



## REGISTRATION RULES & GUIDELINES

### *Rule 1. Player Commitment*

**Member organizations shall provide players, parents, or guardians of players with information regarding the length of commitment and the restrictions on changing clubs during the seasonal year. This information shall be clearly indicated on the registration or commitment form or a separate document.**

A player is considered committed for an entire seasonal year to a member organization when the player's parents/guardians have signed the registration paperwork with the member organization.

**And**

- b) The player information has been received by IYSA after the designated commitment window.

A committed player may not play for another member organization unless

- a) They have permission from their registered member organization
- b) They are granted a release
- d) The member organization does not have a team at the player's true age group and the player does not want to play-up (you cannot force a player to play-up)
- e) Once the initial tryout week is complete, any player that has switched clubs will be free to practice or play with their new club in any event that is before August 1<sup>st</sup> providing the team, they are currently on has no events the player has committed to and have paid their previous club in full.
- f) They are rostered to team that is, or are involved with, any SafeSport investigation in which case the player shall be immediately released if the parent/guardian requests it.



### *Unvoluntary Release of Player*

A member organization shall be permitted to forcibly release a player only under special circumstances. Examples include

Repeated unexcused absences from practice sessions and/or games.  
Repeated and documented disciplinary reasons.  
Non-Payment of fees.

### *The Poaching of Players*

Please refer to the Poaching Policy on the IYSA Website

## ***Rule 2. Fees***

All fees associated with the registration of players, coaches and managers shall be determined by the Executive Director during the annual budget process.

Fees for other IYSA programs and IYSA hosted events will be set by the Executive Director and the program/event Director(s).

### *Non-payment of Fees*

No club / team or player may participate in any IYSA-sanctioned event if such club / team / player fails to pay after 90 days of receipt of invoice. (Or arrange payments to the satisfactory to IYSA).

Where there are specific program or event payment deadlines prior to participation, clubs / teams and players will be required to pay in full before participating in that event / program unless specified at the time of registration.



### ***Rule 3. Member Responsibilities***

Each member shall be responsible for insuring proper registration of the players and coaches, affiliation of the teams and proper accounting of fiscal transactions.

#### ***Member Registrar***

Each member organization must appoint a registrar and notify IYSA. IYSA will provide training for all new registrars. Registrars are responsible for ensuring that all players are registered with IYSA in accordance to the rules and regulations of the association. The member registrar will be responsible for submitting the player or team information to the IYSA annual registration event online.

#### ***Improper Registration***

During the seasonal year, any team using a player who is improperly entered on the team's roster without permission of IYSA shall be subject to investigation by IYSA.

### ***Rule 4. Tryouts***

The initial tryout period for the following seasonal year may begin the first Monday after the conclusion of the State League finals and will last for one week. **Any player commitments obtained prior or during that week will not be considered binding, and players will have the opportunity to look at other available organizations.**

After the initial one-week tryout period any player commitment will be considered binding once the member organization has registered the players with IYSA per this policy, rule 5.

Should member organizations wish to have further tryouts during the seasonal year and after the initial tryout period then they are free to do so but must check that each player attending is not currently with an existing member organization. The member organization doing so shall clearly state that said tryouts are open to non-IYSA organization members only in EACH posting/advertisement/communication.



## ***Rule 5. Submitting Registrations***

### ***Submitting Players & Coaches To IYSA***

Member organizations may submit players and coaches in one of two ways.

- a) Submitted by individual team.
- b) Submit one roster per age group and gender whereby all players and coaches of the same age and gender are on a single roster.

### ***International and Foreign Exchange Players***

Per U.S Soccer regulations, international players / Foreign Exchange Students may require special permission to be registered. Please consult with the IYSA office for the latest procedures.

### ***Coach Registration Requirements***

As part of the Athlete and Participant Safety Policy coaches, managers, referees and volunteers, will need to submit an online background check form to IYSA. This form must be completed and submitted every year. Coaches must also comply with the current concussion education policy.

In order to comply with SafeSport Authorization Act, all coaches, managers, referees, volunteers and board members, as well as anyone who has contact with or power over minor athletes will be required to complete the SafeSport training (Approx. 90 minutes). Every 12 months they will also be required to complete the refresher course (Approx. 30 minutes).

### ***Insurance***

All players registered with IYSA are covered by the association's secondary medical insurance providing that the player has other primary coverage in place. Any player that does not have other primary coverage will not be entitled to the secondary coverage. The cost of insurance (liability and medical) is set by the insurance company each year. Therefore, an increase or decrease in costs may be passed directly on to the IYSA member organizations.

### ***Medical Release Form***

All players are required to submit a properly completed medical release form to their member organization.



### *Proof-of-Age*

Proof-of-Age shall consist of any one of the following: a birth certificate, a uniform services identification and privilege card (DD Form 1173) issued by the uniformed services of the United States or birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency, board of Health Records, passport, alien registration card (green card) issued by the United States government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attested to age or a certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. A birth certificate from a foreign country must be accompanied by a notarized English translation. The translator's qualification must be attached. Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted. Any player may be called upon to prove his/her legal age by the Board of Directors, the Registrar, the District Commissioner or the Member President.

### *Player Age Designation*

A Player's age designation shall be designated per the current registration age chart. A copy of the current chart can be found on the IYSA website.

### *Team Age Designation*

A team shall be designated as being of the age of the oldest player on the roster.

### *Gender Designation of Teams*

IYSA recognizes 2 types of team genders:

1. Teams with females only are girls' teams.
2. All other teams are boys' teams

### *International & Foreign Exchange Student Players*

Per U.S Soccer regulations, international players / Foreign Exchange Students may require special permission to be registered. Please consult with the IYSA office for the latest procedures.



### *Playing Designation*

IYSA recognizes the following designations of teams / players.

#### Competitive

- a) Players must be registered as a competitive player to be on a competitive team roster
- b) Players receive no guaranteed play time.
- c) Teams / Players may compete in any in or out of state US Soccer member sanctioned event

#### Recreational

- a) Players must be registered as a recreational player to be on a recreational team roster
- b) Teams may not compete in a competitive-only designated event.
- c) Teams may not compete out of State without written permission from IYSA
- d) Players should receive approximately equal playing time unless of documented discipline issues.

#### Multiple Rostering

If permitted under club, league or member rules, and subject to state cup rules, a player may be rostered on a maximum of two IYSA teams within the same club if the teams are in different leagues and subject to any overriding tournament or league restrictive rules.

A competitive or recreational player may not be registered with more than one club at any given time during the seasonal year however a player wishing to participate in an internal recreation league for one club and a competitive team with another club may do so with the permission of both clubs.

A player registered with IYSA may also be registered with and/or play with another organized youth soccer association, e.g. AYSO.



## *Rule 6. General Roster Rules for Sanctioned IYSA / USYS Events*

The following contains rules and guidelines for any IYSA or US Youth Soccer sanctioned league or event.

### *Permission to Host a Tournament*

Teams, clubs, leagues or Members wishing to host a tournament must request permission from IYSA by applying to host. This form can be found on the IYSA website.

Tournaments will be required to report to IYSA any red cards and coach ejections as well as any diagnosed concussions. This process will be communicated by IYSA and must be completed within 48 hours of the tournament's completion.

### *Permission to Host Foreign Teams*

Teams wishing to host teams from another country must request permission from US Soccer and IYSA. Contact IYSA for the most updated procedure.

### *Play-Up's*

Any player wishing to play up more than 2 age groups at the U11 – U15 age groups or more than 1 age group at the U9/U10 age group at an IYSA sanctioned event must do the following:

- a) Apply for an exception via form at IYSA website when club commitment has been made, or at least 4 weeks prior to the team's first game.
- b) Meet one of the following exceptions to be considered:
  - Player is currently in the USYNT National team pool/team cycle.
  - Player is a designated prospect in MLS/NWSL academy.
  - Player is grade appropriate for the age group wanting to play in.
  - Player is in High School ages of 16U-19U

### *Play-Downs*

Players may not be play-down on a team lower than their age of designation without the permission of the IYSA Technical Director or as allowed by an event rule of competition.



### *Roster & Field Sizes*

To compete in an IYSA sanctioned event a team may have no more than 22 players on an event roster. Unless otherwise specified by a specific rule of competition, the maximum game day roster cannot exceed 18 players.

The following is a table of **recommended** minimum and maximums roster sizes as well as field sizes:

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Game Format</i>	<i>Field Length</i>	<i>Field Width</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
<i>U7</i>	<i>4 v 4</i>	<i>25-40</i>	<i>20-30</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>U8</i>	<i>4 v 4</i>	<i>25-40</i>	<i>20-30</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>U9</i>	<i>7 v 7</i>	<i>55-70</i>	<i>35-50</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>U10</i>	<i>7 v 7</i>	<i>55-70</i>	<i>35-50</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>U11</i>	<i>9 v 9</i>	<i>70-90</i>	<i>45-55</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>U12</i>	<i>9 v 9</i>	<i>70-80</i>	<i>45-55</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>U13 –U19</i>	<i>11 v 11</i>	<i>110-120</i>	<i>65-80</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>22</i>

### ***Rule 7. Jurisdiction and Resolution of Dispute***

The Executive Director of IYSA shall be responsible for any dispute and resolution arising from issues that may occur that are within the scope of these rules, or registration matters that are not covered by these rules. The Executive Director, and their discretion, may also appoint any designee to handle any such dispute and resolution.