

1 **CLASSIC LEAGUE BYLAWS**
2 (As adopted May 2009)
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5 **ARTICLE I: AUTHORITY**
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7 The Classic League ("Classic League") is sponsored by and is part of Chamber Classic
8 Soccer Alliance, Inc. ("Alliance" or "CCSAI"), a Texas non-profit corporation. The Classic
9 League functions as an autonomous part of the CCSAI. The Classic League operates under its
10 own Constitution, Bylaws, and League Rules, subject to the bylaws of CCSAI, and the bylaws
11 and rules and regulations of North Texas State Soccer Association ("NTSSA") and the United
12 States Soccer Federation ("USSF").
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14 **ARTICLE II: OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE**
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16 **GENERAL**
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19 The Classic League will be governed in accordance with its Constitution. In accordance
20 with the Classic League's Constitution, the Classic League will be operated by a board of
21 directors (the "Board"), as provided in the Constitution. The members of the Board (each a
22 "Director") will include both voting and non-voting Directors appointed or selected in
23 accordance with the Constitution and will include the positions set forth below in Article III
24 hereof. The Board will consist of both Executive Committee members and ex-officio Board
25 members, as set forth below. To the extent of any conflict between the Constitution and these
26 Bylaws, the Constitution will control.
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28 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
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30 Except as set forth below under Executive Committee, the Classic League will be
31 governed by the full Board.
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33 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
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35 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article II, with regard to Executive
36 Committee Matters (as defined below), the Executive Committee may meet to discuss and decide
37 on matters which will bind the Classic League as fully as if such matters had been properly and
38 timely brought before the full Board and approved by a majority of the Directors at a meeting of
39 the full Board at which a quorum was present. "Executive Committee Matters" will include:
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- 41 (a) matters which, in the opinion of the Chairman, require action within seventy-
42 two (72) hours or matters which require action with regard to any emergency
43 (as determined by the Chairman);
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45 (b) actions with regard to any matters dealing with employed personnel of the
46 Classic League;

- 1 (c) general policy decisions that affect the Classic League;
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3 (d) any matter which requires more than the usual amount of confidentiality or
4 sensitivity (as determined by the Chairman); or,
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6 (e) any other decision or matter that the Chairman decides in his/her discretion
7 would be better made by the Executive Committee, as opposed to the full
8 Board.
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10 In addition, at any proposed meeting of the Board which is unable to begin or come to
11 order, or is suspended, terminated, or adjourned on account of a lack of a quorum, the Chairman
12 may, at his/her option, adjourn, terminate, or suspend such meeting of the Board and
13 immediately convene a meeting of the Executive Committee, if a majority of the Executive
14 Committee is present at such time (not counting any Executive Committee position that is
15 currently vacant). A quorum of the Executive Committee is required to transact business at
16 any meeting of the Executive Committee. Any matter undertaken and decided at a meeting of
17 the Executive Committee must be reported in writing to the Board at the next Board meeting and
18 any such action is subject to the approval or disapproval of the Board at its next scheduled
19 meeting.
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21 **ARTICLE III: OFFICERS**

22 **APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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25 The Classic League will have officers, and the various officers will be appointed by the
26 Chairman from among the Directors chosen by the Chairman for the ensuing year (other than the
27 Chairman of the Representatives Committee and the Chairman of the Coaches Committee, who
28 are elected as set forth in the Constitution). All Directors and officers so appointed will be
29 submitted to the Representatives Committee of the Classic League for review and comment.
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31 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OTHER BOARD POSITIONS**

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33 The Directors of the Board will consist of two (2) categories: Members of an executive
34 committee (the "Executive Committee") and other Directors. The Executive Committee will
35 consist of the Directors holding the following offices (all of which are voting Directors):
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- 37 1. Chairman
- 38 2. Vice Chairman – Administration
- 39 3. Vice Chairman – Financial
- 40 4. Vice Chairman – A&D (or A&D Chairman)
- 41 5. Registrar
- 42 6. Secretary
- 43 7. Publicity Director
- 44 8. Chairman of the Club Representatives Committee
- 45 9. Chairman of the Coaches Committee
- 46 10. Chairman of the Referee Committee (or Referee Chairman)

1 The other Directors are the individuals holding the following offices (some of which are
2 voting Directors and some are non-voting, as indicated below):

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4 Division I Age Division Commissioners (8) (one for each group) (voting)
5 Division II Age Division Commissioners (8) (one for each group) (voting)
6 Division III Age Division Commissioners (8) (one for each group) (voting)
7 Volunteer Coordinator (voting)
8 Deputy Age Division Commissioners (non-voting)
9 Referee Assignor (non-voting)
10 Referee Assessor (non-voting)
11 Immediate Past Chairman (non-voting)
12 Executive Director (non-voting)
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14 Provided that no Director shall have more than one vote.

15 16 **CHAIRMAN**

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18 The Classic League Chairman (“Chairman”) is charged with the overall administration of
19 the Classic League. The Chairman may appoint such committees as deemed necessary to carry
20 out such functions, including a rules committee and/or committees to propose amendments to the
21 Constitution and these Bylaws. The Chairman is empowered to take prudent and reasonable
22 actions not covered in these Bylaws, and the Chairman has such authority as is implicit in the
23 office; although all actions are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The Chairman
24 is responsible for day-to-day operations and coordination between the Age Division
25 Commissioners and the Board. The Chairman is also responsible to oversee the financial
26 operations of the Classic League, with the assistance of the Vice Chairman – Financial. The
27 Chairman is responsible for filling the other Board positions set forth below (and any vacancies)
28 by appointment, as set forth in the Constitution.
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30 **VICE CHAIRMAN – ADMINISTRATION**

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32 The Vice Chairman – Administration will assist the Chairman in the accomplishment of
33 his/her duties as required and also serve in his/her stead in his/her absence (including in the
34 absence of the Chairman, as chair of any meeting of the Board or the Executive Committee).
35 The Vice Chairman - Administration is empowered to take prudent and reasonable actions not
36 covered by these Bylaws provided such actions do not conflict with the objectives of the Classic
37 League. All actions taken by the Vice Chairman – Administration are subject to the approval of
38 the Chairman and the Board.
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40 **VICE CHAIRMAN – FINANCIAL**

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42 The Vice Chairman – Financial will assist the Chairman in the accomplishment of his/her
43 duties as required and shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation and supervision of the
44 Classic League budget and all other financial matters, as delegated to this Vice Chairman by the
45 Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman – Administration, the Vice
46 Chairman – Financial will chair any meeting of the Board or the Executive Committee. At least

1 annually, the Vice Chairman – Financial will chair the budget committee and be responsible for
2 the preparation of a budget to be proposed to the Board for approval. The Vice Chairman –
3 Financial should make monthly financial statements available to the Board and make annual
4 financial statements available to the Representatives Committee on a timely basis. The Vice
5 Chairman – Financial has the authority to appoint such committees as deemed necessary to carry
6 out such functions. Annual financial reports will be prepared at the close of the Classic League’s
7 fiscal year and are subject to audit. All checks drawn on any bank account of the Classic League
8 in an amount in excess of \$500.00 must be co-signed by any two (2) of the following who are
9 authorized by the Classic League Board: the Executive Director, the Classic League Chairman,
10 the Vice Chairman – Administration, the Vice Chairman – Financial, the Registrar, or any other
11 member of the Classic League Board. All checks in an amount equal to or less than \$500.00
12 must be signed by any one (1) of the foregoing who is authorized by the Classic League Board.
13 No monies may be drawn from any account unless provided for in the Classic League budget
14 approved by the Board or otherwise approved by the Board. The Vice Chairman – Financial is
15 empowered to take prudent and reasonable actions not covered by the Bylaws provided such
16 actions do not conflict with the objectives of the Classic League. All actions taken by the Vice
17 Chairman – Financial are subject to the approval of the Chairman and the Board.

18 19 **VICE CHAIRMAN – A&D**

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21 The Vice Chairman – A&D (sometimes referred to as the A&D Director or A&D
22 Chairman) will be responsible for chairing the Appeals and Disciplinary (“A&D”) Committee.
23 The Vice Chairman – A&D is responsible for maintaining accurate records of all disciplinary
24 matters for players, other rostered individuals, spectators, and their teams. The Vice Chairman –
25 A&D is also responsible for collecting and reviewing player, coach, and spectator, or other
26 misconduct reports submitted by referees, other Classic League officials, or other interested
27 parties. The A&D Committee is responsible for hearing disciplinary matters or appeals as set
28 forth below in these Bylaws or as set forth in the Classic League Rules. In the absence of the
29 Chairman, the Vice Chairman – Administration, and the Vice Chairman – Financial, the Vice
30 Chairman – A&D will chair any meeting of the Board or the Executive Committee.

31 32 **REGISTRAR**

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34 The Registrar will assist the Chairman in the accomplishment of his/her duties. The
35 Registrar is responsible for (a) recruiting and identifying new and replacement Age Division
36 Commissioners; and, (b) the day-to-day coordination and supervision of the Age Division
37 Commissioners. The Registrar has the authority to appoint such committees as deemed
38 necessary to carry out such functions. The Registrar will be responsible for the registration of all
39 teams and the smooth operation of the registration process. In the absence of the Chairman and
40 each of the Vice Chairman, the Registrar will chair any meeting of the Board or the Executive
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AGE DIVISION COMMISSIONERS

For each Age Division, there will be an Age Division Commissioner for each division within the age group. Any Age Division Commissioner, with the Classic League Board approval, may designate a Deputy Age Division Commissioner to assist him or her. The function of each Age Division Commissioner will include the following:

1. They will be responsible for the organization, operation, and government of their respective Age Division. All decisions by the Age Division Commissioners regarding disputes and controversies in their Age Division are final. Procedures to appeal these decisions are listed in Article XI of the Bylaws.
2. They will be responsible for the coordination of the initial registration of the players and the teams in their Age Division, and will coordinate with the Registrar the registration of those teams with the Classic League.
3. They will be responsible for the maintenance of their Age Division and for the establishment, maintenance, and coordination of fields and equipment with the help of the Executive Director and other Directors.
4. They will be responsible for collecting and tabulating Classic League scores and standings.
5. They will take under advisement any amendments to the Classic League Rules proposed by members of such division, and will report these suggested changes to the Chairman. The Board reserves the right to approve or disapprove any such proposed changes.

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The function of each Deputy Age Division Commissioner will be to assist the applicable Age Division Commissioner in any and all of the foregoing. The Deputy Age Division Commissioner will work under the direct supervision of the applicable Age Division Commissioner. While the Deputy Age Division Commissioner may administer, investigate, and make recommendations with regard to the foregoing, the final decision shall be made by the applicable Age Division Commissioner. The position of Deputy Age Division Commissioner will be non-voting, except in the case where the corresponding Age Division Commissioner is not able to attend or is otherwise absent from any meeting where a vote will be taken, in which case the Deputy Age Division Commissioner may vote in the place of the absent Age Division Commissioner.

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REFEREE COORDINATOR

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The Referee Coordinator will also act as the Classic League's liaison between the referees, the Classic League and North Texas State Soccer Association Referees' Committee. The Referee Coordinator is responsible for (a) ensuring progression in referee upgrades; (b) developing a program for assessing and evaluating referees in the Classic League and communicating recommendations to and working closely with the Referee Assigner; (c)

1 assisting in the development of a comprehensive program of continuing education and
2 development of the Classic League referees; and, (d) communicating with the Classic League
3 referees on an as needed basis. If a Referee Committee is appointed, the Referee Coordinator
4 will be a member of that committee. The Referee Coordinator will also work with the A&D
5 Chairman (and the Referee Committee, if applicable) in connection with the coordination of
6 referee reports of various misconduct issues. Any conflicts between the Referee Assignor and
7 the Referee Coordinator will be decided by the Referee Chairman, time permitting. When time
8 does not permit, the Referee Assignor's decision will stand.

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10 **REFEREE ASSIGNOR**

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12 The Referee Assignor is responsible for making all referee assignments and will be paid
13 for their duties. The Referee Assignor will coordinate all assignments with the Executive
14 Director, Referee Coordinator, the Referee Chairman, and the Age Division Commissioners. If a
15 Referee Committee is appointed, the Referee Assignor will serve on such committee. The
16 Referee Assignor is responsible for assisting the Referee Chairman and Referee Coordinator in
17 their implementation of the Classic League referee program. The Referee Assignor will be
18 responsible for regularly reporting to the Classic League Board on an as-needed basis or as
19 requested by the Classic League Board, including the submission of a Classic League Referee
20 contact list at least once a year; this report will include the name, address, phone number and e-
21 mail address, to the extent available, of each individual having been a referee or assistant referee
22 in any Classic League game in the previous twelve months.

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24 **FIELD COORDINATOR**

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26 The Field Coordinator will be responsible for securing all playing fields as necessary and
27 for coordinating (a) field maintenance; and, (b) maintenance of field and League equipment. The
28 Field Coordinator will be responsible for Coordinating field assignments and field usage for
29 games, practice games, practices, and/or tryouts (if such usage is permitted by the Board of
30 Directors). The Field Coordinator will coordinate the scheduling of fields with the Executive
31 Director, the Age Division Commissioners, and the Referee Assignor.

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33 **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

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35 The Volunteer Coordinator will act at the direction of the Chairman, and shall generally
36 be responsible for coordinating the volunteer activities of the Classic League, including (a)
37 coordinating of Board Member responsibilities at the soccer fields; (b) coordinating volunteer
38 Field Marshals at the soccer fields; and, (c) coordinating the use of any other volunteers required
39 for any approved Classic League activity.

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41 **IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN**

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43 The immediate Past Chairman shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the
44 Board for up to two (2) years, once his/her term as Chairman has expired.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board is authorized to employ the services of an Executive Director, upon such terms and conditions as determined appropriate by the Classic League Board (based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee). Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the primary responsibilities of the Executive Director will include: (a) coordinating the day-to-day operations of the Classic League, including the supervision of any Classic League support staff members; (b) day-to-day monitoring of finances (cash balances, accounts payable, accounts receivable, capital expenditures, and budget compliance); (c) coordinating contact with and acting as the Classic League's liaison with NTSSA and other soccer organizations; (d) coordinating all Classic League tournaments; (e) planning and implementing a comprehensive sponsor program and grant program; and, (f) assisting all other Directors of the Board in connection with their assigned responsibilities for the Classic League.

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ARTICLE IV: TEAM SELECTION

Teams admitted to the Classic League will be those which represent the highest level of soccer skills. By the same token, the Classic League demands the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship from its participants, including coaches, players, and all spectators.

It is the desire of the Classic League that teams be selected primarily based upon their soccer competitiveness, as demonstrated on the field of play (provided, however, because the Classic League is an invitational league, qualification, and continued participation in the Classic League is subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Representatives Committee, as provided in the Constitution and below in these Bylaws). All teams and rosters are subject to the approval of the applicable Age Division Commissioner and the Registrar.

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ARTICLE V: REGISTRATION

All teams must be members in good standing of their home associations and must have the permission of their home associations to participate in the Classic League. All teams must follow the proper registration procedures of NTSSA. Teams must register with and pay state fees through their home association. All teams must register on the approved roster form as provided by NTSSA, together with such other forms as are required by NTSSA, CCSAI, or the Classic League. All teams must provide the necessary release forms and disclaimers as required by CCSAI, Classic League, NTSSA, and USYSA. All paperwork, fees, and signatures must be timely and properly submitted as required by the Classic League and/or NTSSA.

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ARTICLE VI: TEAM ROSTERS

The information contained on each team's roster and other registration documentation becomes the property of the Classic League upon registration of the team, and may be subject to

1 publication, distribution, or being seen by any person or entity with the consent of the Board,
2 including materials promoting the Classic League and its tournaments.

3 4 **ROSTER CHANGES**

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6 Roster changes shall be made through the team's home association. All teams shall
7 provide the Registrar with the required number of copies of the team's Add/Transfer/Delete
8 sheet(s) executed by their appropriate home association registrar. Each team must also provide a
9 copy of the player transfer release, if applicable, properly executed by the NTSSA Youth
10 Commissioner.

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12 The appropriate paperwork must be signed and dated by the home association and coach
13 of the team, which must then be properly submitted to the Registrar (or his/her designee) for
14 registration purposes. Delivery of paperwork to Age Division Commissioners does not
15 constitute compliance with this rule. See the Classic League Rules for more information.

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17 For teams registering through CCSAI, the CCSAI Registrar is the home association
18 registrar. All fees and signatures required by CCSAI, the Classic League, and NTSSA must be
19 included.

20 21 22 **ARTICLE VII: A&D COMMITTEE**

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24 **1.** The Classic League A&D Committee will consist of at least two (2) members
25 (usually the Vice Chairman – A&D and one (1) or two (2) additional persons
26 who will be appointed by and directed by the Vice Chairman – A&D). In the
27 event of a conflict of interest, the members of the A&D Committee will be
28 appointed by the Chairman of the Classic League. A&D hearings and appeals
29 thereof are administrative actions, and the rules of law, the rules of evidence,
30 and rules of court, etc. do not apply. Without the approval of the Vice
31 Chairman – A&D, no recordings may be made or taken of any such A&D
32 hearings or appeals thereof. All A&D hearings and appeals must be
33 undertaken in accordance with NTSSA rules and regulations.
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35 **2.** The A&D Committee may (in its discretion) hold hearings on:
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37 **a.** Any coach, other team representative, or spectator officially sent-off,
38 dismissed, or expelled; or, any inappropriate behavior by any of the
39 foregoing; or, any inappropriate behavior of any person.
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41 **b.** Any player send-off or for violation of any card accumulation rules
42 and other matters deemed by the Committee, or required by the Classic
43 League Rules, to require a hearing, including (i) violation of any
44 provision of the Classic League Rules, these Bylaws, the Constitution,
45 or any rules or procedures of NTSSA or USYSA or any rules or
46 requirements with regard to tournaments sponsored or held by the

1 Classic League; (ii) violation of any registration procedures; (iii)
2 violation of any other administrative rules or procedures of NTSSA,
3 USYSA, or the Classic League, including the Richland College
4 Complex Rules and the NTSSA Code of Conduct.

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6 c. Appeals of Age Division Commissioner's decisions.

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8 d. Appeals of any other decisions of any Director or any decision made
9 by the Board (other than appeals of A&D decisions ruled on by the
10 Board).

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12 3. If the A&D Committee or the A&D Chairman feels any matter is not in their
13 jurisdiction, the appeal may be directed by the A&D Chairman to the Board
14 without an A&D hearing.

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16 4. In addition, the A&D Committee may, in its discretion or at the request of the
17 Board or NTSSA, investigate, hold hearings, and render sanctions against any
18 person violating any provision of the Code of Ethics/Conduct contained in the
19 NTSSA Administrative Rule Book.

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21 5. Unless otherwise determined by either the A&D Chairman or the Chairman of
22 the Classic League, no referee will be required to appear in person at any
23 hearing, appeal protest, or in any other similar circumstance; but instead may
24 submit a written statement or report which will stand in his or her place with
25 regard to the matters to be discussed (and no such written statement or report
26 is required to be sworn to, unless otherwise required by the A&D Chairman or
27 the Chairman of the Classic League).

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29 NOTE: If, in the opinion of the A&D Chairman a formal hearing is not necessary, the
30 Committee can rule on the protest or appeal without a hearing (i.e., via telephone calls, and/or
31 telephone conference call, etc.). In addition, it is not necessary to hold any formal hearing for
32 player send-offs, if in the opinion of the A&D Chairman, no additional sanctions will be
33 necessary in excess of the automatic number of game suspensions. These decisions are left
34 totally to the discretion of the A&D Chairman.

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37 **ARTICLE VIII: PROCEDURE FOR PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

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39 1. All Appeals (including Game Protests):

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41 a. Appeal of Decisions: When a sufficiently interested person wishes to file
42 an appeal of (i) a Board decision in accordance with Section 2.c. below;
43 (ii) an Age Division Commissioner's decision regarding any dispute or
44 controversy; or, (iii) any other decision of the Age Division Commissioner
45 or any other Director of the Board or committee, such appeal must be
46 made in writing to the Vice Chairman – A&D, who shall forward a copy

1 to the Chairman. Such appeal must be posted or received within forty-
2 eight (48) hours of receipt by such person of the decision being appealed.
3 The A&D Committee is empowered to decide if the appealing party is
4 sufficiently interested so as to have standing to file and argue such appeal
5 (any direct party to any decision that is being appealed will always be
6 sufficiently interested so as to have standing to make and argue such
7 appeal). All appeals must be accompanied by a check for \$100.00 made
8 payable to "Classic League". The A&D Committee is empowered to
9 determine the facts as necessary in order to decide the protest or appeal. It
10 is the A&D Chairman's responsibility to notify all parties in the appeal of
11 the A&D Committee's decision. The forty-eight (48) hour time limit for
12 appeals begins when such notification is received. If the protest or appeal
13 is upheld by the A&D Committee, the fee will be returned.
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- 15 **b. Protest of a Game:** Game protests are to be filed with the applicable Age
16 Division Commissioner as set forth below. There are only two (2)
17 acceptable causes for the protesting of a game after it has been played.
18 They are:
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- 20 **i.** A team plays an unregistered, ineligible, or suspended player. If a
21 game protest is upheld, the game may be forfeited by the team
22 playing such a player, and the appeal fee will be refunded.
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 - 24 **ii.** There has been an obvious error made in the application of the
25 Laws of the Game that directly affects the outcome of the game,
26 and the referee admits it in writing. If a game protest is upheld, the
27 game will be replayed, and the appeal fee will be refunded.
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- 29 **2. Protest Procedures and Time Limits:** Game protests must (i) be in writing;
30 (ii) be signed by two (2) of (A) rostered coach or coaches, (B) game day
31 coach, (C) Manager, or, (D) Club representative; (iii) be specific as to the
32 basis for the protest; (iv) be forwarded to the proper Age Division
33 Commissioner with a copy to the Classic League Secretary; (v) be
34 postmarked or received by the Commissioner within forty-eight (48) hours
35 of the posted start time of the game being protested; and, (vi) be
36 accompanied by cash or a team or club check for \$100 (no personal
37 checks), made payable to "Classic League". After prompt and due
38 consideration, the applicable Age Division Commissioner shall rule upon
39 the game protest. The Age Division Commissioner must notify all parties
40 of his/her decision in writing. Appeals of the Age Division Commissioner
41 decision may be made in accordance with paragraph 1.a. of this Article
42 VIII.
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1 **3. Further Avenue of Appeals:**

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- 3 **a.** Should any party wish to appeal any A&D Committee decision, they
4 may appeal to the Board in writing (addressed to the Chairman),
5 postmarked or received within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of
6 the A&D Committee’s decision, accompanied with a cashier’s check
7 or money order for \$200.00 made payable to “Classic League”, with a
8 copy to the Classic League Secretary. At any such appeal to the
9 Board, in lieu of such appeal being heard by the full Board, the
10 Chairman may, in his/her discretion, appoint a panel of no fewer than
11 three (3) members of the Board to hear such appeal.
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- 13 **b.** In any appeal of any matter to the Board, a majority of those voting
14 members of the Board present at such appeal may suspend the quorum
15 requirements for purposes of such appeal, provided at least five (5)
16 voting members of the Board are present and intending to vote with
17 regard to such appeal.
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- 19 **c.** Any decision of the A&D Committee which overturns or waives an
20 existing Classic League Rule will be automatically referred (without
21 fee) to the Classic League Board of Directors for confirmation, and the
22 effectiveness of the A&D Committee’s ruling will be contingent on
23 review and confirmation by the Board of Directors. If neither the
24 Classic League Chairman nor any Vice Chairman takes any
25 affirmative action within seventy-two (72) hours of being notified of
26 the A&D decision, the decision of the A&D Committee will be
27 considered to have been confirmed.
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- 29 **d.** Appeal of any Board decision (other than a Board decision with regard
30 to any appeal of an earlier decision made by the A&D Committee)
31 may be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.a. of this
32 Article VIII. Appeal of any Board decision with regard to any appeal
33 of any earlier decision made by the A&D Committee may be made in
34 writing to North Texas State Soccer Association in accordance with
35 the procedures adopted by NTSSA. In no event shall any person or
36 persons or organizations under the jurisdiction of the Classic League
37 resort to the courts until all appeal procedures have been exhausted.
38 For violation of this rule, the offending party shall be immediately
39 prohibited from participating in any capacity in the Classic League,
40 CCSAI, NTSSA, and USYSA, and shall be liable for all expenses
41 incurred by the Classic League and/or the CCSAI and its officers and
42 members in defending each court action, including, but not limited to,
43 court costs, attorney fees, reasonable compensation for time spent by
44 Classic League and/or CCSAI officers and members in responding to
45 and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to
46 discovery and court appearances, travel expense, and expenses for

1 holding special meetings necessitated by the court action. In addition
2 to the above references, the Classic League adopts the policy that it is
3 allowed to take full advantage of rights permitted to it by the laws of
4 the State of Texas for not-for-profit organizations.
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- 6 **4.** Any person who threatens to or files a lawsuit on their own behalf or on
7 behalf of another person against North Dallas Chamber of Commerce,
8 NTSSA, CCSAI, the Classic League, or any of their affiliates or the
9 employees, officers, directors, or representatives of any of the foregoing, shall
10 be prohibited from serving and shall not serve in any official capacity with or
11 for CCSAI, the Classic League, or any of the teams playing in the Classic
12 League or registering with CCSAI, so long as such adverse lawsuit is pending
13 or threatened. As long as the adverse lawsuit is pending or threatened, a team
14 registering with CCSAI or participating in the Classic League shall not permit
15 a person asserting or threatening the adverse lawsuit to hold any official
16 capacity with their team, and such team will not be permitted to continue
17 participating in the Classic League so long as the person threatening or
18 asserting the adverse lawsuit holds any official position with such team.
19 Official capacity includes, but is not limited to, director, officer, coach,
20 assistant coach, manager, assistant manager, referee, linesperson, designated
21 representative, etc., but does not include one who participates as a player.
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23 In accordance with NTSSA rules and regulations, it is the intention of the
24 Classic League to provide equitable and prompt hearing and appeal
25 procedures and to guarantee the rights of individuals to participate and
26 compete and ensure due process to the accused.
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29 **ARTICLE IX: EXPULSIONS AND SUSPENSIONS**

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31 At any meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present, any team, coach, other team
32 representative, player, spectator, or other Member of the Classic League may (a) be expelled; or,
33 (b) have his or her or its membership forfeited; or, (c) be specifically not invited back to
34 participate; or, (d) be prohibited from participating in any League play or other activities, upon a
35 two-thirds (2/3) vote of the attending voting Directors of the Board. In addition, the A&D
36 Committee may take appropriate disciplinary actions (including suspensions) against the same
37 persons as set forth above or as provided in the Classic League Rules, provided any suspension
38 of more than (ten) 10 games will be automatically appealed to the Board at its next regularly
39 scheduled Board meeting or at a specially called Board meeting for such purpose. Any such
40 action to be effective requires ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the attending voting
41 Directors at such meeting (although the suspension or other action will be effective pending such
42 appeal).
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