

**ARTICLE FIVE
MANAGEMENT OF THE REGION**

5. REGIONAL BOARD NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- (a) At least one month prior to the annual meeting, the Regional Commissioner shall appoint a nominating commission of not less than three in number consisting of board members and a reasonable number of persons who are not members of the board.
- (b) The nominating commission shall publicize to the participating members of the Region the Regional Board positions to be voted upon, recruit candidates and accept the names of candidates from other participating members of the Region.
- (c) Regional Board members need not be parents of players in the Region.
- (d) At the annual meeting, the nominating commission shall present to the outgoing board a slate of candidates it deems worthy of consideration. By majority vote of the outgoing board members present and voting, the final list of board nominees shall be presented to the Regional Commissioner for appointment. .
- (e) The Regional Commissioner may choose not to appoint an individual to a board position, even though recommended and approved, if the Regional Commissioner deems there is sufficient reason not to make the appointment. In such case, the Regional Commissioner shall ask the nominating commission to recommend additional candidates for approval and appointment. This inclusive and democratic process should be followed any time there are board positions to be filled, with the only exception being the appointment of the inaugural Regional Board (see paragraph 2 of this Article Five.).
- (f) An emergent or unplanned vacancy on the Regional Board before the expiration of the term, except that of Regional Commissioner, may be filled by an interim candidate nominated by a majority vote of the then remaining board members..
- (g) The person filling such vacancy shall serve until the next annual meeting and until his/her successor has been duly appointed.

6. REGIONAL COMMISSIONER REAPPOINTMENT/ REPLACEMENT

At least three months, and preferably six months, before the expiration of the Regional Commissioner's term, or whenever there is a vacancy in the Regional Commissioner position due to death, resignation or removal, the Regional Board shall constitute a nominating commission.

- (a) Such nominating commission may be the same nominating commission appointed pursuant to the preceding paragraph.
- (b) The nominating commission shall submit its recommendations of one or more candidates for the position of Regional Commissioner to the Regional Board. The Regional Board shall, by a majority vote, nominate a Regional Commissioner and forward such nomination to the Region's Area Director as directed by National Bylaw Section 7.03.
- (c) In the absence of a Regional Board, or in the absence of a nomination by a majority of the Regional Board, the Regional Commissioner will be nominated by the Region's Area Director. A nominee for Regional Commissioner is subject to approval of the Area Director, Section Director and National Board of Directors and is effective only upon approval of the National Board of Directors. The National Board of Directors has full discretion to approve or disapprove a nominee for a term of three years or for a shorter period as it sees fit.
- (d) In the event of a vacancy in the position of Regional Commissioner other than at the expiration of the regular term, the Regional Board, including (if available) the outgoing Regional Commissioner, shall recommend an interim Regional Commissioner and submit such recommendation to the Area Director. The interim successor shall remain in office until the completion of the election procedures described in this paragraph.