

NTX INTERLOCK

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Adopted by the Member Associations of the NTX Interlock: Little Elm, Lake Cities, The Colony, Aubrey and Denton on January 23, 2026.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of **NTX Interlock** is to unite North Texas recreational softball organizations under one consistent standard for governance, competition, player development, and sportsmanship. NTX Interlock is committed to:

- Providing a positive, safe, and competitive environment for all athletes
- Promoting skill development, teamwork, accountability, and integrity
- Ensuring league operations are fair, transparent, and consistent across all cities
- Encouraging community collaboration between participating associations
- Supporting coaches, officials, and volunteers through clear expectations and unified rules
- Prioritizing the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of all participants

NTX Interlock exists to ensure that every athlete, family, and coach has a quality recreational softball experience built on respect, fairness, and the love of the game.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be **NTX Interlock**, hereinafter referred to as the “Interlock” or “League.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1 – Purpose of the League

The purpose of NTX Interlock is to organize, regulate, and supervise recreational softball competition for youth athletes across participating North Texas cities under unified bylaws, playing rules, and standards of conduct.

Section 2 – Method of Operation

The Interlock may:

1. Establish standardized rules and procedures for all participating leagues.
2. Coordinate scheduling, division structures, and interleague play.
3. Provide governance oversight for participating cities during Interlock activity.
4. Create, amend, and enforce unified bylaws and rules of play.
5. Promote safe, sportsmanlike, and development-focused participation.

Section 3 – Nonprofit Status

NTX Interlock operates exclusively for the benefit of youth athletes. No officer, coach, volunteer, or member may receive financial gain beyond reasonable compensation for services necessary to league operation.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Membership Composition

Membership in the Interlock includes:

- Each city league or softball association participating in NTX Interlock
- The Board Members, Officers, Commissioners, and Committee Chairs of each member league
- Coaches, volunteers, and parents/guardians of registered players for the duration of the playing season

Section 2 – Eligibility Requirements

All member associations must:

1. Operate as nonprofit organizations or municipal youth programs.
2. Require background checks for all coaches and volunteers.
3. Adopt the NTX Interlock Unified Bylaws & Rules as binding during Interlock play.
4. Maintain membership in good standing with no outstanding disputes or sanctions.

Section 3 – Adding Member Associations

A local association may be added to the Interlock by a majority vote during a regular or special meeting where quorum is present.

Section 4 – Voting Membership

Voting membership within NTX Interlock is composed of the official representatives appointed by each participating city league.

Each participating association shall receive:

- **Two (2) votes per city** on all Interlock matters requiring membership approval.

In the event of a tie vote, each member city shall receive one (1) tie-breaker vote, to be cast solely by that city's Highest-Ranking Representative

Section 5 – Removal of Member Associations

A member association may be removed from the Interlock by a majority vote during a regular or special meeting where quorum is present. Grounds for removal may include but are not limited to: repeated non-compliance with Interlock bylaws, failure to enforce league standards, unresolved sanctions, or conduct detrimental to the integrity of the League.

ARTICLE IV – GOVERNANCE

Section 1 – Governing Authority

The Interlock is governed collectively by its member representatives, with no executive board holding superior authority. All members share equal power in decision-making and will be referred to as 'The Board'.

Section 2 – Powers and Duties of the Board

The Board shall have the authority to:

- Enforce and interpret the NTX Interlock Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules
- Adopt amendments to the Interlock Rulebook
- Oversee cross-city competition structures
- Establish and maintain league schedules
- Investigate and take appropriate disciplinary action
- Adopt league-wide policies for coaches, players, umpires, and families
- Create and oversee committees for specialized functions

Section 3 – Executive Authority

There is no executive board with autonomous authority; urgent matters requiring action are addressed collaboratively by members, with outcomes reported to the full membership.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1 – Positions

- Director

- Assistant Director
- Secretary
- Schedule Coordinator

Section 2 – Eligibility Requirements

Candidates for Officer positions must:

1. Be an active member and in good standing with their home association.
2. Have at least one year of Board or Commissioner-level experience within a member city.

Section 3 – Elections & Terms

1. Officers serve **two-year terms**.
2. Elections are held annually, with staggered terms to ensure continuity.
 - i Director and Secretary election- Odd years
 - ii Assistant Director and Schedule Coordinator election- Even years
3. Officers may be re-elected without term limits so long as they remain in good standing.

Section 4 – Vacancies

Vacant positions may be filled by majority vote of the Interlock Board and serve until the next scheduled election.

Purpose: To support the administrative and operational functions of the Interlock.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 – Director

The Director shall:

- Preside over all Interlock meetings
- Appoint committees as necessary

The Director may not override Board votes.

Section 2 – Assistant Director

The Assistant Director shall:

- Preside when the Director is absent
- Coordinate policies across divisions

Section 3 – Secretary

Maintains the bylaws, official records, minutes, and league communications.

Section 4 – Scheduler

Creates and maintains seasonal game schedules.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

The Board may establish committees for:

- Rules & Competition Review and Implementation
- Scheduling
- Umpires
- Tournaments

Committee Chairs must be approved by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1 – Annual Meeting

The Interlock shall hold an annual meeting for:

- Elections
- Reports
- Amendments, including but not limited to:
 - NTX Interlock Bylaws
 - NTX League Policies and Code of Conduct
 - NTX Governing Fastpitch Softball Rules
 - NTX Rule Modifications
- Organizational planning

Section 2 – Regular Meetings

Held monthly or as scheduled by the Executive Board.

Section 3 – Special Meetings

May be called by:

- Director
- Majority of the Interlock Board
- 25% of member associations

Section 4 – Quorum

A majority of voting member city representatives constitutes a quorum.

Section 5 – Voting Procedures

- Each member city receives **two votes**, cast by **two representatives who must both be present** at the meeting.
- Majority vote rules unless otherwise specified
- No proxy voting

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Amendments may be proposed by:

- Any member city
- Any Interlock Board Member

Amendments to these bylaws require:

- Majority vote of member city representatives
- Notice at least 10 days prior to vote

ARTICLE X – ENFORCEMENT & COMPLIANCE

Section 1 – Compliance Requirement

All member cities, teams, and participants must comply with NTX Interlock bylaws, rules, and policies.

Section 2 – City Accountability

Member cities that fail to enforce Interlock standards may face:

- Probation
- Suspension from Interlock play
- Removal from membership

Section 3 – Player Eligibility Verification

Member associations are responsible for verifying the eligibility of all players, including the identification and reporting of select players as defined in the Operating Policies. Associations must maintain accurate records and provide eligibility information to the Interlock Board upon request.

ARTICLE XI – DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS

Disciplinary matters will be handled by the city of registration; however, if the action is deemed insufficient, the Interlock Board reserves the authority to review and adjust discipline to ensure fairness across all cities.

ARTICLE XII – SEVERABILITY

If any provision of these bylaws is held to be invalid or unenforceable, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

ARTICLE XIII – DISSOLUTION

Dissolution Procedure

In the event NTX Interlock is dissolved:

- All remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit youth sports organization
- No assets shall benefit any private individual