



**Recommended Definitions of Teams and Tournaments:**  
(Place corresponding letter in appropriate space on application.)

**Types of Tournaments:**

- **UT - Unrestricted Tournament:** - A tournament that is open to all Federation affiliated participants. Any tournament that allows international participants must be an Unrestricted Tournament.
- **RT - Restricted Tournament:** - A tournament that is open only to members of US Youth Soccer and its State Associations.

**League Select Teams:**

- **S1** - Generally a team which competes at the highest level of play in a state or region.
- **S2** - Generally a team which competes at less than the highest level of play in a state or region.
- **S3** - Generally a team which competes in a local area or state.

**Tournament Select Teams:**

- **S4** - A team which is put together for the sole purpose of playing in a tournament or other sanctioned non-league competition, whose roster includes select players who are members of one club.

**Recreational Teams:**

- **RT** - A team which was formed in a random nature without regard to players' abilities.

**US Youth Soccer Olympic Development:**

- **ODP Team** - The official US Youth Soccer Olympic Development team of US Youth Soccer, any of its regions, a State Association, an Affiliate, other Organization Member, or any district or geographical subdivisions thereof, or any league.
- **National Team** - The official national team of US Soccer or any other member of FIFA.

**Other:** - If it does not fit any of the above definitions, a hosting organization may provide additional definitions and descriptions.

**Hosting only US Youth Soccer Teams (Restricted Tournaments)**

1. These procedures apply when hosting **only** US Youth Soccer State Association or Affiliate teams for tournaments or games.
2. Applications, agreements to host and other required information may be submitted by written or electronic means as provided by designated approving association or affiliate.
3. Not later than the date established by the State Association or Affiliate for submitting an *Application to Host a Tournament or Games*, the hosting organization must submit to its State Association or Affiliate and, if any game is to be played in another State Association or Affiliate, to that other State Association or Affiliate, for approval:
  - a. A completed *Application to Host a Tournament or Games* signed by the designated official of the hosting organization.
  - b. A completed *Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement*, with appropriate supporting documents and information, signed by the president or chief officer of the hosting organization and by the tournament or games director.
  - c. A copy of the Rules for the Tournament or Games.
  - d. Any fees required by the State Association or Affiliate for processing the application. **Incomplete applications will be returned and considered as not having ever been submitted.**
4. The State Association or Affiliate is not required to approve any application not timely submitted. If an application is not timely submitted, the State Association or Affiliate may accept the late filing of the application and charge a late fee. Consult the appropriate State Association or Affiliate for its specific policies and fees.
5. If the documents referred to in paragraph 3 are in order and in compliance with State Association or Affiliate requirements, appropriate fees paid, and the hosting organization is in good standing the State Association or Affiliate shall approve the application. On approval, the State Association or Affiliate shall return a copy of the approved application to that hosting organization and a copy to US Youth Soccer.

**Hosting Foreign Teams (Teams from Outside the United States - Unrestricted)**

1. These procedures apply when hosting one or more foreign teams for a tournament or games, whether that tournament or games include United States teams and foreign teams or foreign teams only. **A foreign team is any team from outside the 50 States of the United States and the District of Columbia.**
2. The provisions are **in addition** to those required as stated above for hosting a restricted tournament. All provisions stated above must also be complied with.
3. Rules for the Tournament or Games:
  - a. **Must provide a point system of 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and no points for a loss.**
  - b. **In any Under 17 or older age group, the rules must specify FIFA limited substitution rules.**
4. A copy of the completed US Soccer forms *Application to Host a Tournament or Games Involving Foreign Teams* and *Certification Regarding Compliance with the Ted Stevens and Olympic Amateur Sports Act*, **submitted directly to US Soccer.**
5. Any additional fees required by the State Association or Affiliate and/or the United State Soccer Federation for processing the application.

**NOTE:** When traveling outside the United States, a team must file **2 sets** of applications and have **both** approved:

1. A US Youth Soccer *Application to Travel*, including attachments, must be filed with its State Association or Affiliate and approved by the State Association or Affiliate.
2. A US Soccer *Application for Foreign Travel and Certification* must be filed with US Soccer and approved by US Soccer.

**Both applications must be approved before a team may travel outside the United States.**

In granting this permission to host a tournament or games, neither US Youth Soccer nor its State Associations or Affiliates shall be liable for transportation, lodging, or injury to persons or property sustained in the course of the approved event.