



WHAT DOES "SANCTION" REALLY MEAN?

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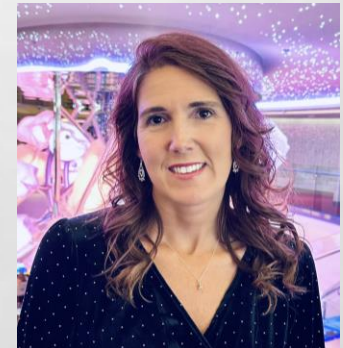
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Based on Merriam-Webster's
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ACCORDING TO THE MERRIAM-WEBSTER DICTIONARY:

SANCTION: (NOUN) A FORMAL DECREE, SOLEMN AGREEMENT (OATH), A LOSS OF REWARD

SANCTION: (VERB) TO MAKE VALID OR BINDING BY A FORMAL PROCEDURE, TO GIVE EFFECTIVE OR AUTHORITATIVE APPROVAL OR CONSENT



WHERE DOES SANCTION AUTHORITY COME FROM?



UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION



UNITED STATES YOUTH SOCCER



INDIANA SOCCER ASSOCIATION



YOUR CLUB



WHO IS COVERED DURING SANCTIONED ACTIVITY?

REGISTERED MEMBERS: YOUTH & ADULT ORGANIZATIONS - PLAYERS,
COACHES, MANAGERS, ADMINISTRATORS, & BOARD MEMBERS



WHAT IS SANCTIONED ACTIVITY?



ALL SOCCER ACTIVITY THAT TAKES PLACE AMONG
REGISTERED MEMBERS ADHERING TO INDIANA
SOCCER PLAYING POLICIES/RULES.

NOTE: INDIANA SOCCER EXTENDS THIS TO ALL USYS
ACTIVITIES (LIKE MEMBERS)



WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF UN-SANCTIONED ACTIVITY?

- SUMMER CAMPS WITH UNREGISTERED PLAYERS
- FRIENDLIES WITH NON-ISA OR USYS MEMBERS
- LEAGUES WITH NON-ISA OR USYS MEMBERS
- CLUBS WITH DUAL SANCTIONING –
CROSSOVER IN TRAINING SESSIONS
- WINTER FUTSAL WITH UNREGISTERED PLAYERS
- SEASON END RECREATION EVENT WITH NON-ISA
OR USYS MEMBERS



WHAT DO CLUBS/LEAGUES RECEIVE BY BEING SANCTIONED?

MEMBER BENEFITS PROVIDED BY INDIANA SOCCER:



- ACCIDENT MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR PARTICIPANTS
- DIRECTORS & OFFICERS INSURANCE (THIS PROTECTS PERSONAL ASSETS)
- USE OF THE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTATION (ROSTERS/PLAYER PASSES)
- REQUIRED TRAVEL PERMISSION/PERMITS
- CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE (COI) FOR FACILITY LIABILITY COVERAGE
- LINK TO LIST OF MEMBER BENEFITS

NOTE: USSF AND/OR USYS REQUIRES INDIANA SOCCER TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- TO PROVIDE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY TO LIMIT COVERAGE.



WHAT CAN HAPPEN IF A TEAM STEPS OUTSIDE OF SANCTIONED ACTIVITY?

EXAMPLES

WHAT IF A PLAYER IS INJURED: THERE WILL BE NO MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR THE PLAYER.

WHAT IF THE FAMILY CHOOSES TO SUE THE CLUB AND OFFICERS FOR NEGLIGENCE: THERE IS NO LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE CLUB OR ANY MEMBER OF THE CLUB. THERE IS NO DIRECTORS & OFFICERS INSURANCE.



AS A STATE ASSOCIATION:

INDIANA SOCCER CANNOT DENY PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS OUTSIDE OF USYS/INDIANA SOCCER SANCTIONED ACTIVITY PER USSF BYLAWS/POLICIES. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO EXTEND THE MEMBER BENEFITS TO UN-SANCTIONED ACTIVITY.



AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT REGISTERS PLAYERS:

**PERMISSION
DENIED**

YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DENY PARTICIPATION IN UNSANCTIONED AND/OR NON-USYS SANCTIONED ACTIVITY BECAUSE IT IS YOUR ORGANIZATION AND YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT WILL BE PUT DIRECTLY AT RISK.

**PERMISSION
GRANTED**

IF YOUR ORGANIZATION CHOOSES TO PERMIT TEAMS TO PLAY IN UNSANCTIONED AND/OR NON-USYS ACTIVITY, THEN AS AN ORGANIZATION (AND BOARD MEMBERS PERSONALLY), YOU HAVE AGREED TO TAKE ON THE POTENTIAL RISK.



NOTE: THE LIABILITY INSURANCE THAT AN OUTSIDE EVENT MAY OFFER LIKELY DOES NOT COVER YOUR CLUB, THE BOARD MEMBERS, OR THE PLAYERS MEDICAL EXPENSES. YOU MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND THOSE POLICIES.



THIS WEEK'S GOAL GETTER MINDFUL MINUTE:



MAKE AT LEAST ONE DEFINITE
MOVE DAILY TOWARD YOUR GOAL.

-Bruce Lee





UPCOMING FORUMS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025 12:30 PM ET

TOPIC: EVERYONE LOVES A MEMBER PERK!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025 12:30 PM ET

TOPIC: PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW INVOICING WORKS!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 12:30 PM ET

TOPIC: MORE ARCHIVE = LESS CLUTTER

WE WILL RESUME AFTER THE HOLIDAYS ON JANUARY 8, 2026

IF YOU HAVE A TOPIC YOU WOULD LIKE US TO COVER, DROP ONE OF US AN EMAIL!