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VOLLEYBALL

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PLEASE READ ALL RULES –THERE ARE IMPORTANT ARTICLES PERTAINING TO AGE DETERMINATION DATES, REGISTRATION DEADLINE DATES AND FEES.

The following rules and regulations apply to all sports and all participants must meet these requirements. Unless a rule specifically names an exception for one of the divisions (member city, independent, affiliate, etc.), the following Sports General Regulations pertain to all teams and participants. See the specific sports sections for any special regulations that may exist.

ARTICLE 1 RETURNING TEAMS

1.1 **All T.A.A.F. team champions (except youth basketball) shall be eligible to return to state tournament as defending champions provided they have not been reclassified and have the following minimum returning players:**

SOFTBALL SLOW PITCH	10 PLAYERS
SOFTBALL FAST PITCH	9 PLAYERS
FLAG FOOTBALL	6 PLAYERS
BASKETBALL	4 PLAYERS
VOLLEYBALL	4 PLAYERS

ARTICLE 26 ADULT VOLLEYBALL

26.1 GENERAL RULES

- .01 U.S.A. Volleyball Official Rules will govern all play.
- .02 There are three (3) divisions of play in volleyball, two (2) State Invitational and one State Championship:
 - MEN'S Invitational WOMEN'S Invitational CO-REC
- .03 A maximum of twelve (12) players, including a playing manager, will be permitted on a team roster in any division.
- .04 Players may play on any team in the state, but are limited to playing on only one (1) team, per division, in Championship play.
- .05 Cities bidding for and awarded T.A.A.F. Men's Invitational, Women's Invitational or Co-Rec state tournaments must be able to provide U.S.V.B.A. certified officials for that tournament. The state commissioner will have the authority to deviate from this stipulation where use of U.S.A. Volleyball officials is impossible or impractical.
- .06 The Men's and Women's Invitational Volleyball Tournament will be held on the same weekend in the same city.
- .07 Each member city will have the right to enter one (1) team per division in the state tournament. The state commissioner has the right to determine the number of additional teams each city is allowed to enter based upon total team registrations.
- .08 Volleyball teams entering a state tournament may include players who have participated with a U.S.A. Volleyball team during the current volleyball season.

26.2 CO-REC VOLLEYBALL RULES

- .01 The serving order and positions on the court at service shall be an alteration of male and female or vice-versa.
- .02 When the ball is played more than once by a team, at least one of the contacts shall be made by a female player. Contact of the ball during blocking shall not constitute playing the ball. There is no requirement for a male player to contact the ball regardless of the number of contacts by the team.

- .03 When only one male player is in the front line at service, one male back line player may be forward of the attack line for the purpose of blocking.
- .04 No female back line player may participate in a block.
- .05 The adult co-rec state volleyball tournament will be held either the last weekend in March or any weekend in April, providing that it is not the same weekend as the Easter holiday. This date restriction will be effective with the 2011 T.A.A.F. Co-Rec State Volleyball Tournament.

ARTICLE 27 YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

27.1 DIVISIONS: The age specification for divisions will be based on a player's age as of September 1st of the current school year. Division classifications for individual teams will be declared by the member city or affiliate member when registering teams with the state office.

- .01 Division I – 12U, 14U
- .02 Division II – 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U

27.2 RULES:

- .01 Division I will follow NFHS Middle School Rules
- .02 Division II will follow NFHS Middle School Rules with the exceptions below.

27.3 A team shall consist of 6-12 players.

27.4 EQUIPMENT

- .01 8U, 10U and 12U will use the Volley Lite (12 & under ball) and the
- .02 14U divisions will use an official size ball.

27.5 THE COURT

- .01 **The net shall be 6'1" (8U division), 7'0" (10U division) and 7'4" (12U & 14U divisions).**
- .02 The court will be regulation size.

27.6 THE GAME

- .01 The ball may be served from anywhere behind the 10' line (8U) the 23' line (10U) and the back court line for 12U & 14U.
- .02 In the 8U and 10U divisions, after 5 consecutive points scored by the offensive team (team serving), the referee will whistle for an automatic change of possession and the opposing team will be awarded the serve. In the 12U and 14U, there will not be a cap of how many serves any one player can have during player rotation as server.
- .03 All serves must be underhand on the first two serves for 8U only. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th serves may be overhand or underhand.
- .04 If the server does a bad toss, the ball must be caught or let it drop to the floor. The server may only let the ball drop once during her time of service. Time of service begins when the player assumes the right back position as the server and ends with their team's loss of the serve, or upon reaching the 5 serve limit for 8U and 10U division.
- .05 Each team may have one (1) minute time out during each of the first two games. Each team may have one 30-second timeout during the third game.
- .06 A coin toss will be conducted between a representative from each team and the official to determine serve/receive for the first game. Winner of the coin toss will serve. Loser of the

coin toss will receive and have choice of court side. The second game is the opposite of the first. For the third game (if needed), another coin toss will be held.

27.7 SCORING GAMES

- .01 All divisions will play the best 2 of 3 games.
- .02 All divisions will play rally point scoring. All divisions will play to 25 points, must win by 2 points, and games will be capped at 30 points.
- .03 The third game (if needed) will be played to 15 points for all divisions, must win by 2 points, and will be capped at 20 points.

27.8 UNIFORMS

- .01 All uniforms must be matching. Similar colors will not be permitted. Uniforms that do not have permanently affixed numbers will not be permitted (this includes numbers written on shirts or numbers taped on shirts, but not limited to).
- .02 Players shall have a 6" number on the back of their uniforms and a 4" number on the front of their uniforms. Legal numbers are 0-99.
- .03 No jewelry may be worn at any time during a game. Officials may ban any equipment that they deem as unsafe or illegal.
- .04 Kneepads are recommended, but are not required for play.

27.9 There will be no use of a libero.

27.10 SUBSTITUTIONS

- .01 Substitutions may only be made when the teams subbing is rotating.
- .02 8U must sub out of the middle back position.
- .03 10U, 12U and 14U divisions must use the one-to-one substitution rule as specified by NFHS.

27.11 Positions are: left front, middle front, right front, right back, middle back, and left back.

27.12 The T.A.A.F. Youth State Volleyball Tournament will be held either the second to last weekend in May or first weekend in June.

ARTICLE 28 SAND VOLLEYBALL

28.1 T.A.A.F. recognizes a Sand Volleyball Division of play under the following guidelines.

- .01 T.A.A.F. authorizes any member to host a T.A.A.F. State Invitational Tournament (S.I.T.) in the fall, spring and/or summer. Any number of S.I.T. may be held each year.
- .02 The S.I.T. rules, including the number of players and tournament dates, will be determined by the host city.
- .03 The host city will pay T.A.A.F. ten dollars (\$10.00) per team entered for all entries in a S.I.T.
- .04 The host is responsible for all awards to be given at the S.I.T.

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ARTICLE 2 GENERAL PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

No player shall be eligible to play in any T.A.A.F. sport unless the player meets all of the following rules:

- 2.1 Must be an amateur in said sport and shall receive no pay to play for any team. An amateur is defined as “one who engages in sport for pleasure and for the physical, mental or social benefits, which he or she derives from that sport and to whom the sport is nothing more than an avocation.”
- 2.2 Any player who has played professional sports shall be ineligible to participate in that sport for one (1) year after his last day as a member of a professional team. This rule shall not conflict with the AABC rules in baseball.

Note: The protesting individual(s) bear the entire burden of proof regarding a player’s participation as a member of a professional team. The T.A.A.F. state commissioner has the final authority to accept or reject the protesting individual(s) proof.

- 2.3 Meets all team qualifications in MOP Article 3.
- 2.4 Does not play under an assumed name.
- 2.5 In order to compete in any T.A.A.F. play, a foreign player must reside in the state of Texas continuously for a minimum period of one (1) year prior to being eligible to play.

Exception: Men’s and women’s fast pitch foreign softball players’ eligibility will be determined by the national governing body of softball. To be eligible to participate in T.A.A.F. softball, a copy of any document required to be on file by the NGB for softball must also be filed with the T.A.A.F. state office. The same filing deadline applies for the NGB and T.A.A.F.

- 2.6 An adult player may play on more than one team within a region, but must choose one team as his/her own prior to T.A.A.F. championship play.
- .01 No player may be on more than one roster, in a T.A.A.F. division, during T.A.A.F. championship play (region and state tournaments).
 - .02 A player must be on the sports roster by the deadline state in the participant guide.
- 2.7 A player forced to transfer from one region to another by his employer may participate in the new region providing the player has been employed by the firm for at least one (1) full year prior to the transfer and the player remains employed by the same firm.
- 2.8 Individual sport participants must reside in the state of Texas.
- 2.9 The team or individual attempting to qualify for state competition must attempt to qualify through the regional qualifier of the region in which they are registered. No participant in an individual sport or a team in team sports may attempt to qualify through more than one city, region or affiliate. Should any team or individual be discovered in violation of this rule, he/she/they shall be disqualified from that sport for that year.
- 2.10 Any region competition must take place within the established boundaries of the assigned region. If it becomes necessary to host a region competition outside of the designated boundary, prior written consent is required by the region in which the event is being held.
- 2.11 Player identification:
- .01 A player must be prepared, at all times, to provide proof of identification. A driver’s license or comparable identification, which includes a current photograph and signature, is acceptable.
 - .02 A player must be prepared, at all times, to provide proof of age when participating in T.A.A.F. sports categorized by age classifications or divisions. A driver’s license or copy of a birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics is acceptable.

- .03 A player failing to provide appropriate proof of age or identifications, when requested by a meet director, tournament director or state commissioner, may be declared ineligible and the team/player subject to disqualification.
- 2.12 All teams must wear like colored, non-duplicated numbered jerseys for regional and state tournaments.
- 2.13 All participants in adult team sports must have attained the age of sixteen (16) prior to the registration date for teams in that sport, unless specific sport regulations provide otherwise.
- 2.14 Age determination for youth sports

Sport	Age Determining Date
Basketball (Boy's & Girl's Winter)	September 1 of current school year
Basketball (Boy's & Girl's Summer)	September 1 of current calendar year
Boxing	Based on age as of the Games of Texas
Cheerleading	September 1 of current year
Flag Football – youth	September 1 of current year
Golf – youth	September 1 of current year
Gymnastics	January 1 of the year of competition
Inline Hockey	September 1 of current year
Kickball – Youth	September 1 of the current school year
Softball – Youth	December 31 of current year
Swimming – Summer	June 1 of current year
Swimming – Winter	Age as of the Winter Games of Texas swim meet
Tennis	Age as of Games of Texas dates
Track and Field	Based on year the athlete was born
Volleyball – Youth	September 1 of current school year

ARTICLE 3 TEAM SPORT REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Team Sports

.01 Deadline for T.A.A.F. Registration:

Sport	Deadline
Basketball - Adult	January 15
Basketball - Winter - Youth/High School	February 1
Flag Football - 8 on 8	October 15
Flag Football - 4 on 4	March 1
Flag Football - Youth	November 1
Hockey - In-line	Register at State Tournament
Kickball	Register at State Tournament
Soccer	Register at State Tournament
Softball - Spring/Summer - Adult/Youth	June 1
Softball - Fall	Register at State Tournament
Volleyball - Adult	Register at State Tournament
Volleyball - Sand	Register at State Tournament
Volleyball - Youth	April 15

3.2 Team Fees:

.01 Member Cities and Affiliate Members will pay the following registration fees to T.A.A.F.:

Adult/Youth Teams (more than 4 teams)	\$10.00 per team
Adult/Youth Teams (less than 4 teams)	\$25.00 per team
Youth Softball Teams only	\$5.00 per team

*Region registration fees may be added to the state team registration fees up to \$2.00 per team

- .02 REGION MEMBERSHIP FEES:
 - a. Regions that charge a fee in excess of the state fee may not exceed that fee by more than \$2.00 / team.
 - b. Regional membership fees may not exceed \$25.00
 - c. Any fee proposal exceeding the above limits must be approved by the executive board.
 - d. Any region charging a regional fee must provide the T.A.A.F. State Office proof that they have a federal tax identification number by January 2nd of the current year.
 - e. Regional fee schedule must be submitted to the T.A.A.F. State Office seven (7) days prior to the January 2005 board meeting and at the annual meeting in 2006 and thereafter.

- .03 Insurance may be purchased for an additional fee. Contact the T.A.A.F. state office for fees and enrollment information.

- 3.3 Unattached Teams (adult sports only):
The fee for an unattached team are fifty (\$50) per year. This fee allows the unattached team to participate in the highest division of adult team sports
 - .01 Teams playing in a T.A.A.F. league cannot register as an unattached team.

- 3.4 Registration Requirements
 - .01 Member Cities/Affiliate Members/Unattached Teams must furnish the following to the T.A.A.F. State Office by the registration deadline date:
 - f. One (1) copy of the league registration form, including division codes
 - g. One (1) copy of the team registration form
 - h. All registration fees
 - .02 Team registrations must be certified by the city where they compete, if a Member City. An Affiliate Member will mail their registrations directly to the T.A.A.F. State Office.

- 3.5 Team Roster Requirements
 - .01 To advance in T.A.A.F. championship play, each team will be required to submit a complete team roster as follows:
 - a. It must be written or typed on an approved T.A.A.F. team roster form. Exception: Softball rosters may be submitted on the official roster from the national organizations whose rules are governing the state tournament (i.e. ASA, USSSA)
 - b. Each individual listed on the roster must sign it in ink.
 - .02 Member Cities and Affiliate Members are required to submit team rosters for those teams advancing to championship play.

.03 It is recommended that all youth teams advancing to a state tournament have a minimum of one (1) T.A.A.F. approved national certified coach, to be listed on the team roster.

3.6 Returning Teams

.01 All T.A.A.F. team champions (except youth basketball) shall be eligible to return to the state tournament as defending champions, provided they have not been reclassified and have the following minimum returning players:

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3.7 Region/State Tournament Participation

.01 In order to be eligible to compete for state honors, each team must have:

- a. Registered with T.A.A.F. by the deadline date.
- b. Fulfilled all roster requirements as specified by the Member City, or, if an Affiliate or Unattached Team, by the Regional Director.

.02 To enter a regional tournament, the local T.A.A.F. Member City representative must certify the roster. The roster must be submitted to the regional tournament director (adult men's basketball and flag football only) prior to the deadline established by the region.

.03 To enter a state tournament, the regional director must certify the roster, including if from another organization (i.e. ASA, USSSA). Note: this is NOT the regional tournament director. The roster must be submitted to the state tournament director prior to the state deadline.

- a. Affiliate and Unattached teams need to check with the T.A.A.F. state office for their requirements.

.04 Each Member City will have the right to advance any team that has registered with T.A.A.F. in all team sports except the following sports/classifications:

- a. Men's 8 on 8 Flag Football
- b. Youth Flag Football
- c. Winter Youth Basketball

.05 The state tournament director may or may not limit the number of teams that are accepted in the state tournament. The state tournament director must accept a minimum of 20 teams in each division of youth and adult basketball and youth or adult volleyball. The state tournament director must accept a minimum of 32 teams in each division of adult or youth flag football and adult or youth softball.

- a. In the Men's and Youth Flag Football State Tournaments and Girls Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments each Member City member will have the right to advance one (1) T.A.A.F. registered team to participate in the T.A.A.F. State Championship Tournament. The state tournament host city will have the authority to accept additional teams, if team registrations for the state tournament from the "automatic berths" do not fill the tournament.
- b. The teams in the Winter Youth State Basketball Tournament must qualify through regional tournament. The Winter Boys and Girls State Basketball Commissioners will set the number of teams that qualify for the Winter Youth State Basketball Tournament. The State Commissioners and State Tournament Directors will

determine the total number of teams accepted in the Boys and Girls Winter State Basketball Tournaments.

- .07 In a regional or state T.A.A.F. tournament, any team that fails to show up may be suspended from T.A.A.F. play for one year unless the team notifies their regional director and the state tournament director of their intent to be a no show. This notification must be made prior to the start of the tournament. This rule applies to every participant; all team members and all coaches, on the official team roster.