

Tidewater Advance Soccer League, *inc*



Handbook of the Tidewater Advanced Soccer League (TASL)

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TASL reserves the right to insert Addendums as they are approved by TASL. Any addendum becomes effective at the time it is approved and shall be communicated by Club Reps to their home organization and participating members at the conclusion of the meeting in which the addendum was approved. All addendums are to be posted by quickest means available to this handbook.

Chapter 1 - General Information

Tidewater Advanced Soccer League (TASL), www.tasli.org is a corporation as defined in both United States and Commonwealth of Virginia statutory law whose principal purpose is to promote youth soccer. Although membership is from clubs predominantly from the Tidewater Area, membership may be offered to any club in the Southeast Region of the Commonwealth of Virginia or Northeast Region of North Carolina.

Section 101 - History and Philosophy

TASL was founded in August 2005 by a group of local soccer clubs in South Hampton Roads Neighborhood Youth Soccer League (Advanced & Recreational division of Beach FC), Norfolk Youth Soccer League (now Norfolk Strikers), Churchland Soccer League, and Chesapeake Select Soccer Club (now Chesapeake United Soccer Club). TASL offers competition at all levels of recreational soccer from ages 8 through 19, boys, girls, and co-ed. Participation in TASL is extended to all clubs affiliated with the US Soccer Federation (US Soccer). TASL provides an umbrella organization which is designed to bridge the gap between pure recreational players and select or travel players. Accordingly, divisional assignments will be made according to the playing ability of the team members via recommendations by the competition committee.

Section 102 – Participation/Membership Requirements

Organizations desiring participation and/or membership should submit a TASL Club Application for consideration and approval by the Voting Member Organizations. Application can be found within Appendix E of this handbook. Organizations desiring participation in TASL who have not been approved or who miss the deadline for submitting application may inquire about being sponsored to play by a Voting Member Organization (Club). Base requirements are that the team being sponsored must play under the Organization name which is sponsoring them, i.e. NYSL [Team Name] (Sponsored Club name), sponsored organization must use sponsor organizations fields for all home games, sponsored organization must pay all applicable fees for TASL to the sponsor who will pay TASL on your behalf, sponsored organization must provide TASL with a copy of their organizational structure and contact information (meaning BOD, etc) sponsored organization must also provide TASL with a copy of their player insurance policy, and sponsored organization must meet all requirements placed on it by said sponsor (as may be applicable outside of what TASL requires). Additional requirements may be modified from season to season as approved by the TASL BOD and Voting Members so each organization wishing to be sponsored must clarify with their sponsor any additional requirements that TASL or the sponsoring Club may place on them. It is expected that all Officers and Club Representatives be in attendance at TASL meetings. Clubs without representation at two consecutive TASL meetings (as scheduled) or three TASL meetings in a calendar year will be assessed a \$100 fine unless excused and same having been noted in TASL minutes. In addition, the meeting minutes will reflect clubs without representation.

Section 103 - Composition of the TASL Board of Directors

Refer to Bylaws

Section 104 - TASL Officers

Please refer to the TASL website: www.tasli.org for a list of the current Officers (Board of Directors....referred to as BOD), Committee Members (if applicable) and Organizational Representatives, or Executive Body/Persons.

Section 105 - Duties and Responsibilities of TASL Board Members

Refer to Bylaws

Section 106 - Applicability

These Rules and Procedures apply to all member and participating organizations (including those being sponsored) and their players, coaches, team and club officials as well as parents, spectators and others associated with the member. Lack of knowledge of these Rules and Procedures will not relieve any coach, team official, parent or player of a team participating in TASL, or seeking entry into TASL, from the responsibilities and possible penalties contained herein. ALL CLUBS, TEAM OFFICIALS, PARENTS AND PLAYERS, BY PARTICIPATING IN TASL PLAY, AGREE THAT THEY ARE BOUND BY THESE RULES.

ALL Sanctioning Documents and specific rules and regulations included therein also apply to all members participating at all times.

Section 107 – Nomination of Officers

Refer to Bylaws

Chapter 2 - League Registration Policies

Section 201 - Club Registration

Each member club within TASL shall publish and be responsible for the administration of the registration process within respective clubs. Issues arising from registration within a club shall be handled within that club in accordance with the rules established by that club for adjudication of such matters. TASL, as a general rule, will not involve itself in the adjudication of registration issues that concern only one member club. An exception to this rule is made at the request of a member club to forward the issue to TASL for adjudication. In this event, the referring club shall agree, in advance, to abide by the decision of the TASL Board, which shall render a binding decision. TASL will involve itself in registration issues in the event that more than one member club is involved in a dispute. In this case, the TASL Board shall issue a ruling, which will be binding on all parties. TASL matches should be sanctioned through the auspices of the US Soccer Federation as applicable, dependent upon the particular affiliation of TASL and/or its participating Clubs. Sanctioned matches require participants to be registered with a parent organization for injury insurance purposes. Players registered through VYSA are automatically enrolled in a group medical insurance plan, which may be accessed for secondary payment for all injuries sustained in a sanctioned event, which includes practices as well as matches. AYSO has a similar program for players registered through that organization. Other Federation members have similar arrangements. Teams registered through and representing other Federation members are considered properly registered and sanctioned in accordance with US Soccer rules. All clubs participating in TASL, in accordance with the mandate of VYSA and other state soccer associations, are required to adopt a concussion management policy and program to manage concussion injuries among player participants in their programs and activities. Please defer to the individual clubs' concussion policy and program for their player participants.

Section 202 - Team Registration

Teams are formed in accordance with the rules established by the parent club, with deadlines also being established by the individual clubs. TASL expects clubs to form teams in accordance with the age groups as follows: August 1st through July 31st of the coming Soccer "Calendar year. TASL recognizes these age groups as established and expects teams to be formed in "true age group fashion". This means that if a team is to be registered as an u9 team then the age of the players is expected to be u9 aged players and so forth. No overage player may be rostered to an under-age team; therefore for example, no u10 aged player may be rostered to an u9 team. Additionally TASL recognizes play "up", meaning playing outside your true age group. TASL encourages clubs to form teams age appropriately and also encourages clubs to refrain from allowing teams to be formed with underage players. Playing "up" 3 or more is strongly discouraged.

The Administrator of TASL shall establish a deadline for team declarations (see Appendix B) to TASL for inclusion in the upcoming season League schedule. All League Fees, as established by the TASL Board will be due not later than 10 days prior to Opening Day, unless an exception is granted by the TASL Board of Directors in writing. Fees are made payable to TASL and are remitted directly to the TASL Treasurer by the deadline stated by TASL BOD prior to each season and posted on the TASL website and/or conveyed to TASL Participating Organization Representatives. Organizations failing to pay fees in full will have teams **suspended** from the schedule until the fees are paid. Organizations not paying fees by the deadline will forfeit matches the 1st weekend of the upcoming League season schedule play. Organizations failing to pay Full Season Fees by the 3rd weekend of the upcoming League season schedule match play will not have teams re-admitted for match play that season. Organizations wishing to resolve financial responsibility and have matches rescheduled must make full financial restitution prior to the 3rd weekend of match play and understand team matches will only be re-admitted to the schedule 5 days after the payment has been received. All matches missed due to failure to resolve financial matters will be the responsibility of the team's club or sponsoring club and said club will be assessed applicable forfeiture fines as determined by TASL.

As a general rule, there are two basic types of teams that participate in TASL. These types are determined by the parent club on the basis of team formation. If a team is formed through a tryout process (i.e. competition for places on the team roster), it is considered to be an advanced team and other teams that were formed on the basis of a tryout where such a division exists. Teams which are formed on a pay-for-play basis (i.e. assignment to teams based upon payment of a registration fee) are considered recreational teams. Exceptions to this general rule will be made on a case-by-case basis by the TASL Board. Divisional placement of teams will be determined by the Competition Committee.

ANY club with a team that folds and/or is withdrawn after having been declared will be assessed a fine as follows: Teams folding 10 days or less prior to the start of each season will be assessed a fine as determined by TASL which may include 50% of the full fee paid/to be paid but no less than: if completely withdrawing from the season 50% of the full fee is due and payable.

Teams may not be declared for the following season by a club until club fees and any and ALL fines have been paid.

Section 203 - Player Registration

TASL conforms to the policies established by US Soccer Federation through which feeder organizations are sanctioned and through which matches may be sanctioned. US Soccer Federation members are covered by group liability insurance policies, which cover injuries

sustained during practice and /or match play. As such, all players must be properly rostered and registered through their parent nationally-affiliated organizations. Individual players are to be placed on an approved TASL Roster Form (see [Appendix A](#)) which includes: Jersey No., Player Name, Address, Phone No., and Date of Birth (DOB). Completed rosters shall be signed by a club officer designated by the club president and shall be kept on file with the club registrar. League/Team rosters are due to the TASL Administrator on or before the 1st weekend of the upcoming League season. Rosters are frozen not later than 1 APR for the spring season and 1 OCT for the fall season, after which time no additions or deletions to any team roster may be made without the approval of the TASL Board of Directors in writing.

The size of the authorized roster will be dependent upon the age group of the players. US Soccer recognizes the soccer calendar established by the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) which runs from 1 August of one year to 31 July of the following year. The age of the oldest child on a team roster will determine the age group in which the team competes.. Nominally, player registration is effective for the entire soccer year, unless the player's parent club has more stringent requirements in which case the parent club's rules take precedence. The following table lists the authorized roster sizes for teams that are registered and play in TASL unless an exception is made by the TASL Board of Directors and Voting Member Clubs:

	U9	U10	U11	U12	U14	U16	U19
Min No. Players on Field	5	5	6	6	7	7	7
Max No. Players on Field	7	7	8	8	11	11	11
Max Roster Size	12	12	14	14	18	18	18
Length of Half (Minutes)	25	25	30	30	35	40	45

Players appearing on the authorized team roster are considered registered players. Coaches or team manager are required to carry player passes (which shall include the players picture and signature) signed by either the parent club president or registrar and a copy of their authorized roster. Player passes MUST have a current photograph of the player permanently affixed and their signature on it. Questions concerning whether a player on the field is properly rostered shall be addressed with the opposing coach either directly prior or directly subsequent to the match in the presence of the individual venue Site Representative who shall communicate with the TASL Representative for said team in question. Furthermore, the opposing team coach and/or Site Representative and/or TASL Official have the right to request that the referee conduct a full review of that team's roster and player cards on site at the time the request is made. Roster issues that remain unresolved or incidents with teams that are missing their roster or player cards will be reported immediately to a TASL official (President, Vice President, or Administrator) for final determination by fastest available record means (e.g. telephonic, e-mail, text messaging, or other verification).

Section 203-1 – Additional Player Registration Requirements

During regular season games, every effort will be made to resolve issues and games should commence as scheduled with a final report being submitted to TASL representatives for

submission to the TASL President and Administrator. This is not to be taken lightly that rosters and players cards are expected to be at every match for only those players registered with said club and rostered to said team. AND at no point in time are guest players allowed to participate in a TASL match, regular season or tournament. It is important to note that, during tournament games, a complete roster and player cards must be physically provided and validated on site prior to any tournament games; failure to produce such roster or player cards will result in the forfeiture all previous games in which the roster and player cards was not available. If the roster and player cards are physically provided on site prior to the elimination games of the tournament, both the roster and player cards must be presented to the coach of each previous match played without such roster, to provide him/her the opportunity to challenge any players deemed to have participated in the match that he/she believes are not on the roster. Final on-site adjudication of all issues will remain with the senior TASL official involved or the Site Representative if TASL officials are unavailable; TASL reserves the right to review any on-site final decisions and overturn the final ruling if provided evidence or findings warrant such action – or present such for discussion or voting options of the TASL board. TASL is opposed to the cross-recruiting of players between member clubs during the seasonal year as previously defined. Cross-recruiting of players within the member clubs are an issue for the member clubs themselves. However, players will be allowed to change teams between playing seasons (i.e. fall and spring) in accordance with the following guidance: “During season play Players desiring to switch from one team to another must submit a request, in writing, to the parent club resident (or other club officer as the president or club rules designate). Any transfer must then be approved in writing by the losing coach, the gaining coach, and the designated club representative. For players desiring to switch between member clubs (i.e. Chesapeake and Neighborhood) must, additionally, have written approval of the designated officer from that other club. Copies of the entire transaction shall be submitted to the TASL Administrator within 10 working days for filing.”

Transfers that occur outside this process shall be adjudicated by TASL as provided for under the Adjudication and Grievance Procedures elsewhere in this manual. Please note team structure guidelines as described in section 202. Further guidelines regarding team structure may be found in additional sections of this handbook.

Chapter 3 - Coaches

Section 301 – Selection

The selection of coaches to participate within any program within TASL will be at the discretion of the member clubs. TASL will not normally involve itself in the selection of coaches unless specifically requested to do so by a member club.

Section 302 - Guidelines

Probably one of the biggest sacrifices of time is the coaching of a youth sports team. Additionally, a youth sports coach serves as a mentor and role model for our youth. It is also true that youth sports programs are administered primarily by volunteers which are often hard

to come by and in short supply. Given these parameters, the following guidelines are provided for the selection and retention of coaches participating in TASL programs:

a. Head Coaches should be of sufficient maturity and moral character to accept the responsibility that coaching youth requires. While it is not the policy of TASL to provide guidance for the minimum age of coaches or assistants, member clubs should take into consideration the age of its coaches vis-à-vis the age of the players they are assigned to coach. For example, it would be considered inappropriate for an 18-yr old person to coach a U-19 team. Additionally, the use of convicted felons, sex offenders, and/or pedophiles as coaches is prohibited.

b. Head Coaches shall possess sufficient knowledge to carry out the responsibility of coaching the game of soccer. To that end, it shall be the recommended practice (and strongly encouraged expectation) of TASL that each coach participating in a TASL program possess a USSF, NSCAA or equivalent coaching license certificate as approved by TASL. These licenses are targeted for individual age groups in accordance with the following table:

License	U9	U10	U11	U12	U14	U16	U19
F-Module No. 2 (8-9 Yr old Children)	X	X					
F-Module No. 3 (10-11 Yr old Children)			X				
E License				X	X		
D License						X	X

Notes:

1. Licenses ensure that age-specific coaching is conducted.
2. Licensure course are scheduled through the various entities which fall under the US Soccer Federation and are held several times annually. Since it is not always possible for coaches to attend sessions due to the numerous personal and professional conflicts that arise, a one soccer year grace period will be granted for new or non-licensed coaches to obtain appropriate licensure. Assistant Coaches remaining in the program in excess of one year are encouraged to obtain the appropriate license by the end of their second soccer year with the team. Assistant Coaches involved with a team for one soccer year or more desirous of assuming a Head Coach position must have an appropriate license prior to assuming those duties. Member clubs shall monitor this requirement. Exceptions to this rule may be made on a case basis by the TASL Board.
3. Coaches are reminded that they are role models for our youth, whether they believe that or not. Therefore, it shall be the policy of TASL that coaches conduct themselves in an appropriate manner while on the field, either during practices or matches. While it is anticipated that the game provides a great deal of excitement, it is expected that coaches shall make every effort to maintain their composure. Coaches unable to control their emotions, who verbally (or physically) abuse players, other coaches, parents, League Officials, or referees shall be disciplined in accordance with procedures found elsewhere in this manual.

Chapter 4 - Program Guidelines

Section 401 - Registration Guidance

Section 401.1 - Tryouts and Team Formation

Advanced Program teams are formed on the basis of a “tryout” or Club conducted “Player Evaluation”. The mechanics of the “Tryout” or “Player Evaluation” will be left to the individual member clubs. Issues pertaining to team formation should be handled by the member club but may be submitted to TASL for adjudication in accordance with the adjudication procedure. Those teams submitted for play as purely Recreational level teams will be deemed teams that are formed at the club level on the basis of “pay for play”. TASL has agreed, as applicable each season through club declarations and seeding design, to provide a TASL Small Sided play, modified (hereby referred to as TSS—please refer to TSS addendums as provided later in this handbook) and each season agreeing to provide, if possible based on the number of teams declared by clubs in each age group, to have u12 and below (to u9) recreational only pay for play teams with guidelines as applicable in this handbook or any supplements and addendums. In addition to this guideline, Teams should be formed within the guidelines of age groups as described in section 202 and other applicable sections of this handbook, including any currently approved motions or addendums approved by TASL.

Section 401.2 - League Fees

Fees shall be collected from each participating organization, based on their team declaration, by the TASL Treasurer on a per team basis. The amount of the fees may vary but will be approved by the TASL Board prior to taking effect. League fees shall be voted and approved by the end of the previous season. For example, fall season fees shall be approved prior to the preceding spring season.

Section 402 - Scheduling of Matches

Section 402.1 - League Schedule

The league's goal is to provide and schedule as many matches as possible with an optimum of 7 matches. Please note that in uneven divisions due to scheduling conflicts and potential bye requests, this may mean some teams have more games than others and/or may have more double headers than other teams. The Seasonal League Schedule for Fall and Spring is developed prior to each season by majority vote of Club Reps and may or may not consist of two parts (Regular matches and Finals matches). The decision to include a Finals Event as part of the season design is up to the Club Representatives by majority vote and may change from season to season. Match schedules, based on field availability may or may not consist of a Saturday and Sunday. All teams, unless requesting a bye or applicable extenuating circumstances (as described in other sections of this handbook), as approved by TASL, must appear for all matches or applicable fines will be assessed to the club.

The League schedule will be prepared by the TASL Administrator for dissemination to all TASL Clubs and member teams. Member clubs desiring to place teams in the league schedule must declare them NOT LATER THAN team declaration deadline as established each season by the TASL BOD and Voting Member Clubs prior to the announced commencement of the League season. Clubs shall use the form included in [Appendix B](#). Teams designated as advanced teams shall be placed in divisions with teams of like ability based on recommendation of the competition committee as approved by the TASL Board. All other teams will be assessed as well based on the declaration submitted by each Club Representative and as discussed and decided by majority vote of TASL. The league schedule will be produced based upon the number of teams entered per division and the number of fields available. Once promulgated, any changes to the league schedule must be submitted to and approved by the TASL Administrator. Request for changes to divisional assignments must be reviewed and approved by the competition committee.

Section 402.2 - Cancellation Policy

A. Rainouts. Prior to each season the TASL BOD and all Participating Member Organization Representatives discuss and agree upon a rain out policy which MUST be conveyed by each Organizations Representative to their respective teams. IF possible, the TASL Administrator may monitor the predicted weather conditions as game day approaches. Should adverse weather threaten the cancellation of matches 24-48 hours prior to game day, the TASL Administrator shall consider cancellation of all league matches upon consultation with the TASL President and Board of Directors. For inclement weather on game day, the following procedures shall apply:

B. In the event of inclement weather or at any time there is a doubt as to the playability of the fields, by 7 AM on a game day, the member club having jurisdiction of the venue to be used shall:

- 1.** Verify the conditions of the fields.
- 2.** Immediately notify the TASL Administrator when field(s) is unplayable.
- 3.** Place the information on a telephone call line as established and posted by each Participating Organization and shared via prior meeting, email or posted on said organizations website.
- 4.** If, after matches begin, field conditions deteriorate which requires the cancellation of later matches, Club Representatives shall notify the TASL Administrator.
- 5.** If fields are under the control of another activity (e.g., schools, park authorities) and these organizations determine playability of fields, member Club Representatives must coordinate closely and in a timely manner to ensure early decisions and proper notifications are made.
- 6.** Referee Decision of Unplayable Conditions:
 - a.** A referee may suspend or terminate a match due to weather conditions; i.e., lightning, rain, fog, fields becoming unplayable in the opinion of the referee, etc. before or during a match. Under these conditions, the referee's decision is final. If at least one half of the match has been played, the match shall be deemed complete and the score shall stand.
 - b.** After a referee cancellation, the host member Club shall determine if remaining matches scheduled for the field should be cancelled. In such cases, immediate notification of the TASL Administrator is required.

c. Inconvenience to the visiting team, who has traveled or may travel to the site, cannot be avoided if weather conditions worsen during the visiting team's travel time.

d. In the event that a match suspended due to field conditions that fall within the member club's control, the member club shall be responsible for costs incurred by the league rescheduling of matches as a result of the suspension.

C. If the season has been designed to include Rain Make-Up (RMU), teams are expected to appear for their match on that RMU date as scheduled by the TASL Administrator or a forfeiture fine applies. Please consult with your Club Representative and the TASL Calendar (designed each season) for noted RMU dates your team may be expected to appear. Teams shall take into account RMU dates when submitting their ONE allowed bye request.

Section 403 - Playing Rules

TASL has agreed to play by a "Gentleman's Agreement" meaning that any team unable to field full-sided match play must at least have the minimum number to play as stated in this handbook and the opposing team, having been asked to behave like "Gentlemen", and in the spirit of sportsmanship should play "down" to match the number of players of the opposing team.

Section 403.1 - Minimum/Maximum Players per side

	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13/14	U15/16	U17/18/19
Min No. Players on Field	5	5	6	6	7	7	7
Max No. Players on Field	7	7	8	8	11	11	11
Max Roster Size	12	12	14	14	18	18	18
Length of Half (Minutes)	25	25	30	30	35	40	45

There will be a 5 minute break between halves. Matches tied at the end of regulation will remain tied unless otherwise specified.

Section 403.2 - Ball

U9 through U12 Size 4

U13 and Up Size 5

* Home team will supply the ball for all matches

Section 403.3 - Uniform/Equipment Requirements

Player Equipment:

Shall meet the guidelines of US Youth Soccer and FIFA.

Substitutions may be made with permission of the referee, at the following times:

1. Prior to a throw-in by the team in possession.
2. Prior to a goal kick by either team.
3. After a goal has been scored by either team.
4. At the beginning of the second half of play.
5. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play. The opposing team may be allowed a one-for-one substitution at the opposing head coaches' discretion.

6. After the issuance of a caution (i.e. Yellow Card), for the offending player. The issuance of a caution does not require substitution; this decision will be at the offending player's coaches' discretion.

Spectator and Coaching Areas

1. All coaches, players and spectators, will remain eighteen (18) yards from the goal lines.
2. Coaches and players are to take opposite sides of the field from the spectators.
3. No coaching may take place from behind the goal lines
4. All coaches and spectators must remain at least five (5) yards from the touch line at all times.
5. The referee or assistant referee may, at any time, restrict the sideline movement of coaches, players, and spectators.
6. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of themselves, their players, and their spectators and shall be expected to take timely and appropriate action to ensure proper decorum is maintained throughout the match.

Section 403.4 - Fields and Other Specifications (Table)

	U9/U10	U11/U12	U13 and Above
Field Size (Yds)	Note 1	Note 1	Note 2
Goal Area (Yds)	Note 1	Note 1	Note 2
Penalty Area (Yds)	Note 1	Note 1	Note 2
Goal Size (HxW) (Ft.)	Note 1	Note 1	Note 2

Notes:

1. Conform to US Youth Soccer Small Sided Games with modified rules or as modified by majority vote of TASL.
2. Refer to latest FIFA Law 1 – The Field of Play

Section 403.5 - Concussion Initiative

In accordance with the new US Soccer and US Youth Soccer, "No- Heading Mandate" for U11 (2006) and below, TASL has taken a more conservative stance. TASL has enforced the No-Heading mandate for U12 (2005) and below. Deliberate heading is not allowed in TASL games for U9, U10, U11 AND U12 small-side play. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred

Section 403.6 - Referees and Assistants

All Assignors and/or Referees working TASL matches, whether directly for TASL or through a participating organization, agree to adhere to and abide by TASL guidelines as set forth in the TASL by-laws, TASL handbook and TASL Tournament rules and guidelines. Assignment of Referees and Referee Assistants is currently being conducted through TASL participating clubs (including those organizations being sponsored to participate in TASL); however, TASL reserves the right to centralize this process directly under TASL supervision. Clubs engaging any Certified Referee Assignor to assign certified referees and/or referee assistants for any TASL match will instruct the Referee Assignor that all rules and guidelines will be adhered to including the responsibility of the Referee Assignor to inform referees and referee assistants of the TASL rules and guidelines, website address and schedule location and other applicable rules as indicated in this handbook including guidelines as set forth in section 403.6-3 of this handbook.

Furthermore Referee Assignors, Referees and Referee Assistants should be aware of section 203 of this handbook regarding player registration. Clubs must enlist certified referee assigners that employ only referee(s) and referee assistant(s) that are certified through US Soccer. Under no circumstance will an uncertified referee be used as center referee for any TASL (required by FIFA and US Soccer), venue coordinators or the home coach shall enlist one or more spectators, referred to as a “Club Linesman,” to “run the line”. The club linesman should have at least a basic understanding of the laws of the games and be capable of performing such function for the duration of the match or until relieved by a certified referee. Game referees/officials are defined as:

- All currently registered and certified USSF referees, assistant referees, 4th officials or others duly appointed to assist in officiating in a match by being assigned by a currently Certified Referee Assignor.
- Any non-licensed, non registered person serving in an emergency capacity as a “club linesman” referee.

Referees are as much a part of any soccer match as the coaches and players. The triumvirate of coach, player, and referee shall always strive to perform at their best level. By the same token, this same triumvirate will also commit errors. Only the “speaking captain(s)” shall be authorized to address the referees concerning aspects of the match in progress. Judgments made by the referee and assistants during the course of the match are considered final and are not subject to debate. Referees are well within their rights to send coaches, players, and/or spectators off (i.e. issue a RED card) before, during, or after a match for dissent.

Section 403.6-1 - Referees and Assistants Format for Games

Referees and assignors shall use a one man system for matches up to U-10. A three man system shall be used for all other matches U-11 and up. ALL Assignors are required to abide by this guideline if Assigning referees for TASL matches.

Section 403.6-2 – Referee Game Reports

Referees are required to file a complete game report with TASL, directly or via their referee assignor, for all games in which yellow or red cards were issued, regardless to whom or for what the card was issued in accordance with Section 602 – subparagraph 7 (issuance of cards), and for all games in which the referee deemed it necessary to suspend or terminate a match in accordance with Section 602 – subparagraph 11 (physical violence, foul and abusive language and/or harassment of players or referees).

Section 403.6-3 – Referee Validation of Registered Players

Referees are required to ensure that only registered players participate in their assigned TASL match. As such, referees must review the team rosters for completeness and that it has a club officer’s signature (other than the coach) and that listed players have a proper recreational player card in accordance with Section 203 of this manual. Officials are encouraged prior to every game to physically match each card to every player during regular season matches, but MUST do so at the request of any match team official, TASL Officer/Club Representative, or site representative, and prior to every game during tournaments.

During regular season games, if a team does not have their roster or player cards, referees will report such shortcoming to the site representative and are encouraged to follow up with an email to the TASL Administrator. Opposing team coaches and/or site representatives have two options: (1) not challenge the absence of the missing roster and players cards resulting in the game being played and counted or (2) assume the use of ineligible players and challenge the team without the roster and player cards in accordance with Section 203 of this handbook. Invoking Section 203 (second option) requires the field representative and coach without the team roster and player cards to accomplish certain procedural and reporting tasks, however, every effort should still be made for the game to be played. In the event a team is found to have violated the rules they may have their game(s) ruled a forfeit. During tournament games, the same process applies with certain exceptions outlined in Section 203 (potential that a game will not be played).

Section 403.7 - Participation Policy

The Advanced Program is established to act as a “bridge” between strictly/solely Recreational play and Travel play. TASL Participating Organizations may have agreements whereby purely Recreational teams may be placed in purely Recreational brackets for play against other participating purely Recreational teams. The following basic guidelines are established:

1. Each team shall participate in all scheduled matches which may include the regular season and TASL Finals Event (referred to as tournament) IF planned and scheduled; and including all scheduled “rain dates” or “rain outs” or make up dates.
2. Each team shall be represented on the field of play by a coach or assistant coach, or other team official as designated by the club ahead of time.
3. Each coach shall be encouraged to play each player at least one-half of every match.
4. Recreational teams are authorized to play in the Advanced Program as their placement is identified by their Club via their Club Representative and seeded by TASL.
5. Participating Organizations understand that teams declared are Advanced/Recreational teams. As such all players must be carded as Advanced/Recreational players.
6. TASL does not currently allow organizations to submit Travel (Select level of play) carded TEAMS for play in the Advanced/Recreational structure TASL has established. Select/Travel carded players are authorized to play simultaneously in any Advanced Program in TASL based on Participating Organization guidelines and so long as the TASL player rule regarding Travel carded players on Advanced teams playing in TASL is followed according to : Teams at u9 and u10 will have no more than 3 Travel carded players on their roster, Teams at u11 and u12 will have no more than 4 Travel carded players on their roster, and Teams at u13 and higher will have no more than 6 Travel carded players on their roster. Furthermore TASL Competition Committee shall be informed at said Competition Committee meeting prior to the season in which said match play will commence. Such teams will be carefully evaluated by the TASL Competition Committee for placement in the appropriate competitive division for match play.
7. Each participating Organization is expected to abide by this guideline and monitor the status of all teams declared to TASL for match play in TASL, including any such teams being sponsored by said Voting Member Organization.
8. Any coach, player, or spectator sent off by the referee (i.e. issued a RED card) must immediately depart the area of the match and must remain outside of sight and hearing of the match for the remainder of the match in accordance with FIFA rules.

In addition, any coach, assistant coach or team official ordered off will serve a suspension for the next PLAYED match and the coach, assistant coach or team official must remain out of sight and hearing of that match as well. A player Ejected or Red Carded must appear with the team, not in uniform, and indicate to the center official that they are serving their suspension. The coach and/ or manager must notify their club Rep in order for TASL to be notified that any and all suspensions have been served in accordance with this guideline. Appeals to this must be made in accordance with procedures established elsewhere in this manual. Exceptions to this rule can only be made by TASL Executive decision and/or the TASL Board of Directors.

Chapter 5 - Scheduling Policies

Section 501 – Seasonal Matches

Any match scheduled (which may only be scheduled by the TASL Administrator) includes those dates listed as “rain outs” or “rain dates”. All teams are expected to be available for match play on any scheduled game date, including listed “rain dates” except in cases as described in this manual.

Section 501.1 - Pre-Season Registration Deadlines

Member clubs conduct registration in accordance with their own internal procedures and those listed elsewhere in this manual. Due to the large number of teams nominally entered for League play, the paucity of fields and referees, and in order to inform all players and their families of a season schedule, it is the desire of TASL to provide completed schedules to all concerned NOT LATER THAN 7 days prior to Opening Day. Accordingly, member clubs shall provide information required to schedule matches to the TASL Administrator NOT LATER THAN the date established by the TASL Board of Directors. As season dates vary from year to year, the Board will establish the appropriate dates prior to the respective season.

Section 501.2 - Match Scheduling Policy

Teams declared to TASL for scheduling shall be placed in divisions based on recommendation of the TASL Competition Committee and approval of the board. The league's goal is to provide and schedule as many matches as possible with an optimum of 7 matches and with a minimum of 3 according to the event sanctioning documents as applicable by design of majority vote of TASL Executive body, BOD and Club Representatives each season. Dependent upon the size of the division, availability of fields, and the play dates available, teams may be scheduled to play double headers. The TASL Administrator is responsible for the promulgation and maintenance of the League schedule. Changes thereto can only be authorized by the TASL Administrator with the advice of the TASL President and the TASL Board of Directors. Teams are required to field a team for ALL scheduled matches and ALL listed or scheduled rain dates. Two types of conditions may warrant rescheduling of a league match - emergency conditions and/or legitimate outside activities as specified below. In these circumstances, requests to reschedule league matches or rain out matches shall be made in writing by the TASL Club Rep of the team in question and verified via phone call to the TASL Administrator at least two weeks (14 calendar days), or as soon as possible in the case of an emergency, prior to the scheduled match. Inability to field the

minimum number of players (as defined by age group elsewhere in this manual) can be due to emergency conditions which are listed as follows:

1. Illness such as chicken pox, measles, food poisoning or other similar conditions affecting several team members. Note: Injuries, vacations, recreational activities or other team activities are not just cause for rescheduling matches.
2. Death of a team member or team official
3. Other emergency conditions at the discretion of the TASL Board of Directors.

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Inability to field the minimum number of players (as defined by age group elsewhere in this manual) can be due to legitimate activities however, ALL Participating Organizations MUST provide TASL Administrator and President notice, in writing (email will suffice so long as it is confirmed received), no less than two weeks (14 calendar days), prior to the scheduled match.. The optimum goal should be to inform TASL prior to the schedule being published of any prior known conflicts. Failure to do so will result in a forfeiture fine being assessed the offending team. Outside activities which are listed as follows:

1. School activities such as organized trips or standardized testing such as PSAT or SAT testing which become known on short notice. Otherwise all known trips must be reported to your TASL Rep who must immediately report to TASL Executive body and Administrator.
2. Religious Ceremonies, such as confirmation, or bar/bat mitzvah that includes several team members.
3. Other legitimate activities at the discretion of the TASL Board of Directors.
4. Referee no-show.

Save for the above circumstances, failure to provide a team for a scheduled league match will result in a forfeiture of that match. The offending team will be required to pay a minimum fine of \$75.00 per occurrence (payable to the TASL Treasurer). Since it is a premise of TASL play to actually PLAY matches, forfeitures do a great deal of harm in that both teams are denied a match. Re-scheduling of forfeiture matches are normally not done unless the team that was prepared to play requests a re-schedule in writing to the TASL Board. The offending team's member Club Board TASL Representative must agree to the rescheduling and ensure that his/her team fields a proper team for that match. Failure to pay the forfeiture fine by the end of the regular season will result in the offending team being ineligible for post-season events, season inclusive Tournaments and/or Finals Events planned for match play. In addition, a team that causes more than one forfeiture in a season will be subject to review for further League play by the TASL Board of Directors.

Section 501.3 - League Standings

Standings, as maintained internally by TASL, and each organization's TASL Representative, have bearing on the seeding of the TASL brackets and tournament and are therefore relevant for the regular season and the maintenance of same shall be made by TASL. Such standings are not made available to any individual Coach, Asst., Manager, Player or Parent. Any information regarding standings is strictly used for internal TASL purposes regarding seeding as conducted by the Competition Committee as determined by TASL and upon approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 502 - TASL Tournament (TT) or Finals Event (when scheduled)

See TASL Tournament (TT) guidelines and rules as posted on the TASL website to be found at www.tasli.org

Although Tournament rules and guidelines are a separate document, they do not preclude anyone participating in a TASL event, in any way, from the rules applicable in this handbook.

Section 503 - Other Tournaments

There are a number of other tournaments locally and statewide during the soccer year. As a matter of policy, TASL does not become involved in such tournaments as participation in those tournaments is nominally a matter for the member clubs themselves. Accordingly, any issues concerning these tournaments will not be resolved by TASL, but can be forwarded to VYSA or any other Parent Organization of Said TASL Participating Organization/Club for adjudication if requested by the member club concerned. Participation in tournaments that conflict with any part of the TASL season will be considered by the TASL Board of Directors upon written request and may or may not be approved as a reason to miss a match. While TASL will not prohibit any team from participating in any non-TASL tournament, it does reserve the right to require that teams desiring to enter a tournament which precludes the team from participating in a scheduled TASL match submit a notification in writing NOT LATER THAN 30 days prior to the match date so schedules may be re-adjusted. Failure to submit the request in a timely manner may result in the team paying a forfeiture fine as provided for elsewhere in this manual.

Chapter 6 - Adjudication and Grievance Policies and Procedures

Section 601 – Hearing and Appeal Rights

The Tidewater Advanced Soccer League adopts, in toto, US Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) By-Law 701 as its own concerning a party's right to appeal any decision rendered under these Rules and Procedures by the TASL Board.

Section 602 - Standards of Conduct

The Tidewater Advanced Soccer League (TASL) exists to provide the youth of Southeastern Virginia and, as applicable, North Eastern North Carolina, the opportunity to acquire and develop soccer skills through a higher level of competition. These skills, as well as the individual growth of the players cannot be nurtured in an environment which permits confrontation, poor sportsmanship, and verbal/physical abuse amongst referees, coaches, players, and spectators. While it is not the policy of TASL to dictate internal policies to its member clubs, it will provide a framework governing undesirable behavior that the member clubs must adhere to in the administration of their teams. Players, coaches, and parents are expected to act and perform in a manner consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship. Coaches, in particular, are expected to reinforce those same principles with their youth players and act in a manner that is

above reproach and does not embarrass either the League or the member club he/she represents. To that end, the following policies are provided for guidance:

- 1.** Under no circumstances shall a player, coach, parent, or spectator enter the field of play during the match, unless invited by the referee.
- 2.** PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, FOUL AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE, and/or HARRASSMENT OF PLAYERS OR REFEREES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- 3.** Parents and Spectators should be aware that the coach is responsible for their actions on the sidelines and he/she can and will be sent off the field and even banned from attending future matches for his/her misconduct. In the case of a parent/spectator being sent off by the referee, failure of the parent to depart the field and remain out of sight and hearing of the match in accordance with FIFA rules in a timely manner may result in an abandonment of the match at the sole discretion of the referee. In this case, the venue coordinator shall notify the TASL Administrator of the fact at their earliest convenience. Abandonment of the match under these circumstances will be considered a forfeit by the offending team and the appropriate team fine will be applied.
- 4.** A player receiving an ejection (i.e. RED CARD) from the referee must sit out the remainder of that match plus his/her team's next TASL match. No substitution may be made for the ejected player during the match in which the red card was issued. The player must immediately leave the field and remove him/herself out of sight and hearing of the match in a timely manner. Players receiving two Red Cards during a season will be suspended from further League play pending review by the TASL Board of Directors. That review must be requested by the player before consideration to lift the suspension is made.
- 5.** It is the duty of the coach to withhold ejected players from the next TASL match. Any violation of this requirement will be considered a separate offense and will be forwarded to the TASL Adjudication Committee for additional action.
- 6.** Any team allowing a player, coach or team official to participate in a league match while under suspension shall forfeit the match in which the suspended individual participates.
- 7.** The referee has the discretionary power to suspend or terminate a match whenever, by reason of the elements, interference by spectators, or other causes, he deems such stoppage necessary. When the referee terminates a match based on the conduct or actions of one team or its player(s), coach(es), team officials and/or spectators, the match will be scored as a forfeit by the offending team and the appropriate team fine will be applied.
- 8.** A coach or team official receiving a send off instruction (i.e. RED CARD) from the referee must leave the field and remain out of sight and hearing of the match for the remainder of the match. In addition, the coach is prohibited from participating in the next match and is not allowed to be present at the field or in the area surrounding the field. Coaches ejected from matches may be subject to review and additional sanctions by the TASL Adjudication Committee.
- 9.** It is the coach's duty to self-impose the appropriate suspension. If a suspended coach participates, enters the field of play or the area surrounding the field while under suspension, the team shall forfeit the match and it will be scored as a forfeit by the offending team and the appropriate team fine will be applied.

10. Two Caution (i.e. YELLOW CARDS) given to the same player or coach in the same match will result in immediate ejection from the match and the rules outlined above regarding ejection apply.

11. Physical violence, foul and abusive language and/or harassment of players or referees will not be tolerated. Because of the seriousness of such instances, Red Cards issued during or after the end of a match, as a result of physical violence, foul and abusive language and/or harassment are subject to review by the TASL Adjudication Committee. The TASL Board of Directors may impose additional penalties, which are subject to appeal within TASL in accordance with Section 701. Normally, the TASL Adjudication Committee will conduct a disciplinary hearing when physical violence occurs before, during or after a match, to determine if additional penalties are warranted. The results of the hearing will be forwarded to the TASL Board of Directors for disposition.

12. Member clubs shall insure that these standards of conduct are distributed and understood throughout their club. Repetition of occurrences of misconduct which shows a "disregard for these guidelines" could lead to long term penalties, up to and including prohibition from further participation in TASL League play of the offending players and/or coaches.

Section 603 - Assault and Abuse

Section 603.1 - General Guidance

1. Assault and abuse of any person connected with TASL matches has no place in League play and shall not be tolerated. Any incident concerning abuse shall be expeditiously reported to the TASL Administrator for referral to the TASL Board.

2. TASL will not involve itself in criminal prosecutions. This is a matter for the legal system. Misdemeanor assaults are nominally handled through the local police department or city/county magistrate's office. However, the filing of criminal charges in any matter involving assault (or abuse) that occurred in a League match will not preclude the League from applying further sanctions against the offender.

Section 603.2 - Player

Players are expected to perform at their best level during matches. It is understood that during any match, the potential exists for close physical contact and over exuberance. However, these instances shall not be confused with or be used as an excuse for any form of abuse or assault against anyone. Players committing this type of misconduct will be dealt with at the discretion of the referee. Misconduct of this nature reported to the TASL Administrator shall be reviewed for further action.

Section 603.3 – Coach, Assistant Coaches, Team Manager(s), Team Officials and Spectators

Coaches and other persons attending a match on behalf of a team are expected to perform at their best level during matches. It is understood that during any match, the potential exists for over exuberance. However, these instances shall not be confused with or be used as an excuse for any form of abuse or assault against anyone. Coach, Assistant Coaches, Team Manager(s), Team Officials and Spectators committing this type of misconduct will be dealt with at the

discretion of the referee. Misconduct of this nature reported to the TASL Administrator shall be reviewed for further action.

Section 603.4 - Referee

Referees are the final authority on match play. As such, their decisions are not subject to dissent by players, coaches, parents and spectators. Such dissent may be dealt with at the discretion of the referee. Caution and/or Ejection cards may be issued for such dissent either during or subsequent to the match to any and all parties as necessary to maintain control of the game. Such actions taken by the referee shall be reported via the referee assignor to the TASL Board for review. If any player, substitute, coach, spectator, or parent refuses to leave the playing site immediately after an ejection by the referee, the referee may terminate the match. Upon follow on review of the TASL board, the board may record the match as a forfeit with the offending team losing by a score of 3-0. "General Misconduct against referees may occur before, during and after the match, including travel to and from the match. Misconduct may occur also at later times when directly related to duties of a game official as a referee." Terms and References as used in the rule "Referee" include the following:

- All currently registered USSF referees, assistant referees, 4th officials or others duly appointed to assist in officiating in a match.
- Any non-licensed, non registered person serving in an emergency capacity as a referee.
- Any club assistant referee.

Referee Assault is an intentional act of physical violence at or upon a referee. Assault includes, but is not limited to, the following acts committed upon a referee: hitting; kicking; punching; choking; spitting at; or on; grabbing or bodily running into a referee; head butting; the act of kicking or throwing any object at a referee that could inflict injury; damaging the referee's uniform or personal property, i.e. car, equipment, etc. Referee Abuse is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee's property or equipment. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, the following acts committed upon a referee; using foul or abusive language toward a referee; spewing any beverage on a referee's personal property; or verbally threatening the referee. Verbal threats are remarks that carry the implied or direct threat of physical harm. Such remarks as "I'll get you after the game" or "You won't get out of here in one piece," shall be deemed referee abuse. Note: Nothing in the above paragraph shall preclude any referee from pursuing a legal remedy for abuse on his/her own.

Section 604 - Adjudication Procedures

Section 604.1 - Member Clubs

ALL incidents during any TASL sanctioned event shall be reported to TASL President and TASL Administrator, the TASL site Rep at the location where any reported incident occurred and the club in question Club Representative. This includes but is not limited to Accidents, Injuries, Red cards, Yellow Cards, Verbal altercations, etc..... TASL shall establish a separate committee to deal with issues that develop during League operations. Issues that are not otherwise covered in this manual may be referred to the Adjudication Committee at the request of a member club.

Requests for referrals shall be forwarded to the TASL Administrator who will forward the request to the TASL President and Board of Directors. If deemed warranted, the issue will be forwarded to the Adjudication Committee. The TASL Administrator will maintain coordination responsibilities for the issue. If the issue is one concerning an internal club matter, it will be considered by the League only if the member club agrees to abide by the resolution of the League. If the issue pertains to a matter between member clubs, then referral to the Adjudication Committee is required and the members must abide by the decision and any possible sanction deemed warranted by the Committee and the TASL Board of Directors.

Section 604.1-1 Officers, Member Club Reps and Participating Clubs

TASL establishes meetings as agreed upon with the Board of Directors and Voting Member Club Representative to TASL. Meetings are conducted by the Board of Directors and attended by the Participating and Voting Club Representatives as designated by the Club's Board of Directors. Individual Clubs are responsible for communication between their home organization and its members. Only a TASL Representative or home organization Officer (as designated by the home organization's club President) may address TASL on behalf of its members. It is expected that all Officers and Club Representatives be in attendance at TASL meetings. Clubs without a Representation at two consecutive TASL meetings (as scheduled) or three TASL meetings in a calendar year will be assessed a \$100 fine unless excused and same having been noted in TASL minutes. In addition, the meeting minutes will reflect clubs without representation.

Section 604.2 - League Adjudication Committee

The Adjudication Committee shall be an ad hoc committee which will be constituted when circumstances warrant. It shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 9 members, the total being of an odd number to ensure that any vote is not a tie vote. The committee shall consider any matter properly referred to it. Referrals will nominally be made within seven (7) calendar days following an incident and the report of the Committee will be due NOT LATER THAN TWENTY-ONE (21) calendar days from the referral. The TASL President shall designate an individual to chair the committee. The chair will work with the TASL President to coordinate the details of the investigation. Once the committee completes its work, a report of findings and recommendations will be prepared and voted upon. This report will then be forwarded to the President for presentation to the TASL Board of Directors for consideration and final action. Any actions taken by the TASL Board shall be reported, by the parties involved, to VYSA or other such parent organization for consideration when processing applications to host tournaments or when choosing representatives to any "Parent" organization programs including but not limited to VYSA, NCYSA, USYSA, AYSO, SAY, and US Club Soccer.

Section 605-Grievance Procedures

Section 605.1 - Member Clubs

Member clubs are encouraged to establish appropriate grievance procedures within their own clubs. Member clubs unable to satisfactorily adjudicate a grievance may refer said grievance to

TASL for disposition, provided the club agrees prior to the referral to abide by any decision the TASL Board of Directors renders.

Section 605.2 - League

There are generally two types of grievances. The first deals with a function of the administration of the League itself. This type of grievance is nominally brought forward by a member club to the TASL Board of Directors for review and action. The second is a protest which occurs during League play. Specifics concerning protests are contained below:

- a.** General - A protest is a dispute over a point of fact dealing with the MISAPPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME by a match official. Protests on the grounds of judgmental actions on the part of a match official (including red and yellow cards) shall not be considered. The Referee Evaluation Form is appropriate instrument for reporting disputed judgmental actions by a match official. The evaluation form shall be submitted to the TASL Administrator, who will forward the comments to the appropriate referee association.
- b.** A protest shall be submitted, in writing to the TASL Administrator, within two (2) days of the conclusion of the match, as verified by the postmark (snail mail or email). Any protest not submitted within two (2) days of the match will be returned unheard.
- c.** A \$50.00 Protest Fee, made payable to TASL, shall accompany the protest. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be returned. If the protest is denied, the protest fee shall be retained by TASL.
- d.** The TASL Adjudication Committee shall handle protests as listed above.

Any decision by the Committee or the TASL Board may be appealed. The procedures for such an appeal are as listed below:

- a.** The appeal must be submitted in writing to the TASL Administrator within 48 hours of the decision or imposition of penalty or fine.
- b.** A \$50.00 appeal fee shall accompany the appeal. If the appeal is upheld, the appeal fee will be returned. If the appeal is denied, the fee shall be retained by TASL. No other matters are grievable or to be dealt with on any appeal including:
 - a.** Coaching Guidelines found in this manual or otherwise promulgated by the TASL Board.
 - b.** Non-selection as a coach, assistant coach, player, or other team official.
 - c.** Age groups determined by the TASL Board in accordance with USYSA guidelines.
 - d.** Field usage as directed by various member clubs cities.
 - e.** Players, coaches, or other team personnel barred from participation in TASL.
 - f.** Any or all items stated as duties or responsibilities of directors, etc. found in this handbook.
 - g.** Modifications to FIFA Laws of the Game as approved by the TASL Board.

Chapter 7 - Laws of the Game Summary

TASL follows the FIFA Laws of the Games U-13 and Older and Handbook for Small Sided games for U-12 and younger except as modified by this handbook and any supplemental or addendums.

Chapter 8-TASL Small Sided (TSS) u13

TASL Small Sided play Rules and Guidelines shall follow specifics in this handbook and in any supplemental rules/guidelines and addendums except where noted here. Any clarification may be addressed to TASL Executive body or the BOD.

TSS u13 and above teams:

- 5v5 Match play (1 keeper and 4 on the field)
- 10 man max roster
- Cost as decided July 2013 \$260 per team
- Utilize normal u10 size field and goal
- Length of halves shall be 25 mins
- Size 5 ball shall be used
- No-offside
- Substitutions may be made 'on the fly'
- Goalie starts are throws-NO punts
- All Fouls are INDIRECT except PKs
- Referee system will utilize the 1-Man system

All other rules and guidelines as applicable in this handbook or as modified by Majority vote of TASL. Consult with your Club Representative and/or TASL.

Chapter 9-TASL Pure Recreational Only u12 and below

TASL Recreational Small Sided play Rules and Guidelines shall follow specifics in this handbook and in any supplemental rules/guidelines and addendums except where noted here. Any clarification may be addressed to TASL Executive Body or the BOD.

Team formation shall be recreational only (pay for play) as submitted by the approved Participating Clubs Recreation Programs. No Advanced or Travel players may be rostered to these types of teams. Teams MAY be grouped as follows:

- U9/10 playing 7v7--12 max roster--no offside--1man referee system--\$260 fee
 - U11/12 playing 8v8--14 max roster—OFFSIDE—3 man referee system--\$410 fee
- Declaration dates and roster deadlines set per TASL each season. Consult with Rep.

(see fee sheet/forms/handbook on website for further details and instructions)

All other rules apply as noted elsewhere in this handbook, or any other supplements and addendums by majority vote of TASL.

APPENDIX A – Sample Roster Form

TIDEWATER ADVANCED SOCCER LEAGUE

Official Roster Form (TYPE or PRINT NEATLY)

Club Team Age/Gender

Coach(s)/Mngr. License Address Ph(H) Ph(Cell) Email

No Jersey Name

(Last, First)

Address Zip Phone DOB

(MM/DD/Y

Y)

Parents

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All roster and team declarations must be signed by an appropriate Club Board Officer (not the Coach or Manager) and will include the statement:

“To the best of my knowledge the information stated herein is true and accurate”.

Club Officer Printed name AND Signature AND Date

Season Year

Appendix B- Team Declaration form (subject to change)

Team Declaration

Club _____ Gender _____ Year _____
Team _____ Age Group _____ Upcoming Season _____
Club Representative Name _____ Phone number _____

Coach _____ Email _____
Contact Numbers _____ Home _____ Cell _____
Work _____ Other _____

Assistant Coach _____ Email _____
Contact Numbers _____ Home _____ Cel _____
Work _____ Other _____

Manager _____ Email _____
Contact Numbers _____ Home _____ Cell _____
Work _____ Other _____

The above information is used to generate the TASL contact list data base. This allows the TASL, Clubs and coaches/managers to announce and share information about schedules, field changes or weather issues on an individual and mass level. Revisions to this information can be made by contacting your TASL Rep or Club Administrator.

The below information is used by the TASL Club Representatives to develop team placement and match scheduling. Please answer the below questions to the best of your knowledge: Circle, fill in or mark preference.

Compared to last season this team is: New, Much Weaker, Weaker, Same, Better, Much Better

What Division was this team in last season? (example U10a, U14b) _____

Coach Prefers To: stay in the same division, move up, move down

Previous Season Record W____ T____ L____,

Number of Rostered Rec Players: _____ **Number of Rostered Travel Players (or equivalent):** _____

******(There are limits to the number of Travel players that may be on an advanced roster. Refer to TASL handbook)******

ALL teams MUST participate in all games, including any TASL Tournament that may be planned (depending on season design), unless otherwise cleared by TASL in writing.

What other teams in TASL do you consider your team to be competitive with: _____

Special requests that need to be considered for scheduling purposes MAY be accomodated: (ie dual coach, tournaments, SATs, work, etc.)

Please notify your Club Representative of any issues and make sure all requirements are being adhered.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations.

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

All rosters and team declarations must be signed by an appropriate Club Board Officer.

"To the best of my knowledge the information stated herein is true and accurate"

Club Officer: _____ Date: _____

Officer Position: _____

APPENDIX C – SAMPLE COACHING APPLICATION

TIDEWATER ADVANCED SOCCER LEAGUE

COACHES APPLICATION

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State _____, ZIP _____ - _____

Phone (H): _____ Phone (W): _____ Email _____

Age Group for which application is being submitted (circle):

U-6 U-8 U-9 U-10 U-11 U-12 U-13 U-14 U-15 U-16 U-17 U-19

Gender (circle): Boys Girls

Previous Coaching experience:

Dates Club or League Age Group(s) Level (Rec/Adv/Travel)

USSF License Data:

Level Date Attained: License No.

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"I understand that selection as a coach is solely at the discretion of my member club. By submitting

this application, I certify that the information I have submitted is accurate and that I may be subject

to a background check for verification. I understand that my tenure as coach is at the discretion of

my member club and that my status may be terminated at any time. If unlicensed, I agree to obtain

the applicable USSF License within one soccer year of appointment as a coach."

Signature _____ Date _____

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APPENDIX D – Sample Field Declaration Form

Club _____ Date _____

POC: _____ Ph. (H) _____ Ph. (W) _____

Email: _____

Name of Facility _____

Location & Directions _____

Field Data:

Designation Field Size (yds) Age Group(s) Restrictions

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Applicants must have a minimum of 2 teams to declare and must provide at least 1 field for every 5 teams being declared (6 teams would require 2 fields, etc..).

Furthermore applicants understand that:

TASL Board of Directors and Voting Member clubs reserve the right to Deny any application, Require organizations to participate by being sponsored through a Voting Member club, Approve Associate Member Participation, Extend the length of time an applicant may remain an Associate Member, and/or Approve applications for Voting Member Status. If the request for participation is accepted organizations will participate as an Associate Member (non-voting) for at least the 1st full year (2 consecutive seasons) of participation. At the conclusion of the 2nd season of participation the applicant organization, upon request, will be reviewed, by the TASL Board of Directors (BOD) and Voting Member Clubs, for full Voting Member status. Applicants may withdraw their request for Voting Member status at any time up until 48 hours prior to the vote and may request to maintain their status as an Associate Member. All applicants will be notified of their Voting Member status after the TASL BOD and Voting Members meet to discuss all such applications. Applicant Organizations understand that teams declared are Advanced/Recreational teams. As such all players must be carded as Advanced/Recreational players. TASL does not currently allow organizations to submit Travel (Select level of play) carded teams for play in the Advanced/Recreational structure TASL has established.

(Please refer to modification of Section 403.6 #5 and #6 for Travel/Select carded players)

(Board approved June 25, 2008. Member Vote Approved again July-Aug 2010 and Re-confirmed July-Aug 2013)

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Name of Organization _____

Date _____

Mailing Address of Organization:

Organizational Structure:

Name Phone E-mail address:

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Director of Coaching

Other Officer(s) (List Name & Title)

Estimated club enrollment: _____

Estimated number of teams to declare _____

Designated club representative to attend TASL meetings _____

Principal location of play _____

Number and approximate size of acceptable fields: _____

Fees: There is a fee of \$50.00 per team not to exceed \$300.00. This fee is non-refundable upon acceptance.

Club declaration deadline: 1 July prior to the season in which organization intends to participate.

_____ requests consideration for participation in TASL. We have read the TASL Handbook and Bylaws which are posted at www.TASLI.org and agree to abide by these documents.

Club President/Head Officer

Date

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Checklist- to be include with application:

- ✓ Name of Referee Assignor
- ✓ Certificate of Liability Insurance (pending status acceptable)
- ✓ Current proof of member in good standing
- ✓ Weather Hotline Phone Number
- ✓ Team Logo for Website
- ✓ Club Web Address

Appendix F-Match Official Evaluation form

TASL 'MATCH OFFICIAL' EVALUATION FORM

- This form is not to be used as a protest or appeal.

MATCH DATE: _____ TIME: _____ FIELD LOCATION _____
AGE GROUP: _____

HOME TEAM: _____ VISITOR: _____

Referee: _____

Assistant Referee: _____

Assistant Referee: _____

Were the officials in full uniform, including current USSF patch? YES NO

Overall Performance Rating:

Excellent Good Average Fair Poor

Comments:

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City _____

Zip _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

E-Mail to TASL Administrator administrator@tasli.org

Referees are the final authority on match play. As such, their decisions are not subject to dissent by players, coaches, parents and spectators. Such dissent may be dealt with at the discretion of the referee. Caution and/or Ejection cards may be issued for such dissent either during or subsequent to the match to any and all parties as necessary to maintain control of the

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game. Such actions taken by the referee shall be reported via the referee assignor to the TASL Board for review. If any player, substitute, coach, spectator, or parent refuses to leave the playing site immediately after an ejection by the referee, the referee may terminate the match. Upon follow on review of the TASL board, the board may record the match as a forfeit with the offending team losing by a score of 3-0. "General Misconduct against referees may occur before, during and after the match, including travel to and from the match. Misconduct may occur also at later times when directly related to duties of a game official as a referee." Terms and References as used in the rule "Referee" include the following:

- All currently registered USSF referees, assistant referees, 4th officials or others duly appointed to assist in officiating in a match.
- Any non-licensed, non registered person serving in an emergency capacity as a referee.
- Any club assistant referee.

Referee Assault is an intentional act of physical violence at or upon a referee. Assault includes, but is not limited to, the following acts committed upon a referee: hitting; kicking; punching; choking; spitting at; or on; grabbing or bodily running into a referee; head butting; the act of kicking or throwing any object at a referee that could inflict injury; damaging the referee's uniform or personal property, i.e. car, equipment, etc. Referee Abuse is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee's property or equipment. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, the following acts committed upon a referee; using foul or abusive language toward a referee; spewing any beverage on a referee's personal property; or verbally threatening the referee. Verbal threats are remarks that carry the implied or direct threat of physical harm. Such remarks as "I'll get you after the game" or "You won't get out of here in one piece," shall be deemed referee abuse.

Note: Nothing in the above paragraph shall preclude any referee from pursuing a legal remedy for abuse on his/her own.

APPENDIX G – TIDEWATER ADVANCED SOCCER LEAGUE (TASL)

Organization Participation/Membership Statement of Good Standing MUST be submitted EACH season when TASL Team Declarations are submitted

ALL Clubs participating in TASL must be in good standing and recognized by VYSA, AYSO, or other affiliates of the US Soccer Federation at all times they are part of the organization. All rules and regulations contained in the By-Laws and Handbook, and any subsequent addendums, must be adhered to at all times.

Clubs must be comprised of two or more teams to be considered for admission once a submitted application to participate (by the stated deadline) has been received and if approved (after review and vote of the Voting members and BOD). Only Clubs with a Voting Membership may be eligible for a seat on the TASL Board of Directors.

New clubs desiring entry into TASL must be approved by a positive vote of two-thirds of the TASL voting Board Members and submit a one-time entry fee which will be provided once notice of intent for application is provided to the board of directors. Clubs comprised of five teams or more must provide at least one field designated for League play. Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for its approval. As a participating Club, we understand that we must provide TASL with a copy of their organizational structure and contact information (meaning BOD, etc) and must also provide TASL with a copy of their player insurance policy. Additional requirements may be modified from season to season as approved by the TASL BOD and Voting Members so each organization. Rules and Procedures apply to all member and participating organizations (including those being sponsored) and their players, coaches, team and club officials as well as parents, spectators and others associated with the member. Lack of knowledge of these Rules and Procedures will not relieve any coach, team official, parent or player of a team participating in TASL, or seeking entry into TASL, from the responsibilities and possible penalties contained herein. ALL CLUBS, TEAM OFFICIALS, PARENTS AND PLAYERS, BY PARTICIPATING IN TASL PLAY, AGREE THAT THEY ARE BOUND BY THESE RULES.

This statement also affects any organization wishing to be sponsored by a TASL Voting member club. Any such organization wishing to be sponsored must clarify with their sponsor any additional requirements that TASL or the sponsoring Club may place on them. It is expected that all Officers and Club Representatives be in attendance at TASL meetings. Clubs without Representation, unless excused, at two consecutive TASL meetings (as scheduled) or three TASL meetings in a calendar year will be assessed a \$100 fine. In addition, the meeting minutes will reflect clubs without representation.

Name of Organization _____

Estimated club enrollment: _____

Estimated number of teams to declare _____

Designated club representative to attend TASL meetings _____

Email and Phone number required:

Principal location of play

Number and approximate size of acceptable fields:

Fees: ALL fees are due and applicable at the time teams are declared and dates/deadlines have been set by TASL each season, and failure to comply may result in further disciplinary action.

Club declaration deadline: 1 July prior to the season in which organization intends to participate.

_____ requests consideration for participation in TASL.

We have read the TASL Handbook and Bylaws which are posted at www.TASLI.org and agree to abide by these documents at all times that said club and its members/affiliates are participating. We also verify that we are in good standing with all local, municipal, state and federal organizations. We will provide any changes in leadership (Club BOD, Officers, Staff, etc) to TASL BOD, as it occurs, along with any by-laws or addendums under which the Club/organization operates.

Club President/Head Officer (printed name)

Club President/Head Officer (Signature)

Date