

# **TAMPA AREA RECREATIONAL SCHEDULING ASSOCIATION**



## **COACHES HANDBOOK 2023-2024**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

TARSA (Tampa Area Recreational Scheduling Association) is an internet-driven organization (website). While this Coaches Handbook is provided to assist coaches and affiliate club representatives, it is important to note that all information is available on the TARSA website ([www.tarsasoccer.org](http://www.tarsasoccer.org)). Any changes or updates to this handbook will be posted on the website. This handbook does not cover all Rules and Regulations. For full information make sure to review the documents below available on the TARSA web site:

- TARSA Constitution:
- TARSA By-Laws:
- TARSA Seasonal Rules:
- TARSA Coach’s Handbook:
- Field directions:
- Schedules/Standings:
- Discipline information and procedures:

TARSA would like to thank you for taking the time to have a positive influence on our youth soccer players and we wish you the best for the upcoming season.

Thank You,  
TARSA Board of Directors

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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19U Girls	Keith Etherton	robkey64@aol.com	(813) 770-8946
12U Coed	Keith Etherton	robkey64@aol.com	(813) 770-8946
14U Coed	Keith Etherton	robkey64@aol.com	(813) 770-8946
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### **Responsibilities**

The primary responsibilities of an Age Group Coordinator (AGC) are to record game scores in a timely manner and coordinate communication with the age group's coaches. An AGC is assigned to each age group within each division (Girls and Coed). In addition to recording scores properly, each AGC is also tasked with the following throughout the soccer season:

- a. To manage and oversee his/her age group.
- b. To pass along information from the TARSA Director of Age Group Coordinators and TARSA Board of Directors to coaches within their group.
- c. To answer questions and resolve disputes or, where appropriate, to refer issues/disputes to the respective TARSA Vice President and/or Director of Age Group Coordinators.
- d. Gathering necessary information for TARSA End of Season Tournament and disseminate that information within their age groups.
- e. Each AGC will be given a list of the teams for their age group and division. This list will include information on each team: team number, team name, coach's name, coach's phone number(s), and coach's email address. Each AGC must have reliable access to the internet.
- f. The winning coach (both in case of a tie) is to report the game score to the appropriate AGC no later than 2:00 pm on the Sunday following game (telephone call, text message or email). Preferably after game a text picture of game card and or score can be texted to appropriate AGC.
- g. In addition, each winning coach (both in case of a tie) is to mail or scan and email the completed game card and the rosters from both teams to the AGC. These cards must be post-marked (or scanned and emailed) within one week after the completion of the game. Game results that are either not called in properly or mailed properly are to be recorded as 0-0 games and no game points awarded in standings.
- h. All game cards with attached rosters will be filed with the Director of Age Group Coordinators at the end of the season for final disposition.
- i. AGCs are to report all scores to the Director of AGCs no later than 6:00 pm on Sunday (telephone call, text message or email).
- j. It is the responsibility of the AGC to communicate the End of Season (EOS) Tournament information to their coaches. In turn the AGC will determine which teams will participate in the EOS Tournament and communicate this to the Director of AGCs. AGCs should make every effort to contact all teams in their age group and report any lack of contact to the appropriate VP.

# CLUBS LOCATION AND REPRESENTATIVES

Some clubs have more than one location for their games. Coaches need to communicate with each other to ensure they are traveling to the correct location for each game.

CODE	CLUB NAME	WEBSITE	FIELDS
CSC	Chargers Soccer Club - Tampa	www.ChargersSoccer.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Tampa Park: 17302 Commerce Park Boulevard, Tampa FL 33647</li> <li>Benito Middle School: 10101 Cross Creek Boulevard, Tampa FL 33647</li> <li>30th Street Fields: 11111 30th Street N., Tampa FL 33612</li> </ul>
	TARSA Representative: Maggie Pesaresi (maggie@ChargersSoccer.com)		
CUS	Citrus United Soccer Club	www.CitrusUnited.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holden Park: 4229 S. Rainbow Drive, Inverness FL 34452</li> <li>Homosassa Park: 4210 South Grandmarch Ave, Homosassa FL 34446</li> </ul>
	TARSA Representative: Ann Withkowski (withall7@aol.com); Rec Director: John Withkowski (withall7@aol.com)		
EPY	East Pasco Youth Soccer Club	www.facebook.com/EastPascoYouthSoccerLeague/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sam Pasco Fields: 39835 Chancey Rd Zephyrhills, FL 33540</li> <li>Burks Park: 13220 Gene Nelson Boulevard, Dade City, FL 33525</li> </ul>
	TARSA Representative: Dale Strok (dlstrok@neo.rrl.com)		
FCT	FC Tampa Rangers Soccer Club	www.FCTampaRangers.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shimberg Park: 7022 Soccer Avenue, Tampa, FL 33634</li> <li>Oscar Cooler Fields: 19045 Crooked Lane, Lutz, FL 33549</li> <li>Carrollwood Village: 13240 S. Village Dr. Tampa 33618</li> </ul>
	President: Mike Connell (mike@fctamparangers.com) ; TARSA Representative: Seth Van Steenberg (recreationdirector@fctamparangers.com)		
FHS	First Hernando Youth Soccer	www.FirstHernandoSoccer.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anderson Snow Complex: 1360 Anderson Snow Road, Spring Hill, FL 34609</li> </ul>
	TARSA Representative: Stephen Truman (commissioner@hemandosc.com) Jeremy Via (vcrec@hemandosc.com)		
FHY	Florida Hawks FC Soccer Club	www.FloridaHawksFC.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fish Hawk Sports Complex: 16112 FishHawk Boulevard, Lithia, FL 33547</li> </ul>
	President: Joe Savino; TARSA Representative: Scott Rendeiro (tarsacoordinator@floridahawksfc.com)		
PCTB	Players Club of Tampa Bay	www.Playersclubtampabay.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PCTB Fields: 1850 Windingwood Ave. Brandon FL 33511</li> </ul>
	President: Romildo Sanches; (pres@playerclubsoccer.com)		
FPF	Florida Premier Soccer	www.floridapremierfc.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mitchell Fields: 4713 Little Road, New Port Richey FL 34653</li> <li>Holiday Fields: 2830 Gulf Trace Blvd.; Holiday, FL 34691</li> <li>Collier Parkway 3032 Collier Parkway Land O Lakes, FL 34639</li> </ul>
	TARSA Rep: Bev Underwood (b.underwood@floridapremierfc.com)		
RYS	Wimauma Warriors Soccer	R.Y.S.L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wimauma Civic Center: 5705 Hillsborough Street, Wimauma, FL 33598</li> </ul>
	President: Martin Bocanegra ; TARSA Representative: Jose Alfaro (jose.alfarobarrios@gmail.com)		
TBU	Tampa Bay United	www.TBUSC.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ed Radice Sports Complex: 14720 Ed Radice Drive, Tampa, FL 33626</li> <li>Monroe Middle School: 5716 West Montgomery Ave, Tampa, FL 33616</li> </ul>
	TARSA Representative: Nel Hayes (nhayes@tbusc.com) Gary Bajkowsky-South (gbajkowski@tbusc.com) Brian Easley-North (beasley@tbusc.com)		
TNC	Town-N-Country Youth Soccer Club	www.TownAndCountrySoccer.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shimberg Park: 7022 Soccer Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33634</li> </ul>
	President: Jose Cordero; TARSA Representative: Elda Gentry (tncsocceradmin@gmail.com)		
VSC	Tampa Dynamo Soccer Club	www.TampaDynamoFC.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summerfield Soccer Park: 11942 Big Bend Road, Riverview, FL 33579</li> <li>Valrico Soccer Fields: 1100 Sydney Dover Rd; Sydney, FL 33527</li> </ul>
	TARSA Representative: Chris Farnworth (chrisfarnworth@tampadynamofc.com)		
WCA	Sporting Wesley Chapel Soccer Club	www.SportingWesleyChapel.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wesley Chapel District Park: 7727 Boyette Road, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544</li> </ul>
	TARSA Representative: Corey Maret (cmaret@tbusc.com)		
WFF	West Florida Flames (f.k.a. Brandon)	www.FlamesFC.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>J.C. Handley Park: 3104 S. Kings Avenue. Brandon, FL 33511</li> </ul>
	TARSA Representative: Rocco Pecora (rpecora@flamesfc.com)		
RADD	RADD FC Soccer Club	www.wiregrass-sports.com/soccer.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wiregrass Sports Complex: 3021 Sports Coast Way, Wesley Chapel FL 33543</li> </ul>
	TARSA Representative Luis Viera (l.viera@floridapremierfc.com)		
FCFC	Florida Coast Futbol Club	www.floridacoastfc.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veterans Memorial Park: 14333 Hicks Rd. Hudson Fl. 34669</li> </ul>
	President: Andrea Hurst (anderahurst.fcfc@gmail.com) TARSA Representative: N/A		
PCFC	Plant City Area Soccer Club	www.plantcityfc.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Otis M. Andrews Complex 2602 E. Cherry St. Plant City 33563</li> </ul>
	President: Jorge Martinez (Jorge.martinez@robinsonfans.com) TARSA Representative: Juan Calderon (jcalde8999@aol.com)		

## **WHO TO CONTACT**

### **Clubs**

Affiliation with TARSA .....	TARSA President
Team Applications .....	TARSA President
Field Assignor for Initial TARSA Game Schedules .....	TARSA President
Field Directions .....	TARSA President
Closing of Fields during the Season .....	TARSA President or Both Vice Presidents
Petition to Not Place All Teams within an Age Group in TARSA.....	TARSA President

### **Coaches**

Cancelling a Game by Home Coach (within 72 hours).....	Home Team Affiliate
Cancelling a Game by Both Coaches (within 72 hours) .....	Age Group Coordinator
Reschedule an Approved Postponed Game .....	Appropriate Vice President
Challenge a Player (noted on GameCard) (within 72 hours of game time).....	Appropriate Vice President
Reduced Playing Time (discipline or parent request) .....	Appropriate Vice President
Report a Violation of TARSA Playing Time Requirement.....	Appropriate Vice President
Report a Game Score .....	Age Group Coordinator
Submitting Game Reports.....	Age Group Coordinator
Participation in TARSA End of Season Tournament .....	Age Group Coordinator
Reporting that a Player Served a Suspension Outside of TARSA .....	Appropriate Vice President

### **Referees**

Abandoned Match (GotSport Game Card and supplemental game report) .....	Appropriate Vice President
Red Cards and Send-Offs (GotSport Game Card and supplemental game report).....	Appropriate Vice President

### **Within TARSA**

Games Scores from Age Group Coordinator.....	Website
Challenged Players (with GotSport Game Card) from Appropriate Vice President .....	Board of Directors
Violation of Playing Time (with GotSport Game Card) from Appropriate Vice President .....	Board of Directors
Participation in TARSA End of Season Tournament .....	Age Group Coordinator
Yellow Cards (cautions) from AGC Coordinator to Director of AGCs.....	Appropriate Vice President
Documentation of Games Served from AGC to Director of AGCs .....	Appropriate Vice President

# **TARSA RULES**

*This section is only intended as a **quick reference guide to some of the TARSA Rules and Regulations. Coaches are expected to read the entire TARSA Rules and Regulations**, which can be found on the TARSA website ([www.tarsasoccer.com](http://www.tarsasoccer.com)). Ignorance of these rules is not an acceptable defense for anyone violating these rules. In case of any discrepancy or difference between the Handbook and the TARSA Rules and Regulations, the TARSA Rules and Regulations will hold precedence.*

## **Pre-Game Procedure**

### **1. Schedules**

- a. Games are to be played at the field location of the respective home team as indicated on the schedule on GotSport, unless both coaches mutually agree to schedule the game at a different location and only with the advanced written permission of the home club's field and referee scheduler.
- b. It is the responsibility of the visiting team's coach to contact the home team's coach if they are playing a club which has multiple field locations to confirm the location for their game.
- c. Games are to be played as scheduled. Guidelines for postponements and make-up criteria are listed in the Standings section of this document.
- d. To request a change in schedule prior to the second Sunday after the start of the season, contact the opposing coach and request the change. If the other coach agrees to reschedule the game, the home team's coach must get approval in writing of the home club's field scheduler and referee assignor and send that information to the appropriate Age Group Coordinator, appropriate Vice President and TARSA President. Once the appropriate AGC and VP have acknowledged the change the HOME team's Field Assignor can update the date/time/field location to the agreed upon time in GotSport. If mutual agreement cannot be reached between the coaches at a time and location approved by the home team's club, the issue should be brought to the attention of the appropriate AGC who will try to work out a new schedule date and move the game. During the first two weeks TARSA may decide to reschedule the games as appropriate and can change any game unilaterally.
- e. To request a change in schedule on or after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the start of play for a season schedules will be locked by TARSA so that only TARSA can change the date and time in GotSport but the process remains the same in that both coaches should work out the new date/time/location and get the home team's field scheduler and referee assignor and then contact the appropriate AGC, VP and TARSA President. TARSA will then change the schedule. Coaches should be aware that only in special circumstances will TARSA change a game after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the start of play, and then only with mutual agreement of both coaches and the home club's field scheduler and referee assignor.

### **2. Club/Team Responsibilities**

- a. The home team's club shall ensure safe and appropriate fields including goals are properly anchored, goal nets and corner flags are in-place, and fields are lined.
- b. The **home team** shall change uniform colors if there is a conflict with uniform colors of the visitor team, as determined by the referee.
- c. All coaches are to set a good example for proper game conduct with a positive attitude in both speech and behavior. A coach's respect for the game and officials sets the proper example for players and spectators to follow.
- d. Coaches shall remind spectators to set the example of good sportsmanlike conduct for players in both speech and behavior.
- e. Players are to wear their jersey tucked into their shorts, socks are to be pulled up over their shin guards and they should present an overall neat appearance. Shin guards are required for all players.
- f. Coaches are to come to games with laminated player passes, and two paper copies of the GotSport Game Card. *(see sample on last page)*
- g. It is highly recommended that the club have a volunteer field marshal at each game. It is recommended that the field marshal should not be associated with the home team.



### 3. Player Passes, Rosters and GotSport Game Cards

- a. ***Both home and visiting teams will print and provide a GotSport Game Card*** to the center referee prior to the game. Only players on the team's Official FYSA roster are permitted to participate in the game. *No guest players are allowed.* It is suggested that the game card be printed within 24 hours of the game time in case of roster changes.
- b. A laminated, valid FYSA player pass with identifying photograph is to be presented for each player on the team whose name appears on the Got Soccer Game Card (*see sample on last page*). If a pass is not available for a player, the player does not participate ("No Pass. No Play"). This includes the first game of the season and every game including the championship.
- c. A club pass is permitted for the age groups of U16 and U19 only. Up to three players can be used and must be presented to TARSA President for his/her approval 72 hours prior to game time so game card can be altered and signed off by TARSA President. A copy will then be sent to both the requesting coach and the opposing coach.
- d. Any coach challenging a player must:
  - 1) Verbally notify the referee prior to beginning the game.
  - 2) Within 72 hours of the game's conclusion, provide written notice to appropriate Vice President who will pass this information to the Board of Directors for research and determination of any appropriate actions (if any).
- e. All personnel in the technical area (coaches and team officials) must present a laminated FYSA pass with identifying photograph for the participating team. It is highly recommended that each team have at least two if not three credentialed coaches (with a pass) in case of a coach send off or being unavailable.
- f. No roster changes for End of Season tournament may be made after January 22, 2024.

### 4. Game Officials

- a. The home team must provide the center official and two assistant referees. An assistant referee (linesman) can be a parent from the participating teams if an official assistant referee is not available. In this case the assistant referee may only call balls in/out of bounds. Referee fees will be scheduled and paid by the home team (or Club).
- b. For the 19U age group, the center official must be a *minimum* of 21 years of age. For the 16U age group, the center official must be a *minimum* of 18 years of age. FSR guidelines are to be followed for all other age groups.
- c. In the event a center official cannot be provided in accordance with the above paragraph, the visiting team's coach must choose one of the following options:
  - 1) Play the game as scheduled with the center official provided by the host Club (however the center official must still be a FSR certified referee).
  - 2) Reschedule the game.
  - 3) Accept a forfeit win (3-0).
- d. In the event that no game officials arrive, coaches shall find qualified persons to officiate and the game stands as scheduled. In any event, the coaches must not allow a game to be played without a currently certified FSR center referee.
- e. The referee shall receive the player passes and a Got Soccer Game Card from each team. The referee shall keep these during the game. A note on the Game Card shall be made if a coach has challenged a player prior to the game.
- f. The home team is responsible for providing the game balls to the referee.

### 5. Sportsmanship

All coaches are expected to set examples of sportsmanship and show proper respect to officials, opponents and parents. There is no room in soccer for prejudice, name calling, taunting, or instructing players to "take out" opponents. All coaches are expected to follow the letter of the law and try to comply with the spirit of the rules as well. Remember this is recreational soccer. Yes, the object is absolutely to win the game, but do so in a manner that is fair and sporting and teaches valuable life lessons.

**6. The Game**

- a. The table below shows age group information in regards to ball size, number of players allowed on the field, maximum roster size, and game duration. **All dressed players may participate in TARSA sanctioned games.**

AGE GROUP	BALL SIZE	NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON THE FIELD		GAME	HALFTIME	MAXIMUM ROSTER SIZE
		MAXIMUM	MINIMUM			
12U	#4	9	6	Two 30-Minute Halves	10 Minutes	16
14U	#5	11	7	Two 35-Minute Halves (14U)	10 Minutes	22 (all can dress)
16U				Two 40-Minute Halves	10 Minutes	22 (all can dress)
19U				Two 45-Minute Halves	10 Minutes	22 (all can dress)

- b. All regular season games ending in a tie at the end of regulation will result in a tie in the standings.
- c. 12U will be a **NON HEADING** division throughout the season. A free kick for opposing team from spot of infraction will be awarded.

**7. FYSA Water Break Policy**

Per FYSA Rule 402.4:

In any FYSA sanctioned match a break will be given at the midpoint of each half of regulation time and at the end of each overtime period (if played) for player hydration. This break will be given at a normal stoppage of play and it is mandatory for any FYSA sanctioned match during which the air temperature is or is expected to reach eighty-five (85) degrees. This break will be a maximum of one (1) to two (2) minutes of time.

In addition, a water break will take place if requested by either coach prior to the start of the game, or if the referee determines a break is necessary for the safety or welfare of the players.

**8. Game Delay**

A team that fails to appear with the minimum number of players within 15 minutes of the scheduled game start time shall forfeit the game to the team present. A game may start with the minimum number of players listed above in section 6a. After the start of the game, late-arriving players may be brought onto the field as additional players (up to the maximum allowed on field) at an appropriate stoppage of play with the agreement of the referee after being checked in by an assistant referee.

**9. Substitutions**

Unlimited substitutions may be at the discretion of the referee at the following times:

- 1) Before a throw-in for the team making the throw in.
- 2) Prior to a goal kick by either team.
- 3) After a goal by either team.
- 4) Halftime.
- 5) On an injury timeout by either team (the injured player only or an equal number of players on opposing team). *It should be noted that if a coach is called onto the field by the referee to assist an injured player, the player must be substituted for at the time. This includes the goalkeeper.*
- 6) A player receiving a yellow card (caution) will be substituted for to allow “cool down” in order to avoid an escalation of behavior. The opposing team may substitute on a one-for-one basis.

**10. Playing Time**

**Each player will play a minimum of one-half (1/2) of each game. A coach may play a player less than one-half for health or disciplinary reasons. Coaches playing a player for less than one-half must be prepared to document the reason if the opposing coach protests. Per rule 2.2.3.5 a failure to follow this rule can result in a forfeit. Repeated violations will be investigated.**

**11. Goalkeeper**

Any player is eligible to play Goalkeeper and no restriction is in place to play at least a half anymore in 12U

**12. Five-Goal Differential**

It is the responsibility of the coach whose team is ahead to do everything in his/her power to control the goal differential. When the goal differential reaches five (5) goals, the coach that is ahead will pull at least one (1) player from the field of play. If the goal differential continues to grow the coach that is ahead is expected to place additional restrictions on his/her team (i.e., pulling additional players off the field, requiring shots to be taken outside of penalty area, putting more talented offensive players in defensive positions, etc.). If the team that is behind scores a goal(s) to reduce the five (5) goal differential, the coach that is ahead may make appropriate adjustments. In no cases will this rule require a team to play with less than the minimum number of players required for a game for the age group.

**13. Game Called**

If the goal differential reaches ten (8) goals in the second half the game will be called and the score at that time will be reported as the final score. If the goal differential reaches ten (8) goals in the first half at the end of the first half the teams will immediately switch sides take the kickoff and stop game will be stopped immediately. There is no need for a half-time break. The winning coach will be asked to identify all of the steps taken to control the score.

**Post-Game Procedure****1. Sportsmanship**

- a. It is expected that as a mutual courtesy and a show of good sportsmanship, both teams are to meet at the half-way line of the teams' side of the field to congratulate each other for a game well played. This activity will be observed and remain under the authority of the game officials.
- b. Teams will ensure that the sideline area is clean and that all trash is placed in proper containers.

**2. Game Card Reports**

- a. The referee shall fill in the score on the Game Cards (*see sample on back page*) and give one copy of the Game Card to the winning coach. The referee shall give the other copy of the Game Card to the losing coach.
- b. The winning coach (or both coaches in the case of a tie) is to report the game score to the AGC of the age group no later than 2:00 pm on Sunday (telephone call, text message or email) (or 24 hours after the game). Preferably a text with picture of game card and/or score texted to appropriate AGC.
- c. AGCs are to report all scores to GotSport and the Director of AGCs no later than 6:00 pm on Sunday (telephone call, text message or email).
- d. Both coaches are to send the completed game card to the age group AGC by the method indicated by the AGC (i.e., postal service, hand delivery, fax, scan and email, etc.). Games that are not reported or sent to the AGC will be recorded as a 0-0 game and no points will be awarded to either team.
- e. Any red/yellow cards must also be reported to the AGC immediately.

**3. Cautions and Ejections**

- a. In the event of a send-off or red card, the referee must complete a US Soccer supplemental game report and mail a copy of the GotSport game card along with the appropriate team roster and the supplemental game report to the appropriate Vice President. The Referee will not keep the player pass. The coach of the player (or coach) sent off, or serving a suspension, must report it to his or her AGC by 9:00 pm of the day following the game regardless of whether his or her team won the game or not. The AGC will notify director of discipline who will register the offense with FYSA.
- b. Sanctions for player or coach infractions are set according to FYSA guidelines, which stipulate game suspensions according to severity of action.
- c. Any red card violation (including a red card for a second yellow card) results in an automatic and minimum one (1) game suspension. Therefore, the coach must automatically sit-out the player the next game and any additional games as determined by the TARSA Director of Rules and Compliance. The coach will be notified of the number of games suspension. A coach will be suspended under FYSA guidelines for playing an ineligible player who should have been sitting out a red card or suspension. Do not assume that if you have the player's pass that the player can play in the game. TARSA referees do not pull player passes for a red card violation.

- d. A fifth yellow card received by a player or coach in a season requires a minimum of a one game suspension for the player or coach who receives it. It is the responsibility of the coach to track yellow card infractions. If a coach plays a player after receiving a fifth yellow card, without first sitting out a one game suspension, that coach is subject to a one year suspension for using an ineligible player.
- e. Please refer to the TARSA Rules and Regulations for information regarding the serving of suspensions by players and coaches and the documentation procedures.
- f. Coaches need to inform referee of the player serving a suspension at check-in and make sure the GotSport Game Card notes the player who is serving a suspension. Player is not to be present at game. A served game should be reported on the TARSA website. Coaches serving a suspension are asked to NOT report to the referee and are NOT allowed to be with the team during the game.
- g. The TARSA website will list all players and coaches who have game suspensions to be served. This information may also be on the Game Card (and will be shown with the ineligible player's name and pass number struck through with a red line).

**4. Standings**

a. Game Points Awarded for Games Played

- 1) Win .....5 Game Points
- 2) Tie.....2 Game Points
- 3) Loss .....0 Game Points
- 4) Unreported Score .....0 Game Points
- 5) Forfeits will be recorded as a 3-0 score. A double forfeit will be recorded as a 0-0 score and no game points will be awarded.

b. Placement in Standings

- 1) Highest Game Point Total
- 2) If two divisions are present, then the top team in each division will be the top two seeds. All other teams after that will follow tie breakers listed below.
- 3) Head-to-Head Competition (*however, this tie breaker applies only when two teams are tied for a standings position, when three or more teams are tied, this tie breaker is ignored completely... even when, for example, team A beat team B and team C and team B beat team C*)
- 4) Most Wins
- 5) Least Amount of Goals Allowed
- 6) Most Shut Outs
- 7) Goal Differential (capped at 5 goals per game)
- 8) Fewest number of red cards assessed
- 9) Coin Toss

**5. Postponed Games**

a. Unilateral Reasons

- 1) Host Club Field Conditions (all games for that time at fields are cancelled)
- 2) Inclement Weather Conditions
- 3) Equipment Malfunction (i.e., no lights for a night game, unsafe playing conditions, goals not anchored, etc.).
- 4) In all cases, the postponement and the reason for the postponement must be reported to the Age Group Coordinator and appropriate Vice President.

b. Responsibilities

- 1) The home coach is responsible for notifying his club's referee assignor.
- 2) Games must be made-up per the schedule posted on the TARSA or Got Soccer website.
- 3) Postponed games that are not made-up will be scored as a Double Forfeit with a score of 0-0 in the standings with no game points awarded for a tie.

# **DISCIPLINE, APPEAL & PROTEST**

## **Definitions**

### **1. Discipline**

The TARSA Board of Directors may impose sanctions outside of normal game-related red cards, yellow cards and coach sends-offs. These procedures are outlined in the TARSA Constitution or and/or By-Laws. The TARSA By-Laws allows the Director of Rules and Compliance to be responsible for game-related discipline.

### **2. Appeal**

An appeal is an action of a member of TARSA requesting that TARSA to review a decision it has made. An appeal must be submitted within 10 days of the original decision.

### **3. Protest**

A protest is an action of a member of TARSA stating the organization either did not have the authority to make a decision or that it did not follow the procedures to do so. A protest must be submitted with 10 days of notice of the decision.

## **Procedures**

### **1. Discipline**

If the discipline is the required FYSA minimum, the Director of Rules and Compliance shall act alone in handing out of discipline. If the Director of Rules and Compliance or any other member of the Board of Directors feels a suspension in excess of the FYSA minimum is warranted, the decision will be made by a committee consisting of the Director of Rules and Compliance and the Vice President of Coed and Vice President of Girls. If any one of the three individuals have any direct association with the events, they will be replaced by the Director of Age Group Coordinators.

### **2. Appeal**

An appeal must be made to the President of TARSA. The President will determine if the Appeal has been properly submitted (if he determines it is actually a Protest, he will use those procedures). If the Appeal is determined to be proper, the President will convene an Appeal Panel to hear the case. The President shall serve as the Chair of the Appeal Panel and also will consist of the Director of Age Group Coordinators, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

### **3. Protest**

A protest must be submitted to the President of TARSA. The President will determine if the Protest has been properly submitted (if he determines it is actually an Appeal, he will use those procedures). If a Protest is determined to be proper, the President will convene a Protest Panel to hear the case. Since a Protest will be protesting the actions of the Board of Directors, no members of the Board of Directors will be on the Protest Panel. The President will appoint an Age Group Coordinator (not involved in the action) to Chair the Protest Panel, and two other individuals (from affiliates not affected by the decision) to serve on the Protest Panel.

# **END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT**

## **Eligibility**

All TARSA affiliate club teams are invited to participate in the TARSA End of Season Tournament (EOS). Teams must inform their Age Group Coordinator if they are participating by January 22, 2024

The regular season standings will be used to determine placement of teams and game pairings.

## **Format**

This is a single-elimination tournament consisting of up to three phases.

- Phase one is comprised of a First & Second Round for both the Top Tier and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier levels. The winners will continue on to phase two & three. Phase one will take place on one of the weekends of in February. Possible to have a "Premier Tier" if the top four teams are far more skilled than other teams in age group.
- Phase two is two Semi-Final Game and Final Game in each age/gender bracket in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier level to play Semi-Final games with winners moving to Championship Final. Phase 2 will be held the following weekend of February, at a location(s) to be determined. Champion and Runner-Up Awards will be presented.
- Phase three is two Semi-Final Games and Final Game in each age/gender bracket in the Top Tier level. Phase 3 will be held the following weekend of February at a location(s) to be determined. Champion and Runner-Up Awards will be presented.

This year, the TARSA team registration fee is staying the same to cover the cost of all tournament games so now the host club will pay the referees up front for games at its field(s) and TARSA will reimburse the host club.

The two-tier format will be used moving forward to form the EOS tournament. Age groups with 14 or more teams will have this format used. Teams in these age groups will be divided into two tiers so there is a double winner from age group. The seeding's are based on points in standings and teams receiving higher point totals will be placed into the "Top Tier". The other teams will be placed into a "2<sup>nd</sup> Tier" to give those teams a chance to win a team trophy and be crowned that groups champion along with other tier.

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023-2024 SEASON**

DATE	EVENT
<b>September 2023</b>	
9/30/2023	Club Registration Due in GotSport
<b>October 2023</b>	
10/8/2023	Team Registrations Due in Gotsoccer
10/28/2023	Passes and Rosters Due
<b>November 2023</b>	
11/4/2023	Regular Season Game 1
11/10/2023	Last Day to Request TARSA to reschedule a game
11/11/2023	Regular Season Game 2
11/18/2023	Regular Season Game 3
11/25/2023	Thanksgiving Weekend Saturday – No Games
<b>December 2023</b>	
12/2/2023	Regular Season Game 4
12/9/2023	Regular Season Game 5
12/10/2023	Rain date # 1 for makeup games
12/16/2023	Regular Season Game 6
12/23/2023 – 12/30/23	Winter Holidays – No Games
<b>January 2024</b>	
1/6/2024	Regular Season Game 7
1/12/2024 – 1/14/2024	Gasparilla Cup Tournament: January 13 – 15 2023 (Hosted by Tampa Bay United) (Ed Radice Park)
1/20/2024	Regular Season Game 8
1/22/2024	Final Deadline for EOS entry
1/26/2024 – 1/28/2024	Adidas Brandon Cup Tournament: January 27– 29, 2023 (Hosted by West Florida Flames) (Brandon)
1/29//2024	Roster Freeze Date
<b>February 2024</b>	
2/3/2024	Regular Season Game 9
2/4/2024	Rain date # 2 for makeup games
2/10/2024	Final Regular Season Game 10
2/17/2024 – 2/18/2024	End of Season Tournament – Top Tier & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier First and Second Round Games (as needed), locations TBD
2/24/2024 – 2/25/2024	End of Season Tournament – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tier Semi-Final and Final Games, locations TBD
3/2/2024 – 3/3/2024	End of Season Tournament – Top Tier Semi-Final and Final Games, location TBD

*Note: December 10, 2023 and February 4, 2024 are set aside as rain dates – to be used if a severe weather event forces cancelation of a large number of games. Teams requesting to change schedules should avoid using these dates for the rescheduled game since if, for example, the December 16th games are cancelled due to rain they will be replayed on February 4th*

Got Soccer Game Card Sample (EXAMPLE TO BE UPDATED AT A LATER DATE DUE TO CHANGE TO GOTSPORT)



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