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NJ YOUTH SOCCER MEMBER POLICIES AND PLAYING RULES

Effective 2020-21 Seasonal Year

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INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide clear communication to the New Jersey Youth Soccer Association (NJYSA) Membership on playing policies.

This Document shall be posted and accessible online at www.njyouthsoccer.com along with referenced appendices. NJYSA Board of Directors may review Member and Playing Policies Annually in preparation for each Seasonal Year. Throughout a seasonal year and as needed NJYSA may make recommendations to policies that improve the safety, equality, and enjoyment of the game for adoption for consideration of the NJYSA Board of Directors.

Beginning with the 2020-21 Seasonal Year policy revisions will reference the change date and implementation date (if different than the change date) for quick reference.

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1 DEFINITIONS (See separate document)

2 GENERAL MEMBER POLICIES

2.1 Seasonal Year

The Seasonal Year is defined as the period from September 1st of the current year through August 31st of the following year.

2.2 Membership and Membership Types

The Membership of the NJYSA shall consist of affiliated leagues, clubs, players, directors and officers not subject to suspension under Section 4 of US Soccer Bylaw 241, or to any Amateur Soccer organizations in the State of New Jersey. Membership with NJYSA provides membership with USYS and US Soccer.

2.1.1. League Member(s)

A member league is a competition authority that maintains at least a structured group of four (4) or more unrelated teams, joined for the purpose of inter-team play organized under a common set of administrative and competition rules and has been approved for affiliation with NJYSA. Leagues are subject to initial approval by and acceptance into NJYSA by the Board of Directors. See the league membership application on the NJYSA website for details that may include but are not limited to a name of the organization, address, listing of officers, tax identity, geography covered, and any information requested by the NJYSA Board of Directors. See APPENDIX TABLE for more information on New League Affiliation.

An affiliated member league may be a travel league or a recreation league.

2.1.1.1. Recreation League and Recreation Program(s)

A recreation league or recreation program is a Competition Authority for Recreation Players.

- a) **Recreation League** (Interclub): A league of Member Clubs for Member Recreation Players and Coaches from multiple communities. Interclub programs can apply to be recognized as an affiliated Member League in accordance with Section 2.1.1.
- b) **Recreation Program** (Intraclub): An in-house competition within a Member Club for Member Recreation Players and Coaches within the Club. Intraclub competitions are **not recognized** as an affiliated Member League of NJYSA.

2.1.1.2. Member Travel League

A Travel League is a member league which does not meet the criteria of a recreation league and is a competition authority for Travel Players.

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2.1.2. Member Club

An organization that is a member of a State Association such as NJYSA that has an identifiable membership of youth soccer players on whose behalf the organization conducts or engages in youth soccer activities; and sometimes referred to as a “league” or “local association” when running intraclub or recreation programs on the players behalf. A Club interested in providing travel memberships to players and coaches must be affiliated with a Member Travel League prior to Travel Teams, Coaches, and Players participating in any NJYSA sanctioned event. Each club is responsible for the fees, fines, and discipline of all coaches, players, and teams for which they provide access to NJYSA membership.

2.1.3. Member Coach

An individual who has completed the membership requirements of NJYSA* for each seasonal year. Membership fees for Coaches are the responsibility of the club for each seasonal year.

2.1.3.1. Recreation Coach

All adults applying for recreation coach membership (i.e. recreation coach pass) must submit NJYSA approved compliance documents for concussion education and SafeSport training. It is recommended but not required to provide evidence of coaching education. In addition, all adults in contact with youth players must also submit and clear a background check with NJYSA or an accepted alternative compliance pathway for recreational youth coaches.

2.1.3.2. Travel Coach

All adults applying for travel coach membership (i.e. travel coach pass) must submit NJYSA approved compliance documents for coaching education, concussion education, and SafeSport training. In addition, all adults in contact with youth players must submit and clear a background check with NJYSA. A Travel Coach may hold multiple Coaching Passes for which he/she is rostered in a seasonal year.

2.1.3.3. Youth Trainer

A non-adult applying for youth trainer approval must submit NJYSA approved compliance documents for coaching education, concussion education, Parental (guardian) permission, and be registered with NJYSA. A youth Trainer may not participate in match or game events without an NJYSA member coach present.

**Coach Passes from non-NJYSA Associations or organizations cannot be used to Coach NJYSA Youth Player Members. NJYSA registered players competing out of state are an exception and may be coached by a coach registered with another USYSA State Association.*

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2.1.4. Youth Player Membership(s)

The term "youth player" shall mean an amateur player who has not reached 20 years of age prior to December 31 for the current seasonal year.

Senior/Adult Games. A youth player will be permitted to play in an unlimited number of senior games without losing the player's youth player eligibility.

See APPENDIX TABLE for the US Soccer Birth Year and Season Matrix.

A youth player is considered registered with NJYSA once an application for a player membership type (i.e. Travel, Recreation, TOPSoccer, or Futsal) is made through a Member Club via the identified NJYSA registration portal and the youth player's application meets the criteria for the membership type for which such application regards. A youth player can apply and be considered registered for multiple membership types in a seasonal year.

2.1.4.1. Recreation Member Player

A youth player who meets the criteria for a Recreation Member Player:

- a) has a Recreation Member Player application in the identified NJYSA portal through a member organization,
- b) meets the criteria for the applicable Recreation League and/or Recreation Program,
- c) and is in good standing with NJYSA.

See APPENDIX TABLE for additional Recreation Program Policies and Guidelines. The player's Member Club is responsible for membership fees of NJYSA.

2.1.4.2. Travel Member Player

A youth player who meets the criteria for membership to play for a NJYSA Travel Member player:

- a) Has a Travel Member Player application in the identified NJYSA portal through a member Club,
- b) has been gender and age verified,
- c) has a current Medical Release on hand within the club,
- d) assigned to a NJYSA Travel Team within the identified NJYSA portal,
- e) and is in good standing.

Players can have only one Travel Membership Pass (aka primary card or pass) that assigns the player to an NJYSA Club and Team for the seasonal year. A club may provide a "duplicate" pass to a player at their discretion to reduce administrative burden. There shall be no "dual" or "double" carding where a player has a current NJYSA travel membership pass with two teams or two clubs. The player's club is responsible for NJYSA membership fees, to be paid before the

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close of each seasonal year. See APPENDIX TABLE for additional Travel Player Policies and Guidelines.

2.1.4.3. ODP Member Player

A youth player who has registered to participate in the NJYSA Olympic Development Program (ODP). A player may only try out for ODP in one USYSA State Association each seasonal year. Individual players are responsible for all ODP fees of the State Association in which the player tries out. See APPENDIX TABLE for additional ODP Program information, Policies, and Guidelines.

2.1.4.4. TOPSoccer Member Player

A youth player who participates in a member based TOPSoccer training and team placement program for athletes with special needs. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any player who has a mental or physical disability. TOPSoccer Member Players must have a TOPSoccer application with NJYSA. See APPENDIX TABLE for additional TOPSoccer program information, Policies and Guidelines.

2.1.4.5. Futsal Member Player

A Member Travel Player who participates in a NJYSA Sanctioned Futsal Competition. The player's club is responsible for membership fees prior to the conclusion of the competition.

A youth player who meets the criteria for a Futsal Member Player:

- a) has a Futsal Member Player application in the identified NJYSA portal through a Member Club,
- b) has been age and identity verified
- c) has a current NJYSA Medical Release on hand within the Member Club
- d) participates in futsal activities,
- e) and is in good standing.

The player's club is responsible for membership fees prior to the conclusion of the competition.

2.1.5. Teams

Teams are formed by Member Clubs rostering youth players and coaches into organized groups with NJYSA for participation in a NJYSA Member League or Recreation Program. A team roster may only have youth players and coaches of the same membership type (i.e. no mixing of membership types on the same team) and a team's age group may not be younger than the age group of the oldest rostered player. Teams must be formed in accordance with Recreational Member Club Policies or NJYSA Travel Team Policies.

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2.1.6. Gender of Teams

USYSA and NJYSA recognize 2 types of team genders:

- a) Teams with females only are girls' teams
- b) All other teams are boys' teams

For the purposes of forming a gender-based teams, a club may roster a player with the gender team with which the player identifies.

2.1.7. Inclusion Policy

Membership is open to all youth soccer players and coaches, who register with NJYSA or an NJYSA Member and will have access to NJYSA sanctioned activities and events without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or national origin.

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2.3 Insurance

- a) NJYSA Members (i.e. individuals, clubs and leagues) are provided coverage for personal liability claims, pursuant to the policy limits and exclusions. See NJYSA website for current details of coverage.
- b) NJYSA Members (i.e. players, coaches and volunteers) are provided coverage for excess medical claims, pursuant to the policy limits and exclusions (e.g. applies only to injuries incurred during a NJYSA sanctioned event). See NJYSA website for current details of coverage.
- c) NJYSA Members (i.e. Leagues and Clubs) are provided Directors & Officers insurance pursuant to the policy limits and exclusions. See NJYSA website for current details of coverage.
- d) Individual Members are provided insurance coverage at the time of completing the criteria set by NJYSA for membership which may begin prior to the start of the Season Year on September 1st.
- e) In order to obtain a Certificate of Liability insurance for a facility member clubs and leagues are to complete an insurance certificate request form. See APPENDIX TABLE Insurance Certificate Request Form.

2.4 NJYSA Online Portal

All Club, Coach, and Player Membership registration transactions shall be administered through a single online registration portal identified by NJYSA for the seasonal year. Also known as the registration services solution.

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3 COMPETITION AND TRAVEL POLICIES

3.1 Rule Making

Each Competition Authority (e.g. Recreation League, Travel League, Sanctioned Tournament, etc.) shall be associated with an NJYSA Member and has the right to elect its own officers and determine its own administrative policies and competition rules to the extent that the rules are not in conflict with:

- a) US Soccer By-laws, Policies and the Player Development Initiatives (PDIs),
- b) USYSA By-laws and Policies,
- c) NJYSA By-laws and Policies, and
- d) Modifications of the Laws of the Game (LOTG) as adopted by NJYSA.

For new leagues, any exceptions to the items above shall be identified by the Competition Authority to NJYSA during the event or competition sanctioning process. For returning leagues, any exceptions to the items above shall be identified by the Competition Authority to NJYSA prior to a change being implemented.

3.2 Travel Team Policies

3.2.1. Team Roster

3.2.1.1. Travel Team Roster

A Travel Team Roster is a listing of Travel Member Coaches and Primary Travel Member Players assigned by a Member Club to a unique team name within the Member Club. This roster is considered the NJYSA Official "State" Roster when it meets the team activation criteria set by NJYSA. Travel Team Roster is initiated, resides in, and is administered within the NJYSA identified registration portal. This includes all additions and subtractions throughout the seasonal year. The Travel Team Roster shall serve as a central listing for Travel Member Passes issued for a team. Each Travel Member Coach and Travel Member Player shall have a Travel Member Pass that corresponds to the Travel Team Roster.

3.2.1.2. Travel Team Competition Roster

A Travel Team Roster that meets the criteria set by the Competition Authority and is often referred to as a "Game Day" Roster or Game Card. The Travel Team Competition Roster is administered by the Competition Authority.

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3.3 Travel Team Roster Sizes

A Travel Team Roster is limited in size. The table below indicates applicable Travel Team Roster and Travel Team Competition Roster Sizes by Age of Play.

Age of Play	Maximum Travel Team Competition Roster Size	Minimum Travel Team Roster Size	Maximum Travel Team Roster Size	Maximum # of Travel Team Roster Assignments in Seasonal Year
13U – 19U (11v11)	18	7	22	28
11U – 12U (9v9)	16	6	18	24
8U – 10U (7v7)	14	5	14	20
6U – 7U (4v4)	10	4	14	20

3.4 Disbanding Teams

A disbanded Team is a Travel Team that elects to disband during the seasonal year. As a result, the team shall:

- a) destroy all player passes, coach passes, and any rosters to NJYSA,
- b) submit the disbanded team application.

Note: Registration fees paid to NJYSA will NOT be refunded to Clubs that elect to disband a team.

After a team is formally disbanded by NJYSA, the players on that team are released and declared eligible to move to another team in accordance with the NJYSA and relevant Travel League policies. Players impacted by a disbanded team are not subject to the transfer maximums of players from another club. Disbanded teams, because of alleged poaching, may be subject to review by NJYSA prior to approval of transfer.

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4 Travel Player Policies

4.1 Travel Membership Passes

Each player must hold and present to the referee a valid approved NJYSA or USYS Travel Player Pass prior to participating in any NJYSA or USYSA sanctioned competition. Players without passes or who present invalid passes (i.e. missing photo, tampered, etc.) are ineligible to participate in NJYSA Sanctioned Competitions.

4.2 Club Passing

NJYSA permits club passing. Club Passing is when a Travel Member Player uses their existing primary Membership Card to play for another team within the same club and with their Member Club's approval* to the extent that all other NJYSA policies are met. Club Passing does not impact the number of travel team roster spots referenced in section 3.3.

*Be advised that a Competition Authority or a Member Club may be more restrictive with local policies for Club Passing or Guest Carding.

4.3 Travel Players Playing Up

Players are permitted to "play up". Travel Players may not play up on a higher age team other than as specified below* (effective with the 2021-2022 seasonal year). Travel Players playing up does not impact the number of travel team roster spots referenced in section 3.3.

- 6U Team – 5U not permitted on a 6U team
- 7U Team – 6U Player(s) permitted on a 7U team
- 8U Team – 7U Player(s) permitted on an 8U team
- 9U Team – 8U Player(s) permitted on a 9U team
- 10U Team – 9U Player(s) permitted on a 10U team
- 11U Team – 9U & 10U Player(s) permitted on a 11U team
- 12U Team – 10U & 11U Player(s) permitted on a 12U team
- 13U Team – 11U & 12U Player(s) permitted on a 13U team
- 14U Team – 12U and up Player(s) are permitted on a 14U team
- 15U Team – 12U and up Player(s) are permitted on a 15U team
- 16U Team – 12U and up Player(s) are permitted on a 16U team
- 17U Team – 12U and up Player(s) are permitted on a 17U team
- 18U Team – 12U and up Player(s) are permitted on a 18U team
- 19U Team – 12U and up Player(s) are permitted on a 19U team

*Be advised that a Competition Authority or Member Club may be more restrictive with local policies for "playing up" that are not covered by NJYSA.

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4.4 Travel Player “Secondary Permission”

Secondary Permission is when a NJYSA Member League permits a Travel Player who has approval of their Travel Club to play for a second team that does not meet the criteria for Club Passing. NJYSA permits Secondary Permissions for 9U through 19U players (Note: Not permitted for 8U or younger). Secondary Permissions do not impact the number of travel team roster spots referenced in section 3.3.

4.4.1. Criteria for Secondary Permission

To be considered a Secondary Player with permission to play for a secondary team a player shall:

- a) have a Primary Travel Membership within the NJYSA registration portal,
- b) be assigned to an activated Travel Team within the NJYSA portal,
- c) have only one (1) Travel Membership within the NJYSA portal,
- d) have approval of their primary Member Club to Secondary to another team,
- e) have met the criteria set by a Member League for the seasonal year,
- f) uphold the obligation to play for their primary team before their secondary team in the event of a conflict.

4.4.2. Voiding a Secondary Permission

NJYSA Member League Secondary Permissions are voided if any of the criteria in Section 4.4.1 changes, or if:

- a) the player transfers or is released from their primary team,
- b) the player’s primary or secondary team disbands,
- c) the player’s primary or secondary club voids the secondary permission,
- d) or when the seasonal year concludes.

See your NJYSA Member League for details.

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4.5 Travel Player Transfer or Release

Once a Travel Player is rostered to a Travel Team, the player is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year unless they are transferred or released through one of the processes below.

4.5.1. Competition Authority on Transfers or Release

Players shall review and understand their Member Club and Competition Authority policies regarding sit-out and/or return to play policies with the seasonal year or the competition, prior to requesting a transfer or a release once the seasonal year has begun.

4.5.2. Release and Transfer Process Overview

Players requesting to transfer or be released must follow and complete the NJYSA online instructions.

4.5.2.1. Release Process Overview

There are two types of releases.

- a) “Voluntary release” means the removal of a player from a team’s roster at the request of the player. A voluntary release does not allow for a player to be simultaneously added to another team’s roster during the seasonal year.
- b) “Involuntary release” means the removal of a player from a team’s roster at the request of a Club. A Club may request an involuntarily release of a player from its roster if the player has violated bylaws, policies, or requirements of the Federation, US Youth Soccer, NJ Youth Soccer, or the member of the State Association through whom the player is registered.

4.5.2.2. Transfer Process Overview

There are two types of transfers.

- a) “**Interclub Transfer***” means the removal of a player from a team’s roster on the request of the player, and the simultaneous addition of the player to the roster of another team in a different member Club.
- b) “**Intraclub Transfer***” means the removal of a player from a team’s roster at the request of the player and the simultaneous addition of the player to the roster of another team from the same member club. This differs from a “club pass” player which does not require a change of primary teams within the same Club.
- c) All transfers (both interclub transfers and intraclub) count towards the number of travel team roster spots referenced in section 3.3 and transfer maximums referenced in section 4.5.3.

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4.5.3. Transfer Maximums

The maximum number of players permitted to transfer into a team roster during a seasonal year is as follows:

Age of Play	Transfer Maximums
13U – 19U (11v11)	5
11U – 12U (9v9)	4
8U – 10U (7v7)	4
6U – 7U (4v4)	No Limit

See APPENDIX TABLE Travel Player Transfer and Release Process or the NJYSA website for additional information on the process by which a Travel Player is transferred or released from a club and team.

4.6 NJ Residents Playing Out of State

- A youth player with an NJYSA membership in good standing may be carded to another USYSA State Association Travel Team.
- A youth player with an NJYSA membership may not be simultaneously carded with an NJYSA Travel team and another USYSA State Association Travel team.
- A youth player with an NJYSA membership may not be simultaneously carded with more than one USYSA State Association Travel team.

4.7 Out of State Players Playing in NJ

Players from State Associations other than New Jersey who want to play in New Jersey must register and become a member with the State Association in which they reside. Once a membership registration is obtained by their home State Association, the player will register with the NJYSA Member Club in which they intend to play. As a result of the out of state player registration process, the player will be activated to a roster. Registration fees may apply to this registration. See APPENDIX TABLE for the NJYS Out of State Playing Guide.

The Out of State Player shall use his/her NJYSA member pass for all competitions.

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5 Travel Coach Policies

5.1 Travel Coach Passes

Each Travel coach must present to the referee a valid NJYSA Coach pass prior to participating in any NJYSA sanctioned event or competition. Coaches without a pass or who do not present a valid pass (e.g. missing photograph) are ineligible to participate in a game and may be subject to sanctions.

5.2 Coach Add, Transfer or Release

NJYSA registered coaches may be added to other team(s) without being released from their original team. Coaches may be carded to more than one team, boys or girls. Coaches may not have multiple memberships with NJYSA.

5.3 Poaching

Poaching is actively encouraging a player to leave his/her current team or club to join another team through his/her own actions, or those of players, parents or others associated with a team or club the Coach is affiliated with within the same seasonal year. All coaches at all levels are prohibited from recruiting Youth Players from any team or club within NJYSA once a seasonal year has started. Complaints regarding allegations of poaching should be reported to NJYSA and may result in sanctions against the Coach and may be considered prior to a Travel Player request to transfer or be released.

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6 GAME AND COMPETITION RULES

6.1 FIFA Laws of the Game

NJYSA follows the FIFA Laws of the Game (LOTG). The Official Fédération Internationale de Football Associations (FIFA) Laws of the Game, the soccer rulebook authorized annually by the IFAB - International Football Association Board who maintains and annually updates soccer's rules and regulations, contains the seventeen (17) "Laws" in soccer.

6.2 Modifications of the Laws of the Game

Modifications of the Laws of the Game (LOTG) adopted by NJYSA is a set of the FIFA LOTG adjusted for the Youth Game with guidance from the US Soccer Federation (USSF), the NJYSA, and with input of the Member Travel Leagues. Travel Competition Authorities shall implement the Modifications as directed by NJYSA with the NJYSA Modifications of the LOTG, as Recreation Programs are advised to use the Modifications as guidance and best practice.

See APPENDIX TABLE for the Modifications of the Laws of the Game (LOTG) adopted by NJYSA

6.3 Game Scheduling

The day and time of games will be as specified by the Competition Authority. NJYSA State Cups games have priority over all other games. State Cups games should be scheduled for dates/times that minimize their impact on league schedules.

6.4 Game Day: Home Club Responsibilities

The Home Team is responsible for:

- a) Coordinating Referee(s) with the Competition Authority and USSF Policies
- b) Providing a safe secure field of play with adequate markings in accordance with FIFA and the NJYSA Modifications of the Laws of the Game (LOTG) Proper type, size, and inflated ball for the competition/age
- c) A uniform or kit of an alternative color as the away team and prepared to change on-site in the event of a conflict of colors with the opponent. Home team should wear light colors and the away team should wear a dark and non-contrasting colors.

6.5 No Carded Coach Present

If a team does not have a coach with a valid Pass that is on the State Roster, the game will not start. However, if there is another NJYSA carded coach present, the game can be played with a note made on the Game Roster and/or Game Card for the Competition Authority to determine the result of the match and if any actions will be taken. Further, if a coach is dismissed or sent-off in a game, without another rostered and carded coach in attendance to take over responsibility for the team, the game will be abandoned.

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6.6 Coach Responsibilities at NJYS Sanctioned Events

Coaches are responsible for players, parents, siblings, and those with an affiliation to their club and team and are subject to misconduct, sanctions, and fines for all actions connected to the game.

6.7 Use of Video

Competition Authorities are permitted to use digital images or recordings in the process of determining game misconduct, discipline, and/or sanctioning.

6.8 Drones

The use of unmanned aircrafts systems (UAS) aka drones is not permitted at NJYSA activities or sanctioned events without pre-approval of NJYSA. See APPENDIX TABLE for Policy on Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

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7 PLAYER SAFETY

See APPENDIX TABLE for NJYSA Player Safety Policies.

7.1 Heading

See the NJYS Modifications to the Laws of the Game.

8 TOURNAMENTS

A group of teams joined for the purpose of inter-play by a common set of administrative and competition rules that are determined by the tournament provider and affiliated with USYSA, a NJYSA Member League or Club.

NJYSA and its members shall not discriminate against the participation of players or teams based on the player or team's membership in, or affiliation with, another organization. Members are encouraged to allow teams of all other US Soccer members to participate in tournaments sponsored by NJYSA or any of its members when the teams otherwise comply with the tournament eligibility requirements.

Tournaments are subject to the NJYSA Tournament or Game Hosting. See APPENDIX TABLE for details on the NJYSA Tournament or Game Hosting Agreement.

US Soccer has established two (2) types of tournaments:

8.1 Restricted

Restricted tournaments are open only to teams that are members of USYSA and whose players have a valid USYSA player pass issued by one of the member state associations of USYSA.

8.2 Unrestricted

Unrestricted tournaments are open to all members of the US Soccer community and foreign teams with permission from their National Association. If you invite a non-US Soccer team to your tournament the tournament shall file permissions with NJYSA.

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9 MEMBER DISCIPLINE AND STANDING

9.1 Member Discipline

The NJYSA Discipline and Appeals Committee follows NJYSA procedures and policies for the adjudication of disciplinary matters. These procedures and policies are stipulated in the “NJYSA Discipline and Appeals Manual.”

9.2 Member Standing

9.2.1 Member in Good Standing

Member in good standing is the status assigned to a NJYSA member who has remained current with and has no sanctions, services and/or payables (money) owed to NJYSA from a prior or current seasonal year.

9.2.2 Member Not in Good Standing

Member not in good standing is the status assigned to a NJYSA member that may currently have sanctions, fines, services, and/or payables (money) owed to NJYSA from a prior or current seasonal year. A Member not in Good Standing may not participate in events or activities affiliated with or sanctioned by NJYSA.

9.3 General Provisions

All fines shall be paid within thirty (30) days of notification, including fines in the amount of \$200 or less that are the subject of an appeal. Fines greater than \$200 may be stayed if requested by the sanctioned party and approved by the entity hearing the appeal. Clubs with fines outstanding after that time period shall be declared not in “good standing,” and may be subject to sanctions.

9.4 Club Fines

All fines assessed by NJYSA against any players, coaches, trainers, officials, or spectators associated with a specific club are the responsibility of that Club to remit. All payments must be tendered to the NJYSA State Office. All fines must be paid within thirty (30) days of being notified unless otherwise provided in these Rules. A Club may not be allowed to register for an upcoming season until all unpaid fines are satisfied.

10 APPEALS

For detailed information regarding appeals, please reference the NJYSA Bylaws.

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11 APPENDIX TABLE

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12 TECHNICAL GUIDELINES AND BRIEFS

Throughout a seasonal year and as needed, NJYSA may make recommendations to policies that improve the safety, equality, and enjoyment of the game for adoption for consideration of the NJYSA Board of Directors.

- Technical Guidelines developed may be piloted as best practices for long term policy adoption.
- Technical Briefs may be developed for immediate implementation of policies to address unique situations and advances in the youth game.

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(SAMPLE ONLY)

APPENDIX I – MOTIFICATIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME (LOTG) – ADOPTED BY NJYSA