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RE: Early Club Commitment Provision

Effective Immediately

Premise: The Early Club Commitment provision is intended to relieve the stress and discomfort experienced by players and families as a result of the “tryout” process. Clubs and coaches are prohibited from using the early club commitment provision to pressure players and families to commit to the club in order to keep the player and their family from seeking an alternate place to play. Using the early club commitment provision in a way that adversely affects the player(s) or player’s family, is strongly prohibited and can result in the suspension of a club’s future use of the early club commitment provision.

The Early Club Commitment Provision allows for a player, who is currently registered with a club, to commit to play for that same club for the upcoming seasonal year prior to the published tryout date on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> each year. The tryout dates will be published by Indiana Soccer Association on the website.

To secure an early club commitment, the player, if 18 years old or older or the player’s guardian, if the player is 17 years old or younger, must:

- Sign and date a commitment form provided by the club. The early commitment form must contain the language about the option for release prior to the start of the tryout dates that have been published for that year.
- Pay a deposit (minimum of \$25) to the club.

The player or player’s guardian who entered into the early club commitment may choose to be released from the early commitment by providing a written request for release from the club with whom the early commitment was established. Such written request for release must be submitted to the club’s board of directors and the Indiana Soccer Registrar prior to Indiana Soccer’s published tryout date for the player’s age group. Absent of a timely provided written release request, the player may not tryout for another club. The email address for the Indiana Soccer Registrar is [amber@soccerindiana.org](mailto:amber@soccerindiana.org)

The dates for early commitment release can be found in the Indiana Soccer website under Tryouts.

It is the responsibility of the club to track early commitments by their players. They must be able to prove there is:

- A signed and dated commitment form (electronic or hand written signature)
- Minimum deposit received.

If a player is granted a release from their Early Commitment, the club they committed to must refund any monies paid that exceeds the minimum deposit of \$25. Clubs may choose to also refund the \$25.