

TRYOUT RULES FOR USYSA

SECTION 5.5-2 ALLOWABLE CONTACT

A player(s) may not be contacted by a coach, parent, team manager, or other club affiliate, for the purpose of recruiting until the first Monday following the conclusion of the Indiana State Cups or until such player(s) has committed to another club for the upcoming seasonal year. Such contacts may not violate 5.5-3. Player commitment is defined in section 5.5-5.

SECTION 5.5-3 RULES REGARDING PLAYER CONTACT AND INDUCEMENT

A. Except as specifically allowed by these rules, after no person shall contact a registered player to guest-play or tryout for a team/club without first contacting the player's coach and obtaining permission to speak to the player or the player's 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 player's coach. Violation of this provision may constitute a recruiting violation.

B. No coach, assistant coach, trainer, team representative, club representative, registered player, parent, or advertisement may offer any kind of inducement to a player(s) to play on his/her respective team/club. Coaches are responsible for the actions of all of the above listed participants involved with their team/club. 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, positive, negative or otherwise which could affect the decision of a player(s) regarding choice of teams/clubs 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 conduct any soccer related activity with any Indiana Soccer registered player who is registered on another team/club except during tryouts or if the player is a guest player with the written permission of the player's coach.

D. Should a complaint of player contact be of an inter-association matter, then the complainant shall file his/her written complaint directly with the Indiana Soccer State Office, who shall, if there is sufficient evidence provided by the complainant in their written complaint, investigate and render a decision. Either party may then file an appeal with Indiana Soccer's Executive Committee. Please reference the *Indiana Soccer Procedure for Reporting Alleged Recruiting Violations* document for complete steps and instructions.

E. Failure to comply with the above rule constitutes a violation of Indiana Soccer's directives concerning wrongful recruitment and shall be punishable by suspension of the guilty parties, i.e., coach, assistant coach, team manager, for a time to be determined. These sanctions range from individual suspensions up to and including club access to Indiana Soccer sponsored activities which may include Cup participation. Allegations against registered players are subject to review before punishments are considered and punishment periods are at the discretion of State Office. Either party may file an appeal of the decision with Indiana Soccer's Executive Committee.

F. These rules apply to any club that has any portion of their members receiving benefits from Indiana Soccer.

SECTION 5.5-4 TRYOUT DATE RESTRICTIONS

A. 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 the published date for travel tryouts for the upcoming seasonal year. This rule does not preclude a player from practicing with a team as an authorized guest player.

B. Any player violating Rule 5.5 is ineligible to play for that team for the upcoming seasonal year.

C. Clubs cannot conduct open meetings, camps, trainings, games etc of any kind for any non-club members before the first (1st) day of allowable tryouts.