

## **AFFILIATE REQUIREMENTS**

The following requirements are structured to bring all member organizations up-to-date and assist in keeping their governing documents current and in compliance with US Youth Soccer and United States Soccer Federation bylaws and policies.

### **BYLAWS SHOULD STATE:**

1. That membership shall be open to any soccer players, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials not subject to suspension under section 4 of USSF Bylaw 241, and to any amateur soccer organization in its territory.
2. Will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin.
3. ISA articles of incorporation, bylaws, policies, and requirements take precedence over and supercede the governing documents of the affiliated member to the extent applicable under state law, and it will abide by those articles, bylaws, policies, and requirements.
4. Will not join any organization that has requirements that conflict with the ISA's articles, bylaws, policies and requirements.
5. Will register all of its players and coaches with the ISA at least once each year and timely pay all dues and fees of the ISA.
6. Will have a board of directors (or similar body) selected through an open and democratic election process.
7. Actions and policies adopted by the Board of Directors (or similar body), Executive Committee, or officers of the affiliate shall be reported to its membership, or their authorized representatives, at least once each year at a meeting of the affiliate's membership, with notice and agenda of the meeting at least 15 days in advance of the meeting.
8. Will provide equitable and prompt hearing and appeal procedures to guarantee the rights of individuals to participate and compete. Those procedures shall include that all grievances/com-plaints involving the right to participate and compete in activities sponsored by the affiliate may be appealed to the affiliate and the State Association.
9. Shall be incorporated and be determined to be a 501c3 tax-exempt organization.
10. Shall adopt policies prohibiting sexual and physical abuse.