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## CLARIFICATION OF U11 TRYOUT DATES

IYSA Rule – Division II – Participant Rules, Rule 2 Registration and Fees for Players, Section 2. Youth Players, 12 Illegal Recruiting, f (Rule 12.f) states:

- f. Holding team tryouts at any of the following times is illegal recruiting:
- On or before June 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous seasonal year (U11 boys & girls excepted).
  - During the fall season of the current seasonal year (U15-U19 boys & girls excepted).
  - Between the fall and spring season of the current seasonal year (U15-U19 boys and girls excepted).
  - During the spring season of the current seasonal year.

### Panel Findings

On April 14, 2008, a panel of three district commissioners was convened to clarify the “spring season” clause described above. The panel made the following findings. The first sentence in Rule 12.f states, “Holding team tryouts at any of the following times is illegal recruiting: “ (emphasis added). The Panel found that each of the 4 bulleted sentences in rule 12.f. therefore stands on its own. Accordingly (bullet 1) only exempts U11 players from the rule “on or before June 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous seasonal year” and does not exempt U11 tryouts that fall within Rule 12.f (bullet 4) which includes tryouts “during the spring season of the current seasonal year.”

The Panel found that the definition of “spring season” is not clearly defined as to the date or events which would establish the end of the spring season. The Panel, in interpreting this rule and hence the date, relied on the history preceding the formation of separate youth leagues by individual clubs. The Panel determined that the intent of the language “spring season” was to define that date upon which the youth or recreational U-10 playing season concluded. The panel relied upon the dates that the various clubs in Idaho with U-10 leagues conclude play, which was determined to be on or near May 18th.

Therefore the Panel found that tryouts held before May 19th would be held in the “spring season of the current seasonal year” and therefore be in violation of Rule 12.f.

Prior to May 19, 2008, U-11 players may not be offered positions on any team or invited to sign rosters.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008

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