

## 2024 North Texas Soccer AGM Workshops

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Workshop	Instructor(s)	Description of Workshop
<b>Adult Soccer in a Youth-Oriented World</b>	Jerry Deaton, NTSSA Men's Commissioner & Rach Badii, NTSSA Women's Commissioner	This session will explore the unique challenges and opportunities facing adult soccer programs within the North Texas Soccer structure. Learn how to address key issues, support growth, and better integrate adult soccer in a landscape traditionally focused on youth.
<b>Assignor Clinic - Become an Assignor</b>	Jeff Murray, NTSSA Referee	This official clinic is required for anyone looking to become a certified Referee Assignor within North Texas Soccer. Attendees will learn the roles, responsibilities, and tools needed to assign referees effectively and stay compliant with USSF policies.
<b>Blow the Whistle on Referee Abuse</b>	Elena Williams, NTSSA Vice President & Jim Mills, NTSSA Youth Commissioner	What does the new U.S. Soccer policy on referee abuse mean for your coaches, managers, and parents? This session will review the updated USSF Policy on Referee Abuse, which took effect this past spring, and discuss how it impacts your association. Learn what's expected, how to educate your community, and steps you can take to help protect and support referees at every level.
<b>Building Your Brand: Marketing Your Association</b>	Elena Williams, NTSSA Vice President & Stephanie Cherry	Learn how to promote your Association effectively using social media, digital tools, and community outreach. This session will provide practical tips to build your brand, grow engagement, and communicate your mission to players, parents, and the local community.
<b>Fair Play: Managing Appeals &amp; Discipline</b>	Elena Williams, NTSSA Vice President & Erin Pfarner, NTSSA Vice President Development	Not sure what to do with your Association's Appeals & Disciplinary items? This session will break down what needs to be submitted to North Texas Soccer, when to do it, and how to get the paperwork done right. Simple, clear, and helpful—perfect for anyone handling A&D!
<b>GOTSport - NTSSA Updates</b>	GOTSport Team, Jim Mills, NTSSA Youth Commissioner & Brittany Campbell, NTSSA Manager Member Services	This session will cover the NTSSA Competitive Registration process, proper event setup within GOTSport, and provide time for a Q&A to address your questions. Stay up to date and ensure your events are compliant and running smoothly.
<b>GOTSport - Programs</b>	GOTSport Team	This session will walk through how to manage Programs in GOTSport, including setup, best practices, and recent updates. Perfect for those looking to streamline their processes and stay current with platform changes.
<b>GOTSport - Scheduling</b>	GOTSport Team	This session will focus on the scheduling tools within GOTSport, including how to set up schedules, manage updates, and apply best practices. Ideal for those responsible for organizing league or tournament play.
<b>GOTSport Beginner Sessions</b>	GOTSport Team	Small group sessions designed specifically for beginners. Everyone who signed up should have received an email with their scheduled session time. Please check your inbox (and spam folder just in case) to confirm your appointment.
<b>How to file with the Group 990 to the IRS</b>	Dick Metivier, NTSSA Treasurer & Heather Jackson, NTSSA Accounting Manager	Learn what information is required and how to correctly complete and submit the Group 990 tax return. This session will guide you through the process to help ensure compliance and avoid common filing mistakes.
<b>How to Recruit Volunteer Coaches</b>	Warren Cottle, NTSSA DOC, Jim Mills, NTSSA Youth Commissioner, and Panel	Join us for a panel discussion featuring representatives from various associations sharing their experiences and strategies. This open forum will focus on practical ways to attract and retain volunteer coaches to support your programs.
<b>Identify &amp; Train the Pillars</b>	Ann Hicks, NTSSA Referee State Director of Instruction	Maintain high standards in your referee program by identifying and empowering your top referees to lead by example. This session will focus on how to support and equip your experienced referees to mentor and motivate new officials, creating a culture where everyone strives to be an A+ referee.
<b>Keeping It Fun So They Don't Want to Leave</b>	Ann Hicks, NTSSA Referee State Director of Instruction	Hear from associations with some of the highest referee retention rates and learn what they're doing right. This session features insights from experienced assignors and referee directors who know how to keep referees motivated, engaged, and coming back season after season. It's not just about filling slots—it's about creating a positive experience that keeps referees on the field. Walk away with fresh, actionable ideas to strengthen your own referee program.
<b>ODP - The Future Is Here &amp; Now</b>	David Osborne, NTSSA Chairman ODP & Warren Cottle, NTSSA DOC	Dive into the ins and outs of the Olympic Development Program (ODP). Learn how younger players are developed through diverse coaching environments and philosophies, while older players gain critical exposure to college opportunities. This session will give you a full picture of how ODP helps players reach the next level—on and off the field.
<b>Recreational Hot Topics</b>	Jim Mills, NTSSA Youth Commonisser	This interactive workshop is designed for both new and experienced recreational soccer administrators. Join the conversation as we explore current challenges, share perspectives, and discuss practical solutions to the most pressing issues facing recreational soccer today.
<b>Registrar Q&amp;A</b>	Jim Mills, NTSSA Youth Commissioner & Brittany Campbell, NTSSA Manager Member Services	This session will cover general updates and new information relevant to registrars, followed by an open Q&A. Bring your questions and get the clarity you need to make registration smooth and efficient for your association.

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Safe Sport	Elena Willians, NTSSA Vice President & David Messersmith, NTSSA Executive Director	This session is designed to help associations understand their responsibilities when it comes to SafeSport. Learn how to navigate policies, respond to concerns appropriately, and create a safe and supportive environment for all participants. We'll cover best practices, reporting protocols, and how to ensure compliance at every level.
Tournaments - Hosting and Beyond	David Tucker, NTSSA Chairman Cup & Games	Join us for a practical discussion on the dos and don'ts of hosting successful tournaments. Learn best practices, common pitfalls, and what it takes to create a smooth experience for teams, referees, and spectators. We'll also provide the latest updates on the Tournament of Champions.
What Treasurers Need to Know	Dick Metivier, NTSSA Treasurer & Heather Jackson, NTSSA Accounting Manager	Designed for new and current Treasurers, this session will cover the essential responsibilities and best practices every Treasurer should follow. Learn where to start, what tools and documents you should always have on hand, and how to stay organized and compliant throughout the season.

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Workshop Schedule**  
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>7 - 8pm</u>	<u>8 - 9pm</u>
Friday, July 18, 2025	Dallas Ballroom	Vendor Show & Reception	

Date	Room	8-8:50am	9-9:50am	10-10:50 am	11-11:50 am	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	1-1:50pm	2-2:50pm	3-3:50pm	4-4:50pm
Saturday, July 19, 2025	Austin I & II		How to recruit coaches to volunteer Jim Mills, NTSSA Youth Commissioner & Warren Cottle NTSSA DOC	ODP - The Future is here & now David Osborne, NTSSA Chairman ODP , Warren Cottle, NTSSA DOC	Adult Soccer in a Youth Oriented World Jerry Deaton, NTSSA Men's Commissioner, Rach Badii, NTSSA Women's Commissioner	L u n c h  -  O n y o u r  o w n	What a Treasurer Need to know Dick Metivier, NTSSA Treasurer & Heather Jackson, NTSSA Accounting Manager	How to file with the Group 990 to the IRS Dick Metivier, NTSSA Treasurer & Heather Jackson, NTSSA Accounting Manager		
	Austin III			Keeping it Fun so they don't want to leave Ann Hicks, NTSSA Referee Committee	Identify & Train the Pillars (Referees) Ann Hicks, NTSSA Referee Committee		GOTSport - Beginner Sessions Dave Buchanan & Mike Nieto			
	Ft. Worth I	GOTSport - Scheduling Dave Buchanan & Mike Nieto	GOTSport - Programs Dave Buchanan & Mike Nieto	GOTSport - NTSSA Updates GotSport, Jim Mills, NTSSA Youth Commissioner & Brittany Campbell, NTSSA Member Services Manager			Registrar Q&A Jim Mills, NTSSA Youth Commissioner & Brittany Campbell, NTSSA Member Services Manager	Recreational Hot Topics Jim Mills, NTSSA Youth Commissioner	Bylaw/Rule Change Discussion & Meet the Candidates	
	Ft. Worth II		Navigating SafeSport: Policies, Protocols, and Protection Elena Williams, NTSSA VP, Chairman A&D, David Messersmith, NTSSA Executive Director	Fair Play: Managing Appeals and Discipline Elena Williams, NTSSA VP, Chairman A&D Erin Pfarnier, NTSS VP Development	Blow the Whistle on Referee Abuse Jim Mills, NTSSA Youth Commissioner Elena Williams, NTSSA VP, Chairman A&D		Building the Brand: Marketing your Association Elena Williams, NTSSA VP, Chairman A&D, Stephanie Cherry, Girls Classic League	Tournaments - Hosting & Beyond David Tucker, NTSSA Chairman Cups & Game		
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	San Antonio 2	President's Breakfast 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM (Presidents Only)								
	Dallas Ballroom II & III	Vendor Show								
	Dallas Ballroom Foyer - Cocktail Reception 6:30pm ~ Dallas Ballroom - Awards Dinner 7:00pm ~ Ft. Worth Ballroom - After Dinner Casino Night 9:00pm									

Sunday, July 20, 2025	Dallas Ballroom	North Texas Soccer General Session 9:00 am
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