Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in the South Texas Football Conference. Our six-man football league is currently comprised of members located in or near the San Antonio, Texas area. Since the league’s inception in 2010, the primary mission of our league is to provide a safe, positive developmental-based environment for our students.

 Our member schools have maintained a high commitment of positive coaching, good sportsmanship and supportive spectators, providing an excellent environment for our players to learn and grow. Although we are willing to grow as more schools find the six-man football game as a great opportunity for their students, we will continue to maintain our commitment for the future.

 In your consideration of our league, please keep in mind these key points:

* Viability – your team needs enough players to be able to field a team for every game
* Integrity – our league relies on the members’ commitment to fully obey the rules and the spirit of the rules, and we take that commitment very seriously
* Leadership – our teams’ coaches and administrators aren’t only coaching their teams, but they are expected to set an outstanding example for all concerned
* Positive Encouragement – we praise good play, hard work and giving the best effort and we avoid negative behavior which does not reflect good character
* Commitment to Each Other – not only do we expect teams to be committed to their school, but our coaches and administrators are committed to each other to provide the best possible experience for all concerned

Included in this packet is an application, plus the latest edition of the league’s rules and regulations. Please read these documents carefully. You will be held fully accountable for their contents if you choose to complete the application and submit it to the league’s Executive Committee. Please understand that a completed application does not indicate acceptance into the league.

The STFC Executive Committee will conduct an application review, and then will present the application and the results of the review to the league membership. If the member schools provide initial approval, the application will be submitted for review and approval at the CTFC Annual Meeting, which is generally held around the end of February in a given year.

Thank you for your interest. Best wishes to you and your school.

-STFC Executive Committee

**Membership Application**

**School:**

**Address:**

**Phone: Website:**

**Contact Person: Position with the School:**

**Phone: E-mail:**

**Principal/Headmaster:**

**Athletic Director: Head Coach:**

**Total Number of Students in School: Grades Offered:**

**First Year of School: Sports Offered:**

**Current Number of: 5th Graders: 6th Graders: 7th Graders:**

**Number of Boys as: 5th Graders: 6th Graders: 7th Graders:**

**Currently Fielding a Tackle Football Team? Yes No Do you have a game field? Yes No**

**Current Membership in Which Sports Leagues?**

**Administrators/Coaches who are not at your school, but are familiar with your school, administration, coaches, teams, etc. and are willing to be offered as a reference:**

**Name: School/Position:**

**Phone: E-Mail:**

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**Additional Comments:**

By submitting this application on behalf of the school listed above, I acknowledge that our school has received and read the current set of rules and regulations of the Central Texas Football Conference (“CTFC”) and agree to fully abide by them. Our school understands that a completed application does not grant immediate membership into the CTFC. If our school is accepted as a member, we understand that we are fully subject to the rules of the CTFC as they are modified accordingly by the league.

**Signature Position Date**

***Note: These are the rules of the 2014 Season. At the annual meeting, these rules are modified accordingly by the league members, especially in the case of deadline dates, etc. Please read them with the understanding that appropriate modifications will be made accordingly.***

**South Texas Football Conference (STFC)
2014 Rules**

**A. Eligibility**

1. In no way are rules of this organization designed to conflict with rules of other organizations, such as the UIL or TAPPS. If a conflict exists, it will be settled in concordance with UIL or TAPPS rules as to protect high school eligibility.
2. Open to 6-7-8th grade students.
	1. Students must have reached their 11th birthday no later than November 1st of the school year and may not have reached their 15th birthday no earlier than November 1st of the school year.
	2. Students may only have three consecutive years of eligibility in this league during the 6th, 7th and 8th grade. No 9th grade students will be allowed to participate.
	3. No student will be allowed to participate in this league if they have played on a high school level team or a team competing against a high school level team (such as freshman, junior varsity, or varsity) in any sport.
3. No transfer students will be permitted to join a team after the first conference game is played by that team.
4. Schools will not be required to submit eligibility or transfer forms (self-policing).
	1. A Microsoft Excel spreadsheet has been prepared as a guide to check eligibility based on eligibility rules in Section A2, above.
5. Individual schools may adopt rules that are more stringent than league rules for eligibility (including academic eligibility).
6. All students must complete physical examination forms and releases as required by the individual school. (Download examples at: <https://tapps.biz/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Physical-Form-2017-1.pdf>; <https://tapps.biz/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Medical-History-Form.pdf>
7. This league is a developmental league. Our goal is to encourage participation for all student-athletes and coaches should plan to play all eligible and uninjured student-athletes in every game.

**B. Practice Dates**

1. Schools may not begin practice until the first day of classes, or Monday, August 11th, 2014, whichever comes earlier. Schools must have 4 days of practice without helmets and 7 days of practice with full contact before their first game.
2. Games or scrimmages may not be scheduled earlier than August 26th, 2014 with the season beginning the week of September 1st, 2014 (first week of schedule).

**C. Game Rules/Filming**

1. Game rules will be based on the NCAA/UIL Texas Six-Man rules comparison (Download: at [*http://www.uil.utexas.edu/athletics/manuals/football/pg59\_63sixman\_compare.pdf*](http://www.uil.utexas.edu/athletics/manuals/football/pg59_63sixman_compare.pdf))
2. 11-man goal posts may be used.
3. The designated home team shall obtain TASO- or AOA-certified officials. However, if officials do not appear, both teams may agree to use volunteers (preferably from each school). It is understood that starting the game with agreement to the officials or volunteers at the game that both teams agree to accept the game results.
4. The home team shall wear colored jerseys and the visiting team wears white jerseys. If a school has only one set of jerseys, they must let their opponents know at least a week in advance.
5. Schools may film their own games, but cannot film a game where they are not playing. Film exchange is not encouraged.

**D. Schedule and Tie-Breakers**

1. The league shall have “Large School” and “Small School” divisions, with East and West Districts in the “Small School” division.
2. Each team shall play five league games against opponents in its division in 2010.
3. The schedule shall be set up by weeks and designated home teams. Teams may mutually agree on the exact date, time and location of games. There shall be at least five days between games. Teams should confirm games no later than a week in advance.
4. Each team shall provide its complete schedule to the league president no later than Friday, August 27th, 2014 (Home/Away, Opponents, Date and Time). A form has been prepared for this report.
5. The home team shall report its score each week to their division commissioner no later than 5 p.m. the day following the game.
6. Teams may play no more than eight games or scrimmages during the 2014 season, plus one post season game (STFC playoffs) for a total of nine games or scrimmages.
7. Tie breakers will be as follows (league games only):
	1. Head-to-head meeting between the teams
	2. Win/Loss Record among common opponents
	3. Point differential among common opponents (maximum 21 points per game)
	4. Least points allowed among common opponents
	5. Most points scored among common opponents
	6. Coin Flip

**E. Playoffs**

1. The Championship Day will be held this year on Saturday, October 25th, 2014. Pairings will be determined following league games during the week of October 13th – 17th, 2014. The first- and second-place teams in the Large School division and the first-place schools in the Small School divisions will play for the League Championship. Trophies will be provided for each team (League Champion, Second Place).
2. The remaining teams in the league will play each other based on the following format: second place vs. second place, third place vs. third place, and so on. Game schedule will be in reverse order (last place to first place).
3. Officials will be obtained by the host school from a TASO- or AOA-approved chapter.

**F. Administration**

1. The league shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and/or league Commissioner and other officers to serve for the season and to organize the league for the following season. Each school shall designate a representative to the league.
	1. Officers for 201 are: Matthew Garza, President; Mike Hernandez, Vice-President; (Vacant), Secretary/Treasurer; (Vacant), Large School Division Commissioner; (Vacant), Small School Division Commissioner
2. All schools must accept the league rules and have them signed off by their school administrator, athletic director, and head coach.
3. Schools must commit by August 1st, 2014 to participate in the league. Canceling prior to August 1 will not result in a penalty. Canceling after August 1, 2014 may make a school liable to cover the cost of officials for any game (maximum $200.00 per game).
4. New schools must be accepted by a two-thirds vote of current member schools.
5. In the case of forfeits, the visiting school must pay the cost of officials to the home school. The home school must pay the cost of transportation to the visiting school if the cancellation or forfeit occurs within 36 hours of the game (maximum $200.00).
6. If a school learns that they have violated any league rule, it is expected that the school will inform the league of the violation. The league president or commissioner shall consult with other league members to determine the penalty. Penalties shall range from a public warning, probation, forfeit, suspension or expulsion from the league. A simple majority of members is required to assess any penalty.
7. We strongly advise against any protests and encourage schools to resolve differences among themselves. However, if a protest is filed for any reason, it must be done in writing by the school administration within 24 hours of the event to the League President. The League President shall contact all league member school representatives to hear the protest. If there are any costs involved with the protest (telephone, fax, mailing), they are to be paid by the party making the protest. The decision of the league member school representatives shall be final.
8. The league has set up a web site ([*www.southtexasfc.com*](http://www.southtexasfc.com)) for schedules, scores, standings, and locations.
9. Each school shall pay $50.00 per year as dues, payable by August 1, for the league to cover the costs of the league and trophies. The league president’s school shall collect all dues and provide an accounting to the league no later than November 15.

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*Address*

***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Texas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

*City Zip Code*

acknowledges receipt and acceptance of the 2010 Rules for the South Texas Football Conference (STFC) and will abide by these rules adopted by the schools in the conference.

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