



Central Oklahoma Adult Soccer League

BYLAWS

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COASL BY-LAWS

ARTICLE ONE – IDENTIFICATION

DEFINITIONS:

Except as otherwise provided, these definitions apply to this By-laws and all rules of the league:

- “League” means The Central Oklahoma Adult Soccer League.
- “Executive Committee (EXCOM)” means the executive committee of the league referred to in By-law Article seven.

Name:

The name of this organization is “The Central Oklahoma Adult Soccer League (COASL).”

PURPOSE:

To promote the growth of Adult Soccer through The Central Oklahoma Adult Soccer League (COASL).

ARTICLE TWO – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. A team shall be admitted to membership upon written application to and acceptance by the Executive Committee (EXCOM) provided:

- A. The application is submitted by the deadline set by the Executive Committee and prior to the first scheduled match of the season, and;
- B. The applicants agree to abide by the organizational rules of COASL, and;
- C. The applicants agree to pay, on a timely basis, and as determined by COASL, and fees or assessments of COASL or any other body to which COASL is subject.
- D. Applicants may request placement in any division in COASL based upon their anticipated level of play. However, actual division assignments rest with the EXCOM.
- E. A team requesting admission and being denied such by the EXCOM may petition for admission at any general membership meeting, providing the above requirements have been met.

Section 2. Each team shall require that all players register with COASL [and thus with United States Soccer Federation (USS-F) / Federation International of Football Associations (FIFA), and with the Oklahoma Soccer Association (OSA).

ARTICLE THREE – FEES

Section 1. All teams shall be required to pay a team registration fee in an amount approved by the EXCOM. All fees are due at such time as the EXCOM shall direct.

- A. At the beginning of each season, the EXCOM shall specify the cutoff date for team registration, Team applications received after that date cannot be considered for schedules for matches for that season except for the purpose of filling a bye or byes in the schedule of a division or divisions,
- B. Teams shall be required to register all players with the USSF/OSA through COASL subject to the regulations imposed upon player registration by those governing bodies. No player may participate in sanctioned league play without first fulfilling the registration requirements.

Section 2. Referee fees and individual fees required by USSF, OSA, and COASL, in an amount specified by the EXCOM must be paid by each team. Player fees may be submitted with an application for a player pass or transfer. Additional players may be registered to existing teams up until the playoffs begin, if playoffs are scheduled. Transfers are limited to a team through the first four scheduled matches only. Deviations from this policy may be requested of the EXCOM in writing.

Section 3. Nothing in these bylaws, or rules of play, shall be interpreted as preventing teams, leagues, or divisions from imposing additional fees on players, but no separate TRANSFER fee may be imposed.

ARTICLE FOUR – MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be two meetings of the general membership per year. They will be held in August and February, More frequent meetings may be held if deemed necessary by the EXCOM. Such meetings may be called by giving two weeks prior written notice to all Team Representatives.

- Section 2. The February meeting shall be the annual meeting.
- Section 3. A quorum shall be 50 percent of attending eligible Team Representatives. Written proxies shall be submitted to the Secretary before the meeting begins.
- Section 4. Any members of a team may attend the general meetings, but only the designated Team Representative or alternate or proxy may vote.
- Section 5. Each team in good standing as of the most recent registration period shall have one vote.
- Section 6. Each EXCOM member shall have one vote.
- Section 7. The general membership of COASL shall consist of each player in good standing as of the past recent registration period. Also included is each Team Coach, each Team Representative, each Team Administrator, and each Team Trainer officially identified on the team roster.

ARTICLE FIVE – DIVISIONS

- Section 1. COASL playing divisions shall be designated as follows:

MEN'S DIVISIONS

- Premier - Sections I, II, III.
 Recreation - Sections I, II, III,
 Open - Sections I, II, III.
 Masters - Sections I, II, III. (Over 30)

WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

- Premier - Sections I, II, III.
 Recreation - Sections I, II, III.
 Open - Sections I, II, III.
 Masters - Sections I, II, III. (Over 30)

OTHER

- Coed - Sections I, II, III.

- Section 2. Rules for participation in all divisions shall be specified in the currently amended General Rules of Play for COASL.
- Section 3. Division meetings will be held at the sole discretion of the EXCOM. Team Representatives and/or Division Commissioners may request a division meeting at any time. Only division meetings approved by the EXCOM may change the General Rules of Play or conduct other official business.
- Section 4. The Division Commissioner or his/her designated representative will chair division meetings. A report of division meetings shall be submitted to the EXCOM within seven days of the convening of the meeting.

ARTICLE SIX – DIRECTORS

Section 1. The President, First Vice President, and Treasurer are the Directors. Each Director shall serve until his/her successor has been duly elected, approved, and qualified. At the end of each Director's term, said Director shall tender his/her resignation as Director to the Secretary, to be included in the minutes, and at that time the succeeding Director shall become the NEW director of the league.

Section 2. Directors shall receive no compensation for their services.

Section 3. The regular meetings of the Directorship shall be held immediately preceding the regular meetings of the membership and before their successors are elected. Special meetings of the Directors may be called by the President, or in his/her absence, by a Vice President, or by a majority vote of the members. Special meetings of the Directors may be held without notice at any time and place by unanimous consent of the Directors.

Section 4. A Quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the Directors shall consist of a majority of the Directors. A majority shall have the power to adjourn the meeting to a future date.

Section 5. Vacancies among the Directors shall be; filled by the vacating Director's successor or successors. Their terms of office shall be the remaining terms of the vacation Directors they replace.

Section 6. The Directors are responsible for the management of the day-to-day business affairs of the league, and they may exercise such responsibility in accomplishing lawful actions if such lawful actions are not by these bylaws directed or required to be exercised or accomplished by individual officers or by the membership.

ARTICLE SEVEN - OFFICERS / EXCOM

Section 1. Officers shall be elected from the general membership at the annual meeting in February. The Officers are elected for terms of two (2) years.

- A. The President, 2nd Vice President, and the registrar in odd numbered years.
- B. The 1st Vice President the Secretary and the Treasurer, in even-numbered years.

Section 2. The Executive Committee (EXCOM) shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Referee Scheduler, and all Advisors. **Upon election to the EXCOM they may no longer seen as Team Representatives.**

Section 3. Each Officer shall have one vote on the EXCOM. However, in league activities no TEAM shall be permitted to cast more than two votes. (One is the Team Representative, one by an officer, proxy or advisor from that team.)

Section 4. No person shall hold more than one office concurrently in COASL.

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Section 5. The duties of the Officers of COASL shall be:

- A. PRESIDENT. The President shall preside at all general meetings of the EXCOM. He/she shall appoint all members to committees not otherwise determined by these

- bylaws, and shall be an ex-officer member of all committees in the league. He/she shall be the general manager of the league, shall supervise all affairs and activities,
- B. and shall make an annual report to the membership. The President or designated proxy shall represent the league at OSA and at any other meetings at which COASL participation is deemed appropriate.
 - C. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT. The 1st VP shall preside in the absence of the President and shall form and chair the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee (ADC).
 - D. SECOND VICE PRESIDENT. The 2nd VP shall chair the Game & Rules Committee (GRC) and the Scheduling Committee (SC).
 - E. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep all the records of the league, including the minutes of meetings and official records. He/she shall notify all members of any special meetings and shall prepare and mail all correspondence as directed by the President of the EXCOM. He/she shall safeguard the Corporate Seal and the Corporate Minutes Book.
 - F. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall receive all funds that come into the league, keep the books, disburse funds according to the directions of the EXCOM, and present a statement of the munts at the two general meetings of the membership. A second signature by the President or the First Vice President will be required on all COASL disbursement checks that are for amounts in excess of \$250.00.
 - G. REGISTRAR, The Registrar shall keep the registration stamp, record the registration of each player, keep all team rosters, and maintain records of players of all teams. He/she shall chair the Registration Committee (RC).
 - H. REFEREE SCHEDULER. The Referee Scheduler maintains a schedule of referees and linesmen for all COASL schedule matches and co-ordinate with the First and Second Vice Presidents as to the referee schedules.
 - I. ADVISORS. Advisors are appointed because of some special expertise. They will provide guidance and assistance to the EXCOM in their area of specialty, whether it be community relations, law, medicine, media activity, field maintenance, security, etc.

Section 6. The EXCOM shall appoint Division Commissioners to help coordinate and keep harmony among the team in each division. Duties of the Division Commissioners shall be to:

- A. Contact all Team Representatives and keep them informed of all happenings, meetings, pertinent information, etc.
- B. Keep copies of all team rosters of their divisions.
- C. Maintain a record of phyers cautioned or sent off.
- D. Preside at Division meetings.
- E. Provide liaison between the teams and the EXCOM.

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Section 7. The EXCOM shall meet as often as it is necessary to conduct the business of the league, but not less often than twice per year.

Section 8. Decisions of the EXCOM may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of those in attendance at a general or special meeting.

ARTICLE EIGHT – COMMITTEES

Section 1.

A Finance Committee (FC) shall consist of the members of the EXCOM. This committee shall approve of a budget report prior to each general meeting and submit it to the membership, Chair - Treasurer.

Section 2.

A Scheduling Committee (SC) shall schedule all matches for COASL teams for each season, Chair - Second Vice President.

Section 3.

An Appeals and Disciplinary Committee (ADC) shall hear all appeals concerning game rulings, Chair - First Vice President. The ADC shall have exclusive jurisdiction to interpret and enforce COASL Rules of Play and to hear and determine all appeals concerning game rulings. (Added)

Section 4.

A Game & Rules Committee (GRC) shall propose rules or changes to the General Rules of Play of COASL, Chair - Second Vice President.

Section 5.

A Registration Committee (RC) shall rule in any appeals regarding eligibility to register, pay, or not pay fines or levies, or any other registration matter, Chair - Registrar.

Section 6.

The EXCOM will rule in any potential conflict of interest or opinion within and between COASL committees.

ARTICLE NINE – APPEALS

Decisions of COASL may be appealed to OSA or USSF provided the rules of OSA and USSF have been met prior to the making of such appeal.

ARTICLE TEN - MEETING ORDER

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order unless modified at the Special Meeting. If any member of the EXCOM is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board, the Executive Board shall declare the position of the member vacant.

ARTICLE ELEVEN – AMENDMENT

These bylaws may be amended by the EXCOM if approved by a two-thirds majority at the next regular general meeting. Modification at a general meeting may be accomplished on 30 days notice. To be revised to read – These By-Laws can be amended at any membership meeting by a majority of the total eligible votes of the members, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

ARTICLE TWELVE - EFFECTIVE DATE

| These Articles approved as revised, 2014.

| CERTIFIED:
| (JB MOSIS)

| President, COASL