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2.2.3	5	Non Executive Directors	All other members of the GNWSA Board of Directors, excluding the Executive Directors, shall be Non-Executive Directors. Non-Executive Directors are not required to have children currently participating in GNWSA.	All other members of the GNWSA Board of Directors, excluding the Executive Directors, shall be Non-Executive Directors. Non-Executive Directors are not required to have children currently participating in GNWSA. Executive Directors are prohibited from being affiliated with or holding any position of authority (i.e., Board member, coach, or employee) in a soccer league, club, organization, or corporation that directly competes with GNWSA.	
2.2.5	7	A&D Committee	A&D Committee –The A&D committee shall be comprised of the A&D Director as Chairman, and at least three (3) other members of the Association, who are not Board Members, chosen by the A&D Director. The A&D committee shall hear grievances and complaints as deemed necessary by the A&D Director.	A&D Committee –The A&D committee shall be comprised of the A&D Director as Chairman, and at least three (3) other members of the Association, who are not Board Members, chosen by the A&D Director. The A&D Committee will be formed on an as needed basis. The A&D committee shall hear grievances and complaints as deemed necessary by the A&D Director.	
2.2.10	9	Commissioner 5 and 7 are incorrect	*The seven Commissioner seats with voting rights were retitled in June 2022 and numbered 1-7. The current age group(s) assigned to each Commissioner seat will be published on the GNWSA web site. The assignments before the date of June 2023 are recorded below for the sake of historical continuity in record keeping:	· Commissioner-5: ADULT	This change should not have been made - MA
cont.	cont.	cont.	· Commissioner-1: U4/U5	· Commissioner-7: U9/U10	
cont.	cont.	cont.	· Commissioner-2: U11+	cont.	
cont.	cont.	cont.	· Commissioner-3: U7	cont.	
cont.	cont.	cont.	· Commissioner-4: U6	cont.	
cont.	cont.	cont.	· Commissioner-5: TBD	cont.	
cont.	cont.	cont.	· Commissioner-6: U8	cont.	
cont.	cont.	cont.	· Commissioner-7: U9/U10 & Adult	cont.	
2.2.10	9	Adding an additional commissioner to balance numbers of teams	adding commissioner 8	commissioner 2 - U13+ (currently 13 teams)	
cont.	cont.	cont.	cont.	Commissioner 7 - U9-U12 GIRLS (current 12 teams)	
cont.	cont.	cont.	cont.	Commissioner 8 - U9-U12 BOYS (currently 16)	

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2.2.11	11-12	Filling open positions (we are not currently ever following this)	All vacancies, with the exception of the President, shall be communicated to the membership within fourteen (14) days of the position being vacated. The announcement shall allow at least fourteen (14) days for prospective candidates to respond. Candidates must submit a written statement to the Secretary requesting to be considered for an open position. All candidates shall be given equal consideration and opportunity to present their qualifications to the Board. Provided a candidate or candidates are available for consideration, the Board shall vote on the candidates within thirty (30) days of the announcement of the vacancy. A simple majority is required to fill a vacancy.	All vacancies, with the exception of the President, shall be communicated to the membership within fourteen (14) days of the position being vacated. The announcement shall allow at least fourteen (14) days for prospective candidates to respond. Candidates must submit a written statement to the Secretary requesting to be considered for an open position. All candidates shall be given equal consideration and opportunity to present their qualifications to the Board. Provided a candidate or candidates are available for consideration, the Board shall vote on the candidates within thirty (30) days of the announcement of the vacancy. A simple majority is required to fill a vacancy.	
3.1.4	19	Player refunds for teams not forming	Partial refunds or the offer to apply the received payment towards the following season, of a maximum of 50% of the total fee paid will be granted for: 1) a team choosing to disband prior to the first week of the season; 2) a child withdrawing for medical reasons prior to the first week of the season; 3) a child moving out of the area prior to the first week of the season; or 4) a refund request one week prior to opening weekend of their particular age group. No refunds are granted for any reason after the first week of the season	Partial refunds or the offer to apply the received payment towards the following season, of a maximum of 50% of the total fee paid will be granted for: 1) a team choosing to disband prior to the first week of the season; 2) a child withdrawing for medical reasons prior to the first week of the season; 3) a child moving out of the area prior to the first week of the season; or 4) a refund request one week prior to opening weekend of their particular age group. No refunds are granted for any reason after the first week of the season or upon being notified that your team needs a coach through your registration email.	
3.3.1	21-22	Coach AssignmentsOne head coach will be assigned per team. The head coach shall then have the discretion of assigning assistant coaches and a team manager for his/her team. GNWSA does not allow having more than three team officials (head coach, assistant coach, and team manager) on the sidelines during games to avoid player confusion. All assistant coach and team manager assignments are subject to screening by the GNWSA Director of Coaches and/or the GNWSA Board. A minimum of one One head coach and one assistant coach will be assigned required per team. The head coach shall then have the discretion of assigning GNWSA assigns all head coaches , assistant coaches and a team manager for his/her each team. GNWSA does not allow having more than three team officials (head coach, assistant coach, and team manager) on the sidelines during games to avoid player confusion. All assistant coach and team manager assignments are subject to screening by the GNWSA Director of Coaches and/or the GNWSA Board.	
3.3.4	22-23	Team player recruiting	Coaches are allowed to call or contact players that were on their roster in either of the two previous seasons to remind them about registrations and registration deadlines, provided that the coach contacts or attempts to contact every player on the roster. Coaches may not deliberately omit calling a player, knowingly and/or willingly drop a player from their roster or advise a player not to play for their team, whether through direct contact or coercion. Recruiting players in any manner that violates NTSSA recruiting rules is strictly prohibited in GNWSA recreational soccer.	Adding new paragraph between these 2 No GNWSA coach shall be allowed to recruit players from any GNWSA team, irregardless of age group, for a club/select/travel Association. The Board holds sole authority in determining if a coach has violated this bylaw. Should a coach be found in violation of 3.1.1 the said coach will be informed of the Board's finding and shall be barred from coaching within the Association for a time determined by the Board. Any exceptions are determined by the registrar	Exceptions should not solely lie with Registrar but include at minimum President and/or VP in addition to Registrar -BV
continued	cont	cont.	A coach must accept all eligible returning players unless he/she can show ample proof that the player is a disciplinary problem and disruptive to the team. GNWSA Board approval is required for a player to be dismissed from a team.	Continued	

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3.3.4	22-23	Team Official meeting	Every head coach is required to attend the preseason coach's meeting or send a designated team representative, unless a coach is determined after the meeting was held. If a head coach or designee is unable to attend, they must agree to meet (either in person or via a phone call) with the age-appropriate Commissioner to receive the necessary meeting information, including determining field selection, team uniform, etc. The coach who is unable to attend or send a designee may not pre-select practice fields, team names, uniforms, etc. prior to the meeting.	All team officials, coaches and managers, are required to attend; Every head coach is required to attend the preseason coach's meeting or send a designated team representative, unless a coach is determined after the meeting was held. If a head coach or designee is unable to attend, they must agree to meet (either in person or via a phone call) with the age-appropriate Commissioner to receive the necessary meeting information, including but not limited to determining field selection, team uniform, etc. The coach who is unable to attend or send a designee may not pre-select practice fields, team names, uniforms, etc. prior to the meeting.	
3.3.4	22-23	equipment distribution	All coaches are responsible for the care and maintenance of GNWSA property and equipment issued to them. GNWSA property or equipment shall be issued to the head coach only. The head coach is responsible for the return of such property to GNWSA upon his/her completion of coaching duties. Head coaches shall be allowed to keep equipment in their possession from season to season, provided they keep their status as head coach. If a head coach loses his/her status for any reason, he/she must return all GNWSA property and equipment in his/her possession within a reasonable time. Any equipment that is in disrepair due to normal wear and tear must be reported to the GNWSA Board for replacement. Any equipment damaged by a means other than normal wear and tear is the coach's responsibility and may be subject to being replaced at the coach's expense.	All coaches are responsible for the care and maintenance of GNWSA property and equipment issued to them. GNWSA property or equipment shall be issued to the head coach only. The head coach Team Official is responsible for the return of such property to GNWSA upon his/her completion of coaching duties. Head coaches shall be allowed to keep equipment in their possession from season to season (with the exception of pop up goals which must be returned each season), provided they keep their status as head coach. If a head coach loses his/her status for any reason, he/she must return all GNWSA property and equipment by contacting the Equipment Director. in his/her possession within a reasonable time. Any equipment that is in disrepair due to normal wear and tear must be reported to the GNWSA Board for replacement. Any equipment damaged by a means other than normal wear and tear is the coach's responsibility and may be subject to being replaced at the coach's expense.	
3.3.4	23	Team Uniform Distribution	All coaches are responsible for distributing team uniforms, provided by the Association, to their players.	All coaches are responsible for distributing team uniforms, using the list provided by the Association, to their players.	
3.4.2	25	Opening weekend definition	If a player has not attended a practice or contacted the head coach as of opening weekend (GNWSA Opening Saturday for U4-U8, NMCSL Opening weekend for U9+), the player may be released from the team and a player from the waitlist may be added to the team as determined by the Board. No refund will be granted to the non-participating player.	If a player has not attended a practice or contacted the head coach as of opening weekend (GNWSA Opening Saturday 7am for U4-U8, NMCSL Opening weekend Saturday 7am for U9+.), the player may be released from the team and a player from the waitlist may be added to the team as determined by the Board. No refund will be granted to the non-participating player.	
3.4.8	30	Player Uniforms	GNWSA shall supply each player with a team uniform, consisting of a jersey, short, and socks every Fall season or in the Spring season if the player did not play in the Fall. All GNWSA teams shall wear the GNWSA-issued jersey. Failure of a team or player to wear the proper jersey during a game may lead to disciplinary action against the coach or player, to include removal from the field.	GNWSA shall supply each player with a team uniform, consisting of a jersey, short, and socks every Fall season or in the Spring season if the player did not play in the Fall. All GNWSA teams shall wear the GNWSA-issued jersey of the current season only. Failure of a team or player to wear the proper jersey during a game may lead to disciplinary action against the coach or player, to include removal from the field.	

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3.4.8	30	Beads in hair	Permanent alterations to the uniform are prohibited. Minor additions to the uniform that may pose a safety concern (barrettes, pins, etc.) are also prohibited. The referee shall have the final say on whether a player's uniform poses a hazard to other players.	Permanent alterations to the uniform are prohibited. Minor additions to the uniform Items that may pose a safety concern (barrettes, pins, hairbeads etc.) are also prohibited. The referee shall have the final say on whether a player's uniform poses a hazard to other players.	
3.4.8	30	Long Fingernails	Permanent alterations to the uniform are prohibited. Minor additions to the uniform that may pose a safety concern (barrettes, pins, etc.) are also prohibited. The referee shall have the final say on whether a player's uniform poses a hazard to other players.	Permanent alterations to the uniform are prohibited. Minor additions to the uniform Items that may pose a safety concern (barrettes, pins, long finger nails etc.) are also prohibited. The referee shall have the final say on whether a player's uniform poses a hazard to other players.	
3.4.8	31	Jersey Color Conflict	In the event of a jersey/color conflict, the home team shall be responsible for changing jerseys, or covering their jerseys with aprons, bibs, or other apparel that the referee determines to be adequate to correct the color conflict. The players will then be allowed to play without numbers on their jerseys provided that they still wear their numbered jerseys underneath. The referee shall determine if there is a jersey/color conflict and if the home team has corrected the conflict. The referee's decision is final.	In the event of a jersey/color conflict, the home team shall be responsible for changing jerseys, or covering their numbered jerseys with aprons, bibs, or other apparel pinnies that the referee determines to be adequate to correct the color conflict. The players will then be allowed to play without numbers on their jerseys provided that they still wear their numbered jerseys underneath. The referee shall determine if there is a jersey/color conflict and if the home team has corrected the conflict. The referee's decision is final.	
3.5.4	32-33	Reschedules	Special scheduling requests for game times and dates cannot be guaranteed, especially in the U9 and above age groups. Any special requests should be made prior to the season. Games may only be scheduled and rescheduled through the Association or League. Individual games will only be rescheduled due to weather, or unforeseen school or religious events. Games will not be rescheduled for a coach scheduling conflict. An Assistant Coach should coach a game if the Head Coach is unable to attend. A team's head coach must give reasonable notice (no less than seventy-two (72) hours) to the Association if his/her team will be unable to play a scheduled game due to just cause. The Association or League will then decide whether to issue a forfeit or reschedule the game. League rules governing game reschedules for U9 and above games shall take precedent over Association rules in the event of a conflict.	Special scheduling requests for game times and dates cannot be guaranteed, especially in the U9 and above age groups. Any special requests should be made prior to the season for all age groups . Games may only be scheduled and rescheduled through the Association or League. Individual games will only be rescheduled due to weather, or unforeseen school or religious events. Games will not be rescheduled for a coach scheduling conflict. An Assistant Coach should will be coach a game if the Head Coach is unable to attend. A team's head coach must give reasonable notice (no less than seventy-two (72) hours) to the Association if his/her team will be unable to play a scheduled game due to just cause. Just cause is defined as an emergency, school event, or other civic event that were unknown before the beginning of the season. The Association or League will then decide whether to issue a forfeit or reschedule the game. League rules governing game reschedules for U9 and above games shall take precedent over Association rules in the event of a conflict. Rainouts and other reschedules are not guaranteed within the last 30 days of the season.	

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3.5.8	34	Team Official ID	All head and assistant coaches must have a valid Association ID card at game time in order to coach. Any coach that does not have their ID card at game time will be required to remain on the parent/spectator side of the field, will not be allowed to coach, and may be subject to disciplinary action. A head coach or assistant coach with a valid Association ID card must be present with and responsible for the team and spectators during every game. If not, the team may be required to	All TEAM OFFICIALS must have a valid Association ID card PRINTED and PRESENT at game time in order to coach. Any coach that does not have their ID card at game time will be required to remain on the parent/ spectator side of the field, will not be allowed to coach, and may be subject to disciplinary action. A head coach or assistant coach with a valid Association ID card must be present with and responsible for the team and spectators during every game.	
3.5.8	34	One coach needs to wear a jersey to identify the coach of the team.	All head and assistant coaches must have a valid Association ID card at game time in order to coach. Any coach that does not have their ID card at game time will be required to remain on the parent/spectator side of the field, will not be allowed to coach, and may be subject to disciplinary action.	All head and assistant coaches must have a valid Association ID card at game time in order to coach. A minimum of one to the coaches must wear their GNWSA issued Coach jersey. Any coach that does not have their ID card at game time will be required to remain on the parent/ spectator side of the field, will not be allowed to coach, and may be subject to disciplinary action.	
3.5.8	34	Technical area	All coaches of U6 and above age groups must remain no closer than 3 feet from the halfway line and within ten (10) yards of the halfway line and on the same side as their parent/spectator area, unless field proximity does not allow (i.e. Justin Park fields 1, 2 and 3, etc.) Only coaches of the U4 and U5 age groups are allowed on the field of play during the game. The referee shall have final say in determining if a coach is interfering and shall have the authority to ask the coach to stand outside the touchline for the remainder of the game if necessary.	All coaches of U6 and above age groups must remain within the technical area , no closer than 3 feet from the halfway line and within ten (10) yards of the halfway line and on the same side as their parent/spectator area, unless field proximity does not allow (i.e. Justin Park fields 1, 2 and 3, etc.) Only coaches of the U4 and U5 age groups are allowed on the field of play during the game, one coach at a time is permitted on the field during game play. The referee shall have final say in determining if a coach is interfering and shall have the authority to ask the coach to stand outside the touchline for the remainder of the game if necessary.	
3.5.9	35	Dogs at games	All coaches, players, and spectators are required to occupy designated locations during games. The locations vary based on the field and are clearly indicated on game field maps published on the GNWSA web site. All participants must adhere to the published information and follow any additional instructions given by game officials, Board members, or City officials. Horns, whistles, or other devices which can be used to generate loud noises of any kind are prohibited at game fields	All coaches, players, and spectators are required to occupy designated locations during games. The locations vary based on the field and are clearly indicated on game field maps published on the GNWSA web site. All participants must adhere to the published information and follow any additional instructions given by game officials, Board members, or City officials. Horns, whistles, or other devices which can be used to generate loud noises of any kind are prohibited at game fields. Dogs will be leashed, must be kept 10 yards from any game field sidelines, other seated spectators, and bleachers. The City of Roanoke prohibits pets from their sports complexes.	
3.5.11	35	Game Reports	Coaches of U9 and above are responsible for submitting game reports and player ID cards if required to the referee prior to the start of the game and submitting the final score as designated by the playing league. Any scores not submitted within the time allowed by the league scoring system will not count towards that team's points.	Coaches of U9 and above are responsible for submitting presenting game reports with accurate jersey numbers per player indicated and player ID cards if required to the referee prior to the start of the game and submitting the final score as designated by the playing league. Any scores not submitted within the time allowed by the league scoring system will not count towards that team's points.	

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