

# **INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER**

## **REGISTRATION RULES**

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## CHAPTER ONE GENERAL

### **RULE 1.1 PURPOSE**

- A} The rules contained herein shall govern Member Organizations and all members of the Indiana Youth Soccer Association (hereinafter "Indiana Youth Soccer") in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the association's constitution and bylaws. All competitions shall be governed by the rules stated herein, unless the rules of a specific competition state otherwise.
- B} These state rules are intended to provide a uniform set of guidelines governing: player eligibility, registration, team formation, player assignments, playing rules, and standards of sportsmanship and conduct for all Member Organizations.
- C} Any issues not addressed by these rules shall be governed by the rules, policies and procedures of the United States Youth Soccer Association ("USYSA") and the United States Soccer Federation ("USSF").

### **RULE 1.2 LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP (Indiana Youth Soccer BYLAWS ARTICLE 6)**

#### SECTION 1.2-1 AFFILIATED MEMBER ORGANIZATION

An Affiliated Member Organization (Club) is an organization of four (4) or more teams (unless the State Board approves a lesser number of team) which is a youth soccer organization with its headquarters in Indiana, registered with Indiana Youth Soccer, which supports and actively promotes the purpose and activities of Indiana Youth Soccer by having soccer playing and/or educational opportunities for its members. This status was repealed by the AGM vote of 2-8-04.

#### SECTION 1.2-3 ALLIED MEMBER ORGANIZATION

Allied Member Organizations are those sports organizations which govern programs in, or allied to, soccer as a sport, do not field teams and are not qualified as Affiliated Member Organizations. Recognition of an organization by Indiana Youth Soccer as an Allied Member Organization shall be extended to the governing body of said organization, and not to the general membership or programs of the said organization.

### **RULE 1.3 MEMBER ORGANIZATION RULES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### SECTION 1.3-1 AFFILIATED MEMBER ORGANIZATION RULES

- A} An Affiliated Member Organization (Club) may elect to adopt additional rules or to modify these State Rules to govern play within its own organization. These rules should not conflict with Indiana Youth Soccer rules, the Bylaws of Indiana Youth Soccer, the rules of USYSA or USSF.
- B} Organizations seeking to be an Indiana Youth Soccer Affiliated Member must provide a copy of their current rules, constitution and bylaws for review by Indiana Youth Soccer prior to State Board voting on the application. If said organization doesn't have its own constitution, bylaws and rules of play, then they must adopt same before Indiana Youth Soccer will act on the application. The organization shall also provide a brief description of its purpose, the board of directors with directory information, proof of the 501 (C)(3) status, the number of teams. If the organization has less than four (4) teams then it must also submit a petition for a temporary waiver of the requirement. The application shall also

identify the Risk Management Coordinator for the organization as well as provide a copy of the Risk Management Plan.

- C) Written notification of subsequent changes to the organization's bylaws must be made to the Indiana Youth Soccer forty-five (45) days before suggested changes Go into effect.
- D) The Registration Committee will notify in writing both the Affiliated Member Organization and the Indiana Youth Soccer State Board of Directors in the event and organization rule or rules appear to be in conflict with the Indiana Youth Soccer Constitution, Bylaws or State Rules to the extent such changes may: "Preclude teams of the Affiliated Member Organization from participating in competitions sponsored by the Indiana Youth Soccer and/or USYSA; or " Jeopardize continued membership in the Indiana Youth Soccer. If the Registration Committee does not notify the Affiliated Member Organization that a rule is in conflict within thirty (30) days of submission by the Affiliated Member Organization to Indiana Youth Soccer then the rule shall be effective. A recommendation or finding by the Registration Committee is not binding on any Affiliated Member Organization unless and until acted on and approved by the Indiana Youth Soccer State Board of Directors in accordance with the Indiana Youth Soccer Constitution. The review process is intended to provide early identification, discussion and resolution of potential rule conflicts, to the mutual benefit of the Indiana Youth Soccer and its Affiliated Member Organizations.

#### SECTION 1.3-2 AFFILIATED MEMBER ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- A) Each Affiliated Member Organization shall be responsible for insuring proper registration of its players and teams, proper accounting for fiscal transactions and accurate and timely reporting as required to the Indiana Youth Soccer State Office or the appropriate designee.
- B) Each Affiliated Member Organization will plan and conduct player registration prior to each playing seasonal year and will establish the dates for closing of registration and initiation of the team formation process for its own organization.
- C) Each Affiliated Member Organization will annually on August 1, provide Indiana Youth Soccer with a listing of the officers of their Board of Directors in a format set by Indiana Youth Soccer. In the event there is a change in such information, the organization shall provide an update to Indiana Youth Soccer within two (2) weeks of aid change.
- D) No Affiliated Member Organization may conduct or sponsor any competitive league competition for teams which are Under 8 or younger.

#### SECTION 1.3-3 ALLIED MEMBER ORGANIZATION RULES FOR LEAGUES

- A) Any League (an organizing body scheduling games between clubs) must affiliate with Indiana Youth Soccer as an Allied Member Organization by payment of an affiliation fee of \$100. The affiliation fee shall be due and payable on or before August 1<sup>st</sup> of each seasonal year.
- B) With the payment of the affiliation fee each League will submit to Indiana Youth Soccer a copy of league rules, regulations, bylaws, articles and/or constitution.
- C) Each League will annually provide Indiana Youth Soccer with a listing of the officers of their Board of Directors in a format set by Indiana Youth Soccer. In the event there is a change in such information, the organization shall provide an update to Indiana Youth Soccer within two (2) weeks of said change.

- D) All rule changes must be submitted to Indiana Youth Soccer following the same procedure set out in Section 1.3-1.
- E) Each League will submit on the second and fourth Friday of each month reports of red cards and ejections occurring during scheduled league games. The report shall be submitted to the IYSA office by mail, e-mail or fax.
- F) No League may require a team or club to apply for the fall season prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

An Allied Member Organization (League) may elect to adopt additional rules or to modify these State Rules to govern play within its own organization which are not in conflict the Indiana Youth Soccer rules, the bylaws of Indiana Youth Soccer, the rules of USYSA or USSF.

Written notification of subsequent changes to the league's rules must be made to the Indiana Youth Soccer forty-five (45) days before suggested changes go into effect.

The Committee will notify both the League and the Indiana Youth Soccer State Board of Directors in writing in the event a league's rule or rules appear to be in conflict with the Indiana Youth Soccer Constitution, Bylaws or State Rules. If the Committee does not notify the League that a rule is in conflict within thirty (30) days of submission by the League to Indiana Youth Soccer then the rule shall be effective.

The review process is intended to provide early identification, discussion and resolution of potential rule conflicts, to the mutual benefit of the Indiana Youth Soccer and its Allied Member Organizations (Leagues).

#### SECTION 1.3-4 ALLIED MEMBER ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LEAGUES

Each League shall be responsible for ensuring that all registered teams are properly rostered with Indiana Youth Soccer.

#### **RULE 1.4 LEVELS OF COMPETITION**

The Indiana Youth Soccer Association sanctions play among teams at four (4) distinct levels:

- A} Recreational
- B} Recreational-plus
- C} Travel
- D} Olympic Development

Unless otherwise stated, these rules apply to all players and teams in all levels.

#### **RULE 1.5 LEGAL MATTERS – SUSPENSION**

Any person who becomes a defendant in a legal matter which is contrary to the good of soccer may be suspended during the pendency of that proceeding. Upon completion of the proceeding, the person may petition the Indiana Youth Soccer Executive Committee for reinstatement. Any person who has been convicted of a crime that is of the type that must be reported under the Sex Crimes Registry is ineligible from being a coach, player, administrator, referee, officer of a club or league of Indiana Youth Soccer or any organization under the control of Indiana Youth Soccer.

## **CHAPTER TWO REGISTRATION OVERVIEW**

### **RULE 2.1 SEASONAL PLAYING YEAR (Indiana Youth Soccer BYLAWS - ARTICLE 5)**

The seasonal playing year of Indiana Youth Soccer shall begin on the first day of September in each year and end on the last day of August in the following year.

### **RULE 2.2 REGISTRATION**

All Affiliated Member Organizations must register every soccer player, coach, team manager or any other team assistant or administrator, and every soccer team that is sponsored, financed, coached or administered by the club, league, association or organization whether they be male or female, members of traveling teams, competitive teams, intramural programs, recreation programs, or house programs.

### **RULE 2.3 REGISTRATION FEE**

The annual player registration fees for Affiliated member Organizations of Indiana Youth Soccer shall be established by vote of the membership. As players are added, fees shall be due and payable on a monthly basis as players register for participation in their programs. No Affiliated Member Organization shall vote if its membership dues and player registration fees are not paid.

### **RULE 2.4 CLUB CONTACT**

All Indiana Youth Soccer Affiliated Member Organizations (Clubs) will appoint or elect a Club Contact. The Club Contact will serve as a liaison between Indiana Youth Soccer and the Club. Responsibilities of the Club Contact are as follows:

- A) Serve as the only contact for registration purposes.
- B) Notification to their administrators of all pertinent Indiana Youth Soccer registration deadlines, fees and procedures.
- C) Collect registrations from all Club members and submit to Indiana Youth Soccer with payment per Rule 2.3
- D) Process additional registration changes throughout the seasonal year.

### **RULE 2.5 RESIDENCY**

A player must register in the state 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 or college or university, the player may register in the state in which the boarding school, college, or division of the college or university is located. Any other questions of residence may be determined by the state in which the player is registered to vote or holds a current driver's license.

### **RULE 2.6 OUT-OF-STATE PLAY**

A resident of Indiana must register with Indiana Youth Soccer in order to be eligible to play in another U.S. Youth Soccer state association. Players are also insured through the state of residence. Failure to register in Indiana will place the player in bad standing with the USYSA and invalidate the player's

insurance coverage. A player wishing to play in a non-resident state for a USYS sanctioned team must complete and return an Indiana Youth Soccer Resident Player Registration Request form and appropriate fee to the Indiana Youth Soccer office for approval. All players or teams wishing to compete in a USYS sanctioned league operating in a state other than the state in which they are registered, must receive written permission from:

- A} The State Association where they are registered.
- B} The State Association where they wish to play.

Permission to play out of state must be obtained each seasonal year - (September 1<sup>st</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>). The player is registered from the moment the player or the player's agent signs the registration form and pays the appropriate fee(s).

### **RULE 2.7 PLAYERS NOT RESIDING IN INDIANA**

Players not residing in Indiana are allowed to register on an Indiana Youth Soccer team with permission from their National State Association following the procedures outlined in Rule 2.6 (above).

### **RULE 2.8 FOREIGN PLAYERS REGISTERING IN INDIANA**

Any player that is 14 or older that is or has been registered in a foreign country (including Canada and Mexico) must have clearance papers or a release signed by the official registration chairman or secretary of the foreign association before they are eligible to register for another team in this Federation, except as to players in the armed forces. However, temporary permission to register and play, pending proper release, may be granted by the Federation Secretary General to U.S. Soccer. The administrative fee for U.S. Soccer to handle international transfers is \$30. An international clearance is normally received within 7 days for youth players. A temporary clearance certificate can be granted after 60 days if no response is received from a foreign country.

### **RULE 2.9 CHANGES**

These rules may be changed at any regular meeting of the Indiana Youth Soccer Board of Directors or Annual General Meeting providing membership has received written notice of the meeting twenty-one (21) days in advance.

### **RULE 2.10 FAILURE TO COMPLY**

Failure to comply with the "Rules for Registration of Youth Players" may result in the offending coach, assistant coach, manager/trainer and/or team representative, and players being suspended from soccer activities for a period of up to one (1) year.

**RULE 2.12 IHSAA RULE 15-3.2 TEAM SPORTS (after high school season)**

- A} Students may participate in team sports contests as members of a non-school team provided no more than the following number of students who have participated in the previous year as a member of one of their school teams in that sport are members of the same non-school team at the same time. Soccer - 6.
- B} Students may not receive instruction from individuals who are member of their high school coaching staff.
- C} Coaches, from a member school coaching staff, may not instruct students who have participated in a contest as a member of their school's team.
- D} Member schools may not organize, supervise or operate athletic practices or interschool athletic contests.

**RULE 2.13 INCORPORATION OF USSF REQUIREMENTS**

To the extent these rules or the Bylaws of Indiana Youth Soccer do not include all those provisions that are required by the USSF to be included, said USSF requirements are hereby incorporated by reference as those requirements may be amended from time to time.

**CHAPTER THREE RECREATIONAL SOCCER**

Recreational soccer programs are intended to provide the opportunity for all interested children within the area served by the Member Organization (Club) to participate in and enjoy the game of soccer without regard for athletic ability or soccer skills, up to the limit of the Member Organization's ability to accommodate them.

*Specific guidelines are contained herein for recreational team formation and player assignment.*

- A) The team formation process shall be random in nature. Special requests by players, coaches, or parents for specific team assignments are strongly discouraged.
- B) Criteria for player assignment shall include no consideration for the ability of the player except to aid in balancing the strength of teams.
- C) All forms of recruiting, invitations, and tryouts for a specific team are prohibited.
- D) Minimum one-half game playing time is mandatory in recreational play.

**RULE 3.1 TYPES OF TEAMS (USYSA RULE 4032, SECTION 4)**

The USYSA recognizes two types of teams. Teams with females only are Girls Teams. All other teams are Boys Teams.

Recreational programs may register with Indiana Youth Soccer as Coed teams (both girls and boys). Coed teams are allowed to play in Coed divisions or boys' divisions only.

**RULE 3.2 AGE LIMIT DEFINITIONS AND ROSTER LIMITATIONS**

**SECTION 3.2-1 PROOF OF AGE**

Affiliated Member Organizations will require all recreational players to present proof of age when they register to play in Indiana Youth Soccer. Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, a Uniformed 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 issued by the United States government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, driver's license or a certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted.

**SECTION 3.2-2 AGE DIVISIONS**

Suggested age divisions for recreational teams shall be comprised of players who are, before the first day of August immediately preceding the seasonal year:

- |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Under 19 | Under 18 | Under 17 | Under 16 | Under 15 |
| Under 14 | Under 13 | Under 12 | Under 11 | Under 10 |
| Under 9  | Under 8  | Under 7  | Under 6  | Under 5  |

\*age 4 is the minimum age

\* Exception: If allowed by the Affiliated Member Organization's playing rules, recreation players who are four years of age before January 1<sup>st</sup> may play in the Spring season in the Under 6 age division.

At the discretion of the Affiliated Member Organization (Club), additional exceptions in the age divisions, maximum number of rostered players and maximum number of field players may be necessary to balance teams. These changes shall be made in the best interest of the development of the sport of soccer.

### SECTION 3.2-3 ROSTER SIZE AND NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON THE FIELD

The recommended maximum roster size for:

- Under 5/6: Roster not to exceed six (6)  
Number on field at any one time not to exceed four (4) however three (3) is recommended.  
No goalkeeper will be used.
- Under 8: Roster not to exceed six (6).  
Number on field at any one time not to exceed four (4).  
Goalkeeper is optional. If a goalkeeper is used the goalkeeper shall be changed each quarter.
- Under 10: Roster not to exceed eight (8).  
Number on field at any one time not to exceed six (6), one of which shall be a goalkeeper.
- Under 11/12 shall be played 8 v8 which is 7 field players and a goalkeeper.
- All older ages: it is recommended that the maximum roster be 14 and that the game be played with eight (8) a side including a goalkeeper. The field size should be between that of a small-sided field and a full-sided field.

Exceptions to the roster size and number of field players may be made at the discretion of the Affiliated Member Organization (Club) providing such exceptions are in the best interest of the development of the sport of soccer. However, rules regarding roster size, field size, ball size and number of players on the field for the various age groups may not be exceeded. See the chart below entitled Indiana Youth Soccer Small Sided Games Recreation Format for further rules.

**Indiana Youth Soccer Recreation Small-Sided Games Format**

| <b>Age Group<br/>Format</b>        | <b>U- 5/6</b><br>4v4 or less  | <b>U-7/8</b><br>4v4 or less   | <b>U9/10</b><br>6v6 (Five plus a<br>goalkeeper)           | <b>11/12</b><br>8v8 (Seven plus a<br>goalkeeper)              |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Goalkeeper</b>                  | No  | Optional but if used<br>changed each quarter                                | Yes   | Yes   |
| <b>Goalkeeper<br/>Distribution</b> | <b>Not applicable.</b>  | Throwing, Rolling,<br>and Punting.  | Throwing, Rolling,<br>and Punting                         | Throwing, Rolling,<br>and Punting                             |
| <b>Roster Size</b>                 | 5 if 3v3 6 if 4 v4  | 5 if 3v3 6 if 4v4   | 12 Maximum<br>6 Minimum                                   | 14 Maximum<br>8 Minimum                                       |
| <b>Game Duration</b>               | 4 x 8 minutes   | 4x10 minutes  | 4 x 12 minutes  | 2 x 30 minutes  |
| <b>Substitutions</b>               | Unlimited   | Unlimited   | Unlimited   | Unlimited   |
| <b>Ball Size</b>                   | 3   | 3   | 4   | 4   |
| <b>Goal Size</b>                   | 4ftx6ft-Maximum   | 4ftx6ft-Maximum   | 6ft x 18 ft-Maximum<br>(6ft x 12 ft<br>Recommended)       | 7ft x 21 ft Maximum<br>(6ft x 18 ft<br>recommended)           |
| <b>Recommended Field<br/>Size</b>  | 35Lx25W<br>Maximum<br><br>25Lx20W<br>Minimum<br><i>Field sizes in yards</i> | 45Lx35W<br>Maximum<br><br>35Lx25W<br>Minimum<br><i>Field sizes in yards</i> | Recommended<br>45L x 35W Minimum<br>55L x 45 W<br>Maximum | Recommended<br>75L x 55 W<br>Minimum<br>80L x 60 W<br>Maximum |
| <b>Center Circle</b>               | 3yd- radius<br>not required   | 3 yard radius<br>minimum<br>5 yd maximum (not<br>required)                  | 5 yard Radius   | 8 yard Radius   |
| <b>Corner Arc</b>                  | 2 feet not required   | 2 feet not required   | 3 Feet  | 3 Feet  |
| <b>Goal Box</b>                    | Not required  | Not required  | 4 yd L x 14 yd W  | 4 yd L x 14 yd W  |
| <b>Penalty Box-by<br/>yards</b>    | Not Required  | Not Required  | 9 yd x 22 yd  | 14 x 34 yd  |
| <b>Penalty Mark</b>                | no  | no  | 8 yards from center<br>goal line                          | 10 yards from center<br>of goal line                          |
| <b>Scores/Standings</b>            | No  | Yes/No  | Yes/No  | Yes/No  |
| <b>Throw-In</b>                    | Kick ins/Throw-ins  | Kick ins/Throw-ins  | Throw ins   | Throw ins   |
| <b>Offside</b>                     | No  | No  | No  | Yes   |
| <b>Referee</b>                     | No  | Not required  | 1   | 1   |
| <b>Asst. Referees</b>              | No  | Not Required  | Yes (2) or club   | Yes (2) or club   |

**RULE 3.3 COMPETITIVE RESTRICTION****SECTION 3.3-1 LEAGUE RESTRICTIONS**

No Affiliated Member Organization may conduct or sponsor any competitive league competition for teams who are U8 or younger.

**SECTION 3.3-3 PERMIT TO TRAVEL**

Travel permits will not be issued for recreational teams unless the event is sanctioned by USYS or its affiliates. This is not to be interpreted to restrict travel for non USYS affiliated events.

**SECTION 3.3-4 PENALTY**

Those Affiliated Member Organizations, who are found to be in violation of this rule 3.3, after a formal investigation conducted by the Registration Committee, may be immediately declared to be in bad standing. Teams of such Affiliated Member Organizations shall removed from all competition: intrastate, interstate, regional and national. Should teams from this association have travel permits approved, they also will be rescinded.

The intent of Rule 3.1-1 in no way shall preclude an Affiliated Member Organization from interplaying with another Affiliated Member Organization to insure enough teams to have a proper competition in their recreation league.

**RULE 3.4 TEAM REGISTRATION****SECTION 3.4-2 DEADLINES**

Recreational Registration:

|                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Fall Deadline   | September 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Spring Deadline | April 15 <sup>th</sup>     |

**SECTION 3.4-3 RECREATIONAL REGISTRATION**

Recreational players are registered to Affiliated Member Organizations and further registered with Indiana Youth Soccer by submission of requested information for all players, coaches and administrators to the Indiana Youth Soccer office and payment of appropriate fees prior to the established deadline date. Information needed includes:

- A} Full name, date of birth (players only), address, city, zip, and phone.
- B} Indiana Youth Soccer ID number for returning players, coaches and administrators. Affiliated Member Organization's Contact should submit roster via Internet. Affiliated Member Organization (Club) will receive confirmation of number of registered players, coaches and administrators.

**RULE 3.5 ROSTER CHANGES****SECTION 3.5-1 ROSTER ADDITIONS**

Players may be added to recreational programs at any time during the seasonal year. Appropriate information and fees for all new members shall be submitted monthly to Indiana Youth Soccer. The added player is registered to a recreational association from the moment the player or the player's parent or guardian signs the Affiliated Member Organization's registration form and pays the appropriate fees to that club.

**SECTION 3.5-2 DOUBLE ROSTERING**

- A} Registered recreational players may simultaneously play recreational and recreational-plus or travel.
- B} A player transferring during the seasonal year from recreational to recreational-plus or travel will pay to Indiana Youth Soccer the difference between the recreational player fee and the recreational-plus or travel fee.

**RULE 3.6 TRAVEL AND TOURNAMENTS FOR RECREATION**

Recreational teams may participate in sanctioned tournaments providing recreational divisions.

**SECTION 3.6-1 IN-STATE**

- A} Indiana tournaments: Recreational teams participating in tournaments within Indiana must make sure Indiana Youth Soccer and USYSA have sanctioned the tournament.
- B} Friendly games (Friendly games are distinguished from tournaments by the number of teams involved, absence of awards and registration fees although fees for referees and fields are allowed.)

Sanctioning is not required for friendly games this includes teams including college, travel, recreational and recreational-plus.

- C} Teams must carry:
  - Approved and notarized Medical Release forms signed by the parent or guardian
  - Birth certificate or other proof of age.

**SECTION 3.6-2 OUT-OF-STATE**

- A} Out-of-state tournaments: Teams participating in United States tournaments outside the state of Indiana must make sure the tournament has been sanctioned (application to Host form) by their National State Association and USYSA.
- B} Friendly Games - (Friendly games are distinguished from tournaments by the number of teams involved, absence of awards and registration fees although fees for referees and fields are allowed.)

Teams participating in friendly games outside the state of Indiana must make sure the games have been sanctioned and have the necessarily approved documentation such as application to Host form (by their National State Association and USYSA), or any other sanctioning body.

- C} Permission to travel - Traveling with this permit guarantees the host state that the players are properly registered, are the appropriate age group, are covered by insurance, and that the team or its players are not under any disciplinary sanctions.

A copy of the Indiana Youth Soccer approved Permit to Travel shall be presented to the host tournament director by the traveling team.

- D} Teams must carry:
- Approved Permit to Travel.
  - Approved and notarized Medical Release forms signed by the parent or guardian.
  - Birth certificate or other proof of age.

#### SECTION 3.6-3 FOREIGN

- A} Foreign tournaments: Teams traveling outside the United States must receive approval from Indiana Youth Soccer, USYSA and U S Soccer. No later than ninety (90) days prior to your departure date, submit to Indiana Youth Soccer for approval:
- 1} A completed Permit to Travel (must be the original - no faxes), incomplete applications will be returned.
  - 2} A copy of the official brochure, pamphlet, invitation or other applicable material of the Tournament or Games host.
  - 3} Four (4) copies of the official Roster, which includes all players and team officials, signed and/or stamped by the appropriate registrar.
  - 4} Checks for the following travel processing fees:
    - The amount required by USYS payable to U S Soccer
    - Indiana Youth Soccer Permit to Travel fees if applicable.
    - Any applicable U S Youth Soccer late fees

U S Youth Soccer is not required to accept or approve any application submitted less than sixty (60) days in advance.

## CHAPTER FOUR RECREATIONAL-PLUS SOCCER

The use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively to any recreational-plus team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited.

Teams accept as participants any and all eligible youths (subject to reasonable terms).

\*Exception: U15 and above recreational-plus teams may reject players if necessary to avoid conflict with the IHSAA rule limiting the number of players from the same high school participating in soccer

### RULE 4.1 TYPES OF TEAMS

The USYSA recognizes two types of teams. Teams with females only are Girls Teams All other teams are Boys Teams.

### RULE 4.2 AGE LIMIT DEFINITIONS AND ROSTER LIMITATIONS

#### SECTION 4.2-1 PROOF OF AGE

Affiliated Member Organizations will require all recreational-plus players to present proof of age when they register to play in Indiana Youth Soccer.

Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, a Uniformed 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 issued by the United States government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, or a certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted.

#### SECTION 4.2-2 AGE DIVISIONS

|          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Under 19 | Under 18 | Under 17 | Under 16 |
| Under 15 | Under 14 | Under 13 | Under 12 |
| Under 11 | Under 10 | Under 9  |          |

*\*No recreational-plus divisions for Under 8 or below*

*\*\*Communities or leagues may petition Indiana Youth Soccer for U8 Rec+ play*

#### SECTION 4.2-3 MAXIMUM ROSTER

Maximum team roster limits are as follows:

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| U9-U10 teams  | 12 players |
| U11-U12 teams | 14 players |
| U13-U16 teams | 18 players |
| U17-U19 teams | 22 players |

#### SECTION 4.2-4 MINIMUM ROSTER

No full-sided team shall be allowed to have less than seven (7) players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year. No recreational-plus small-sided team shall be allowed to have less than four (4) players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year.

**SECTION 4.2-5 IMPROPER REGISTRATION**

Any team playing a player who is over-age or who is not registered or who is improperly entered on the team's roster shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player takes part.

**SECTION 4.2-6 PENALTY**

Failure to comply with this rule shall result in the offending team forfeiting all the games in which the older player participated. Also, the coach, assistant coach and/or manager of the offending team shall be suspended for a period of not less than one year.

**SECTION 4.2-7 STATE VARIATIONS**

A National State Association may permit variances in Sections 4.2-3 through 4.2-4 of this rule in the best interest of the development of the sport within the state. Such variances shall not apply to the state level of National Cup Competitions.

**RULE 4.3 INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER VARIANCES - AGE AND ROSTER LIMITATIONS**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Under 8     | Roster not to exceed six (6).<br>Number on field at any one time not to exceed four (4).<br>Goalkeeper is optional. If a goalkeeper is used the goalkeeper shall be changed each quarter. |
| Under 10    | Roster not to exceed eight (8).<br>Number on field at any one time not to exceed six (6), one of which shall be a goalkeeper.   |
| Under 11/12 | Shall be played 8 v 8 which is 7 field players and a goalkeeper.  |

All older ages it is recommended that the maximum roster be 14 and that the game be played with eight (8) a side including a goalkeeper. The field size should be between that of a small-sided field and a full-sided field.

Exceptions to the roster size and number of field players may be made at the discretion of the Affiliated Member Organization (Club) providing such exceptions are in the best interest of the development of the sport of soccer. However, rules regarding roster size, field size, ball size and number of players on the field for the various age groups may not be exceeded.

See the chart on the next page entitled Indiana Youth Soccer Small Sided Games Recreation Plus Format for further rules.

**Indiana Youth Soccer Recreation Plus Small-Sided Games Format**

| <b>Age Group</b>               | <b>U9/U10</b>   | <b>U11/U12</b>  | <b>U13 and Above</b>   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Format</b>                  | 6v6 (5 plus a goalkeeper)   | 8v8 (7 plus a goalkeeper)   | 11v11 (10 plus a goalkeeper)                                       |
| <b>Goalkeeper</b>              | Yes   | Yes   | Yes  |
| <b>Goalkeeper Distribution</b> | Throwing, Rolling, and Restricted Punting.*                       | Throwing, Rolling, and Punting.                                   | Throwing, Rolling, and Punting                                     |
| <b>Roster Size</b>             | 14 Maximum<br>8 Minimum   | 14 Maximum<br>8 Minimum   | 18 Maximum **<br>7 Minimum   |
| <b>Game Duration</b>           | 2 x 30 minutes  | 2 x 30 minutes  | 2 x 35 minutes   |
| <b>Substitutions</b>           | Unlimited   | Unlimited   | Unlimited  |
| <b>Ball Size</b>               | 4   | 4   | 5  |
| <b>Goal Size</b>               | <b>Recommended</b><br>6ft x 18 ft<br>7ft x21 ft-Maximum           | <b>Recommended</b><br>6ft x 18 ft<br>7ft x21 ft-Maximum           | 8ft x 24 ft  |
| <b>Recommended Field Size</b>  | <b>Recommended</b><br>75L x 55W Minimum<br><br>80L x 60 W Maximum | <b>Recommended</b><br>75L x 55W Minimum<br><br>80L x 60 W Maximum | <b>Recommended</b><br>110L x 65W Minimum<br><br>120L x 80W Maximum |
| <b>Center Circle</b>           | 8 yard radius   | 8 yard radius   | 10 yard radius   |
| <b>Corner Arc</b>              | 3 feet  | 3 feet  | 3 feet   |
| <b>Goal Box</b>                | 4 yd L x 14 yd W  | 4 yd L x 14 yd W  | 6 yd L x 20 yd W   |
| <b>Penalty Box-by yards</b>    | 14 x 34 yard  | 14 x 34 yard  | 18 x 44 yard   |
| <b>Penalty Mark</b>            | 10 yards from center of goal line                                 | 10 yards from center of goal line                                 | 12 yards from center of goal line                                  |
| <b>Scores/Standings</b>        | Yes/NO  | Yes/Yes   | Yes/Yes  |
| <b>Throw-In</b>                | Throw-ins   | Throw-ins   | Throw-ins  |
| <b>Offside Referee</b>         | No<br>1   | Yes<br>1  | Yes<br>1   |
| <b>Asst. Referees</b>          | Yes (2) or club   | Yes (2) or club   | Yes (2) or club  |

## \* U9/U10 Restricted Punt Rule

Punting and/or Drop Kicks are allowed, however the ball may not land past midfield without touching the ground or another player first.

Throwing, Rolling, and/or putting the ball down on the ground and kicking it beyond midfield line in air is allowed.

- In the case of an infraction, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the other team. The indirect free kick will be placed at the midfield line.

\*\* U17 and above are allowed 22 players on their roster, but limited to 18 for any game. See Rule 4.3-8

**SECTION 4.3-5 ROSTER SIZE**

- A} No U10 or younger team shall be allowed more than twelve (12) players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year. Indiana Youth Soccer recommends a roster of not more than ten (10) players. A team must field at least four (4) players to play a game.
- B} An Under 10 team (which includes an under 9 team) may not have any players U7 and younger. \*\*Beginning in the fall of 2006, players U8 and younger will not be allowed to roster to older Rec+ or travel teams.
- C} Indiana Youth Soccer shall not sanction games involving Under 11 and Under 12 teams unless such games are conducted in an 8 v 8 format, one player of which must be designated as a goalkeeper. A team must field at least six (6) players to play a game.

**SECTION 4.3-6 OVER-AGE PLAYER - FALL SEASON ONLY**

For fall seasons, Under 14 teams may add up to three (3) over-age (Under 15) players to their roster as long as league rules allow.

- A} The team will be rostered as an Under 14 team through Indiana Youth Soccer.
- B} Over-age players' cards will be stamped "No U14 tournament Play."
- C} Over-age players cannot play with that team in an Under 14 tournament unless the tournament rules allow such a player.
- D} The over-age player's cards must be returned at the end of the fall season.
- E} The over-age players will be dropped from that roster for the spring unless the team plays in the age group appropriate to its oldest player. In this case all players' passes with the roster shall be returned and the team shall then be rostered at the appropriate age of the oldest player.
- F} If over-age players are removed from the Under 14 roster, they shall be considered a transfer to a new team.

Except as noted in Rule 4.3-6, players may not play in younger divisions than their age dictates except by approval of the Indiana Youth Soccer State Board.

**SECTION 4.3-7 EXPANDED ROSTER**

Any recreational-plus league may allow guest players to participate in league games only with the following restrictions:

- A} The league shall notify in writing that it is allowing guest players for league play only. Said letter shall be submitted before the first game in which guest players are allowed.
- B} Guest players must be recreation plus players with valid recreation plus passes issued by Indiana Youth Soccer.

Nothing in these rules shall require that U13 and older teams are required to play full sided soccer.

**SECTION 4.3-8 ROSTER LIMITATIONS FOR FULL SIDED PLAY**

- A. Every team shall have a team roster and will present a game roster for every match or competition.
- B. The team roster shall be approved by Indiana Youth Soccer. For Under 16 and younger teams, the team roster may not have more than 18 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. For Under 17 and older teams, the team roster may have up to 22 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. Every team roster shall have a minimum of 7 players on the roster at all times.

- C. The game roster shall be prepared by the team and submitted to the competition authority at a time designated by that authority. The game roster shall have a maximum of 18 players and a minimum of 7 players. Every player listed on the game roster must be included on the team roster to be eligible to participate with the team except for tournament competitions that may accept guest players.

\*\* The wording for section 4.3-8 in Rec+ has been taken directly from the US Youth Soccer Playing Policy – section 205

## **RULE 4.4 COMPETITIVE RESTRICTIONS**

### **SECTION 4.4-1 LEAGUE RESTRICTIONS**

No Affiliated Member Organization may conduct or sponsor any recreation- plus league competition for players who are U8 or younger. U8 Rec+ play may be added in communities or leagues if they petition Indiana Youth Soccer and are approved.

### **SECTION 4.4-2 PERMIT TO TRAVEL**

Travel permits will not be issued for recreational-plus teams unless the event is sanctioned by USYS or its affiliates. This is not to be interpreted to restrict travel for non USYS affiliated events.

### **SECTION 4.4-3 PENALTY**

Those Affiliated Member Organizations who are found to be in violation of this rule 4.4, after a formal investigation conducted by the Registration Committee, shall be immediately declared to be in bad standing. Teams of such Affiliated Member Organizations shall be removed from all competition: intrastate, interstate, regional and national. Should teams from this association have travel permits approved, they also will be rescinded.

Note: Intent of this rule in no way shall preclude an Affiliated Member Organization from inter-playing with another Affiliated Member Organization to insure enough teams to have a proper competition in their recreation league.

### **SECTION 4.4-4**

No team U8 or younger may enter or be accepted into a tournament that is designated as hosting teams that are either Travel or Select.

## **RULE 4.5 TEAM REGISTRATION**

### **SECTION 4.5-1 TEAM, ROSTER AND PLAYER FEES**

The Indiana Youth Soccer Board of Directors establishes team, and roster and player fees.

### **SECTION 4.5-2 DEADLINES AND LATE FEES**

Recreational-plus Team Rosters:

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Fall Deadline:   | August 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Spring Deadline: | March 15 <sup>th</sup>  |

Rosters postmarked after these dates shall be assessed a \$25 late fee. A team being rostered in the fall, which will be participating after the fall season shall not be, assessed a late fee for failing to

register by the fall deadline. The deadline is either postmarked or personally delivered to the Indiana Youth Soccer office by the above dates.

#### SECTION 4.5-3 TEAM REGISTRATION

Recreational-plus teams are registered to Affiliated Member Organizations and further registered with Indiana Youth Soccer by submission of requested information for all players, coaches and team administrators to the Indiana Youth Soccer office and payment of appropriate fees prior to the established deadline date. Information needed includes:

- A) Full name, date of birth (players only), address, city, zip, and phone.
- B) Team number and player/coach ID number for returning players, coaches and administrators.
- C) Affiliated Member Organization's Contact must submit roster via Internet.
- D) U9-U14 Recreational Plus teams may not roster players that are more than two years younger than the specific team age printed on the roster. There will be no age restrictions on players aged U14 and older who are rostered on teams U14 and above. (Example: a U10 team may roster players aged U10, U9 and U8; a U13 team may roster players aged U13, U12 and U11; A U19 team may roster players aged U14-U19)

Indiana Youth Soccer, upon receipt of the proper documentation and fees, will provide a rostered team with:

- A) Stamped, signed official roster.
- B) Passes for all players, coaches and team administrators.

#### SECTION 4.5-4 PLAYER, COACH, ADMINISTRATOR PASSES

USYSA player passes will be issued to recreational-plus team players, coaches and administrators. A District Registrar must sign the pass after the individual has signed the back of the card and a picture has been affixed. The card must be laminated to be considered valid.

#### SECTION 4.5-5 CLUB COACH'S PASS

Each Affiliated Organization may have card(s) issued to its director of coaching or designee(s) which shall be recognized as a coach's pass for any team in that Affiliated Organization for purposes of league or tournament play in Indiana. The club shall pay \$25 for each coach issued a Club Coach's Pass. The coach may also be listed on each club team roster, if requested.

#### SECTION 4.5-6 PENALTY FOR FORGERY

Only players may sign their own player pass. Forgery of a player's signature on a player pass or forgery of Registrar's signature on a player pass is considered a serious offense and will reported to the Disciplinary Committee for appropriate action.

#### SECTION 4.5-7 INTER-CLUB TRANSFER OF TEAM

It is the policy of Indiana Youth Soccer that a team by registering through a club has made a commitment to that club for one seasonal year. A recreational-plus team may transfer its registration between Affiliated Member Organizations (Clubs) during the playing year. The procedure below must be followed:

- A} A letter releasing the team from the original Club must be attached to the appropriate form.
- B} A letter from the receiving club accepting such transfer must be attached to the appropriate form.
- C} The original roster and all player passes must be returned to Indiana Youth Soccer after which a new roster and player passes will be issued.
- D} A team transfer fee of \$100 will be assessed.

If a team does not obtain a release from the original Club, the team may petition for release to the Indiana Youth Soccer Registration Committee. The procedure below must be followed:

- A} A letter acknowledging such transfer must be received from the accepting club.
- B} The original roster and all player passes must be returned to Indiana Youth Soccer after which a new roster and player passes will be issued.
- C} A roster fee and per player fee will be assessed.

The transfer does not affect the 5-player transfer rule, which will still be based on the team's original roster.

## **RULE 4.6 ROSTER CHANGES**

### **SECTION 4.6-1 ROSTER ADDITIONS**

Players may be added to a team's roster at any time during the seasonal year provided:

- A} Player meets correct age requirements.
- B} Player was not rostered previously during the current seasonal year to another team or the same team.
- C} The Club Contact shall submit the new information in the required format with the appropriate fee.

Coaches, managers and administrators may be added to a team's roster at any time during the seasonal year. There will be a \$5 processing fee each time a roster is submitted for such changes (after the original roster is issued).

### **SECTION 4.6-2 INVOLUNTARY RELEASE (DROP) OF PLAYER**

A team may release (drop) a player from the roster without permission of the player under the following circumstances:

- A} The player has not paid the applicable club fees by the published date.
- B} The player cannot participate due to a physical or medical condition which prohibits the player from playing and which was not in existence or apparent at the time the player rostered with the team.
- C} The player has been suspended for the balance of the seasonal year or an indeterminate period of time.
- D} For any reason allowed by Indiana Youth Soccer, USSF, USYSA rules.
- E} As allowed by the Registration Committee after notice to the player.
- F} The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what a reasonable travel distance is subject to definition by Indiana Youth Soccer.

If a player is released (dropped) without the players consent, a letter shall be sent to the player before he is released stating the reason or reasons for such action at least five (5) calendar days before the action. Current player pass and a copy of said letter must be attached to the drop form.

A player who has been released (dropped) may play for a new team during the current seasonal year providing:

- A} The player is in good standing with the team or club he/she is leaving (see Section 5.6-2-A and B).
- B} The player has been properly rostered and has received a player pass for a new team.

#### SECTION 4.6-3 TRANSFERS

- A} Transfers per team:
  - 1} A team may have more than five (5) transferred players at a time; however, only the first five (5) transfers are eligible for State Cup.
  - 2} A club may transfer players between teams in the Club, without notice to Indiana Youth Soccer and without the issuance of a new player pass, in order to balance recreation plus teams. Leagues shall allow clubs to create a league roster for a recreation plus play so long as the roster is maintained for an entire season.
- B} ODP transfer: Players who have rostered on an Indiana Youth Soccer Club team in the current seasonal year and have participated in the Olympic Development Program (ODP) may not transfer or be added to any team(s) that their ODP coach or assistant coach may participate with for the remainder of the current seasonal year.
- C} Recreational player: A recreational player added to a travel or recreational-plus team during the seasonal year will not be considered a transfer to the new team.
- D} Player transfer procedure: Players on travel or recreational-plus teams may transfer teams during the seasonal year by:
  - 1} New team must complete and submit a transfer form to Indiana Youth Soccer.
  - 2} New team must pay transfer fee set by Indiana Youth Soccer.
  - 3} Player pass and roster from old team must accompany transfer form.
  - 4} Transfers will be processed:
    - At any time, if the team from which he is transferring dissolves or fails to form.
    - Upon petition to the Registration Committee and approval by said committee.
- E} Transfer fees and deadlines:
  - 1} \$12 - postmarked before April 15<sup>th</sup> or in the Indiana Youth Soccer office by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2} \$25 - postmarked on April 15<sup>th</sup> or in the Indiana Youth Soccer office after April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Indiana Youth Soccer office shall be allowed ten (10) business days to process transfers.

#### SECTION 4.6-4 DOUBLE ROSTERING

- A} Players may register on up to two youth teams per seasonal year providing the following conditions are complied with:

- 1} A player can play for more than one team in the same competition as long as the competition has no restrictions regarding double rostering.
  - 2} Players must indicate at registration their primary team for National or State Cup Competition, i.e.; the player pass will indicate "primary team" or "secondary team".
  - 3} Double rostering will only be allowed at the initial time of team registration or at any time otherwise allowed by these rules, when the roster forms indicating primary or secondary on the roster, are sent to Indiana Youth Soccer.
  - 4} New teams formed after the fall season may double roster previously rostered players. Those players must be listed as such on that team roster, indicating primary or secondary on the roster at that time. Player passes and original rosters must be submitted for previously rostered players.
  - 5} Players added to a roster after initial team registration must be players not previously rostered, or will be considered transfers.
  - 6} Players may roster on a second team (double roster) between August 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 7} Players may change their designation as primary or secondary between August 1 and April 15<sup>th</sup> with the written permission of the primary coach.
  - 8) Players may be added as secondary to another club's team only with the written permission of the player's primary coach.
  - 9} A player may not be rostered on more than two (2) teams.
  - 10} A secondary player may only play in a game for their secondary team when it is not in conflict with a game from their primary team.
- B} Double Rostering Fees: \$12 - at initial time of team registration any time double rostering occurs other than the original rostering of a team or when changing primary/secondary designation.
- C} Indiana Youth Soccer Allied Member Organizations shall allow secondarily rostered players to participate in league play.

#### **RULE 4.7 TRYOUTS**

The use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively to any recreational-plus team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited. Teams accept as participants any and all eligible youths (subject to reasonable terms).

Exception: U15 and above recreational-plus teams may reject players if necessary to avoid conflict with the IHSAA rule limiting the number of players from the same high school participating in soccer

#### **RULE 4.8 LEAGUE, TRAVEL & TOURNAMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL-PLUS TEAMS**

##### **SECTION 4.8-1 IN-STATE**

- A} Indiana play: Teams participating in a leagues or tournaments within Indiana must make sure the league or tournament has been sanctioned by Indiana Youth Soccer.
- B} No U8 or younger team may enter and/or play in a tournament designated as travel, select or competitive.
- C} A friendly game is a non-league or non-tournament game. Sanctioning is not required for friendly games between Affiliated Member Organization (Indiana Youth Soccer Club) teams or other USSF organizations including recreational and recreational-plus.
- D} If an Indiana Youth Soccer team is hosting an in-state friendly game with an out-of state team, they must have Indiana Youth Soccer issue a Permission to Host a friendly game. The out-of-state team must have a Permit to Travel to the friendly game issued from its own state association.
- E} Teams must carry at all times:

- Approved and notarized Medical Release forms signed by the parent or guardian
- An official roster, which includes all traveling players and team officials, signed and/or stamped by the appropriate registrar.
- Laminated Player Passes.
- Approved Permit to Travel form.
- It is recommended that all teams also carry copies of each player's birth certificate or other proof of age.

#### SECTION 4.8-2 OUT-OF-STATE

- A} Out-of-state tournaments: Teams participating in United States tournaments outside the State of Indiana must make sure the tournament has been sanctioned (approved Application to Host form) by their National State Association and USYSA.
- B} Any Indiana Youth Soccer team playing a friendly game outside the state of Indiana must secure a Permit to Travel issued by Indiana Youth Soccer before they may participate. Teams participating in friendly games outside the state of Indiana must make sure the tournament has been sanctioned (approved Application to Host form) by their National State Association and USYSA. The Indiana Youth Soccer team must have an approved Permit to Travel.
- C} No U8 or younger team may enter and/or play in a tournament designated as travel, select or competitive.
- D} Teams must carry:
- Approved and notarized Medical Release forms signed by the parent or guardian
  - An official roster, which includes all traveling players and team officials, signed and/or stamped by the appropriate registrar.
  - Laminated Player Passes.
  - Approved Permit to Travel form.
  - It is recommended that all teams also carry copies of each player's birth certificate or other proof of age.

#### SECTION 4.8-3 FOREIGN

- A} Foreign tournaments including Canada and Mexico: Teams traveling outside the United States must receive approval from Indiana Youth Soccer and U S Soccer. No later than ninety (90) days prior to your departure date, submit to Indiana Youth Soccer and US Soccer for approval:
- 1} A completed Permit to Travel (must be the original - no faxes), incomplete applications will be returned.
  - 2} A copy of the official brochure, pamphlet, invitation or other applicable material of the tournament or games host.
  - 3} Four (4) copies of the official Roster, which includes all players and team officials, signed and/or stamped by the appropriate registrar.
  - 4} Payments for the following travel processing fees:
    - The applicable fee required payable to U S Soccer
    - Indiana Youth Soccer Permit to Travel fees if any
    - Any applicable U S Soccer late fees

US Soccer is not required to accept or approve any application submitted less than sixty (60) days in advance.

## CHAPTER FIVE TRAVEL SOCCER

Travel soccer programs are intended to provide players with advanced skills and an expressed desire to experience a level of competition beyond that afforded by a recreational program. Team formation and player assignment guidelines, which govern recreational teams, do not apply to travel teams/leagues. Member Organizations may establish their own criteria for player selection and team assignment provided there is no conflict with the Indiana Youth Soccer Constitution, Bylaws and State Rules.

### **RULE 5.1 TYPES OF TEAMS (USYSA RULE 4032, SECTION 4)**

The USYSA recognizes two types of teams. Teams with females only are Girls Teams. All other teams are Boys Teams.

### **RULE 5.2 AGE LIMIT DEFINITIONS AND ROSTER LIMITATIONS**

#### SECTION 5.2-1 PROOF OF AGE

Affiliated Member Organizations will require all travel players to present proof of age when they register to play in Indiana Youth Soccer. Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, a Uniformed 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 issued by the United State government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, or certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted.

#### SECTION 5.2-2 AGE DIVISIONS

Age divisions for travel teams shall be comprised of players who are, before the first day of August immediately preceding the seasonal year:

|          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Under 19 | Under 18 | Under 17 | Under 16 |
| Under 15 | Under 14 | Under 13 | Under 12 |
| Under 11 | Under 10 | Under 9  |          |

*No travel divisions for Under 8 or below will be permitted. No exceptions*

#### SECTION 5.2-3 MAXIMUM ROSTER

Maximum team roster limits are as follows:

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| U9-U10 teams  | 12 players |
| U11-U12 teams | 14 players |
| U13-U16 teams | 18 players |
| U17-U19 teams | 22 players |

#### SECTION 5.2-4 MINIMUM ROSTER

No team shall be allowed to have less than seven (7) players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year. See Rule 5.3 for variance due to small sided teams.

#### SECTION 5.2-5 IMPROPER REGISTRATION

Any team playing a player who is over-age or who is not registered or who is improperly entered on the team's roster shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player takes part.

**SECTION 5.2-6 PENALTY**

Failure to comply with this rule shall result in the offending team forfeiting all the games in which the older player participated. Also, the coach, assistant coach and/or manager of the offending team shall be suspended for a period of not less than one year.

**SECTION 5.2-7 STATE VARIATIONS (USYSA RULE 4033, SECTION 6)**

A National State Association may permit variances in Sections 5.2-3 and 5.2-4 of this rule in the best interest of the development of the sport within the state. Such variances shall not apply to the state level of National Cup Competitions. (See USYSA Rule 4063)

**RULE 5.3 INDIANA YOUTH SOCCER VARIANCES - AGE AND ROSTER LIMITATIONS****SECTION 5.3-1 UNDER 9**

All rules regarding Under 10 players apply to Under 9 players.

**SECTION 5.3-2 SMALL-SIDED PLAY FOR UNDER 10**

Indiana Youth Soccer shall not sanction games involving teams U9 or U10 unless such games are conducted in a 6 v 6 format one player of which must be designated as a goalkeeper. A team must field at least four (4) players to play a game.

**SECTION 5.3-4 UNDER 9-10 ROSTER SIZE**

No U10 or younger team shall be allowed more than twelve (12) players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year. Indiana Youth Soccer recommends a roster of not more than ten (10) players.

Out-of-state league play: U9 and U10 teams may play 8 v 8 in leagues in those states not adopting the small-sided game. Policy for future seasons will be evaluated and determined by April 1<sup>st</sup> each year for the upcoming seasonal year.

Out of state tournament play: U9 and U10 teams may be issued permits to travel for out of state tournaments that have not adopted small sided games. Policy for future seasons will be determined by April 1<sup>st</sup> each year for the upcoming seasonal year.

**SECTION 5.3-5 SMALL SIDED PLAY FOR UNDER 11 AND UNDER 12**

Indiana Youth Soccer shall not sanction games involving Under 11 and Under 12 teams, unless such games are conducted in a 8 v 8 format, one player of which must be designated as a goalkeeper. A team must field at least six (6) players to play a game.

**SECTION 5.3-6 UNDER 11-12 ROSTER SIZE**

No U11 or U12 team shall be allowed to roster more than fourteen (14) players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year. Indiana Youth Soccer recommends a roster size of not more than twelve (12) players.

**SECTION 5.3-7 AGE LIMITATIONS FOR SMALL SIDED PLAY**

Players that are in age groups U7 and younger may not roster to any travel team. Effective 8-1-06, players that are U8 and younger may not roster to travel teams.

Travel teams may not roster players that are more than 2 years younger than the specific team age printed on the team roster for U9-U13 teams. There will be no age restrictions on playing “up” for those players who are U14 and older. For example: A U10 team may roster players aged U10, U9, U8 (after the 2005-06 seasonal year, U8’s will not be allowed to roster to a travel team); a U13 team may roster players aged U13, U12, U11; a U14 team may roster players U14, U13, U12.

#### SECTION 5.3-8 ROSTER LIMITATIONS FOR FULL SIDED PLAY \*\*

- D. Every team shall have a team roster and will present a game roster for every match or competition.
- E. The team roster shall be approved by Indiana Youth Soccer. For Under 16 and younger teams, the team roster may not have more than 18 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. For Under 17 and older teams, the team roster may have up to 22 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. Every team roster shall have a minimum of 7 players on the roster at all times.
- F. The game roster shall be prepared by the team and submitted to the competition authority at a time designated by that authority. The game roster shall have a maximum of 18 players and a minimum of 7 players. Every player listed on the game roster must be included on the team roster to be eligible to participate with the team except for tournament competitions that may accept guest players.

\*\* The wording for section 5.3-8 has been taken directly from the US Youth Soccer Playing Policy – section 205

#### SECTION 5.3-9 OUT OF STATE PLAY

Out-of-state league play: U11 and U12 teams may play 11 v 11 in leagues in those states not adopting the small-sided game. Policy for future seasons will be evaluated and determined by April 1 each year.

Out of state tournament play: U11 and U12 teams may be issued permits to travel for out of state tournaments that have not adopted small sided games. Policy for future seasons will be determined by April 1<sup>st</sup> each year for the upcoming seasonal year.

#### SECTION 5.3-10 OVER-AGE PLAYER - FALL SEASON ONLY

For fall seasons, Under 14 teams may add up to three (3) over-age (Under 15 age only) players to their roster as long as league rules allow.

- A} The team will be rostered as an Under 14 team through Indiana Youth Soccer.
- B} Over-age players' cards will be stamped "No U14 tournament Play."
- C} Over-age players cannot play with that team in an Under 14 tournament unless allowed under the rules of tournament or the team plays in an under 15 division.
- D} The over-age player's cards must be returned at the end of the fall season.
- E} The over-age players will be automatically dropped from the team's spring roster unless the team re-registers in the age group appropriate to its oldest player.
- F} If over-age players are removed from the Under 14 roster, they shall be considered a transfer to a new team.
- G} Inter and Intra club transfers for these players will be permitted without petition.

\*Except as noted in Rule 5.3-6 herein, players may not play in younger divisions than their age dictates.

**SECTION 5.3-11 EXPANDED ROSTER LEAGUE GUEST PASSES**

Any travel league may allow guest players to participate in league games only with the following restrictions:

- A} The league shall notify in writing that it is allowing guest players for league play only. Said letter shall be submitted before the first game in which guest players are allowed.
- B} Guest players must be Travel Roster players with valid travel passes issued by Indiana Youth Soccer.

**Travel Small Sided Games Format**

| <b>Age Group</b>               | <b>U9-U10</b>   | <b>U11-U12</b>  | <b>U13 and Above</b>   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Format</b>                  | 6 v 6 (5 plus a goalkeeper)                                       | 8v8 (7 plus a goalkeeper)   | 11v11 (10 plus a goalkeeper)                                       |
| <b>Goalkeeper</b>              | Yes   | Yes   | Yes  |
| <b>Goalkeeper Distribution</b> | Throwing, Rolling, and<br><b>* Restricted Punting.</b>            | Throwing, Rolling, and<br>Punting.                                | Throwing, Rolling, and Punting                                     |
| <b>Roster Size</b>             | 12 Maximum<br>6 Minimum   | 14 Maximum<br>8 Minimum   | <b>18 Maximum **</b><br>7 Minimum                                  |
| <b>Game Duration</b>           | 2 x 25 minutes  | 2 x 30 minutes  | 2 x 35 minutes   |
| <b>Substitutions</b>           | Unlimited   | Unlimited   | Unlimited  |
| <b>Ball Size</b>               | 4   | 4   | 5  |
| <b>Goal Size</b>               | Recommended<br>6ft x 12 ft<br>6ft x18 ft-Maximum                  | Recommended<br>6ft x 18 ft<br>7ft x21 ft-Maximum                  | 8ft x 24 ft  |
| <b>Recommended Field Size</b>  | <b>Recommended</b><br>45L x 35W Minimum<br><br>55L x 45 W Maximum | <b>Recommended</b><br>75L x 55W Minimum<br><br>80L x 60 W Maximum | <b>Recommended</b><br>110L x 65W Minimum<br><br>120L x 80W Maximum |
| <b>Center Circle</b>           | 5 yard radius   | 8 yard radius   | 10 yard radius   |
| <b>Corner Arc</b>              | 3 feet  | 3 feet  | 3 feet   |
| <b>Goal Box</b>                | 4 yd L x 14 yd W  | 4 yd L x 14 yd W  | 6 yd L x 20 yd W   |
| <b>Penalty Box-by yards</b>    | 9 x 22 yard   | 15-4 x 34 yard  | 18 x 44 yard   |
| <b>Penalty Mark</b>            | 8 yards from center of goal line                                  | 10 yards from center of goal line                                 | 12 yards from center of goal line                                  |
| <b>Scores/Standings</b>        | Yes/No  | Yes/Yes   | Yes/Yes  |
| <b>Throw-In</b>                | Throw-ins   | Throw-ins   | Throw-ins  |
| <b>Offside</b>                 | No  | Yes   | Yes  |
| <b>Referee</b>                 | 1   | 1   | 1  |
| <b>Asst. Referees</b>          | Yes (2) or club   | Yes (2) or club   | Yes (2) or club  |

U9, U10 – Asst. referees not mandatory, but recommended. U11/12 and above – mandatory

**\* U9/U10 Restricted Punt Rule**

Punting and/or Drop Kicks are allowed, however the ball may not land past midfield without touching the ground or another player first.

Throwing, Rolling, and/or putting the ball down on the ground and kicking it beyond midfield line in air is allowed.

- In the case of an infraction, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the other team. The indirect free kick will be placed at the midfield line.

\*\* U17 and above are allowed 22 players on their roster, but limited to 18 for any game. See Rule 5.3-8

**RULE 5.4 COMPETITIVE LEAGUE RESTRICTIONS FOR UNDER 8****SECTION 5.4-1 LEAGUE RESTRICTIONS**

No Affiliated Member Organization may conduct or sponsor any competitive league competition for teams who are U8 or younger.

**SECTION 5.4-2 PLAYER RESTRICTONS**

Beginning in the fall of the 2005-06 season, players who have not attained the proper age for U8 play will not be allowed to play on any team designated as travel. Beginning in the fall of the 2006-07 season, players who have not attained the proper age for U9 play will not be allowed to play on any team designated as travel.

**SECTION 5.4-3 TOURNAMENT PLAY**

Teams who have not attained the proper age to be eligible for Under 9 play shall not be allowed to play in tournaments designated as competitive or travel.

**SECTION 5.4-4 PERMIT TO TRAVEL**

Travel permits or guest player permits will not be issued for Under 10 or younger teams to play more than 8 v 8.

**SECTION 5.4-5 PENALTY**

Those Affiliated Member Organizations, who are found to be in violation of this rule, after a formal investigation conducted by the Registration Committee, shall be immediately declared to be in bad standing. Teams of such Affiliated Member Organizations shall be removed from all competition: intrastate, interstate, regional and national. Should teams from this association have travel permits approved, they also will be Rescinded.

**SECTION 5.4-6 APPEAL**

Appeal of any portion of this rule must be made in writing to the Indiana Youth Soccer Director of Coaching at the Indiana Youth Soccer State Office.

**RULE 5.5 TEAM REGISTRATION****SECTION 5.5-1 DEADLINES AND LATE FEES**

Travel Team Rosters:

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Fall Deadline   | August 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| Spring Deadline | February 1 <sup>st</sup> |

Rosters postmarked after these dates shall be assessed a \$50 late fee. A team being rostered in the fall, which will be participating after the fall season, shall not be assessed a late fee for failing to register by the fall deadline.

**SECTION 5.5-2 TEAM REGISTRATION**

Travel teams are registered to Affiliated Member Organizations and further registered with Indiana Youth Soccer by submission of requested information for all players, coaches and team administrators to the Indiana Youth Soccer office and payment of appropriate fees prior to the established deadline date. Information needed includes:

- A} Full name, date of birth (players only), address, city, zip, and phone.
- B} Team number and player/coach ID number for returning players, coaches and administrators.
- C} Affiliated Member Organization's Contact should submit roster via Internet

Indiana Youth Soccer, upon receipt of the proper documentation and fees, will provide a rostered team with:

- A} Stamped, signed official roster.
- B} Passes for all players, coaches and team administrators.

#### SECTION 5.5-3 PLAYER, COACH, ADMINISTRATOR PASSES

US Youth Soccer player passes will be issued to travel team players, coaches and administrators. A District Registrar must sign the pass after the individual has signed the back of the card and a picture has been affixed. The card must be laminated to be considered valid.

#### SECTION 5.5-4 CLUB COACH'S PASS

Each Affiliated Organization may have issued to its director of coaching or designee(s) a Club Coaches Pass which shall be recognized as a coach's pass for any team in the Affiliated Organization for purposes of league or tournament play. The club shall pay \$25 for each coach issued a Club Coach Pass.

#### SECTION 5.5-5 PENALTY FOR FORGERY

Only players may sign their own player pass. Forgery of a player's signature on a player pass or forgery of Registrar's signature on a player pass is considered a serious offense and will be reported to the Disciplinary Committee for appropriate action.

#### SECTION 5.5-6 INTER-CLUB TRANSFER OF TEAM

It is the policy of Indiana Youth Soccer that a team by registering through a club has made a commitment to that club for one seasonal year. A travel team may only transfer its registration between Affiliated Member Organizations (Clubs) . The procedure below must be followed:

- A} A letter releasing the team from the original Club must be attached to the appropriate form.
- B} A letter from the receiving club accepting such transfer must be attached to the appropriate form.
- C} The original roster and all player passes must be returned to Indiana Youth Soccer after which a new roster and player passes will be issued.
- D} A team transfer fee of \$100 will be assessed.

If a team does not obtain a release from the original Club, the team may petition for release to the Indiana Youth Soccer Registration Committee. The procedure below must be followed:

- A} A letter acknowledging such transfer must be received from the accepting club.
- B} The original roster and all player passes must be returned to Indiana Youth Soccer after which a new roster and player passes will be issued.
- C} A roster fee and per player fee will be assessed.

The transfer does not affect the 5-player transfer rule, which will still be based on the team's original roster.

**RULE 5.6 ROSTER CHANGES****SECTION 5.6-1 ROSTER ADDITIONS**

Players may be added to a team's roster at any time during the seasonal year provided:

- A} Player meets correct age requirements.
- B} Player was not rostered previously during the current seasonal year to another team or the same team.
- C} Players added to a roster after initial team registration must be players not previously rostered, or will be considered transfers.

Coaches, managers and administrators may be added to a team's roster at any time during the seasonal year. There will be a \$5 processing fee each time a roster is submitted for changes (after the original roster is issued).

**SECTION 5.6-2 INVOLUNTARY RELEASE (DROP) OF PLAYER (USYSA RULE 4063)**

A team may release (drop) a player from the roster without permission of the player under the following circumstances:

- A} The player has not paid the applicable club fees by the published date.
- B} The player cannot participate due to a physical or medical condition which prohibits the player from playing and which was not in existence or apparent at the time the player rostered with the team.
- C} The player has been suspended for the balance of the seasonal year or an indeterminate period of time.
- D} For any reason allowed by Indiana Youth Soccer, USSF, USYSA rules.
- E} As allowed by the Registration Committee after notice to the player.
- F} The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what a reasonable travel distance is subject to definition by Indiana Youth Soccer.

If a player is released (dropped) without the players consent, a letter shall be sent to the player before he is released stating the reason or reasons for such action at least five (5) calendar days before the action. Current player pass and a copy of said letter must be attached to the drop form.

A player who has been released (dropped) may play for a new team during the current seasonal year providing:

- A} The player is in good standing with the team or club he/she is leaving (see Section 5.6-2-A and B).
- B} The player has been properly rostered and has received a player pass for a new team.

**SECTION 5.6-3 TRANSFERS**

The movement of a currently or previously rostered player onto another roster or a player who returns to the same roster within the current seasonal year.

- A} Transfers per team:
  - 1} Travel teams will be limited to a total of five (5) previously rostered transferred players for playing in the State Cup.

- 2} A travel team may have more than five (5) previously rostered transferred players at any time; however, if said team has more than five (5) previously rostered transferred players, the team is NOT eligible for State Cup.

EXPLANATION: A player who transfers on to and off of a team is counted toward the maximum of five (5). A team with such a previously rostered player counts toward the number of transferred players.

- B} ODP transfer: Players who have rostered on an Indiana Youth Soccer Club team in the current seasonal year and have participated in the Olympic Development Program (ODP) may not transfer or be added to any team(s) that their ODP coach or assistant coach may participate with for the remainder of the current seasonal year.
- C} Recreational player: A recreational player added to a travel or recreational-plus team during the seasonal year will not be considered a transfer to the new team.
- D} Player transfer procedure: Players on travel or recreational-plus teams may transfer teams during the seasonal year:
- 1) ONLY IF the new team is a member of the same club as the old team.
  - 2) Inter club transfers will not be permitted at any time.
  - 3} New team must complete and submit a transfer form to Indiana Youth Soccer
  - 4} New team must pay transfer fee set by Indiana Youth Soccer.
  - 5} Player pass and roster from old team must accompany transfer form.
  - 6} Transfers will be processed at any time
    - if the team from which the player is transferring dissolves or fails to form.
    - Upon petition to the Indiana Youth Soccer State Office and approved
    - U15 players (fall only overaged players) may transfer at any time to another team from the original club or another club without petition
- E} Transfer fees and deadlines:
- 1} \$15 - postmarked before April 15<sup>th</sup> or in the Indiana Youth Soccer office by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2} \$25 - postmarked on April 15<sup>th</sup> or in the Indiana Youth Soccer office after April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Indiana Youth Soccer office shall be allowed ten (10) business days to process transfers.

#### SECTION 5.6-4 DOUBLE ROSTERING

- A} Players may register on up to two youth teams per seasonal year providing the following conditions are complied with:
- 1} A player can play for more than one team in the same competition as long as the competition has no restrictions regarding double rostering.
  - 2} Players must indicate at registration their primary team for National and State Cup Competition, i.e.; the player pass will indicate "primary team (Cup Team)" or "secondary team".
  - 3} Double rostering will only be allowed at the initial time of team registration or at any other time allowed by these rules, when the roster forms indicating primary or secondary on the roster, are sent to Indiana Youth Soccer.
  - 4} New teams formed after the fall season may double roster previously rostered players. Those players must be listed as such on that team roster, indicating primary or secondary on the roster at that time. Player passes and original rosters must be submitted for previously rostered players.

- 6) Players may roster on a second team (double roster) between Aug. 1 and April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 7) Players may change their designation as primary or secondary between August 1 and April 15<sup>th</sup> with the written permission of the primary coach.
  - 8) Players may be added as secondary to another club's team only with the written permission of the player's primary coach.
  - 9) A player may not be rostered on more than two (2) teams.
  - 10) A secondary player may only play in a game for their secondary team when it is not in conflict with a game from their primary team.
- B) Double Rostering Fees:  
\$15 - at initial time of team registration and any time double rostering occur other than the original rostering of a team or when changing primary/secondary designation.
  - C) Indiana Youth Soccer Allied Member Organizations shall allow secondarily rostered players to participate in league play.

## **RULE 5.7 TRYOUTS**

### **SECTION 5.7-1 ADVERTISING**

Advertisements by any club or other entity for the purposes of recruiting for try-out attendance will not be allowed at any Indiana Youth Soccer-sponsored event. Materials of this nature being displayed at the site of any Indiana Youth Soccer event must be removed during the staging of the event. Any offending party is subject to disciplinary action by Indiana Youth Soccer.

### **SECTION 5.7-1.1 ALLOWABLE CONTACT**

A club may post on its web site its tryout dates at any time. A club or team may advertise tryouts in newspapers or by public notice at any time.

From June 1 until a player has committed to another team for the upcoming seasonal year (either by signing a commitment to play, player pass or paying the fee or a portion of the fee), a coach or team designee may personally contact a player to play for the upcoming seasonal year for a team or club. Such contacts may not violate 5.7-2 (A).

### **SECTION 5.7-2 RULES REGARDING PLAYER CONTACT AND INDUCEMENT**

- A) Except as specifically allowed by these rules, no person shall contact a rostered player to guest or tryout for a team without first contacting the player's coach and obtain permission to speak to the player or the players representative i.e. parent, guardian etc. No contact with the player or a representative of the player i.e. parent, guardian etc is allowed until permission to speak with them has been obtained from the players coach. Violation of this provision may constitute a recruiting violation.
- B) No coach, assistant coach, trainer, team representative, registered player, parent or advertisement may offer any kind of inducement to recruit a player to play on his/her respective youth team. A youth team is not restricted to IYSA or USYSA teams. Coaches are responsible for the actions of all of the above listed participants involved with their team. Forms of inducement include but are not limited to: free T-shirts, free uniforms, free camps, college scholarships, free or discounted travel costs etc. Any statement negative or otherwise which could affect the decision of a player regarding choice of teams shall constitute improper contact. This rule applies to verbal discussions, letters, brochures as well as radio and television advertisements.

- C) Unless otherwise set forth herein, no coach, club representative, assistant coach, trainer, or team representative may practice any sanctioned soccer related activity with any IYSA registered player who is registered on another team except during tryouts or if the player is a guest player .
- D) If a complaint is intra-association, then the complainant will follow the Affiliated Member Organization's rules for filing complaints. Any appeal from an Affiliated Member Organization's decision would then follow the ordinary process of appeal from Affiliated Member Organizations.
- E) Should a complaint be of an inter-association matter, then the complainant will file his/her complaint directly with the Indiana Youth Soccer State Office, who shall render a decision. Either party may then file an appeal with the State Executive Committee.
- F) Failure to comply with the above rule constitutes a violation of current Indiana Youth Soccer's directives concerning illegal recruitment and shall be punishable by suspension of the guilty parties, i.e., coach, assistant coach, team manager, for up to one (1) seasonal year. Allegations against registered youth players are subject to review before punishments are considered and punishment periods are at the discretion of State Office hearing such allegations. Either party may file an appeal of the decision with the Indiana Youth Soccer Executive Committee.

Note: If a player currently registered to a team and/or his/her parent should contact a coach, assistant coach, or team manager to try out or guest for another team, the above stated procedure must be followed.

If a player is released from a team in accordance with Indiana Youth Soccer rules for releasing competitive players, he/she may be contacted or recruited by another team. A player may not guest play in any competition which requires a player pass except with his or her coaches permission or after June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current seasonal year. The coach shall return the player's pass during the above dates upon request by the player if the team has completed play for the season.

#### SECTION 5.7-3 TRYOUT DATE RESTRICTIONS

Youth players will not be allowed to tryout, practice, work out or register with a coach, team or club for an upcoming seasonal year until on or after June 1<sup>st</sup> or the first Monday after State Cup finals whichever is later in the year preceding the seasonal year in which the player intends to play for said team. (Example a player who is rostered on one team in the current seasonal year may tryout, practice, work out or register for the upcoming seasonal year on the same or another team on or after June 1<sup>st</sup>, or the first Monday after State Cup finals, whichever is later of 2006.) This rule does not preclude a player from practicing with a team as an authorized guest player. Any player violating Rule 5.7 is ineligible to play for that team for the upcoming seasonal year.

**RULE 5.8 LEAGUE, TRAVEL AND TOURNAMENTS****SECTION 5.8-1 IN-STATE**

- A) Indiana play: Teams participating in leagues or tournaments within Indiana must make sure the league or tournament has been sanctioned by Indiana Youth Soccer.
- B) A Friendly game is a non-league or non-tournament game. Sanctioning is not required for friendly games between Affiliated Member Organization (Indiana Youth Soccer Club) teams or teams sanctioned by USSF or colleges.
- C) If an Indiana Youth Soccer team is hosting an in-state friendly game with an out-of-state team they must have Indiana Youth Soccer issue a Permission to Host a friendly game. The out-of-state team must have a Permit to Travel to the friendly game issued from its own state association.
- D) Teams must carry:
- Approved and notarized Medical Release forms signed by the parent or guardian
  - An official roster, which includes all traveling players and team officials, signed and/or stamped by the appropriate registrar.
  - Laminated Player Passes.
  - Approved Permit to Travel form.
  - It is recommended that all teams also carry copies of each player's birth certificate or other proof of age.

**SECTION 5.8-2 OUT-OF-STATE**

- A) Out-of-state tournaments: Teams participating in the United States tournaments outside the state of Indiana must make sure the tournament has been sanctioned (approved Application to Host form) by their National State Association and USSF.
- B) Any Indiana Youth Soccer team playing a friendly game outside of Indiana must secure a Permit to Travel issued by Indiana Youth Soccer before they may participate. Teams participating in friendly games outside the state of Indiana must make sure the friendly games have been sanctioned (approved Application to Host form) by their National State Association and USSF. The Indiana Youth Soccer team must have an approved permission to travel.
- C) Permission to travel: Traveling with this permit guarantees the host state or country that the players are properly registered, are the appropriate age group, are covered by insurance, and that the team or its players are not under any disciplinary sanctions. Once the travel permit has been approved by Indiana Youth Soccer, it is returned to the traveling team for presentation to the host tournament director.
- D) Teams must carry:
- Approved and notarized Medical Release forms signed by the parent or guardian
  - An official roster, which includes all traveling players and team officials, signed and/or stamped by the appropriate registrar.
  - Laminated Player Passes.
  - Approved Permit to Travel form.
  - It is recommended that all teams also carry copies of each player's birth certificate or other proof of age.
- E) Playing in a non sanctioned interstate friendly game or tournament may result in sanctions imposed against the team and/or Affiliate Member, including fines, suspension, and/or loss of Affiliate Membership.

## SECTION 5.8-3 FOREIGN

- A} Foreign tournaments including Canada and Mexico: Teams traveling outside the United States must receive approval from Indiana Youth Soccer, USSF and U S Soccer. No later than ninety (90) days prior to your departure date, submit to Indiana Youth Soccer for approval:
- 1} A completed Permit to Travel (Must be the original - NO FAXES), incomplete applications will be returned.
  - 2} A copy of the official brochure, pamphlet, invitation or other applicable material of the Tournament or Games host.
  - 3} Four (4) copies of the official Roster, which includes all players and team officials, signed and/or stamped by the appropriate registrar.
  - 4} Payment for the following travel processing fees:
    - The fee required by USYS payable to U S Soccer
    - Indiana Youth Soccer Permit to Travel fees if any.
    - Any applicable U S Youth Soccer late fees

U S Youth Soccer is not required to accept or approve any application submitted less than sixty (60) days in advance.

If an application is submitted to U S Youth Soccer less than sixty (60) days in advance of the travel dates, the following non-refundable late fees must enclosed, made payable to U S Youth Soccer;

- 1} Less than sixty (60) days but more than (30) days advance notice -\$25
- 2} Less than thirty (30) days advance notice - \$50

## **GLOSSARY**

### ***ABUSE***

Abuse is a verbal statement or physical act that implies or threatens physical, emotional, or psychological harm.

### ***ADD (PLAYER)***

Addition of a player who has not been rostered to a team during the current seasonal year.

### ***AFFILIATE MEMBER (CLUB)***

An Affiliated Member Organization is an organization of four (4) or more teams (of any type) which is a youth soccer organization with its headquarters in Indiana, registered with Indiana Youth Soccer, which supports and actively promotes the purpose and activities of Indiana Youth Soccer by having soccer-playing and/or educational opportunities for its members. Subject to adherence to all other Indiana Youth Soccer guidelines, clubs of three (3) or fewer teams may be considered for membership with State Board approval.

### ***ALLIED MEMBERS***

Allied Member Organizations are those sports organizations which govern programs in, or allied to, soccer as a sport, do not field teams and are not qualified as Affiliated Member Organizations.

### ***TRAVEL LEAGUE***

A travel league collects fees from, and schedules inter-club games between travel teams from Affiliated Member Organizations. Travel Leagues are Allied Member Organizations of Indiana Youth Soccer.

### ***CLUB CONTACT***

That person who has been appointed by the Affiliated Member (Club) as the sole person who may transmit and receive rosters, players passes and other such documentation as to players, teams and clubs.

### ***DISTRICT***

One of nine (9) geographical subdivisions of Indiana Youth Soccer.

### ***DISTRICT COMMISSIONER***

A District Commissioner is elected by the membership of Indiana Youth Soccer to represent the Affiliated Member Organizations (Clubs) within his or her District.

### ***DISTRICT REGISTRAR***

A person who has been approved by the Indiana Youth Soccer Registrar to sign player passes.

### ***DROP***

Release (drop) means to remove a player from a roster including the filing of an appropriate release (drop) form.

***ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY***

Eligible to play means registered, not under suspension.

***FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS (FIFA)***

The world governing body of the sport of soccer.

***FORFEIT, SIMPLE***

A forfeit after an attempt is made to play the game.

***FORFEIT, WILLFUL***

A forfeit when no attempt is made to play the game.

***FORFEIT, REFUSAL TO PLAY***

A forfeit when a team refuses to play a game against a particular team.

***FORFEIT, DUAL***

A forfeit when neither team attempts to play the game

***GAME ROSTER***

A list of players who will participate in a particular competition

***FRIENDLY GAME***

A match played between any two soccer teams that is outside of league or tournament play.

***GUEST PLAYER***

A registered player participating in a competition for a team to which the player is not rostered.

***INDIVIDUAL PLAYER***

An individual player is a player registered with Indiana Youth Soccer but not with a specific team. An individual player will receive a generic card stamped "tournament play only."

***MEDICAL RELEASE***

A notarized form whereby the parent or other legal guardian of a player consents in advance to allow medical treatment of the player without said parent or other legal guardian being present. Said form shall also include information regarding who is financially responsible for said treatment, the medical insurance information, any allergies the player may have and the name and other directory information of the player's physician. (See Indiana Youth Soccer Presidents Manual for form)

***MIDWEST REGIONAL LEAGUE - (USYSA NATIONAL LEAGUE - MIDWEST REGION II)***

A USYSA sanctioned interstate league.

***NATIONAL STATE ASSOCIATION (NSA)***

An affiliated member association of USYSA representing all leagues, Affiliate Members, teams and players within the territory assigned to the NSA by the USSF National Council.

**PRIMARY**

In order to be eligible for National or State Cup Competition, double rostered players must be listed as primary on the roster.

**RECREATIONAL CLUB**

Recreational soccer programs are intended to provide the opportunity for all interested children within the area served by the Affiliated Member Organization (Club) to participate in and enjoy the game of soccer without regard for athletic ability or soccer skills, up to the limit of the Member Organization's ability to accommodate them.

**TRAVEL AND RECREATIONAL-PLUS LEAGUE**

A structured group which collects fees from, and schedules inter-club games between travel or recreational-plus teams from Affiliated Member Organizations. Travel and recreational-plus leagues are Allied Member Organizations of Indiana Youth Soccer.

**REGISTRATION**

Players are registered by an Affiliate Member Organization with Indiana Youth Soccer for the seasonal year by submitting the required information and fee. Travel and recreation-plus players must be registered to a specific team.

**REGION**

One of four geographical subdivisions of the territory of USYSA. Indiana is one of fourteen (14) member states in Region II.

**ROSTER**

A list of registered players available to participate in a match. Travel and recreational-plus teams must have an Indiana Youth Soccer roster signed by the Indiana Youth Soccer State Registrar.

**ROUND ROBIN FORMAT**

A system used for play-offs or tournaments where teams are placed in groups and all teams play each other once. Teams are awarded points accumulated based on game outcome and these points determine advancement to the final round of competition.

**SECONDARY**

Double rostered players listed as secondary on a roster, are ineligible for National or State Cup Competition. Secondary play is only permitted when the game is not in conflict with the primary teams schedule.

**SEED**

A position or berth in a tournament determined on the basis of relative strength, usually league play or a playoff.

**SEASONAL YEAR**

Seasonal year is September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>. Seasonal year includes fall and spring seasons.

**SUSPENSION**

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, board, etc.) That has been suspended shall be in less than good standing for the entire term of suspension with all rights and privileges withdrawn unless specifically stated otherwise by the suspending authority.

**TEAM**

A recognized entity organized for the purpose of playing the sport of soccer.

**TEAM ROSTER**

A list of registered players eligible to play for a team in the seasonal year

**TOURNAMENT TEAM**

A team comprised of players who may be registered to more than one team rostered only for the purpose of attending

- (1) a tournament sanctioned by another National State Association or
- (2) international tournaments sanctioned by Indiana Youth Soccer

A Tournament Team is not eligible to play in the State or Competition Cup.

**TRANSFER**

The movement of a currently or previously rostered player onto another roster or a player who returns to the same roster within the current seasonal year.

**TRAVEL LEAGUE**

A travel league collects fees from, and schedules inter-club games between travel teams from Affiliated Member Organizations. Travel Leagues are Allied Member Organizations of Indiana Youth Soccer.

**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION (USSF)**

The United States Soccer Federation, the national governing body of soccer in the United States: recognized by FIFA and the United States Olympic Committee.

**US YOUTH SOCCER**

The United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), the youth division of US Soccer.

**YOUTH PLAYER**

A youth player is one who has not reached the age of nineteen (19) years prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> immediately preceding the start of any seasonal year.