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CSA Policy  
20140120-01

From: President, Cleburne Soccer Association

To: Members, Cleburne Soccer Association

Ref: (a) North Texas State Soccer Association Bylaws

Subj: TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS POLICY

1. Purpose. This letter provides guidance and policy concerning teams participating in the annual Tournament of Champions (TOC).

2. Policy. Reference (a) establishes the guidance for the Cleburne Soccer Association.

3. Teams participating in the Metroplex Soccer Alliance (MSA) playing league are eligible to participate in the TOC. If there are no teams participating in MSA Playing League in a particular age-group, then CSA teams that participate in other playing leagues will be invited to attend based on the same criteria stated herein for teams playing in the MSA Playing League.

4. Teams that participated in the highest division of their age group will be given an invitation to the TOC if they finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in the highest division.

5. If more than one (1) team participated in the highest division of their age group and those teams have tied each other in the standings, then the aggregate points between the teams are used to determine who advances. Aggregate points are counted as each team will play the other CSA teams in multiple matches. In case of a tie between teams, the winner is the team that scored the most goals over course of the matches. For example, if Team A defeats Team B 3-0 in game 1, but then loses 2-1 in game 2, Team A wins by an aggregate score of 4-2.

6. The last game between the CSA teams competing for a spot in the TOC must not end in aggregate tie. If the aggregate score is tied at the end of the last match, then the following tiebreakers must be used:

- a. Two (2) 15 minutes of extra time
- b. Penalty Kicks from the mark

7. If only one game has been schedule between CSA teams, an additional game must be scheduled by the Age Group Commissioner and the Referee Assignor.



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8. The number of teams entering in the Tournament of Champions is due on the date specified by NTSSA. All games between CSA teams must be played before this date to include special games needed to determine who advances to the TOC. The Age Group Commissioner is responsible for monitoring the standings between CSA teams to determine if extra games will be necessary.

9. Only one boys team and one girls team per age group is allowed.

10. Guest players are not allowed.

11. TOC teams must play in the age group they played in during the regular season.

12. The Head Coach must certify to the Registrar that they are fully committed to participating in the TOC prior to the registration due date by NTSSA. Teams that participate are responsible for paying the entry fee and the performance bond fee charged by NTSSA. Applications will not be submitted until the fees are paid. If a team misses the deadline, they will not be allowed to play.

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