Bylaw Change Proposal #1

Existing Rule:

2.7.4 Audit Committee

The Audit Committee chairperson shall be the Treasurer and at least two (2) additional members, who are not current **NTSSA** Board of Directors members and are not members of the Finance Committee, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Audit Committee shall screen and recommend independent auditors to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall appoint an independent auditor. The independent auditor's report shall be available to the Board of Directors and the membership.

2.7.5 Finance Committee

The Finance Committee chairperson shall be the Treasurer and at least two (2) additional members, who are not current **NTSSA** Board of Directors members and are not members of the Audit Committee, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Finance Committee is responsible for reviewing the fiscal procedures and the proposed annual budget with staff and the Board of Directors at least 60 days before the Annual General Meeting.

Proposed Change:

2.7.4 AuditFinance Committee

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*Remaining Bylaws will be renumbered

New Rule:

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Proposed by: Dick Metivier, NTSSA Treasurer JUSTIFICATION: The two committees have been duplicating and overlapping for several years. The audit firm is reviewed annually and seldom changed. The budget is prepared annually by the board and staff, and committees' input is considered before going to the membership. Financial statements compared to the budget are sent monthly to the committee for review. Board of Directors Recommendation: For: 9 Against: 0				
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Bylaw Change Proposal #2

Existing Rule:

2.7.7 Referee Committee

The State Referee Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman and approved by the Board of Directors annually. It shall consist of the Chairman, State Referee Administrator, State Youth Referee Administrator, State Assignor Coordinator, State Directors of Referee Instruction, and State Director of Referee Assessment.

Area Administrators shall serve in an ex-officio and non-voting advisory capacity in support of the State Referee Committee and shall be appointed by the Chairman and approved by the Board of Directors annually.

Upon recommendation by the Chairman, the State Referee Administrator shall be appointed yearly by the Board of Directors and may succeed himself in office. Any five (5) members of the Referee Committee, including the Chairman, shall constitute a quorum at meetings of this Committee. Three (3) members of this Committee shall constitute a quorum in matters related to disciplinary actions.

The State Referee Committee shall adopt the regulations and programs for instruction, examination, grading, registration, and administration of all **USSF** referees within the **NTSSA** in compliance with the programs and policies of **NTSSA** and the **USSF** National Referee Committee.

1. District Referee Committee

- a. Each NTSSA Referee Administrative District will have its own District Referee Committee comprised of that District's State Referee Committee representative as Chairman, and the elected local referee's unit President (or playing association's director of officials or referees coordinator if there is no local referee association) from each local association in the District.
- b. Each District Referee Committee is to promptly disseminate all **USSF** National Referee Committee and **NTSSA** State Referee Committee policies, procedures and programs to their respective local referee units, individual referees and playing associations, and to act as advisors to the State Referee Committee forming a liaison between the playing associations, the local referees unit administration and the individual referee in the field with the **NTSSA**.

Proposed Change:

2.7.7 Referee Committee

Per NTSSA Bylaw 2.6.1 Board of Directors, the Chairman, Referee's Committee is elected in even years. Following USSF Policy 531-1, upon the election of the Chairman, Referee's Committee the NTSSA President shall appoint the Chairman, Referee's Committee to serve as the State Referee Administrator with the approval of the Board of Directors at the next Board of Directors meeting.

The State Referee Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman and approved by the Board of Directors annually. It shall consist of the Chairman, who serves as the State Referee Administrator, State Youth Referee Administrator, State Assignor Coordinator, State Directors of Referee Instruction, and State Director of Referee Assessment.

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Proposed by: Trent McColly, NTSSA C	Chairman, Referee Committee	Rule Book Page: 16-17			
JUSTIFICATION: • All disciplinary or misconduct by a referee is handled by NTSSA A&D • The District Referee Committee positions no longer exists					
Board of Directors Recommendation:		For: 9	Against: 0		
	ALL VOTE				

Rule Change Proposal #1

Existing Rule:

3.10.8 Player Releases

Recreational Player Transferring Associations Mid-Year:

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- 4. There is no need for the transfer to be submitted or approved by North Texas if it is within the transfer window indicated and the player has not registered for the Spring.

Competitive Player Releases

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- 1. A player may be released from a team involuntarily if the player is unable to play for one of the following reasons.
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 - c. The player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the season.
- 2. A player who has not attended any team functions or been in contact with their team manager or coach with intentions to return to the team for a period of 30 consecutive days will be considered to have abandoned their team and may be released from the team with the approval of the NTSSA Youth Commissioner in writing on the form provided.
- 3. In an extreme case where a player is exceedingly disruptive, whether physically and/or verbally abusive, and is believed to be detrimental to the remainder of the team, the coach may petition the NTSSA

Youth Commissioner to release the player from the team. The Youth Commissioner, after consulting with the parent(s) of the player will make a decision whether or not the conditions fall within the guidelines to allow the release. The Youth Commissioner's decision may be appealed to the NTSSA Board of Directors by either party. Unless in the opinion of the Youth Commissioner the actions of the player are so egregious as to otherwise warrant release from the team, the following circumstances must be present for the release to be considered:

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- c. The coach must not be utilizing the player's behavior in an attempt to remove a lesser skilled player from their team. If other players are demonstrating the same behavior, the coach cannot single out a player for release from the team.
- d. The coach cannot use problems with a player's parents or financial issues as a reason to remove a player from a roster. They may, however, reduce or eliminate playing time for these reasons.
- 4. Any coach who releases a player involuntarily for any reason other than listed in 1-3 above may be brought before the NTSSA Competitive Committee to explain his/her actions. An assertion by the coach or any person with authority or assumed authority on the team, either verbally or by action, that a reasonable person would interpret to mean that the player is no longer welcome on the team may be considered an involuntary release by the coach, even if no formal steps to complete release paperwork have been taken. If the Competitive Committee finds the involuntary release was not justified or could have been avoided in the best interest of the player, the coach is subject to severe sanctions including, but not limited to, suspension from all soccer activities for a period of time to be determined by the Competitive Committee. The coach is responsible for the action of persons in authority, or with assumed authority, on the team.

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- 4. There is no need for the transfer to be submitted or approved by North Texas if it is within the transfer window indicated and the player has not registered for the Spring.

Competitive Player Releases/Transfers

Any player rostered to a competitive team is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year <u>from the time the player signs a contract until the end of the subsequent soccer playing year (August 1 of the prior soccer year through June 30 of the current soccer year)</u> unless the player requests a release or is released involuntarily. A player release shall be submitted to and approved by the NTSSA Youth Commissioner, stating the reason for the request on the release as described by the competitive policy manual. Approval of a player release from a competitive team by NTSSA does not constitute a release of financial liability, if applicable to the team.

Voluntary Competitive Player Release/Transfer

A player may receive a full release to join another competitive team 1 time per soccer year with the approval of the NTSSA Youth Commissioner under the following circumstances:

- 1. A player who has registered with a team that does not enter a USYSA outdoor league for the fall season, in the age group for which the player signed up, may be granted a transfer upon request, with or without the coach's approval.
- 2. <u>A full transfer may be granted when the coach of the players' current team grants the</u> release without conditions.
- 3. A conditional release may be granted when the releasing coach does not agree to a full release, but the player wishes to leave the team. The coach may then place conditions on the release as set forth in the competitive policy manual. A conditional release requires a two-week waiting period before the player may be rostered to another competitive team. This release may be granted with or without the coach's approval.
- 4. Transfers and Inter-club Movement may be granted at any time on or prior to April 1.
- 5. A player may leave a competitive team and go into his home Member Association recreational player pool at any time on or prior to April 1 of the current soccer year with the written permission of the Youth Commissioner.

A request for release from a competitive team must be received in the NTSSA office by April 1 (if April 1 falls on a weekend, then the first business day after). (Exceptions: player has moved outside NTSSA territory, current team has disbanded, or medical documentation the player has been injured and is unable to play the remainder of the soccer year.)

Any request for release/transfer that is not approved or has conditions by the player's current coach, as indicated above, will be scheduled for a Competitive Soccer Committee hearing, as stated in the Competitive Policy Manual which shall be chaired by the NTSSA Youth

Commissioner or his designee, with all parties being invited to attend. Any appeal of the decision of the Competitive Soccer Committee after the hearing must be made directly to the NTSSA Board of Directors of within five (5) days.

Recreation to Competitive Voluntary Release

Any recreational player currently rostered to a recreational team and wishing to be released to join a competitive team may do so only between December 1 and March 15 and may do so only with the written permission of the Member Association in which he is currently rostered. A competitive registration form must be completed prior to the players' transfer to a competitive team.

Involuntary Competitive Player Release

A coach can submit to the NTSSA Youth commissioner a request to remove a player from their roster involuntarily under the following circumstances:

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Any request for release/transfer that is not approved or has conditions by the player's current coach, as indicated above, will be scheduled for a Competitive Soccer Committee hearing, as stated in the Competitive Policy Manual which shall be chaired by the NTSSA Youth Commissioner or his designee, with all parties being invited to attend. Any appeal of the decision of the Competitive Soccer Committee after the hearing must be made directly to the NTSSA Board of Directors of within five (5) days.

Recreation to Competitive Voluntary Release

Any recreational player currently rostered to a recreational team and wishing to be released to join a competitive team may do so only between December 1 and March 15 and may do so only with the written permission of the Member Association in which he is currently rostered. A competitive registration form must be completed prior to the players' transfer to a competitive team.

Involuntary Competitive Player Release

A coach can submit to the NTSSA Youth commissioner a request to remove a player from their roster involuntarily under the following circumstances:

- 1. The player has violated rules of the USSF, USYSA, NTSSA or NTSSA Member Associations
- 2. The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what constitutes a reasonable travel distance is subject to definition by NTSSA.
- 3. The player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the season.
- 4. A player who has not attended any team functions or been in contact with their team manager or coach with intentions to return to the team for a period of 30 consecutive days will be considered to have abandoned their team and may be released from the team with the approval of the NTSSA Youth Commissioner in writing on the form provided.
- 5. In an extreme case where a player/parent is exceedingly disruptive, whether physically and/or verbally abusive, and is believed to be detrimental to the remainder of the team, the coach may petition the NTSSA Youth Commissioner to release the player from the team. The Youth Commissioner, after consulting with the parent(s) of the player will make a decision whether or not the conditions fall within the guidelines to allow the release. The Youth Commissioner's decision may be appealed to the NTSSA Board of Directors by either party. Unless in the opinion of the Youth Commissioner the actions of the player are so egregious as to otherwise warrant release from the team, the following circumstances must be present for the release to be considered:
 - a. The coach must have spoken with the player and parent(s) in an attempt to correct the player's behavior and given the player a chance to improve their behavior.
 - b. The coach must have attempted to correct the player's behavior through reduction of playing time and/or sitting out of practices.

- c. The coach must not be utilizing the player's behavior in an attempt to remove a lesser skilled player from their team. If other players are demonstrating the same behavior, the coach cannot single out a player for release from the team.
- d. The coach cannot use problems with a player's parents or financial issues as a reason to remove a player from a roster. They may, however, reduce or eliminate playing time for these reasons.

Any coach who releases a player involuntarily for any reason other than listed above may be brought before the NTSSA Competitive Committee to explain his/her actions. An assertion by the coach or any person with authority or assumed authority on the team, either verbally or by action, that a reasonable person would interpret to mean that the player is no longer welcome on the team may be considered an involuntary release by the coach, even if no formal steps to complete release paperwork have been taken. If the Competitive Committee finds the involuntary release was not justified or could have been avoided in the best interest of the player, the coach is subject to severe sanctions including, but not limited to, suspension from all soccer activities for a period of time to be determined by the Competitive Committee. The coach is responsible for the action of persons in authority, or with assumed authority, on the team.

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JUSTIFICATION: This is a two-purpose change. The first is to bring 3.10.7 and 3.10.8 together as they are addressing the same issue of releases. The second is to allow a competitive player to release once per year with or without the permission of the coach. If there is not an agreement on release, then conditions will apply but the player will be allowed to conditionally release. The conditions would be not only a two-week waiting period before being rostered to another team but also a condition such as not competing with a new team against their old team for the remainder of the soccer year. This will encourage teams to fulfill commitments and be in the best interest of the player.

Against: 1

Board of Directors Recommendation: YOUTH ONLY VOTE For: 8

Rule Change Proposal #2

Existing Rule:

3.10.7

A competitive (select) player is obligated to his competitive team for the soccer-playing year for competitive players from the time he signs a contract until the end of the subsequent soccer playing year (August 1 of the prior soccer year through June 30 of the current soccer year). Release to transfer to another NTSSA competitive team will be allowed under the following circumstances:

A player who has registered with a team that does not enter a USYSA outdoor league for the fall season, in the age group for which the player signed up, may be granted a transfer upon request, with or without the coach's approval.

Transfers and Inter-club Movement may be granted at any time on or prior to April 1.

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New Rule:

(Deleted)

I	Proposed by: NTSSA Competitive Committee		Rule Book	Rule Book Page: 28-29	
- 1	JUSTIFICATION: This rule would be deleted as it would be incorporated into rule 3.10.8 in order to create clarification for release/transfers.				
L	Board of Directors Recommendation:		For: 9	Against: 0	
		YOUTH ONLY VOTE			

Rule Change Proposal #3

Existing Rule:

4.2.1 [No Title; but under REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS]

Youth players may only be registered with one NTSSA sanctioned team at any given time during the soccer year excluding co-ed teams and any team that directly registers/rosters and is affiliated with a Nationally managed full-time league. The soccer year will coincide with the soccer year of the USSF. Youth players may change teams during the year in the following manner: *NOTE:* Read Rule 4.5.

- 1. Member Associations who reserve the right to reassign recreational players at the Association's desire may reassign said players and re-register the new teams by filing with the Registrar of the State the new team roster. All reassigned players are considered "transfers" for rostering purposes.
- 2. New team must complete Add/Transfer/Delete form on a transfer player, pay a transfer fee set by NTSSA in order to register a transfer player on a new team; and submit form and fee to their Home Association. Youth players will become "free-agents" on July 1. No NTSSA membership form, club contract, or any agreement may be signed before July 1 for the coming seasonal year. Any player signing with a team before July 1 may be declared ineligible for the team. Contracts shall not be signed prior to July 1 and postdated. The coach, manager, and/or other persons affiliated with the team allowing early signing and/or post-dating of contracts are subject to serious sanctions, which could include suspension from all soccer activities for a period of time to be determined by the NTSSA Competitive Committee. *NOTE:* Exceptions to this rule may be made by the Youth Commissioner when an entire association has an earlier registration.

<u>Definition of "Free-Agent</u>": A free agent is a player in the 11U through 19U age division who desires to participate on a competitive team and is not rostered to any team. All players in the 11U through 19U age divisions become free agents as of July 1. <u>NOTE:</u> The "free-agent" rule applies only to those players trying out or being selected for competitive teams. The rule does not apply to movement of players in the recreational leagues.

- 3. Member Associations may form recreational All-Star Teams in 12U through 19U divisions from players who continue to be registered within one Member Association on recreational teams for purposes of participating in tournaments designated for Select or Competitive teams. Recreational All-Star Teams shall be defined as teams composed of players selected from more than one recreational team that register with a single association.
- 4. A recreational All-Star team formed during the current soccer year may not form as a competitive team until the following soccer year

Proposed Change:

4.2.1 Registration of Players

Youth players may only be registered with one <u>or more</u> NTSSA sanctioned teams, <u>in accordance with Section 5 below</u>, at any given time during the soccer year excluding, <u>including</u> co-ed teams and any team that directly registers/rosters and is affiliated with a Nationally managed full-time league. The soccer year will coincide with the soccer year of the USSF. Youth players may change teams during the year in the following manner: <u>NOTE</u>: Read Rule 4.5.

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- 5. Youth players may be rostered on multiple teams, except that such player shall be rostered on only one (1) competitive team; but such player may be rostered on one competitive team or a recreational team and another recreational team during the same soccer year. The provisions of this rule are to be interpreted broadly and freely and shall govern over conflicting rules, including without limitation, Rules 3.10.1, 3.10.7, 3.10.8, and 3.10.10.1(a).

New Rule:

4.2.1 Registration of Players

Youth players may be registered with one or more NTSSA sanctioned team, in accordance with section 5 below, at any given time during the soccer year including co-ed teams and any team that directly registers/rosters and is affiliated with a Nationally managed full-time league. The soccer year will coincide with the soccer year of the USSF. Youth players may change teams during the year in the following manner: *NOTE*: Read Rule 4.5.

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Proposed by: Dick White, President, Lake Highlands Soccer Assoc.	Rule Book Pa	age: 44	
JUSTIFICATION: We are restricting player and parent choices when it is not necessary. Dual rostering is already normal for			
Academy play and for US Club play. We should embrace parent choi multiple teams is best for their child. Games and practice conflicts w	ices if they believ	e that playing on	
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