

PROCEDURES FOR CHANGING A TEAM NAME

- a. If 100% of a team desires to change clubs/team name during the soccer year, the team may change names only by following the steps below. If any parents express disagreement with changing clubs, the effort to change clubs must stop. Anyone who harasses or intimidates a parent in order to encourage changing clubs or changing the name of a youth team against that parent's will during a soccer year may be charged with illegal recruiting.
- b. In order to change clubs/team name, a parent of every player on the team must sign a "petition" to North Texas requesting that the team name be changed. A sample Petition to Change Team Name is attached. Each player on the roster must be listed on the sheet, with a corresponding space for a parent's signature for each player. No player may be encouraged to leave the team in order to obtain 100% agreement.
- c. Each signing parent must be given a Notice of Right to Reconsider. This Notice must be completed with the name of the Member Association Registrar and phone number and a deadline at least 48 hours from the time the petition to change names is delivered to the Registrar to change their mind. If the 48 hours falls on a weekend/holiday, the period of the days the office would be closed must be added to the 48 hours. A copy of the Right to Reconsider form, complete with the deadline given to the parents must accompany the petition to change names.
- d. When the Member Association Registrar receives the petition, they will notify the Youth Commissioner who will make every effort to immediately reach either the Director of Coaching or another person in authority with the original club to notify them of the intent of the team to leave.
- e. If there is a coach, assistant coach, or manager change, this information must also be listed on this petition, as well as on the add/transfer/delete sheet. This petition must be attached to an add/transfer/delete sheet listing the new team name as follows:

TEAM: New Team Name (formerly Old Team Name).

- f. The coach and manager for the team under the new name must also be listed in the proper places at the top of the add/transfer/delete form. If any of these people is being replaced, list the new person at the top of the form, and list the person being deleted in the "delete" section of the form. The add/transfer/delete sheet (with the signed petition and original roster attached) must be turned in to the Member Association Registrar.
- g. Within the reconsideration period, should a parent change their mind, they should contact the Member Association Registrar directly. It is important that the Member Association Registrar verifies the identity of the parent. Once the identity has been confirmed, the team representatives should be notified that the change will not take place.
- h. Once the reconsideration period has passed, provided no parent has changed their mind, the Member Association Registrar (or other authorized representative of the association, if the Registrar is unavailable) will verify 100% signatures, authorize the name change and submit the paperwork to North Texas.
- i. The signed add/transfer/delete sheet (with attachments) must be received by North Texas State Soccer Association before name change becomes effective.

PETITION TO CHANGE TEAM NAME Date and time submitted to Home Assoc. _____

CURRENT TEAM NAME: _____

(Name listed here must match roster on file with NTSSA EXACTLY)
 Boys Or Girls (circle one) Age Division: Under - _____

REQUESTED NEW TEAM NAME: _____

Fill in as applicable: (If no change, write **No Change** on Name line)

New coach: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: () _____ **Evening Phone:** () _____

Email: _____

New manager: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: () _____ **Evening Phone:** () _____

Email: _____

PLAYER AGREEMENT (100% required to make name change)

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This signed petition must be turned in to Member Association Registrar, along with copy of the team's original roster, the add/transfer/delete sheet and a copy of the Notice of Right to Reconsider that was given to each parent. After the 48 hour waiting period, the Member Association Registrar must send signed add/transfer/delete sheet (with attachments) and the updated roster showing the new team name, to North Texas State Soccer Association before name change becomes effective. Member Association Registrars are instructed to do this immediately upon signing the add/transfer/delete sheet. Falsification of any signatures or information on this sheet is grounds for suspension of coach, assistant coach, team manager, and/or any other person found to be responsible for or connected with the false signature.

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO RECONSIDER
COMPETITIVE CLUB/TEAM NAME CHANGE**

- 100% of rostered player's parents must agree to change.
- No harassment or intimidation may be used to encourage a parent's signature.
- Parents have 48 hours (plus any weekend/holiday time) to change their mind.
- At least one parent from each player on the roster must be given this form upon signing the Petition to Change Team Name and a copy of this form should be submitted with Team Name change paperwork

Player: _____

Current Team/Club Name: _____

New Team/Club Name: _____

New Coach if applicable: _____

Deadline to Reconsider Date: _____ Time: _____

Home Association Registrar or Representative to contact directly if parent reconsiders decision to change club/team name:

Association Name: _____

Registrar Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

POLICY CONCERNING COMPETITIVE TEAM/CLUB NAMES

- a. NTSSA does not determine team/club names. However, each competitive team must have a distinct designation or identifier to differentiate it from all other competitive teams/clubs.
- b. NTSSA will accept registration from the team/club that has used a name for the longest period of time with no modifications required.
- c. A team/club who chooses to adopt a name that is the same as or substantially similar to a team/club name that is already being used must use some type of identifier to show distinction from the existing team/club name.

FOR EXAMPLE:

A team has used the name Purple Pandas for 2 years. Another team is formed who would also like to be named Purple Pandas. The new team is not affiliated by club with the original Purple Pandas. The new team must add a designation to their name to make it substantially different from the original Purple Pandas. They may be the DNSA Purple Pandas (if both teams are from different Member associations or areas); or they may be the Purple Pandas (Smith) to designate their coach's name; or Purple Pandas McKinney; or Texas Purple Pandas, etc. Simply adding a birth year or other generic designation is not sufficient.