

San Angelo Soccer Association
AGM Meeting Agenda
01/19/2026
SpringHill Suites Conference Room

Purpose

The purpose of the San Angelo Soccer Association (SASA) shall be to foster and advance the cause of soccer within San Angelo, Texas and surrounding communities. SASA shall teach skills, techniques, and the rules of soccer, while keeping in mind soccer is a game for both ladies and gentlemen and one must have fun and practice good sportsmanship at all times.

Agenda

Call Meeting to Order/ Introductions
Mission and Vision Statement

Alfred Mendoza
Samantha Blackwood

Board Members Present: Alfred Mendoza, Monique Rodriguez, Jessica Behringer, Sarah Montano, Danny Castro, Samantha Blackwood, Jackie Rodriguez, Mayra Sanchez, Dea Vordick, Zack Rodriguez, Arturo Luna, Miriam Trevino

Call Meeting to Order: 6:02pm

Alfred

- U456 Boys Commissioner position and coaches' representative positions are currently vacant. The board asked for interested in open positions but had no volunteers.
- Emphasis was expressed on the importance of reviewing the Code of Ethics with parents, noting that everyone will be held accountable for their actions on the fields. NTX procedures for handling complaints, including referee abuse, were explained, and board members must be notified of issues as soon as possible.
- Office hours given of Monday-Friday 9am-2pm, Closed Wednesdays
- Sponsorship opportunities were reviewed, with local businesses encouraged to participate. Sponsorship signs are placed on the fields to receive recognition.
- *San Angelo Gives was mentioned by a coach as a possible fundraising avenue. SASA has explored this and similar opportunities in the recent past.
- The board reiterates its commitment to making a difference and noted the ongoing need for volunteers.
- *A coach asked about being able to review SASA's finances and here the money goes. It was explained that financial information will be available online once the treasurer completes tax filings within the next few weeks.
- SASA is asking local businesses to provide business promotional items or swag for tournament bags for out-of-town teams as a free promotion.
- The complaint process was outlined, emphasizing that all complaints must be submitted through JotForm and not sent directly to individual board members to remain unbiased. The appeal process was explained, and it was clarified that referee complaints should be directed to Danny and Alfred.
- The Mercy Rule was reviewed for U9 and older divisions. If a game reaches an 8 score difference by halftime, half of the second half must still be played, and it is up to the losing coach whether the game ends at that point.
- *Concerns from last season were raised by a few coaches, and Alfred and Danny explained that the rule had not been properly enforced previously but will be clarified further with referees.

-Standings for U9 and older divisions were explained by Jessica. Standings are capped at eight points, with tie breakers outlined. Goal differential is the final tie breaker and has not been used previously. Standings are live and include tie breakers in the totals. The caps in place for points are in place with the intent of supporting player confidence.

-A skills camp was discussed, handouts presented with dates, noting that volunteer coaches are needed and will be paid, as the camp benefits player development in the long run.

-A Challenger speaker provided additional information about the skills camp and available support for the camp they will be hosting.

-Virtual IDs were reviewed and confirmed as mandatory, with guidance provided on acceptable photo styles.

-The need for additional coaches was discussed, and a list will be posted on Facebook. Anyone who knows potential coaches was encouraged to refer them to the office.

-Field reservations were also clarified, noting that the scrimmage field is not for regular practices and that the office must be contacted to reserve scrimmage field. The office will start taking field reservations for practices starting at the end of the meeting. The JotForm can be found on the SASA Website under coaching resources.

-A field day is scheduled for February 7 for anyone who would like to participate. It was mentioned that the hard work that goes into prepping the fields for the upcoming seasons and was encouraged to see if anyone else would be willing to help.

-The uniform policy was reviewed, including the \$25 cap on minimum costs and the reasoning behind it. Jersey vendors (KB Apparel and Luke's Cage) were introduced.

-The picture fundraiser was discussed as a way to help offset field costs. Scherz was selected as the photography vendor, with SASA receiving a kickback. Natalie explained the scheduling process, which will be handled directly with them, and pictures are to take place at Kirby Park. No payment will be due until the following week, and photo packages will be distributed to all families. Photos will not be archived, and Natalie will handle all logistics independently from SASA.

-The teen league was also introduced, offering players born between 2008 and 2012 another opportunity to play after aging out of other divisions.

Jessica

-Blackout dates were confirmed to remain the same as last year; a formal email will be distributed once all coaches are assigned. The blackout period includes no games scheduled for the weekend before or after Spring Break, with blackout requests due by February 4.

-The rescheduling policy was reviewed, noting that only extenuating circumstances will be considered and that all requests must be directed solely to the Commissioner. Game schedules will be released on February 9; while all teams are guaranteed eight games, SASA retains final scheduling authority. Weather-related concerns were addressed, including that the designated rainout day is May 9, and the Board's process for canceling, rescheduling, or pushing games due to inclement weather was explained. Doubleheaders may be used for rescheduling when appropriate.

*Concern for La Liga Fields being closed during Blackout dates were brought to attention by a coach.

-It was clarified that La Liga is not subject to blackout dates, as blackouts apply only to main field usage.

-Communication procedures were emphasized: all participants must be opted into GotSport, coaches may only contact individuals on their official roster, and any issues should be directed to the Office Manager, as contacting others is against policy.

-Uniform color requirements were reviewed, with roster-designated colors required; the home team is responsible for pinnies or changing colors as needed if they do not abide by assigned uniform color.

-NTX rules regarding recreational and competitive players U11 and up were explained, including consequences, release forms, and that U.S. Soccer is not affiliated with this process.

*Concern about an injured player being replaced with Competitive player during the season.

- Any player movement due to injury or similar circumstances must be requested via email to the office and is handled case by case, and U7–U8 teams may not be assigned additional players due to NTX restrictions.
- Player profile requirements were reviewed, noting that all players and coaches must have passport-style photos on file for random roster checks.

Danny

- Referees are urgently needed, and the sign-up procedure was explained to attendees.
- A zero-tolerance policy for referee abuse, particularly from NTX, was emphasized, along with the consequences of violations. It was stressed that many referees are minors, and coaches must demonstrate patience and professionalism, especially given the statewide referee shortage.
- *Concern about players fighting and the consequences for both the player who initiates and reacts.
- It was clarified that a red card should be issued regardless of who initiated the altercation; if both players engage in fighting, both will be suspended, with age taken into consideration when appropriate.
- “Silent Saturday” will take place on March 28, during which only coaches are permitted to speak and parents must remain silent.

Alfred

- Coaches are reminded to ensure their contact information, including phone numbers, is up to date in their accounts and to respond promptly to calls from the office.
- The Wool Cup 5v5 tournament, which serves as a fundraiser to help offset expenses, will be sanctioned; recreational players who are registered for both recreational and competitive teams must participate with their recreational team.
- Midnight Madness has been moved to the summer and will take place overnight from June 13–15; this event will be unsanctioned. It was emphasized that Midnight Madness will be played through the night and coaches are to be mindful of that when signing up.
- Labor Day tournament is scheduled for September 4–5 and will be sanctioned.
- Handouts are available on the table for review of upcoming dates, information about vendors, camps and coach/player/parent agreements.
- Coaches were permitted to pick up their team rosters at that time with their commissioners.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:01pm

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SASA Secretary

X 3/2/20
Date

