



INDIANA 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 Soccer Association (hereinafter "Indiana 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, 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 Soccer Association ("USYSA") and the United States Soccer Federation ("USSF").

RULE 1.2 LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP (Indiana 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 Executive Board approves a lesser number of team) which is a soccer organization with its headquarters in Indiana, registered with Indiana Soccer, which supports and actively promotes the purpose and activities of Indiana Soccer by providing soccer playing and/or educational opportunities for its members.

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 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 rules to govern play within its own organization. These rules should not conflict with Indiana Soccer rules, the Bylaws of Indiana Soccer, the rules of US Soccer or USSF.
- B. Organizations seeking to be an Indiana Soccer Affiliated Member must provide a copy of their current rules and bylaws for review by Indiana Soccer prior to the Executive Committee voting on the application. If said organization doesn't have its own bylaws and rules of play, then they must adopt same before Indiana Soccer will act on the application. The organization shall also provide a brief description of its purpose, the board of directors with directory information and an approximate number of teams including age groups and gender. If the organization has less than four (4) teams then it must also submit a petition for a temporary waiver of the requirement that is good for one year. The application shall also identify the Risk Management Coordinator for the organization.
- C. Written notification of subsequent changes to the organization's bylaws must be made to the Indiana Soccer forty-five (45) days before suggested changes go into effect.
- D. The State Office will notify in writing both the Affiliated Member Organization and the Indiana Soccer State Board of Directors in the event an organization's rule or rules appear to be in conflict with the Indiana Soccer 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 Soccer and/or US Soccer; or "Jeopardize continued membership in

Indiana Soccer. If the State Office 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 Soccer then the rule shall be effective.

A recommendation or finding by the State Office is not binding on any Affiliated Member Organization unless and until acted on and approved by the Indiana Soccer Board of Directors. The review process is intended to provide early identification, discussion and resolution of potential rule conflicts, to the mutual benefit of the Indiana 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 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.
Registration documentation and fee payment is due to the State Office as follows:
 - 1. Travel teams/players – August 1 – fall play; March 1 – spring play
 - 2. Rec+ teams/players – August 15 – fall play; March 15 – spring play
 - 3. Rec players – September 1 – fall play; April 1 – spring play
 - 4. Failure to comply with these deadlines will result in late fees assessed to the club.
- C. Each Affiliated Member Organization will annually on or before August 1, provide Indiana Soccer with a listing of the officers of their Board of Directors in a format established by Indiana Soccer. In the event there is a change in such information, the organization shall provide an update to Indiana Soccer within two (2) weeks of said 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 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 1st of each seasonal year.
- B. With the payment of the affiliation fee each League will submit to Indiana Soccer a copy of league rules, regulations, bylaws, articles and/or constitution if applicable
- C. Each League will annually provide Indiana Soccer with a listing of the officers of their Board of Directors. In the event there is a change in such information, the organization shall provide an update to Indiana Soccer within two (2) weeks of said change.
- F. An Allied Member Organization (League) may adopt additional rules or modify these State Rules to govern play within its own organization. However, any additional rules must not be in conflict with the Indiana Soccer rules and bylaws or the rules of US Youth Soccer or USSF.

Written notification of subsequent changes to the league's rules must be made to the Indiana Soccer forty-five (45) days before suggested changes go into effect. Indiana Soccer will notify the League in writing in the event a league's rule or rules appear to be in conflict with the Indiana Soccer Bylaws or State Rules. If the Director does not notify the League that a rule is in conflict within thirty (30) days of submission by the League to Indiana 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 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 Soccer or approved US Youth Soccer Member Organizations.

RULE 1.4 LEVELS OF COMPETITION

The Indiana 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 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 Soccer or any organization under the control of Indiana Soccer.

CHAPTER TWO – REGISTRATION OVERVIEW

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

The seasonal playing year of Indiana 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 all soccer players, coach, team managers or any other team assistants or administrators, and soccer teams that are sponsored, financed, coached or administered by the club, league, association or organization whether they be male or female, members of traveling teams, competitive teams or in-house recreation programs.

Note: Only those players and adults that are registered with Indiana Soccer will receive full Indiana Soccer membership benefits.

RULE 2.3 REGISTRATION FEE

The annual player registration fees for affiliated member organizations of Indiana 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. Late fees may be assessed for payments not received by the published deadlines.

RULE 2.4 CLUB REGISTRAR

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

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

RULE 2.5 CLUB RISK MANAGEMENT CONTACT

All Indiana Soccer Affiliated Member Organizations (Clubs) will appoint or elect a Club Risk Management Contact. The Risk Management Contact will serve as the liaison between the Indiana Soccer Risk Management Personnel and the club. Responsibilities are listed below but not limited to:

- A. Ensure that all adults in the club that have significant contact with players or club funds have a current background check
- B. Ensure that club practices good risk management policies in regard to goal safety and field and player safety in general
- C. Ensure that the club practices sound fiscal management
- D. Develop a Risk Management Plan for the club

RULE 2.6 RESIDENCY

A player must register in the state in which he or she resides with his or her parent(s) or guardian(s). 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 in this case may be determined by the state in which the player is registered to vote or holds a current driver's license.

RULE 2.7 OUT-OF-STATE PLAY

A resident of Indiana must register with Indiana Soccer in order to be eligible to play in another U.S. Soccer state association. Players will be insured through the state that rosters them for play.

Indiana Insurance will not cover these players once released to play in another state. Failure to register in Indiana will place the player in bad standing with US Youth Soccer and invalidate the player's insurance coverage. A player wishing to play in a non-resident state for a US Youth Soccer sanctioned team must complete and return an Indiana Soccer Resident Player Registration Request form and appropriate fee to the Indiana Soccer office for approval. All players or teams wishing to compete in a US Youth Soccer 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 US Soccer seasonal year - (September 1st - August 31st). The player is registered from the moment the player or the player's agent signs the Indiana Resident Out of State registration form and pays the appropriate fee(s).

RULE 2.8 PLAYERS NOT RESIDING IN INDIANA

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

RULE 2.9 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. An international clearance is normally received within 7 days for players. A temporary clearance certificate can be granted after 60 days if no response is received from a foreign country.

RULE 2.10 FAILURE TO COMPLY

Failure to comply with the "Indiana Soccer Registration Rules" may result in the offending club, coach, assistant coach, manager/trainer and/or team representative, and players being suspended from soccer activities.

RULE 2.11 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. Clubs should refer to the IHSAA for complete policies regarding High School play outside of the school programs.

RULE 2.12 INCORPORATION OF USSF REQUIREMENTS

To the extent these rules or the Bylaws of Indiana Soccer do not include all those provisions that are required by the US Soccer Federation to be included, said US Soccer 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.
- 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.

RULE 3.1 TYPES OF TEAMS (USYSA RULE 103)

US Soccer recognizes two types of teams. Teams with females only are Girls Teams. All other teams are Boys Teams.

Recreational programs may register with Indiana 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. 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 TEAM 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 divisions may be determined by the club to best serve their membership

At the discretion of the Affiliated Member Organization (Club), 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 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 ten (10).
Number on field at any one time not to exceed six (6), one of which shall be a goalkeeper.

Under 11/12 Roster not to exceed fourteen (14).
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.

RULE 3.3 TEAM REGISTRATION

SECTION 3.3-1 DEADLINES & Late Fees

Recreational Registration:

Fall Deadline September 1st

Spring Deadline April 1st

Late Fees:

A \$2/player late fee may be assessed for any club registrations received after the published deadlines each season. Please refer to the current fee schedule.

SECTION 3.3-2 RECREATIONAL REGISTRATION

Recreational players are registered to Affiliated Member Organizations (Clubs) and further registered with Indiana Soccer by submission of requested information for all players, coaches and administrators to the Indiana 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 Soccer ID number
- C. Affiliated Member Organization's Registrar should submit player list via electronic submission.

RULE 3.4 ROSTER CHANGES

SECTION 3.4-1 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 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 3.4-2 DOUBLE ROSTERING

- A. Registered recreational players may simultaneously play recreational and recreational-plus or travel.
- B. A player transferring intra-club during the seasonal year from recreational to recreational-plus or travel will pay to Indiana Soccer the difference between the recreational player fee and the recreational-plus or travel fee (Upgrade fee)
- C. A player transferring inter club will pay the full registration fee at the new club.

RULE 3.5 TRAVEL AND TOURNAMENTS FOR RECREATION

Recreational teams may participate in sanctioned tournaments providing recreational divisions. Participation in district area club sponsored KOHL'S Cups is encouraged.

SECTION 3.5-1 IN STATE

- A. Recreational teams participating in tournaments within Indiana must make sure Indiana Soccer and US Soccer have sanctioned the tournament.
- B. Teams must carry:
 - Approved and notarized Medical Release forms signed by the parent or guardian
 - Birth certificate or other proof of age.

SECTION 3.5-2 KOHLS CUPS

- A. The Kohl's US Soccer American Cup provides recreational soccer players an opportunity to experience a consistent and high quality statewide tournament in a fun, family-like atmosphere. It fosters stimulation and excitement about soccer in an effort to increase the recreational players' interest in and love for the game.
- B. All players have the right to participate in competitions where they can develop and exhibit their skills while enjoying themselves. The Kohl's American Cup provides recreational players this opportunity and places emphasis on participation, as opposed to competition.
- C. Indiana Soccer Sponsors District Kohl's Cups in several areas in Indiana and entry is open to any Indiana Soccer registered team in the area.

A. 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 applicants (subject to reasonable terms).

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

RULE 4.1 TYPES OF TEAMS (USYSA RULE 103)

US Soccer recognizes two types of teams. Teams with females only are Girls Teams. All other teams are Boys Teams.

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

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 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 TEAM 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 Soccer for U8 Rec+ play*

SECTION 4.2-3 MAXIMUM ROSTER

Maximum team roster limits are as follows:

U09-U10 teams 12 players

U11-U12 teams 14 players

U13-U15 teams 18 players

U16-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 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.

RULE 4.3 INDIANA SOCCER VARIANCES - AGE AND ROSTER LIMITATIONS

- A. For 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.
- B. 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.

SECTION 4.3-1 GAME FORMAT

- 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 Soccer recommends a roster of not more than ten (10) players. A team must field at least four (4) players to play a game. Sanctioned games will be conducted in a 6 v 6 format.
- B. Indiana 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.
- C. Nothing in these rules shall require that U13 and older teams are required to play full sided soccer

SECTION 4.3-2 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 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.
- 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.

SECTION 4.3-3 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 guest passes issued by Indiana Soccer.

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 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 US Soccer or its affiliates. This is not to be interpreted to restrict travel for non US Soccer affiliated events.

SECTION 4.4-3 PENALTY

Those Affiliated Member Organizations who are found to be in violation of this rule 4.4-2, after a formal investigation conducted by the State Office, shall be immediately declared to be in bad standing. Teams of such Affiliated Member Organizations may be removed from all competition: intrastate, interstate, regional and national.

Note: Intent of this rule 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.

SECTION 4.4-4 TOURNAMENT PLAY

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 Soccer membership establishes player fees.

SECTION 4.5-2 DEADLINES AND LATE FEES

New Recreational-plus Team Rosters:

Fall Deadline: August 15th

Spring Deadline: March 15th

Late fees will be assessed per player for teams that are not rostered or paid for by the deadlines. Please refer to the current fees chart.

SECTION 4.5-3 TEAM REGISTRATION

Recreational-plus teams are registered to Affiliated Member Organizations (Clubs) and further registered with Indiana Soccer by submission of requested information for all players, coaches and team administrators to the Indiana 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 numbers
- C. Affiliated Member Organization's Registrar must submit roster via current on-line registration system.
- 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 U11 team may roster players aged U11, U10 and U9; a U13 team may roster players aged U13, U12 and U11; A U19 team may roster players aged U14-U19)

Indiana 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

US Soccer 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 a 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. The club shall pay the stated fee for each coach issued a Club Coach's Pass. In addition, the coach may also be listed on each club team roster.

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 Soccer that a team by registering through a club has made a commitment to that club for one seasonal year. However, a recreational-plus team may transfer its registration between Affiliated Member Organizations (Clubs) during the playing year. The procedure below must be followed and documents sent to the Indiana Soccer Office:

- A. A letter releasing the team from the original Club
- B. A letter from the receiving club accepting such transfer
- C. The original roster and all player passes must be returned to Indiana Soccer after which a new roster and player passes will be issued.
- D. A team transfer fee of \$100 will be assessed to the team or accepting club.
- E. A team transfer does not affect the 5-player transfer rule, which will still be based on the team's original roster.

If a team does not obtain a release from the original Club, the team may petition for release to the Indiana Soccer State Office. If approved:

- 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 Soccer after which a new roster and player passes will be issued.

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 previously rostered during the current seasonal year to another team or the same team. (if this is true, the player must be transferred, not added)
- C. The Club Registrar 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.

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 Soccer, USSF or US Soccer rules..
- E. The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what a reasonable travel distance is subject to definition by Indiana 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
- B. The player has been properly transferred, 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 unlimited transferred players
 2. A club may transfer players between teams in the Club without cost at any time.
- B. 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.
- C. Player transfer procedure: The Club Registrar may transfer players on recreational-plus teams:
 1. Transfers WITHIN the same club at any time during the seasonal year.
 2. Transfers to teams OUTSIDE the original club will be processed:
 - At any time, if the team from which he is transferring dissolves or fails to form.
 - Upon release from the original club
 - If release is denied by original club, upon petition and approval from the State Office.
- D. Transfer fees and deadlines:
 1. Free if the transfer is to a team within the same club as the original team
 2. Current registration fee will be charged for transfers to a new club
 3. Transfers can occur at any time throughout the seasonal year

SECTION 4.6-4 DOUBLE ROSTERING

- A. Players may register on up to two teams per seasonal year providing the following conditions are complied with:
 1. Players must indicate at registration their primary team. The player pass will indicate "secondary" for all secondary players.
 3. Double rostering will be allowed at the initial time of team registration or at any time otherwise allowed by these rules, when the player additions indicating primary or secondary on the roster, are sent to Indiana Soccer by the primary club registrar.
 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 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 change their designation as primary or secondary with the written permission of the primary coach, the submission of both the primary and secondary cards and the appropriate fee.
 7. Players may be added as secondary to another club's team only with the written permission of the player's primary coach.
 8. A player may not be rostered on more than two (2) teams.
 9. 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.
 10. Clubs utilizing the CLUB PASS system will not be allowed to register ANY secondary players. (see section 5.5-3 for the definition of the Club Pass System.) Clubs using the Club Pass System may register Recreational players as secondary.

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 participants. (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 league(s) or tournament(s) within Indiana must make sure the league or tournament has been sanctioned by Indiana Soccer in order to receive full Indiana Soccer benefits.
- B. No U8 or younger team may enter and/or play in a tournament designated as travel, select or competitive.
- B. A friendly game is a non-league or non-tournament game. Sanctioning is not required for friendly games between Affiliated Member Organization (Indiana Soccer Club) teams or other US Soccer organizations including recreational and recreational-plus.
- C. If an Indiana Soccer team is hosting an in-state friendly game with an out-of state team, they must have Indiana Soccer issue an approved Permission to Host a friendly game form. 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:
 - 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 state registrar.
 - Completely laminated Player Passes.
 - 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 US Soccer.
- B. Any Indiana Soccer team playing a friendly game outside the state of Indiana must secure a Permit to Travel issued by Indiana Soccer before they may participate. Teams participating in friendly games outside the state of Indiana must make sure the game has been sanctioned (approved Application to Host form) by their National State Association and US Soccer. The Indiana 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:
 - 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 state registrar.
 - Completely 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

Foreign tournaments including Canada and Mexico: Teams traveling outside the United States must receive approval from Indiana Soccer and U S Soccer. No later than ninety (90) days prior to your departure date, submit to Indiana 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 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 Soccer Bylaws or State Rules.

RULE 5.1 TYPES OF TEAMS (USYSA RULE 103)

US Soccer 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 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 TEAM 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 teams for Under 8 or below will be permitted. No exceptions.

SECTION 5.2-3 MAXIMUM ROSTER

Maximum team roster limits are as follows:

U09-U10 teams 12 players
U11-U12 teams 14 players
U13-U15 teams 18 players
U16-U19 teams 22 players

SECTION 5.2-4 MINIMUM ROSTER

No U13 or older team shall be allowed to have less than twelve (12) 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

A team/club rostering a player who is over-age; who is not registered with the club; who is improperly entered on the team's roster or who otherwise does not meet the criteria for registration.

RULE 5.3 INDIANA SOCCER VARIANCES - AGE AND ROSTER LIMITATIONS

SECTION 5.3-1 UNDER 9-10 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 Soccer recommends an official game roster of not more than ten (10) players.

- B. Academy rosters – unlimited numbers (see Section 5.5-4)
- C. An Under 10 team (which includes an under 9 team) may roster an unlimited number of players that are true U8's. No players younger than true U8 players are allowed (U7, U6 etc) to roster to a travel team or Academy team.

SECTION 5.3-2 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 Soccer recommends a roster size of not more than twelve (12) players.

Exception: U12 tournament play may be conducted in 11 v 11 format.

SECTION 5.3-3 ROSTER LIMITATIONS FOR FULL SIDED PLAY

The team roster shall be approved by Indiana Soccer.

- For Under 15 and younger teams, the team roster may not have more than 18 players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year.
- For Under 16 and older teams, the team roster may have up to 22 players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year.
- Every team roster shall have a minimum of 12 players on the roster at all times.

SECTION 5.3-4 AGE LIMITATIONS

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 U11 team may roster players aged U11, U10, and U09, a U13 team may roster players aged U13, U12, U11; a U19 team may roster players aged U14-U19.

SECTION 5.3-5 OUT OF STATE PLAY

- A. Out-of-state league play: U9 and U10 teams may play 7 v 7 or 8 v 8 in leagues in those states not adopting the Indiana 6 v 6 small-sided game format.
- B. Out of state tournament play: U9 and U10 teams may be issued permits to travel for out of state tournaments that have not adopted 6 v 6 game format.
- C. Out-of-state league play: U11 and U12 teams may play 11 v 11 in leagues in those states not adopting the small-sided 8 v 8 format.
- D. 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, 8 v 8 format.

SECTION 5.3-6 OVER-AGE PLAYER - FALL SEASON ONLY

For fall seasons only, 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 Soccer.
- B. Over-age players' cards will be stamped "No U14 tournament Play."
- C. Over-age players cannot play with this 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 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.
- E. If over-age players are removed from the Under 14 roster, they shall be considered a transfer to a new team.
- F. Inter and Intra club transfers for these players will be permitted without petition.
- G. Up to three (3) U15 players already rostered in the fall to U15 teams may use the Club Pass System to play with a U14 team in the fall and therefore would not be rostered to the U14 team.

*Except as noted in Rule 5.3-6 herein, players may not roster in younger divisions than their age

dictates. There will be no exceptions.

SECTION 5.3-7 OVER-AGE PLAYER - SPRING SEASON ONLY

- A. For the spring season only Under 18 teams may use up to three (3) U19 players for league play as long as the league rules allow.
- B. U19 players will not be added to the team's official state roster
- C. U19 players must register as League Guest players and receive a League Guest Play pass. These players may play with a team in league play following league policy and procedure

RULE 5.4 COMPETITIVE LEAGUE AND TOURNAMENT FORMAT RESTRICTIONS

SECTION 5.4-1 SMALL-SIDED PLAY FOR Under 9 and Under 10

Indiana 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 5.4-2 LEAGUE RESTRICTIONS

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

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. U8 or younger teams may not be formed to participate in approved sanctioned tournaments.

SECTION 5.4-4 PERMIT TO TRAVEL

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

SECTION 5.4-5 SMALL SIDED PLAY FOR UNDER 11 AND UNDER 12

Indiana 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.

RULE 5.5 TEAM REGISTRATION

SECTION 5.5-1 DEADLINES AND LATE FEES

New Travel Team Rosters:

Fall Deadline: August 1st
Spring Deadline: March 1st

New team submittal or player registration payments postmarked after these dates shall be assessed a per player late fee. A team being rostered in the fall, which will be begin play after the fall league season, shall not be assessed a late fee for failing to register by the fall deadline.

SECTION 5.5-2 TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION

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

- Full name,
- Date of birth (players only),
- Address, City, Zip,
- Phone
- Email address

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

1. Stamped, signed official roster.
2. Passes for all players, coaches and team administrators.

SECTION 5.5-3 CLUB PASS STRUCTURE

- A. Clubs must elect to use either the Club Pass System or secondary rostering when allowing players to play on multiple teams within their club. This is a club-by-club decision and all teams in the same club must use the same rostering method.
- B. The Club Pass is designed for *intra*-club use only.
- C. All players must be rostered as primary players to a team within the same club. Players may play with another team in the same club for league play only.
- D. Club Passes cannot be used for tournament guest play and players will be considered guest players and not part of the team roster. Guest player limits will apply.
- E. Club Passes cannot be used for guest play during any Indiana Cup Tournament.
- F. U15 players may use Club Passes to play with a U14 team in the fall only for league play. Only 3 club passed U15 players will be allowed to play with a U14 team per league game.
- G. Clubs using the Club Pass system of play are allowed to register recreational players as secondary players within the club.

SECTION 5.5-4 DOUBLE ROSTERING

- A. Players may register on up to two teams per seasonal year providing the following conditions are complied with:
 1. New teams formed after the fall season may double roster previously rostered players. Those previously rostered players must be listed on the newly formed team roster, indicating secondary on the roster at that time. The previously rostered player passes must be returned to the state office before a new player pass can be generated..
 2. Players may change their designation as primary or secondary only with the written permission of the primary coach and the return of the original primary and secondary player passes.
 3. Players may be added as secondary to another club's team only with the written permission of the player's primary coach.
 4. A player may not be rostered on more than two (2) teams.
 5. 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.
 6. Secondary players are not permitted on any team if the club is using the CLUB PASS system for league play.
 7. A team's roster must contain a majority of primary players to be considered legitimate.
- B. Indiana Soccer Allied Member Organizations shall allow secondarily rostered players to participate in league play.

SECTION 5.5-5 U9/U10 ACADEMY ROSTERING

- A. Clubs may roster an unlimited number of players aged U8, U9 or U10 age groups for U9 and U10 academy play.
- B. Clubs may form a girl's academy team and a boy's academy team. Girls are permitted on a boy's academy team.
- C. U8 players must be true U8, no U7 players will be permitted, no exception.
- D. An official state roster will not be issued for academy teams of more than 12 players.

- E. Teams wishing to enter a tournament may request an official state roster from the state office. Up to 12 carded players may be placed on each roster for each tournament play date.
- F. Clubs may request rosters with a different set of players from the academy pool for each tournament event.
- G. All academy players will be issued an official player pass.

SECTION 5.5-6 PLAYER, COACH, and ADMINISTRATOR PASSES

US 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 5.5-6 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. See fee chart for associated Club Coach Pass fee.

SECTION 5.5-7 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.

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 that the:

- 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. Player(s) added to a roster after initial team registration must be a player(s) not previously rostered. Previously rostered players will be considered transfers.
- D. Coaches, managers and administrators may be added to a team's roster at any time during the seasonal year.

SECTION 5.6-2 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 for which the fees were due and payable.
- 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 for an indeterminate period of time.
- D. For any reason allowed by Indiana Soccer, USSF or US Soccer rules.
- E. The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what a reasonable travel distance is subject to definition by Indiana Soccer.

If a player is released (dropped) without the player's 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. The player's current player pass and a copy of said letter must be attached to the drop form.

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

1. The player is in good standing with the team or club he/she is leaving

2. The player has been properly transferred and has received a player pass for the new team.

SECTION 5.6-3 TRANSFERS

A transfer is the movement of a currently or previously rostered player from his/her initial, current seasonal year roster onto another roster or a player who returns to the same roster within the current seasonal year.

- A. Transfers per team:
Travel teams will be limited to a total of five (5) previously rostered transferred players for playing in the US Soccer National Championship Series Event (Indiana State Cup).
- B. A travel team may be fully compiled of 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 play.

Additional Information: A player who transfers on to and off of a team is counted as a single transfer and is counted toward the maximum of five (5).

- C. ODP transfer: Players who have rostered on an Indiana Soccer Club team in the current seasonal year and who have participated in the Olympic Development Program (ODP) may not transfer or be added to any team(s) for which their ODP coach or assistant coach may participate for the remainder of the current seasonal year.
- D. 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.
- E. INTRA CLUB Player transfer procedure: Players on travel or recreational-plus team may transfer teams intra club at any time during the seasonal year, provided that
 1. The new team is a member of the same club as the previous team.
 2. Transfers are processed by the state office upon the request of the club registrar
 3. The player pass from previous team must accompany the transfer form.
 4. Transfers can be processed if the team from which the player is transferring dissolved or failed to materialize.
 5. U15 players (fall only over-aged players) may transfer at any time to another team from the original club or another club without petition
- F. INTER CLUB Player Transfer Procedure/Clarification:
 1. Permitted only upon written release from an official such as the club president or director of coaching of the current club.
 2. If the current club denies the request for player release, the player may petition the state office in writing for such release
 3. Accepting club will owe the appropriate fee (see fee schedule)
 4. Player pass must accompany the drop/transfer form
 5. The petition will be reviewed and if approved the transfer will occur and the accepting club will owe the transfer fee
 6. If the petition is denied the player will not be allowed to transfer to the new team.

SECTION 5.6-4 INTER-CLUB TRANSFER OF TEAM

It is the policy of Indiana Soccer that by registering with or through a club, a team has made a commitment to that club for one seasonal year. However, a travel team may transfer its registration between Affiliated Member Organizations (Clubs) using the following procedure:

- A. A signed letter from the president of the initial club, releasing the team from the initial Club must be delivered to the Indiana Soccer State Registrar.
- B. A signed letter from the president of the receiving club accepting such transfer must be delivered to the Indiana State Soccer Registrar.
- C. The original roster and all player passes associated with the initial team must be delivered to Indiana Soccer.

- D. A team transfer fee of \$100 will be assessed and paid, after which a new roster and player passes will be issued.

If a team does not obtain a release from the initial Club, the team may petition for said release to the Indiana Soccer State Office.

The rule that speaks to the 5-player maximum transfer limit will not apply to said team transfer.

RULE 5.7 TRYOUTS

SECTION 5.7-1 ADVERTISING

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

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

SECTION 5.7-2 ALLOWABLE CONTACT

Beginning June 1 until a player has committed to another team for the upcoming seasonal year, a coach or team designee may personally contact a player for the purpose of informing that player, of tryouts for said coach, team or club for the upcoming seasonal year. Such contact may not violate 5.7-3. Player commitment is defined in section 5.7-5.

SECTION 5.7-3 RULES REGARDING PLAYER CONTACT AND INDUCEMENT

- A. Except as specifically provided for by these rules, no person shall contact a rostered player to guest or tryout for a team without first contacting and obtaining written permission from the player's current coach. Contact includes speaking to the player or the player's representative i.e. parent, guardian etc. referencing or insinuating that the player would be welcome to play for the contacting person's club or team. 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, registered player, parent or advertisement may offer any kind of inducement to recruit a player to play on his/her respective team. Coaches are responsible for the actions of all of the above listed participants associated 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 conduct any sanctioned soccer related activity with any Indiana Soccer registered player who is registered on another team prior to June 1st and or after the player has committed to another team or if the player is a guest player without the written permission of the player's current coach.
- D. Should a complaint of prohibited player contact be of an inter-association matter, the complainant will file his/her written complaint directly with the Indiana Soccer State Office. The State office shall render a decision. Either party may file an appeal with the State Association's Executive Committee.
- E. A violation of any part of rule 5.7-3 constitutes a violation of current Indiana Soccer's directives regarding illegal recruitment and shall be punishable by suspension of all guilty parties, i.e., coach, assistant coach, team manager, for up to one (1) seasonal year. Allegations against registered players are subject to review before punishments are considered and punishment periods are at the discretion of State Office's appointed body assigned to adjudicate such allegations. Either party may file an appeal of the decision with Indiana Soccer's Executive Committee.

Note: Prior to June 1, 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 coach must seek permission from the current primary coach in order to permissibly continue discussions with the player/parent.

If a player is released from a team in accordance with Indiana Soccer rules for releasing competitive players, he/she may be contacted or recruited by another team. A registered/rostered player may not guest play in any competition which requires a player pass except with his or her coach's permission. After June 1, a coach must return, to the requesting player, the player's player pass providing the team has completed the current season's sanctioned competition(s) upon request by the player.

SECTION 5.7-4 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 5.7 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 which permits any non-registered club members to attend before the first (1st) day of allowable tryouts.

SECTION 5.7-5 PLAYER COMMITMENT

- A. According to US Soccer Policy Rule 201 Section 3
A player is registered for a seasonal year from the moment the player or the player's representative executes the registration form and pays the appropriate fees.
- B. Thus, Indiana Soccer considers a player committed to a member club for the period of one seasonal year once the registration form is signed and the fee or a portion of said fee equal to or in excess of fifteen (\$15.00) is paid to the club.
- C. The Club's Registration form that is offered to the player or parent for signature must include clear and legible language that informs the signee of the one seasonal-year commitment that the player is making to the club. The state office recommends that each person signing the registration form initial next to the one seasonal-year informative language
- D. A signed club scholarship application will NOT satisfy the payment fee language noted in 5.7-5 B

Note that anyone accused of violating any of the aforementioned will be afforded due process as stated by US Soccer.

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 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 Soccer Club) teams or teams.
- C. If an Indiana Soccer youth team is hosting an in-state friendly game with an out-of-state team they must have Indiana Soccer issue a Permission to Host a friendly game. The out-of-state team must have a "Permit to Travel", issued from its own state association, in order to attend the friendly game..
- D. Teams must have in their possession::

- Medical Release forms signed by the parent or guardian for all registered youth players
- An official roster, which includes all traveling players and team officials, signed and/or stamped by the state's registrar.
- Laminated Player Passes for all registered youth players and coaches
- It is recommended that all teams also carry copies of each player's birth certificate or other approved "proof of age".

SECTION 5.8-2 OUT-OF-STATE

- A. Out-of-state tournaments: Teams participating in 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 Soccer team playing a friendly game outside of Indiana must secure a Permit to Travel issued by Indiana 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 Soccer team must have an approved notification of travel.
- C. Notification of Travel: If a team is traveling to a tournament or game within the 14 state associations of Region II, a travel permit is not required. However, the team **MUST** notify Indiana Soccer of the travel by completing the online Notification of Travel form. This application is done through the team's online Gotsoccer Account.
- D. 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 Soccer, it is returned to the traveling team for presentation to the host tournament director. Permission to travel forms are required for any team that is traveling to a tournament or games sanctioned by a US Soccer member organization outside of the Region II area. Refer to US Soccer Regional map for clarification.
- E. Teams must carry:
 - 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 State 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.
- F. Indiana Soccer extends full member benefits, such as accidental medical insurance to those registered with Indiana Soccer when those youth registrants are participating in events and activities sanctioned by US Youth Soccer. Member benefits, including accidental medical insurance, may not be extended to members while participating in non-US Youth sanctioned activities or events.

SECTION 5.8-3 FOREIGN

Foreign tournaments including Canada and Mexico: Teams traveling outside the United States must receive approval from Indiana Soccer and US Soccer. No later than ninety (90) days prior to the departure date. Teams traveling outside of the United States must submit for approval to Indiana Soccer:

1. A completed US Soccer 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.
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 payable to U S Soccer
 - Indiana Soccer Permit to Travel fees (if applicable).
 - Any applicable U S Soccer late fees

U S Soccer is not required to accept or approve any application submitted less than sixty (60) days prior to the departure date.

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

- Less than sixty (60) days but more than (30) days advance notice -\$25 or fee stated on the US Soccer Travel Permit Instructions
- Less than thirty (30) days advance notice - \$50 or currently stated fee on the US Soccer Travel Permit Instructions

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 soccer organization with its headquarters in Indiana, and registered with Indiana Soccer, which supports and actively promotes the purpose and activities of Indiana Soccer by having soccer-playing and/or educational opportunities for its members and has been approved as an affiliated member by the Indiana Soccer Board of Directors. Subject to adherence to all other Indiana Soccer guidelines, clubs of three (3) or fewer teams may be considered for membership.

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.

CLUB PASS

A system that provides for of Indiana league-play where players from the same club may participate in league games with another team in their club – providing the players are age appropriate for the team and meet player level restrictions (i.e. – no MRL player may club pass to an ISL team)

CLUB REGISTRAR

A person who is identified and responsible to the club and to the state office to transmit and receive rosters, player passes and other such documentation as to players, teams and clubs for the benefit of said club.

DISTRICT

One of twenty (20) geographical subdivisions of the Indiana Soccer Association Inc..

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

A District Commissioner is appointed by f Indiana Soccer to represent and be a liaison for the Affiliated Member Organizations (Clubs) within his or her District.

DISTRICT REGISTRAR

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

DROP

Release (drop) means to remove a player from a roster by filing an appropriate release(drop) form and receiving state approval to drop a player(s)..

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

FRIENDLY GAME

A match played between any two Indiana Soccer or US Soccer member teams that is outside of league or tournament play.

GAME ROSTER

A list of players who will participate in a particular competition or game

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 Soccer but not with a specific team. An individual player will receive a generic card stamped "tournament play only" or "League 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. (This form is not required to be notarized)

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

A US Soccer sanctioned interstate league.

NATIONAL STATE ASSOCIATION (NSA)

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

PRIMARY PLAYER

This player is rostered 1st to a team and the team is their primary or 1st team. 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 person(s) 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 said person(s)

RECREATIONAL-PLUS LEAGUE

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

TRAVEL LEAGUE

A travel league collects fees from, and schedules inter-club games between travel teams from

Affiliated Member Organizations or approved US Soccer affiliates. Travel Leagues are Allied Member Organizations of Indiana Soccer.

REGION

One of four geographical subdivisions of the territory of US Soccer. Indiana is one of fourteen (14) member state organizations in Region II.

REGISTRATION

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

ROSTER

A list of registered players available to participate in a match. Travel and recreational-plus teams must have an Indiana Soccer roster signed by the Indiana Soccer State Office 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 accumulate points based on game outcomes, and these points determine advancement to the final round of competition.

SEASONAL YEAR

Seasonal year is September 1st to August 31st. Seasonal year includes fall spring, and summer seasons.

SECONDARY PLAYER

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 or the primary club is not using the Club Pass System. A secondary player must give priority to his/her primary team before play with the secondary team. Players are allowed to roster on two teams.. (one as primary and one as secondary) unless the Club Pass system of play is being used by the primary club.

SEED

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

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 or may not be registered to more than one team who are rostered on the tournament team, only for the purpose of attending:

- (1) a tournament sanctioned by another National State Association or
 - (2) international tournaments sanctioned by Indiana 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 team roster or a player who returns to the same roster within the current seasonal year.

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 SOCCER

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

PLAYER

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