

## 8.00 Registration Rules and Procedures

### 8.01 YOUTH REGISTRATION

8.01.1 OSA member clubs must register ALL players, as required by the rules of OSA, USYSA and USSF.

8.01.2 OSA will register all of its players, coaches, teams, referees and administrators with the Federation and timely pay all dues of the Federation.

8.01.3 Each club shall comply with OSA player, coach and team registration procedures.

8.01.4 The club shall submit properly executed player registration into the approved database format to the State office along with the registration fees due.

8.01.5 A player shall not be considered registered until BOTH the form and fee are received by the club registrar.

8.01.6 A team shall not be eligible for any competition sanctioned by OSA until all players on such team are registered and rostered.

### 8.02 DUE DATES FOR FORMS AND FEES

8.02.1 Registration forms and fees should be forwarded to the State office according to the following schedule:

(1) The due date for youth registration fees and registration database shall be October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for the **fall** season.

(2) The due date for youth registration fees and registration database shall be April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for the **spring** season.

8.02.2 Player registrations not received by the appropriate due date are considered delinquent. The Late fee is 10% of total registration or \$500.00 whichever is greater.

There will be a \$0.50 fine per name for associations that do not comply with database software registration.

8.02.3 Insurance coverage shall not be provided to any player whose registration and fees have not been received in the State office by the appropriate due date.

**8.03 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.

8.03.1 Any player may be called upon to prove his/her legal age by their club or any member of the OSA Youth Council Board of Directors.

8.03.2 Proof of age requirements shall be the same as those listed in the USSF Rules.

8.03.3 Acceptable proof of age documents include a birth certificate or birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency, board of health records, passport, alien registration card issued by the U.S. Government, certificate issued by the U.S.

Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age or a certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Please note the following documents will **NOT** be accepted: Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates.

8.03.4 A club can be fined up to \$1,000.00 per overage player at the discretion of the OSA Youth Council Board.

#### **8.04 DEFINITIONS OF YOUTH PLAYERS**

8.04.1 A youth player as defined in the USYSA Bylaws; an individual who has not reached 19 years of age prior to January 1 immediately before the start of any seasonal year. A player who reached 19 years of age during a seasonal year is allowed to complete that seasonal year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during January of one seasonal year shall be allowed to complete all of the next seasonal year.

8.04.2 USYSA Rule 103. Gender of Teams:

USYSA recognizes 2 types of team genders:

- (1) Teams with females only are girls teams
- (2) All other teams are boys teams

8.04.3 USYSA Rule 104. Age Groups

Except as otherwise provided by Rule 105, age groups shall be comprised of youth players who are, before the first day of August of the immediately prior seasonal year —

- (1) Under 19 years of age
- (2) Under 18 years of age
- (3) Under 17 years of age
- (4) Under 16 years of age
- (5) Under 15 years of age
- (6) Under 14 years of age
- (7) Under 13 years of age
- (8) Under 12 years of age
- (9) Under 11 years of age
- (10) Under 10 years of age
- (11) Under 8 years of age
- (12) Under 6 years of age

8.04.4 USYSA Rule 201. Player Registration

**Section 1.** A youth player must register each seasonal year in the State Association in which he or she resides with his or her parent or parents or guardian or guardians, or, for a student in residence at a boarding school, college, or university, the player may register with the state in which the aforementioned educational facility is located. Any other questions of residency may be determined by the State Association in which the player is registered to vote or holds a current driver's license.

**Section 2.** (a) Any youth player wishing to play on a team of a member of a State Club other than the State Association where the player is registered, must receive written permission from—

- (1) The State Association where the player is registered; and
  - (2) The other State Association of the team which the player wishes to play.
- (b) Permission must be obtained each seasonal year.

**Section 3.** A youth player may register and “play up” two birth years with permission from the OSA member club. An example is a player born in 2006 (13U) may play in 2005 (14U) or 2004 (15U) divisions but not 2003 (16U). See competitive or recreational policies for any additional registration restrictions. Board Clarification: 17U-19U recreational teams may continue to form with rostered players aged 13U and older (as defined by the US Soccer Player Age Matrix) with club approval.

#### 8.04.5 Player Identification Verification

- (1) A copy of the official team roster or game card as required by the league must be presented to the referee prior to each match.
- (2) The player’s number shall be indicated adjacent to each name on the roster/game card provided to the referee.
- (3) The Coach or each player shall present OSA player passes to the referee prior to the match (in all levels that require player passes).
- (4) The form of identification presented must be LAMINATED and must include the player’s signature and CURRENT picture.
- (5) No player is permitted to participate in a sanctioned match unless identification verification requirements are met.
- (6) Players that do not meet the requirements of identification verification are to be considered the same as an unregistered player

### **8.05 YOUTH PLAYING IN ADULT PROGRAMS**

8.05.1 A youth player is permitted to play amateur games without losing eligibility, provided the youth player has obtained the following in writing:

- (1) Permission from their youth coach
- (2) Eligibility clearance from both the OSA Youth Vice President and Adult Vice President.
- (3) See USYSA Rule 208- Adult Games, to meet all the requirements.

### **8.06 DUAL REGISTRATION**

8.06.1 Dual Registration is allowed per USYSA guidelines, with the following exceptions: that dual registration is permitted only under the conditions set down by the association in which the players are registered and that no player registered to any US Soccer affiliate competitive team may also be registered to an OSA recreational team. The

following circumstances must be met for a player to be dual-registered to more than one team:

- (1) A written approval of both teams' coaches must be obtained
- (2) The registrar of the club that the player was initially registered verifies in writing that the player is in good standing.
- (3) The player declares in writing at the time of registration which team is their primary team.
- (4) If there is a playing conflict the player must play with his/her primary team.
- (5) A player may not play for both teams on the same day.
- (6) A player may play for only one team in the OSA State Cup competition.
- (7) The primary team is the only team the player can play for in the State Cup competition.
- (8) Primary team designated may not be changed after the roster freeze date for State Cup competition.
- (9) Registered means when the player's registration is received/accepted by the player's local club registrar.
- (10) Rostered means when the player's registration is received and the State office verifies all the information and the player is assigned to a team is issued a player card.

## **8.07 OUT OF STATE/ COUNTRY REGISTRATION**

### **8.07.1 Non-resident Players**

- (1) A player or team residing near the geographical boundaries of OSA jurisdiction may be given permission to register with OSA through one of its member associations.
- (2) Permission to register with OSA must be obtained by the non-resident player(s) each seasonal year from the affiliated state association having jurisdiction over the area in which the player resides.
- (3) The Region III Interstate Permission form is used to register, transfer or guest play with a different State Association, use this link to access the form: [Interstate Permission form](#)

## **8.08 USYSA RULE 207. INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE**

**Section 1.** The Federation and FIFA have international clearance requirements and procedures for players coming to the United States to play soccer. Consult the Federation about those requirements and procedures.

**Section 2.** The failure of a player to obtain the international clearance requirements and procedures referred to in section 1 of this rule does not affect the player's eligibility in regard to any USYSA program or activity, or any program or activity of a member of USYSA, unless the Federation provides otherwise.

**Section 3.** FIFA requires all players over the age of 12, regardless of their ability or citizenship, to receive an international transfer clearance (ITC) from their former country

when they are attempting to register to play soccer in a different country (i.e., the United States). U.S. Soccer is responsible for obtaining that ITC on behalf of all players in the U.S. participating in affiliated leagues. Use this link to access the form: [ITC](#)

#### **8.09 UNREGISTERED PLAYERS**

- (1) Any team allowing an unregistered player to participate in a game shall forfeit the contest to the opposing team.
- (2) Insurance coverage shall not be provided to any unregistered player.
- (3) Any coach, referee or team allowing an unregistered player to participate in a game shall be subject to disciplinary action.

#### **8.10 FALSIFYING PLAYER DOCUMENTS**

8.10.1 Any person or group found guilty of falsifying player registration forms, team roster forms, player cards or other records of OSA shall be subject to disciplinary action.

#### **8.11 USYSA RULE 304 UNIFORMS**

**Section 1.** In this rule, “team member” means a player, coach, assistant coach, or other official of a team.

**Section 2.** A team member is not prohibited by USYSA from having a mark or name, or both, on any part of the team member’s uniform being worn at a game, if the mark or name is related to an item or service that is appropriate for youth. The Organization Member in which the team member is registered shall determine the appropriateness. An Organization Member, or its member, may be more restrictive on uniform marks or names than allowed under this rule. Any inappropriate mark or uniform name on the team members’ uniform must be removed, replaced, or covered before the team member may continue to participate in the game.

