

BYLAW IV. MEMBERSHIP

A. GENERAL

1. Organizations and individuals interested in advancing soccer in the State of Tennessee may apply for affiliation with TS.
2. Affiliation may be granted either as a regular voting membership or as an associate non-voting membership.
3. Affiliation may be granted in one of five membership classes recognized by TS.
4. Tennessee Soccer will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin.

B. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Class A

- a. Shall include organizations made up of teams of youth and/or adult players plus the organizations coaches and referees
- b. Shall be accorded voting strength based on the number of players registered with TS

2. Class B

- a. Shall include organizations made up solely of soccer coaches or referees
- b. Each affiliated member organization shall be accorded one vote.

3. Class C

- a. Shall include organizations involved in soccer and may include organizations made up of coaches, referees, or players but operated under the authority of a state or national group other than USSF
- b. Shall be non-voting associate members of TS

4. Class D

- a. Shall include business or professional organizations interested in soccer
- b. Shall be non-voting associate members of TS

5. Class E

- a. Shall include individuals interested in soccer
- b. Shall be non-voting associate members of TS

C. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

1. Members in good standing are granted various rights and privileges as defined by the Board of Directors in TS policies.
2. Rights of Class A and Class B members shall include the right to vote at TS general membership meetings.
3. Rights of Class C, Class D, and Class E members shall exclude the right to vote at TS general membership meetings.

D. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Term of membership shall be one seasonal year beginning on September 1 and ending on August 31.
2. Membership shall automatically renew each seasonal year, provided the member is in good standing.

E. MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL

1. The TS Board of Directors shall review applications and determine the level of membership to be granted.
2. Provisional membership may be granted by the Board of Directors to any applicant for up to one year from the date the application is received in the State Office.
3. The TS Board of Directors shall determine the policies for membership application and continuing membership, including but not limited to:
 - a. Application procedures
 - c. Amount and due date of affiliation fees
 - d. Requirements for application
 - e. Requirements for maintaining good standing
 - f. Rights and privileges of members