



## Message from the President

*Tom Martinez*

- Attached, you will find a “**No Play Day Form**”. Each team is allowed **1 (one) “no-play”** date for the Spring 2024 season. Prospective tournament dates for your team should be considered when submitting the “no-play” date. **This form needs to be completed and emailed to [tmartinez.odessasoccer@gmail.com](mailto:tmartinez.odessasoccer@gmail.com) no later than Monday, March 4, 2024 by 5:00 pm.** The form will only be accepted via email to [tmartinez.odessasoccer@gmail.com](mailto:tmartinez.odessasoccer@gmail.com).
- **U4/5/6 game reschedules:** If a team in either of these age brackets cannot play a scheduled game, please call the opposing coach and set up a mutually agreeable date and time for the re-schedule. The President must then be notified in order to verify field availability. A specific field will then be assigned.
- Practice sites are open throughout the city at parks, schools or any area large enough to hold a practice session. A sign-up sheet will be at the OSA office for coaches to sign up for a designated practice site. There are several sites that already have goals ranging from U4 and up. Teams will sign up and be given the first right to practice on these fields at the time you specify. Keep in mind OSA rules on practice time limits and number of team activities per week limits for each specific age group. Practicing at soccer designated areas will minimize conflicts with other youth sports. Also, bear in mind, established OSA teams have established practice sites so please check with the OSA office for sites that may be available for your team.
- If you change your practice site, you must notify the OSA office of your new practice location and practice schedule.
- There are Vice-Commissioners designated for each age group. These positions are designed to enhance communication between coaches and the OSA Board. **Coaches should contact your Vice- Commissioner first with questions, concerns, or issues.** If the Vice-Commissioner is unable to address the issue, they will be able to elevate it to the Vice President, President or the OSA Board.
- Game reschedules for ages U7 and up will be handled per OSA Rule 9.23 (attached) and use of the Basin Sports Complex (UTPB soccer complex), etc fields for team practices will be handled per OSA Rule 9.21 (attached). Scrimmages will count as 1 practice for each team involved. Requests for use of game fields for practice must be submitted to your age group Vice Commissioner no later than Friday of the week prior to the requested practice date. Your Vice Commissioner will notify the coach if the request is approved. If you are unable to reach your age group Vice Commissioner please feel free to contact the Vice President or the President.

Thank you very much!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom J. Martinez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M'.

Tom J. Martinez, OSA President

## **OSA General Rules – 9.23 and 9.21**

**9.23 Rescheduling Games:** Other than "no play days", teams will play games as scheduled. Rescheduling will only be considered for **EXTREME** circumstances, when submitted to the Vice President at least 10 days prior to the regularly scheduled game, and if approved by the Vice President. Submitted requests can be in writing, via e-mail, or by telephone.

**9.21 Game Field Practices:** Each team is allowed 2 practices per season on game fields. These 2 practices must be reserved with the Age Group Vice Commissioner. No team will practice on any game field of any size other than these 2 practices per season. Teams violating this policy may be required to forfeit games and will be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

*For permission to use game fields for practice sessions please contact your age group Vice Commissioner. If you are unable to reach your age group Vice Commissioner, please do not hesitate to contact the Vice President or the President.*



## No Play Date Form

<b>Age Group</b>	U - Boys or Girls
<b>Team Name</b>	
<b>Coach Name</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>No-Play Day Request (1 per team)</b>	

### Important Dates

<b>No Play Forms Due</b>	<b>March 4 by 5:00 pm (email only)</b>
<b>Season Begins</b>	<b>Saturday, March 23, 2024</b>
<b>Season Ends</b>	<b>Monday, May 20, 2024</b>
<b>WTBO Soccer Tournament</b>	<b>April 19 – 21, 2024</b>
<b>Easter Weekend – NO GAMES</b>	<b>March 30 – 31, 2024</b>

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