

ARTICLE 1 TEAMS: MEMBER CITY & AFFILIATE MEMBERS

- 1.1** In order to be eligible to compete for state honors, each team must have:
- .01 Been a registered T.A.A.F. team by the registration deadline date.
 - .02 Fulfilled all roster requirements as specified by the member city representative of T.A.A.F. or by the regional director, if an independent or affiliate team.

1.2 LEAGUE PARTICIPATION:

- .01 Member City Team - Must have been a member of a league composed of at least four (4) teams.
- .02 Independent Team - Be in a town of less than 30,000 population that does not have regular leagues.
- .03 Affiliate Member Team - Must have been a member of a league composed of at least four (4) teams.

- 1.3** Teams playing in a T.A.A.F. league cannot register as an independent team.

NOTE: This does not prevent independent registration; it only prevents teams from playing in T.A.A.F. leagues and registering as an independent.

1.4 MINIMUM GAME REQUIREMENT:

- .01 Played a minimum of eight (8) regular league games or at least eight (8) games, if an independent team.

1.5 QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:

- .01 Each member city will have the right to advance any team that the member city has registered with T.A.A.F. in all team sports except for the following sports and classifications.

Men's 8 on 8 Flag Football
Youth Flag Football
Winter Youth Basketball
Girl's Fast Pitch

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.

- .02 Youth and adult softball teams may advance to the state tournament through T.A.A.F. qualifying tournaments. (This would be in addition to the one team guaranteed per division registered by the city).
- .03 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.

1.6 ROSTER REQUIREMENTS:

- .01 Local level - In order to participate locally, a team must fulfill the various roster requirements of that particular city or affiliate.
- .02 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 typed on an approved T.A.A.F. team roster form.
 - b) Each individual listed on the roster must sign it in ink.
 - c) To enter a regional tournament, the local T.A.A.F. member city representative must certify the roster.
 - d) 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.
 - e) To enter a state tournament, the regional director must certify the roster. **Note: This is not the regional tournament director.**
 - f) The roster must be submitted to the state tournament director prior to the deadline.
 - g) Affiliate teams need to check with the state T.A.A.F. office for their requirements.

1.7 REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS GENERAL REGULATIONS:

Regional tournaments will be conducted according to the guidelines established by the members of that region. This includes, but is not limited to, the following items:

- .01 Regional Tournament Sites
- .02 Dates
- .03 Entry Fees
- .04 Deadlines
- .05 Bracket Size - Number of teams
- .06 Tournament procedures to be followed
- .07 The regional tournament director will have the right to invite additional T.A.A.F. teams to participate in the regional tournament, if needed to fill a bracket. The selection of these teams will be based upon the procedures adopted by the region.

1.8 STATE TOURNAMENTS GENERAL REGULATIONS:

- .01 The state commissioner and state tournament director shall have the right to select additional T.A.A.F. registered teams based on the total number of registered teams from each member city, for each specific sport.
- .02 If a team is needed within two (2) weeks; the commissioner shall have the right to select teams without regard to the number of registered teams.
- .03 All members hosting a state competition in the following sports must register all officials with the T.A.A.F.: Basketball, Softball and Flag Football. Officials must be certified through the procedures of each individual sport.

1.9 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS:

- .01 All awards for T.A.A.F. state tournaments must be purchased from the official trophy dealer who is awarded the trophy bid from the T.A.A.F. organization. All team trophies shall be standardized at the state level and shall consistently be the same each year, signifying the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation and the particular sport represented. The T.A.A.F. State Office will order and ship the awards to each host city.
- .02 All awards will be ordered by T.A.A.F. as a portion of each T.A.A.F. State Tournament package. The economic impact in a community hosting a state tournament, the awards, use of T.A.A.F. logo and the statewide advertising of the tournament are important portions of each T.A.A.F. tournament package available to be bid upon by a member city. These items are included in the minimum bid to T.A.A.F. when a tournament is awarded.
- .03 AWARDS INCLUDE:
 - a) First through fourth place team awards
 - b) Individual T-shirts awards to champion and runner-up team
 - c) Individual awards to each member of the all tournament team. An all-tournament team will not be selected in youth sports.
 - d) The individual sports awards are the awards specified for that sport in the Participant Guide.
 - e) See MOP 15.5.06 for minimum awards that can be awarded for adult team sports.

ARTICLE 2 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Furnish the following by the registration deadline dates:

- .01 TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / T.A.A.F. STATE OFFICE
 - a) ONE (1) COPY OF THE TEAM NAMES AND
 - b) ONE (1) COPY OF THE NUMBER OF TEAMS REGISTERED IN A DIVISION OR CLASS.
 - c) PLUS THE REGISTRATION FEES

2.2 These team registrations must be certified by the city where they compete, if it is a member city. An affiliate organization will mail their registrations directly to the T.A.A.F. state office.

2.3 Cities and affiliates are required to submit team rosters on those teams advancing into championship play.

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

ARTICLE 3 SPORTS REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

3.1 TEAM SPORTS

.01 DEADLINES FOR T.A.A.F. REGISTRATION: All dates are for CURRENT YEAR

Baseball	June 20
Basketball – Adult	January 15
Basketball – Winter -Youth / High School	February 1
Basketball – High School – Summer	June 1
Flag Football– 8 ON 8	October 15
Flag Football - 4 ON 4	March 1
Flag Football – Youth	November 1
Hockey – In-Line	Register @ State Tournament
Kickball	Register @ State Tournament
Soccer	Register @ State Tournament
Softball- Adult/ Youth – Spring /Summer	June 1
Softball – Fall	September 25
Volleyball – Adult	February 15
Volleyball – Sand	Register @ State Tournament
Volleyball – Youth	April 15

.02 T.A.A.F. TEAM REGISTRATION FEES

MEMBER CITY	\$ 10.00 PER TEAM
AFFILIATE MEMBER	\$ 10.00 PER TEAM
YOUTH SOFTBALL	\$ 5.00 PER TEAM
All Sports (Member & Affiliate) If Less than 4 teams per division/classification	\$ 25.00 PER TEAM

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

.03 T.A.A.F. TEAM REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

- a) The registering cities shall send properly certified T.A.A.F. registration forms, showing the team names and the number of teams registered in a division/class and appropriate fees to the executive director / state office.
- b) The registering cities shall include the manager's name and address either on the T.A.A.F. form or on a separate attachment.
- c) The executive director / state office shall then:
 - 1. Forward one copy of the team names and team registration forms to the regional director.
 - 2. Forward one copy of the team names to the appropriate state sports commissioner.

.04 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT TEAM REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

- a) Cities are required to submit to the proper Regional Tournament Director (date to be determined by the Tournament Director) one (1) copy of the T.A.A.F. official entry form per team entering.
- b) The stated registration fee(s) must accompany the entry form(s).

.05 STATE TOURNAMENT TEAM REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

- a) Each Regional Director is required to certify and forward their Regional team's entry form(s) to the appropriate State Commissioner. (Adult Basketball and Flag Football)
- b) Each member city is required to certify their city's entry through the regional director to the appropriate Regional or State Tournament.
- c) Each member city is responsible for providing the State Commissioner and the State Tournament Director with all fees, rosters, information, etc., as requested in the State Tournament information flyer.

3.2 INDIVIDUAL SPORTS REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

.01 DEADLINE FOR INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION: Individual sports registration deadlines are determined by regional and state tournament dates.

BOXING	GAMES OF TEXAS ENTRY DEADLINE
CHEERLEADING	October 1
GOLF	GAMES OF TEXAS ENTRY DEADLINE
GYMNASTICS	January 1
SWIMMING	June 30
TENNIS	June 30
TRACK & FIELD	June 30

.02 Individual sports include participants in Boxing, Cheerleading, Golf, Gymnastics, Swimming, Tennis and Track & Field.

- a) All individual sport registration will be done online at www.taaf.com
- b) Individual athletes must register with T.A.A.F. prior to the athlete's participation in any T.A.A.F. meet/tournament on local or regional level.**

.03 Each local T.A.A.F. representative or affiliate member must submit the individual sports registration form and the participant release and waiver of liability form as follows:

- a) Original of both forms (registration and waiver) and the registration fees to the **executive director / state office**
- b) The **executive director / state office** will then forward one copy to the regional director and one copy to the state commissioner.

.04 **The Individual Sports Registration Fee** is five dollars (\$5.00) PER INDIVIDUAL, PER SPORT for T.A.A.F. sports.

- a) Region registration fees may add a region individual sports registration fee up to \$1.00 per individual.
- b) A late fee of five dollar (\$5.00) per individual may be charged to any registrations after sports deadline.

Note: Insurance may be purchased for an additional fee per person per sport (Contact the T.A.A.F. State Office for fees). The individual sports registration form will serve as the insurance enrollment form.

.05 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION PROCEDURES: Cities are required to comply with all requested information and fees as set forth by the Regional Tournament Director and the Participant Guide.

.06 STATE TOURNAMENT INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION PROCEDURES: Cities should refer to the Participant Guide and are required to comply with all requested entry forms, rosters, information, fees, etc., as set forth by the Tournament Director, the Regional Director and the State Commissioner.

- .07 The determining factor of which City/Organization/Region an individual will represent in their attempt(s) to qualify for State Level Competition is based on the City/Organization/Region that they declare at the time of T.A.A.F. online registration is done.
- a) This rule is to allow INDIVIDUALS to compete outside of their City of residency due to the fact that they are participating with another City or Organization's program on an ongoing basis.
 - b) It is NOT the intent of this rule to allow TEAMS as a whole to compete in or represent other Cities/Regions due to location of Regional meets, changes in individual schedules or other such situations.

3.3 OFFICIALS REGISTRATION FEE:

- .01 Each MEMBER CITY and AFFILIATE has the option to register their local league officials at ten dollars (\$10.00) per official in the sports of basketball and volleyball.
- .02 Flag football officials will pay a \$25.00 registration fee the first year and a \$10.00 subsequent fee each additional year.
- .03 Softball officials only need to pay the T.A.A.F. insurance fee.
- .04 The Officials registration fees shall be collected and remitted as each sport is organized throughout the year. These fees shall be sent to the Executive Director at the T.A.A.F. State Office.

3.4 OFFICIALS CERTIFICATION (Regional and State): All members hosting a regional or state competition in the following sports must register all officials with T.A.A.F.: Basketball, Softball and Flag Football. Officials must be certified through the procedures of each sport.

- .01 Agencies failing to register all officials who officiate a regional or state tournament, in Basketball, Softball or Flag Football, will be suspended from hosting any regional or state tournament for one year.