a match: will not be replaced; will not be allowed to remain at the field; the player could be subject to an immediate multiple game suspension and/or other penalties if they remain within sight and sound of the field. The player will be suspended for the next match or next league match. All player passes of ejected players/coaches will be turned into the tournament committee. The passes will be returned to the team's captain after the suspension of one match. The tournament committee reserves the right to administer additional penalties as warranted.
- K. *Protests and Appeals*
The North Carolina State Cup will be overseen by a tournament committee consisting of NCASA's executive director, NCASA's State Cup Commissioner, and a member of the hosting organization. All tournament committee decisions are final. However to appeal a tournament committee decision, one must submit a written appeal in triplicate to NCASA along with a \$100.00 appeal process fee and be postmarked within 72 hours of the dispute. The appeal will be heard by the executive committee of NCASA.
- L. *Inclement Weather*
Regardless of the weather conditions, teams must appear on the field ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match. Only the referee or tournament director may cancel or postpone a match. In case of severe weather before play, referees may reduce the length of the match by up to 50%. Should a match be terminated after 25 minutes due to weather, the match will be considered official and the score will stand. Referees should not begin or continue a match when lightning is seen in the area. In case the entire tournament is postponed, a rain date has been set. Teams are expected to participate. For more weather information call the Hotline at 336-856-0702. In case the Cup is cancelled teams will be refunded all but \$100.00 of their entry fee.
- M. *Bond & National Fees*
All performance bonds will be refunded in full by mail within 30 days after the tournament, barring any violation of State Cup rules and requirements. Teams under tournament committee or discipline and appeal consideration will have their performance bonds held indefinitely, until all associated matters are resolved by the appropriate NCASA governing committee. Withdrawal from the tournament after the application cutoff date, will result in forfeiture of the team's entry fee AND performance bond. Teams interested in competing in the National Cup, the Coed National Championship or the Veteran's Cup will have to pay the appropriate fees and bonds for those events. In an effort to keep the NC Adult State Cup fee as low as possible, NCASA no longer pays the entry fee of these tournaments for adult state cup division winners.
- N. *Disclaimer*
NCASA reserves the right to adjust the competition format depending on the number of team entries in a given division. NCASA may even close a division due to lack of team registration. In which case, the teams entered will receive the full refund of their registration and performance bond. NCASA will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any person, team, league, or any other association as a result of participating in the State Cup. By participating in the North Carolina Adult State Cup the team is acknowledging that team officials have read and understood the rules and that the team will abide by all the rules of the NC Adult State Cup. THE NC ADULT STATE CUP'S INTENTION IS TO DETERMINE A STATE CHAMPION FOR EACH DIVISION FROM THE VARIOUS LEAGUE SYSTEMS



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