



## Iowa Soccer League Rules and Policies

### PART VI

#### RECRUITING & TRYOUTS

##### 601: ISL Recruiting Policy

Recruitment, or recruiting, is defined as any action initiated by a "Team Official" (coach, assistant coach, team manager/coordinator, trainer, or any person representing a team or club) who seeks to enlist the services of a player.

**Section 1:** Illegal recruitment is defined as the employment of any prohibited practice by a "Team Official". These prohibited practices include:

- a) Offering any inducement of material or monetary value to a player or player's family.
- b) Contact initiated by a club or club member to any player registered with another ISL club at any time throughout the seasonal year. (August 1- July 31)
- c) Interference with a competitive player once the player has signed a registration forms and paid the fee to register with a team/club for the next seasonal year.

**Section 2:** Illegal recruitment does not include the following permitted practices:

- a) Club Scholarship for families meeting requirements for such a scholarship.
- b) Contact with a player for limited purpose of participating as a guest player with prior approval by the player's coach.

##### 602: Club Promotion

**Section 1:** Clubs may generally promote their selective/competitive programs and try-out procedures/events, in their respective ISL age divisions, publicly in the following places:

- a) Club Websites, ISA, Public Media, Schools, and libraries, Sports Stores, Public Bulletin Boards and Club Newsletters which are mailed to a Clubs Membership. Prior to distributing any promotional material at another clubs event, you must have written permission from that club.

**Section 2:** When an ISL player initiates contact, the club is at liberty to provide generic promotional material pertaining to program and tryout information.

##### 603: Tryouts

ISL Clubs must choose unrestricted tryouts for team formation. Restricted tryouts are reserved for released or non ISL member club players who may tryout at any time.

##### Section 1: Unrestricted

- Open tryouts may take place beginning the first Tuesday after Memorial Weekend. **Unrestricted tryouts can begin Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.**
- Player's currently registered or unregistered to ISL clubs may participate in unrestricted tryouts.
- Any currently registered player who is selected for a new team that will play in the next seasonal year may not train or participate with their new team until all activities of their current team have come to an end for the seasonal year or the player receives a written release by the currently registered club's Coaching Director or designated club official.

## **Section 2: Restricted**

- Restricted tryouts are only for a clubs membership.
- Restricted tryouts are permitted any time during the seasonal year.
- Any tryout solicitation, advertisement or invitation must clearly state that only club members may participate.

### **604: Invites to Join your Club**

**Section 1:** Invites from Unrestricted tryouts for U11 through U13 age divisions may be issued on or after 8:00 AM of **June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Section 2:** Invites from Unrestricted tryouts for U14 and above age divisions may be issued on or after 8:00 AM of **June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

**Section 3:** Invites may be one phone call, official letter, web publication, and/or email.

**Section 4:** A player has 24 hours to respond.

**Section 5:** A player is considered registered to an Affiliate Member Club the moment the player, parent or guardian personally or electronically signs the affiliate member's registration form and submits a portion of, or the full amount of the fees required by the affiliate member club.

### **605: Guest Players**

**Section 1:** Before approaching a player(s) who is not in your club and/or the player's parents regarding an opportunity to guest play or dual participate, the Director of Coaching or designated Club Director must be contacted first and informed of the intent to contact the player and/or parents. The Club Director has the right to grant or refuse the player request to guest play.

### **606: Recruiting Violations**

**Section 1:** Allegations of illegal recruiting are very serious and must be based on fact. A written report detailing the alleged violation, including the rules or policies violated and all documents and witnesses supporting the allegation must be submitted to the League Director.

a) First Violation – automatic \$500 fine plus any further action by the League Committee

b) Second Violation – automatic \$1000 fine plus any further action by the League Committee

c) Third Violation – The club will be suspended from the league for a minimum of one year plus any further action by the League Committee.