



Coaches Cards – REQUIRED at LCSA Fields

In today's playing environment, more than ever player safety first priority with, not only Lake Cities Soccer Association (LCSA), but ALL of US Youth Soccer and mandated by North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA). Therefore, with increasing emphasis on player safety both physically and psychosocially, and in accordance with NTSSA Bylaws and Rules, LCSA will be implementing the following procedure:

At all GAMES played on LCSA fields, persons authorized by Lake Cities Soccer Association have the right to deny access to Any person, parent, coach or other team official, without an official NTSSA ID Card, which has been validated using a government, issued picture ID. The ID Card must be issued for the CURRENT playing year and validated using a government issued picture ID card. This is pursuant to Law 4.12 of the NTSSA.

A team of youth soccer players may NOT take the field without a NTSSA registered COACH or another registered TEAM Official. This is NOT an action of the referee, but of the Lake Cities Soccer Association and or its agent. It is the sole decision of the referee of the game to decide the outcome of the game if a team is unable take the field.

Reference North Texas State Soccer Association, Inc. 2018/2019 Bylaws and Rules, Revised July 2018:

4.12 REGISTRATION OF COACHES (Applies to Recreational, Academy, and Competitive)

NTSSA recommends every coach/assistant coach/manager be issued, on a soccer year basis, an official NTSSA ID Card, which has been validated using a government, issued picture ID.

1. Each coach/assistant coach/manager of a team shall be required to register with NTSSA each soccer year.
2. To register, every coach/assistant coach/manager shall complete 3.6.1 Adult Criminal Background check.
3. Any coach/trainer offering or participating in individual/team practices or training sessions, soccer camps, skills camps, and/or similar activities involving youth players, must be registered with NTSSA.
4. Head coach of record must be at least 18 years of age.

Further reference:

3.6 ADULT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS



3.6.1 Scope

1. Every person over the age of seventeen (17), who at any time could be expected in the performance of their duties to be alone with any registered youth player, must in the manner prescribed by current NTSSA procedures, annually provide the necessary information required by NTSSA so that a Criminal Background Check may be obtained. By their participation, Adult Volunteers agree and consent to having Criminal Background Checks performed as deemed necessary by NTSSA.
2. For purposes of this procedure, at a minimum, all coaches, assistant coaches, managers, trainers, referees, volunteer administrators, board members, and staff/employees are included. Others may be included if they may be alone with registered youth players.

3.6.2 Procedures

1. Member Associations and Affiliates shall direct volunteers identified in 3.6.1.2 to the NTSSA Risk Management portal where volunteers shall annually input or update their Volunteer Online Registration / Risk Management Disclosure Form. Member Associations/Affiliates will appoint/elect a Risk Management Coordinator to ensure that every volunteer apply for clearance from NTSSA prior to the first season/session in which the adult participates.
2. The Risk Management committee will require that a Criminal Background Check be performed annually on each registered adult volunteer.
3. A background check response from the Texas Department of Public Safety or other agency/vendor that is deemed unacceptable by the Risk Management Committee will cause a written notice to be sent to the individual stating that the individual is not eligible to participate and what appeal rights the person has.
4. Should any individual who has received a negative response wish to appeal the finding, an appeal may be filed with the NTSSA Risk Management Committee according to the NTSSA Procedure for Filing Appeals.
5. At such time as the Risk Management Committee has heard an appeal and rules an individual ineligible, or when the appeal time has elapsed, a letter of notification will be sent to all administrative organizations within NTSSA notifying them of the individual's suspension, but not the cause of the suspension. 6. All responses shall be kept in strict confidence.