

**IDAHO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
RULES & REGULATIONS**

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DIVISION II - PARTICIPANT RULES

RULE 1. DEFINITIONS

ADD means the addition of a player to a team's roster.

ASSOCIATION means Idaho Youth Soccer Association.

COMMITTED means

- 1.a. Not being previously rostered to another organization; and
- 1.b. Payment of any funds to an organization for team registration; or
- 1.c. Signing a club roster or team / club commitment form;

ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY means registered, not under suspension.

FIFA means the Federation Internationale de Football Association for which the United States Soccer Federation is the United States affiliate.

DISTRICT LEAGUE means a league formed through the state association for the purpose of encouraging league play in one of the four districts in Idaho.

GAME ROSTER means the list of players who will participate in a particular competition.

INVOLUNTARY RELEASE means the removal of a player from a team's roster at the request of team authorities.

IYSA means the Idaho Youth Soccer Association.

MEMBER means an Organizational Member of IYSA as defined in the IYSA Bylaws.

REGISTRATION means the signing of an intent to play the sport of soccer and the paying of fees to become a member of this Association

ROSTERING means assignment of a registered player to a team.

SANCTIONED EVENT means the authority extended by USSF or one of its affiliates, i.e. IYSA, to conduct an official competition and/or travel out of the state or country.

SUSPENSION means the temporary withdrawal of rights and privileges such as, but not limited to: the right to play, coach or otherwise administer or participate (directly or indirectly) in the

game of affiliated soccer. Any person or group (team, club, league, Member, Board, etc.) that has been suspended shall be in less than good standing for the entire term of the suspension with all rights and privileges withdrawn unless specifically stated otherwise by the suspending authority.

TEAM means a group of seven or more, not to exceed 22 for U17 and older teams or 18 soccer players for U16 and younger teams of a specified USYS age group, properly registered with a Member and under the guidance of one or more coaches

TEAM ROSTER means a list of registered players eligible to play for a team.

TRANSFER means the movement of a rostered player from one team to another team.

USSF means the United States Soccer Federation.

USYS means the United States Youth Soccer.

VOLUNTARY RELEASE means the removal of a player from a team's roster at the request of the player.

YOUTH PLAYER means an individual who turns 5 years of age during the calendar year or one who has not reached 19 years of age prior to August 1 immediately before the start of any seasonal year.

RULE 2. REGISTRATION AND FEES FOR PLAYERS

Section 1. General

All coaches, players and managers associated with an Organizational Member (Member) must be registered.

Section 2. Youth Players

A youth player is one who has not reached the age of nineteen years of age prior to August 1st immediately preceding the start of any seasonal year. A player who reaches his nineteenth birthday on or after August 1st of the current seasonal year shall be allowed to complete the seasonal year.

Section 3. Local Registration

1. **Residency** - A player must register in the Member's area in which he or she resides with his or her parent(s) or guardian(s), or in the case of a student in residence at a boarding school, college or university, the player may register in the Member's area in which the boarding school, college, or division of the college or university is located. Any other questions of residency may be determined by IYSA.

2. ***Interstate Play*** - All players or teams wishing to compete in a league operating in a state other than the state in which they are registered, must receive written permission by submitting the appropriate form and dues to IYSA. Permission must be obtained from a) the State Association where they are registered, and b) the State Association where they wish to play. Approvals, if granted, are applicable for only one seasonal year and a new approval must be obtained each year.
3. ***Date of Registration*** - the player is registered from the moment the player signs the Registration form and pays the appropriate fees.
4. ***Registration Fee*** - The player registration fees for the seasonal year shall be determined by the IYSA Board of Directors.
5. ***Insurance*** - All players registered with IYSA are required to have in effect the medical insurance program approved and/or provided by the Association. The cost of insurance (liability and medical) is set by the insurance company each year. Therefore, an increase or decrease in costs shall be passed directly on to the IYSA Member.
6. ***Medical Release Form*** - All players are required to submit a properly completed registration form to their Member Registrar as well as a Medical Release Form.
7. ***Member Registrar*** - Each Member shall have its own Registrar, who shall submit the appropriate fees and forms to IYSA after verifying the player's proof-of-age document.
8. ***Deadlines*** - All registration fees, forms and team rosters must be submitted by the deadlines to avoid late charges:
 - August 1st - Fall - All competitive rosters and any recreational rosters for those teams involved in district leagues
 - September 15th - Fall - Recreational rosters for teams not involved in a district league
 - February 1st – Any new competitive rosters and any new recreational rosters involved in district leagues
 - March 15th – Any new recreational rosters for teams not involved in district league
9. ***Member Responsibilities*** - Each Member shall be responsible for insuring proper registration of the players and coaches, affiliation of the teams, proper accounting of fiscal transactions and accurate reporting to the Board of Directors of this Association.
10. ***Non-payment of Fees*** - No player may participate in any IYSA-sanctioned event, including State Cup Tournament, if such player fails to pay (or make arrangements for payments satisfactory to IYSA), any fees, dues, travel expenses or other amounts payable by such players to IYSA or any of its sanctioned programs.

11. ***Freedom of Choice*** - A player must be allowed the freedom of choice to participate in any aspect of the soccer program that is offered by his/her Member, i.e. if a player has both recreational and competitive programs available, the player may make a choice in which program he/she wishes to participate.

Section 4. Competitive Registration

1. ***Registration*** - Each competitive team shall be required to submit to the Member registrar the following forms: coach registration form, competitive roster, proof-of-age document, play-up form (if needed), and medical release form.
2. ***Member Registrar*** - The Member registrar will make sure that the players are properly rostered in the appropriate age group and submit the competitive roster, along with the coach registration form, and any necessary play-up forms to IYSA.
3. ***Player Passes and Coach Passes*** - Player passes and coach passes will be issued by IYSA and are required for all IYSA-sanctioned events. Clubs have the option of using their player passes to allow players to participate with other club teams as long as they abide by the play-up rule of no more than two years (refer to Rule 4, Section 2, item #2, for additional clarification).
4. ***Names*** - Competitive players must use their first and last name as it appears on their proof-of-age document on all registration materials.
5. ***Adding a Player*** - A team may add an unlimited number of currently unregistered players to its rosters in a given age division throughout the seasonal year subject to the maximum roster limitation of 18 players for U15 and younger teams and 22 for U16 and older teams.
6. ***Transfers***—Any player committing to an organization is considered registered with that organization for the entire seasonal year unless granted a transfer. Any player that is granted a transfer to another organization is ineligible to play for their new organization in the National Championship Series, i.e. State Cup, for that playing year.

Exception 1. This rule will not apply if a player signs with a team after tryouts and the team subsequently folds before the start of the next season. For "Fall Teams" this means prior to the first scheduled game in the fall for that team or for "Spring Only Teams" this means prior to the first game for that team after the team is registered with the State. In these cases the player will be considered as an add/drop rather than a transfer.

Exception 2. A player moving into the District during the playing year will be considered a new player rather than a transfer.

Exception 3. A player moving beyond 50 miles of their current area of residence, may be granted a transfer with permission to play at State Cup, but must apply to IYSA for a ruling.

Exception 4. A player being dropped from one organization via the add/drop form then added to another organization will be eligible for State Cup however it is still considered a transfer against the receiving team.

All other requests for exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis, and must be submitted in writing to IYSA for consideration.

1. Any player transferring within their organization for the year is also considered a transfer but may play at State Cup.
2. A player transferring from one organization to another must wait a period of seven (7) days from the time of State Registrar approval before being eligible to play. A player transferring from within their own organization for that year is eligible to play immediately following the approval of the State Registrar.
3. Teams that wish to participate in the National Championship Series i.e. State Cup, are limited to five (5) total transfers per USYSA National Championship Series Team Eligibility Rule, Section 221.
4. All requests for transfers shall be submitted on the appropriate form to the IYSA Registrar, and shall contain the following information:
 - 4.1 Signature of the player, if player is 18 years of age or older; or
 - 4.2 Signature of the parent/guardian of the player if the player is under 18 years of age;
 - 4.3 Signature of the releasing coach;
 - 4.4 Signature of releasing registrar;
 - 4.5 Signature of the releasing Technical Director;
 - 4.6 Signature of the receiving coach;
 - 4.7 Signature of the receiving Technical Director; and
 - 4.8 Signature of receiving registrar.
- 7.
8. ***Release of Player*** - A coach shall be permitted to release a player from his/her own team roster only under special circumstances, e.g. moving from the area, repeated unexcused absences from practice sessions and/or games, or repeated ungentlemanly or unladylike conduct at practice sessions and/or games by submitting the appropriate Add/Drop/Transfer form. Dropping a player against his/her will from a team is prohibited unless the coaches show cause.

8. ***State Cup Competition*** - Additional rules governing rosters and players for competitions leading to the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships (commonly called "State Cup" in Idaho) are referenced in Rule 8.

Section 5. Recreational/Developmental Registration

In addition to the general registration rules, the following rules apply to recreational and developmental players and teams not involved in district leagues.

1. ***Registration*** - Players shall be registered on a recreational roster.
2. ***Play-Ups*** – Please refer to the play-up policy document.
3. ***League Play*** - for recreational and developmental teams involved in district league play, all of the district rules must be followed in addition to these rules. All district league recreational and developmental teams will be issued player passes.
4. ***Roster*** - A district league recreational team must keep their roster from the fall into the spring and submit any changes to it on the Recreational Roster Change Form.
5. ***Transfers*** - Transfers must be submitted on the Recreational Transfer Form. (However, if the team is not participating in the spring league and is being dissolved, a letter must be sent stating that the team has been dissolved.)

Section 6. Types of Teams

IYSA recognizes three types of teams:

1. *Girls' Teams* are teams with females only.
2. *Boys' Teams* are teams with males only.
3. *Coed Teams* are teams with both males and females and shall be considered a Boys' team for any sanctioned league or competition.

RULE 3. REGISTRATION AND FEES FOR COACHES, MANAGERS, REFEREES & VOLUNTEERS

Section 1. General

As part of the USYS and IYSA Risk Management/KidSafe Program, all coaches, managers, referees and volunteers must be registered with their local Member and IYSA.

Section 2. Fees

Fees will be determined by the IYSA Board of Directors.

Section 3. Registration

1. Coaches will submit an Application to Coach to their local Member along with their Coach's Code of Conduct with the appropriate fees to their Member Registrar who will then submit the required paperwork and fees to IYSA. These forms must be completed and submitted every seasonal year.
2. As part of the Risk Management/KidSafe Program, coaches, managers, referees and volunteers, will also need to submit a Volunteer Registration Disclosure Form (VRD) to IYSA. This form must be completed and submitted every year. Although a background check will be done every two years, there will be random checks done every year.

RULE 4. AGE LIMIT DEFINITIONS AND ROSTER LIMITATIONS

Section 1. 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.

Section 2. Age Division

1. The age group that a player is assigned to depends upon the player's age on August 1st of the seasonal year. The only exception is a U6 player who turns at least five years old during the current calendar year.

U-19 player has not reached 19th birthday before August 1st
U-18 player has not reached 18th birthday before August 1st
U-17 player has not reached 17th birthday before August 1st
U-16 player has not reached 16th birthday before August 1st
U-15 player has not reached 15th birthday before August 1st
U-14 player has not reached 14th birthday before August 1st
U-13 player has not reached 13th birthday before August 1st
U-12 player has not reached 12th birthday before August 1st
U-11 player has not reached 11th birthday before August 1st
U-10 player has not reached 10th birthday before August 1st
U-9 player has not reached 9th birthday before August 1st
U-8 player has not reached 8th birthday before August 1st
U-7 player has not reached 7th birthday before August 1st
U-6 player has not reached 6th birthday before August 1st or
who turns 5 years old during the current calendar year

2. ***Play-Up Consents*** - Please refer to the play-up policy document.

Section 3. Maximum & Minimum Roster Sizes

1. No competitive team participating in the National Championships (i.e. State Cup) shall be allowed to roster more than eighteen (18) players or less than seven players for U15 and younger teams and no more than twenty-two (22) or less than seven (7) players for U16 and older teams at any given time during the seasonal year.
2. **Suggested** minimum and maximum roster sizes as indicated:

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Game Format</i>	<i>Roster Size</i>	
		<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
<i>U6</i>	<i>3v3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>U7-U8</i>	<i>4v4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>U9</i>	<i>6v6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>U10</i>	<i>7v7</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>U11-U12</i>	<i>9v9</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>U13-U19</i>	<i>11v11</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>18-22*</i>
<i>*see #1 above regarding State Cup Teams</i>			

3. Unless the event rules specify differently, the maximum **game day** roster shall not exceed 18

Section 4. Improper Registration

Any team playing a player who is over-age or who is improperly entered on the team's roster shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player took part and may face further disciplinary action by the Member and/or Board of Directors of this Association.

RULE 5. MULTIPLE ROSTERING

If permitted under club, league and Member rules, and subject to State Cup Rules, a player may be rostered on a maximum of two IYSA teams within the same club provided that the teams are in different leagues and subject to any overriding tournament or league restrictive rules. A 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. AMATEUR GAMES

A youth player will be permitted to play an unlimited number of amateur games without losing his/her youth eligibility. The youth player must obtain permission from his/her youth coach or other authorized team official. The youth coach or other authorized team official shall, in writing, or by form, request eligibility clearance from the State Youth Association. The youth coach or other authorized team official shall, in writing, or by form, request permission from the

State Amateur Association. When the above clearance and permission have been granted, the

State Amateur Association has sole discretion in permitting a youth player to play senior games and will be responsible for establishing the procedure under which this will be implemented. In the event of a conflict between an amateur trial game and a youth game, the youth game shall take precedence. A youth player who is required to sign an amateur form shall retain youth eligibility.

RULE 7. RULES OF PLAY

Section 1. The FIFA "Laws of the Game" and rules of the USYS with the exceptions noted and allowed by USYS and IYSA and as adopted by the local Members shall apply to any and all competition sponsored by this Association. Player under 10 years of age may play soccer in accordance with the USYS Modified Playing Rules for their specific age group.

Section 2. IYSA will not sanction games involving teams under 10 or younger, unless such games are conducted per Rule 4, Section 3, Number 2 regarding small-sided games.

Section 3. Continuity of Rosters

The team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the league and National Championships competitions by maintaining a minimum of nine (9) players for U15 and below teams, and a minimum of eleven for U16 and above teams that are common to the rosters of both competitions

RULE 8. STATE CUP COMPETITION

Section 1. General

In addition to Rule 2, the following requirements must also be met to compete at the State Cup level.

Section 2. League Play

Each competitive team must be registered and compete in a four-team approved league during the current seasonal year to be eligible to compete in the State Cup Tournament.

Section 3. Continuity of Rosters

The team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the league and National Championships competitions by maintaining a minimum of nine (9) players for U15 and below teams, and a minimum of eleven for U16 and above teams that are common to the rosters of both competitions

Section 4. Transfers

Once a competitive player is placed on a State Cup team, the submittal of the roster binds that player to that team for the Seasonal Year, unless he/she is granted a transfer. A player is bound to the first team they are rostered to for State Cup play. Under no circumstances can a State Cup qualifying team have more than five transfers per seasonal year.

Section 5. U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships

Rules governing rosters and players for competitions leading to the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships (commonly called "State Cup" in Idaho) supersede IYSA rules.

RULE 9. PERMISSION TO TRAVEL

Section 1. Domestic Travel

Any team wishing to travel out-of-state (within the U.S.) for either a tournament or exchange play must request permission from IYSA by submitting an Application to Travel Form with the appropriate paperwork and fees as outlined in the IYSA Travel Guidelines. Recreational teams will not be allowed to travel outside their geographical boundaries of their district unless special permission is obtained from the IYSA Board of Directors.

Section 2. International Travel

Any team wishing to travel outside of the U.S. (including Mexico and Canada) must submit the appropriate fees and paperwork to obtain IYSA's permission to travel and also submit the

appropriate fees and paperwork to USSF for permission to travel as outlined in the IYSA and USSF Travel Guidelines.

RULE 10. PERMISSION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT OR GAMES

Teams, clubs, leagues or Members wishing to host a tournament or games must request permission from IYSA by submitting an Application to Host a Tournament and Hosting Agreement along with their tournament rules, medical procedures and fee.

RULE 11. PERMISSION TO HOST TEAMS - FOREIGN AND INTERSTATE

Teams wishing to host teams from another state or another country must request permission from IYSA. If the team is from another country, they must also request permission from USSF.

RULE 12. RISK MANAGEMENT

Pursuant to the USYS Risk Management/KidSafe Program, all coaches, volunteers, employees and program administrators who are involved with any sanctioned or sponsored program of any Member of IYSA are required to be registered with the Association.

RULE 13. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE

A dispute between or within any Members shall be handled as outlined in the IYSA Hearings & Appeals Manual.