



Becoming a Member of Colorado Soccer Association

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Colorado Soccer Association, affiliated with FIFA, US Soccer, US Youth Soccer, USASA and USSF, is a charitable and educational organization formed to organize, advance and foster the sport of soccer for players in the State of Colorado.

Founded in 1978, CSA has grown over the years to a membership of over 65,000 registered youth players and services over 65 clubs statewide.

CSA is a non-profit 501c(3) organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors elected by the membership.

CSA has an office staffed by referees, coaches, and administrators to handle all facets of governing youth and adult soccer in Colorado.

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Benefits of Membership

As a member of Colorado Soccer Association, a club shall have the right to participate in all sponsored or sanctioned activities of the Association. These benefits include:

- ❖ Online Registration
 - CSA has rights to one of the best membership database management software companies in the country.
 - This means easy online registration for all member clubs and easy maintenance of teams from your home or club office.
- ❖ Insurance Coverage
 - All players, coaches and referees who register with CSA will have comprehensive insurance coverage.
 - General liability coverage, as well as supplemental accident coverage, is included for all sanctioned activities.
- ❖ Coaching Education
 - CSA has access to some of the nation's finest coaches to help each member club develop players and coaches.
 - All levels of coaches can be educated through the CSA coaching programs: from the first time soccer novice, to the former player who desires a career in soccer coaching.
- ❖ Programs – Each member club has access to CSA programs that can enhance all aspects of a club:
 - TOPSoccer program for children with disabilities of all ages.
 - Risk Management programs for the safety of our children. CSA provides background check for all individuals who assist with soccer development in Colorado.

- Colorado Select (Formerly Olympic Development – ODP) Program for athletes who desire to play at the Regional, National and Olympic levels.
- Each year CSA hosts State Tournaments that include:
 - State Cup – A competitive tournament for 11U and older that selects a champion team from each age group to travel to US Youth Soccer National Championships.
 - Presidents Cup – a competitive tournament for 13U through 19U players that provides a competitive experience to be State (all age groups), Region and US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup National Champions.
 - Centennial Cup –
 - Target United Cup – A fun, small-sided tournament for children ages 7U – 14U.
 - CSA Cup Grand Junction – A recreational tournament for kids 9U – 19U.

Types of Membership

There are three classifications of membership: voting member, nonvoting member, and associate member.

1. Voting Members:

Voting members of the Association shall consist of properly constituted and affiliated non-profit soccer clubs in good standing with the Association.

2. Nonvoting Members:

Individual players, coaches, referees, parents and administrators are nonvoting members of the Association through their affiliation with a properly constituted soccer club or as officers, directors, or committee chairmen of the Association.

3. Associate Members:

Other organizations having an interest in soccer. Associate Members may be able to partake in the services offered by the Association under conditions determined by the Board of Directors.

How to Become a Member

All applications will need to be received by the November 1st deadline for each subsequent fall year. New applications presented for inclusion for the spring season will only be considered when extenuating circumstances occur.

Each soccer club applying for voting membership in the Association must complete the CSA member application form in its entirety to include:

- a. Copy of rules, procedures, constitution and bylaws
- b. Proof of 501c3 non-profit status or copy of application
- c. Board of Director list
- d. player base list of at least one hundred (100) currently unregistered players.

Any false, missing or inaccurate information may disqualify an application from review by the Membership Committee and potential approval by the CSA Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may waive one or more membership requirements for a new soccer club, which it determines, has applied in good faith, and demonstrates compelling cause for the creation of a new CSA member soccer club within the club's declared community.

All new member clubs approved by the CSA Board of Directors shall serve a two-year probationary period with annual reviews by the Membership Committee.

Pending approval, new member club must adopt CSA's Risk Management program to include SafeSport, concussion training and background checks for all board, executives, part-time/full-time staff and contracted employees, within 1st month of probationary period.

***Upon their discretion, the Colorado Soccer Association Board of Directors reserves the right to withhold approval of any club applications they believe are not in the best interest of CSA's players or existing members.**

Other CSA Member Responsibilities

1. Each voting member soccer club shall retain its own autonomy but shall adhere to the bylaws, rules and procedures of the Association in all matter pertaining to activities sponsored or sanctioned by CSA, US Youth Soccer, USASA and USSF.
2. All member organizations, their teams and players, shall abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Colorado Soccer Association, the United States Youth Soccer and the United States Soccer Federation, and the rules and procedures as set forth by the Board of Directors and all-applicable rules and regulations of the USYS and USSF. The Federation articles of incorporation, bylaws, policies, and requirements take precedence over and supersede the governing documents and decisions of CSA and its members to the extent applicable under state law, and CSA and its members will abide by those articles, bylaws, policies and requirements.
3. CSA and its member organizations will not join any organization that has requirements that conflict with the Federation's articles, bylaws, policies and requirements.
4. Member organizations shall register all of its directors, players, coaches, teams, referees and administrators as specified by and at the intervals established by CSA. CSA shall register all of its directors, players, coaches, teams, referees and administrators annually and timely pay all dues and fees to USYS, USASA and USSF.
5. Actions and policies adopted by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee of CSA shall be reported to its member organizations, or their authorized representatives, at least once each year at a meeting of the member organizations

6. All member organizations shall be non-profit organizations and are urged to pursue and maintain tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code. CSA shall maintain its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.
7. CSA and its member organizations shall adopt policies prohibiting sexual and physical abuse that meet certain minimum criteria established by Federation. (subject to any contrary requirements contained in state or local law applicable to CSA)
8. The member organizations will allow CSA to review the documents and procedures of the member organizations, on request of CSA, not less than once every 4 years, to determine compliance with these bylaws. CSA will allow the Federation to review the documents and procedures of CSA, on request of the Federation not less than once every 4 years, to determine compliance with the Federation's bylaws.