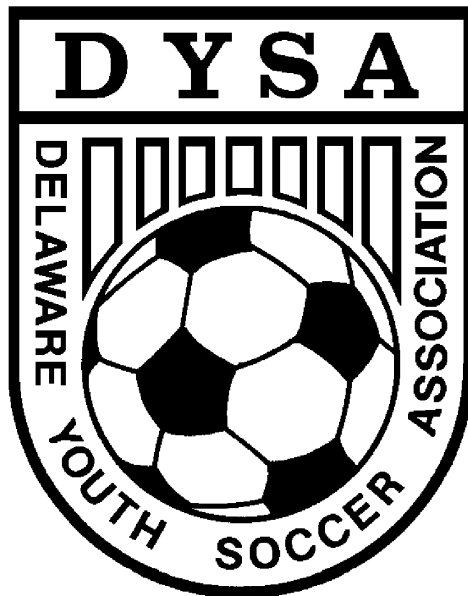


***DYSA
PLAYER AND TEAM***



***REGISTRATION REGULATIONS
AND ADMINISTRATION***

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REGISTRATION

I. General

- A.** There are two categories of players recognized within DYSA: Representative and Recreational.
- B.** The Recreational player is registered by the club which conducts the total soccer experience for the recreational program. The only registration responsibility of the club to DYSA is to report the number of players and to pay the proper dues. Clubs can register players through the on-line database system that DYSA provides for all clubs.
- C.** The Representative player is registered as a team member, not as an individual. The team manager is responsible for providing proper registration information and payment of dues to DYSA. Properly registered teams are allowed to experience soccer competition in leagues and tournaments which are not necessarily conducted by the club to which his/her team belongs.
- D.** A player may play in DYSA and USYSA sponsored tournaments with his/her primary team, as a Primary player, Secondary player, Direct Player or as a Guest Player.
- E.** In order for a team to be registered with DYSA, 50% of the players must be Delaware residents. U9-U12 teams must have 50% age-appropriate players on the team. All teams must have a minimum of 9 players on the roster at all times.
 - 1.** National Rule change 2008.
This amended rule provision is effective beginning with the 2008-2009 National Championships competitions.
3. Section 3(1) of Rule 221 is amended to read as follows:
(1) Team Roster
The team roster shall be approved by the State Association where the team resides. For U-15 and younger teams, the team roster shall not have more than 18 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. For U-16 and older teams, the team roster may have up to 22 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year.
Every team roster shall have a minimum of 7 players on the roster at all times.
- F.** All players who are not residents of Delaware but are rostered on a Delaware team must first register with the Youth Soccer Association in their state of residence.
- G.** All Delaware residents who wish to play on a non-Delaware team must first register with DYSA. Directions and forms are provided online at www.dysa.org then click on Registration, Online Registration and follow the procedures for "Delaware Players Playing out of State".

II. Registered Player Procedures

- A. Registration** To register a player the Team Manager (TM) must first fill out the Risk Management form online at dysa.org for her/himself and have all the adult Officials do the same. Secondly, he or she creates the Team online in Step 4: For Representative Teams Only. Thirdly, the TM must collect the Birth Certificate, address, contact

numbers, email addresses and have a current photo of the player. The information is needed only at either initial registration or when any of the information changes. Please refer to the Registration Handbook found on the Registration page.

B. Responsibility

1. Player: Provide the team coach with the proper registration information.
2. Coach/Team Manager: Assemble the information, create the team, player and coach cards assembled with photo and signature of player as the First and Last Names appear on the birth certificates, DYSA Player/Coach Applications signed by the player/parent and present it to the Registrar with the appropriate fees (\$15.50 per player and \$5.00 for each adult, which covers adults over a two-year period) and \$20 cash for the County Registrar.

No player will be registered until all information has been received by the Registrar. Registration date is the date on which the completed information is received.

C. Commitment The player is bound to the team which he/she designates to be the primary team. The player can be dropped from the roster by either the transfer or release procedure.

D. Changes Changes such as obvious typographic errors can be made by telephone. All other changes (except name or year of birth) must be reported in writing by the coach to the Registrar at the earliest opportunity. Changes in either name or year of birth must be reported to the Registrar.

E. Documentation

PROOF OF AGE

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, a birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records, a passport, an alien registration card issued by the United States Government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, a current driver's license, an unexpired federal, state, or local government identification card (if documentation of date of birth is required), or a certification of a United States citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal, or religious certificates will not be accepted.

F. Transfers and Releases (Voluntary Release)

1. A player can transfer to another team by following the Procedures for Releasing or Transferring Players found on the DYSA website. The request will require the "Release From Current Team" and "Transfer to New Team" sections to be completed. This includes the signature of the player, the signature of the parent/guardian, *and* the signature of the coaches of both the old and new teams. The parent/guardian signature is not needed for players in the U17 and above category.
2. The current Team Manager is responsible for providing the transfer form to the player who then will mail the form and player pass to the County Registrar.
3. The coach of the original team can prevent the transfer if proof is presented that the player did not fulfill his/her financial obligations to the team or club.

4. The player card from the old team must be turned in to the County Registrar before the transfer can take place.

G. Coach's request (Involuntary Release)

- a) A coach can request that a player be dropped from the team if the player is unable to attend enough practices or games to make him/her useful to the team.
- b) The Registrar will honor the initial request from the coach but notify the player of the action with information of player's right to appeal. The player will be reinstated if he/she requests an appeal.
- c) The coach must state that he/she attempted to get the player to drop voluntarily and that this action is only being taken because the player refused, is unable to make the voluntary request.
- d) Grounds for releasing a player include:
 - 1) Failure to attend sufficient practices or games.
 - 2) Death or disabling injury (death certificate/notice, doctor's statement required).
 - 3) Move out of the area where transportation is inconvenient (new address required).
 - 4) A player can be bound to the team if any club/team fees are outstanding.

The player card must be turned in with the Release to the registrar before it is official.

H. Notification It will be the responsibility of the team coach to notify in writing all necessary parties of either the formation of a new team or the change in player roster of an existing team.

1. New teams The DYSA Registrar will supply one copy of the team roster to the coach. It is the coach's responsibility to provide extra copies as needed for league and tournament play.

2. Transfers The same as for new teams except there are now two teams involved.

I. All appeals of registration matters will be handled by the DYSA Commissioner, not by the clubs or leagues.

III. Multiple Registration

A player may be allowed to register on multiple teams as follows:

- A.** Unless the Registrar is told otherwise, the first team which registers the player will be the player's primary team. A player may not register as a secondary player until he/she has registered as a primary player.
- B.** The player is bound to the primary team for the entire registration season unless the player is released or transfers.
- C.** In case of conflict between obligations to two or more teams playing on the same day, the player is bound to the primary team.

- D.** If a player wishes to attend a tournament other than DYSA or USYSA tournaments with a team other than the primary team, the player must fill out the "Player Release Form" found on the dysa.org website on the Registration page have the Registrar sign and date it and provide a copy to the coach. This must be done at least one (1) week in advance of the tournament. Once the coach receives this written notification, the coach can then release the player card to the player to guest play for the other team.
- E.** A player may not appear in any USYSA sanctioned tournaments as a guest or secondary player if the player's primary team is in the same tournament. The only exception will be made with the Commissioner's approval if the player is moving to a different age bracket than the primary team. There will be no exception if the teams are in the same age bracket regardless of the flight within the bracket.
- F.** A U16 – U19 team may roster a maximum of 22 players, of which a maximum of four can be secondary players with only 18 players rostered per game. This is for league play only. U12 – U15 teams may roster up to 18 players with a maximum of four secondary players.
- G.** A player may play in DYSA and USYSA tournaments only with the primary team. The primary team designation must be made in writing no later than 5 days before the team's first scheduled kick-off of the tournament.
- H.** Any Delaware team may allow a player to be rostered on more than one youth team each seasonal year. The directions can be found on the [dysa](http://dysa.org) website in the "Procedures for Adding Secondary Players".

IV. Under-9 and Under-10 Team Competition Representative Play

- A.** No representative/competitive team shall be formed at an age younger than U9.
- B.** All players in U9 and U10 are encouraged to play only in their actual age group and must have 50% age-appropriate players registered on the roster.
- C.** Items A and B shall apply to all players registered on Delaware teams.
- D.** DYSA will only sanction league play 8 v 8 in accordance with U.S. Youth Soccer Publication, dated 1994, titled "The Official U.S. Youth Soccer 8 v 8 Program Under 10."
- E.** DYSA will only sanction tournament play in Delaware 8 v 8.
- F.** The maximum number of players on the team roster shall not exceed fourteen (14) with a maximum of 3 secondary players.
- G.** DYSA will give teams in good standing permission to play in out-of-state tournaments. Permission forms can be found on the Registration page on the e-travel page under E-Travel.

V. Administration of the Regulations

- A.** The DYSA Officers and Board of Directors recognize that legitimate exceptions to the above regulations may exist. All inquiries and appeals to clarify the regulations are accepted and will be dealt with in a timely manner.
- B.** The appeals procedure pertaining to registration is to first discuss the situation with the Registrar for clarification. If the matter cannot be resolved satisfactorily, then the DYSA Commissioner will handle the matter using the normal appeals procedure.

- C. These regulations will be reaffirmed before the start of each registration year.
- D. These regulations can be amended at any time during the registration year.
- E. A copy of these regulations will be made available online to all affiliates and coaches of registered teams. These organizations can make as many copies of the regulations as they need.

VI. Payment of Fees

- A. All fees to DYSA and the Registrar must be paid before a team will be given permission to participate in out-of-state tournaments or leagues.
- B. The affiliation fee must be paid before any teams from an organization can participate in out-of-state tournaments.
- C. All Registrar's fees will be paid at the time that the Registrar's services are performed.

PLAYER RECRUITMENT

I. Rules and Procedures

Effective—June 20, 2007

- A. There are no restrictions on clubs, coaches, parents, or players contacting each other after completion of all Delaware State Cup Finals relative to participation on a team the following seasonal year. Non-State Cup age brackets will have an applicable contact date of May 15th.
- B. The seasonal year runs from September 1 through August 31 of the following year.
- C. During a seasonal year, a carded player or the player's parent may initiate a transfer to another team following the DYSA rules.
- D. The player or player's parent must contact the DYSA State Registrar prior to contacting the club manager, coach, or official of another team. The State Registrar will record the contact. If the new team accepts the player, the new team's official will initiate the transfer process. The team the player is transferring to is responsible for the DYSA transfer fee.
- E. Players will not be registered and, therefore, will not be eligible to participate in any USYSA activity until acknowledgement of these rules is provided to DYSA.
- F. Players that are currently rostered to a team may not practice, play (including guest playing) or train with another team, registered with an opposing club, without first contacting the State Registrar at registrar@dysa.org with what the players intentions are for practicing, playing or training with another team. DYSA view players practicing or training with another team as a violation of the recruitment rules unless the State Registrar has been notified. Particularly if a player practices, plays or trains with another teams and transfers to that team during the soccer year.
- F. The coach, manager, parent, or player of a team may not initiate contact with a carded player or parent of another team for the purposes of encouraging a player to transfer during the seasonal year. Violators may be suspended one year from DYSA-sponsored activities. If approached by another team's player or parent about transferring teams, direct them to the DYSA State Registrar.

To file a violation complaint:

All violations need to be in writing both emailed and sent to the PO Box at the address below, to the state registrar at registrar@dysa.org. Please include as much factual information as possible. Once received the registrar will investigate the matter.

II. Implementation

The above *Rules* are set forth by DYSA and will be implemented and enforced by the DYSA Registrar. These rules apply to all players on DYSA registered teams. Delaware residents who are playing on teams in other youth soccer associations are subject to the recruiting rules of that association. These rules supersede any rules DYSA-affiliated leagues may have. The leagues may not modify the implementation of these rules in any fashion without the express permission of the DYSA Registrar and the DYSA Board of Directors.

III. Appeals

All appeals must be made in writing to the Commissioner of DYSA within seven (7) days of the Registrar's decision. The payment of One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) appeal bond is

also required. Appeals to DYSA shall be limited to a determination of 1) whether due process was afforded and 2) whether these rules were applied correctly based on all of the evidence presented during the league's hearing.

DYSA reserves the right, for good cause shown, to review on its own motion any case involving the implementation of these rules by its affiliated leagues. In any such case, however, that review shall be limited to a determination of 1) whether due process was afforded and 2) whether these rules were applied correctly based on all the evidence presented during the league's hearing.

CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS

It is important to identify and deal appropriately with youth soccer players whose actions are inconsistent with the spirit and laws of the game. It is also advisable that DYSA provide for a mechanism so that violators are disciplined fairly and consistently throughout the State; that all DYSA affiliates are made aware of disciplinary measures required or imposed in each case; and that no player is permitted to avoid discipline simply because any single soccer season, tournament or other event has ended.

I. Rules

- A.** Every caution or ejection or any player involved in a DYSA or USYSA sanctioned match shall be reported immediately to the Vice-President of DYSA who will record the name, player number, team, coach's name, date of the infraction, nature of the infraction, action taken during the match, and name of the official taking the action on the field. To the extent possible, this obligation to report infractions extends to out-of-state competitions sanctioned by USYSA and/or its affiliated State Associations. This record shall be maintained from year to year.
- B.** All DYSA or USYSA sanctioned activities shall be considered as a single continuous event so that the end of any league season, tournament or seasonal year shall not prevent the eventual imposition of the mandated disciplinary measure.
- C.** Any player ejected from any DYSA or USYSA sanctioned match shall be suspended from participation in his/her next scheduled DYSA or USYSA sanctioned match, regardless of where or when that next match is actually played.
- D.** Any player ejected twice from DYSA or USYSA sanctioned matches during any twelve-month period shall appear before the DYSA disciplinary committee, chaired by the DYSA Vice-President, to show cause why he/she should not be suspended for a longer period than that provided for any single ejection. Every player appearing for such a review shall be accompanied by his/her coach.
- E.** Any player receiving three (3) cautions during any single season (viz., Fall or Spring) or a total of four (4) cautions during any twelve-month period shall appear before the DYSA disciplinary committee, chaired by the DYSA Vice-President, to show cause why he/she should not be disciplined by DYSA, either by suspension or other appropriate penalty under all of the circumstances. Every player appearing for such a review shall be accompanied by his/her coach.
- F.** The failure or refusal by any player summoned to appear before the DYSA disciplinary committee pursuant to paragraphs D or E shall result in the immediate suspension of that player or coach as "not in good standing" with DYSA. The player so suspended may have that suspension lifted only by complying with the original requirement to appear to show cause before the disciplinary committee.

- G.** The DYSA disciplinary committee shall consist of the DYSA Vice-President, who shall act as its chairman, the DYSA Commissioner and not fewer than one (1) or more than three (3) other members selected by the DYSA Vice-President and DYSA Commissioner after consulting with each other. To the extent possible, the DYSA disciplinary committee shall fairly represent the affected player's club, the league or other sponsoring organization of the match involved, and the State's referees.
- H.** Any player appearing before the DYSA disciplinary committee shall be entitled to the advice and assistance of counsel or parent to assure that the hearing is open, fair and limited to the cautions or ejections that serve as the basis for the hearing itself.
- I.** The DYSA disciplinary committee may impose such discipline or sanctions on any player appearing before it as the committee shall deem appropriate based on all of the information and circumstances presented to it. If a period of probation is imposed, for example, the DYSA disciplinary committee may include such reasonable terms and conditions as it deems appropriate.
- J.** Nothing in these rules shall be interpreted to change or reduce the penalty provided by USYSA Rule 3.2.8 for instances of proven referee assault.

II. Appeals

Any player disciplined pursuant to these rules shall have the right to appeal from the decision of the DYSA disciplinary committee to the DYSA Board of Directors for a determination of 1) whether these rules were applied correctly; 2) whether due process was afforded; and 3) whether the penalty imposed was appropriate and reasonable based on all of the information presented to the committee. All such appeals must be made in writing to the President of DYSA within seven (7) days of the committee's decision. The payment of One Hundred-dollars (\$100.00) appeal bond is required.



Player Release Form To Participate in a Non-DYSA or Non-USYSA Tournament

Player's Name: _____

Dates of
Tournament: _____

Name of Event: _____

Place of Event: _____

Team Name: _____

Primary Team
Name: _____

DYSA releases this player to participate as
an
individual player for a Non-DYSA or Non- USYSA sanctioned
Event

Coach of Primary Team

County
Registrar

Team Name

Date

Player/Parent/Guardian Signature

