

200. REGISTRATION

201. GENERAL PROVISIONS/DEFINITIONS

Administration and oversight of registration is the duty of the FYSA Registrar and Registration Committee.

201.1 Registration of players and coaching staff is required for competition on the Club, League, State, National and International level for any FYSA sanctioned or sponsored events. Jurisdiction shall be with FYSA over all players/coaches registered with this organization. All registered players/coaches must comply with applicable rules, policies and procedures and remain "in good standing" to be eligible to compete.

201.2 Affiliates MUST register all players, coaches, team and club officials prior to any participation in the game of soccer, this includes but is not limited to practice, scrimmages, and all competitions in which the player or coach participates. This requirement does not include properly announced tryouts. This requirement for registration shall in no way be construed as an extension to/or waiver of any date requirement for submission of any documents as may be required by the rules of specific competitions (i.e., roster freeze dates).

201.3 Specific procedures are enumerated within the policies and procedures of FYSA which shall be published and revised as necessary and shall be posted on the website. It shall include the procedures for registration, directions for proper completion of forms, the current fee schedule, time requirements and any other directions necessary for implementing the registration process.

When any procedure is modified, it shall be posted on the website and distributed to the affiliates within 30 days.

For any conflict between the Policies and Procedures and the Rules, Bylaws of FYSA, the Bylaws and Rules of FYSA shall take precedent. Rules of specific competitions sanctioned by FYSA may be more stringent than these rules.

201.4 Proof of registration in the form of either laminated current pass (permanent, or Florida,) with picture attached, or an official FYSA generated roster, or current player registration information from the secure section of the FYSA website, shall be required for any FYSA sanctioned out of region play, tournament (competitive) or Cup play. This shall include all non-league games (including scrimmages) that involve teams from other regions as well as tournaments (competitive) sanctioned within the State. State Cup, President's Cup and Regional Cup competitions reserve the right to limit the use of rosters. Teams participating in a league (recreational or competitive) shall be bound by the rules and requirements of said league.

201.5 Registration fees must be submitted in a timely fashion according to FYSA rules. Said fees are due as follows:

- A. Payment to be submitted with all the registration transactions at the time of submission. (Note that at the time of the electronic registration, a report is generated estimating the charges that will be incurred by the affiliate.)
- B. On all other transactions, payments must be submitted within thirty (30) days from receiving the invoice from FYSA. Failure to do so will place the club in NGS.

Further registration(s), or other registration related transactions, may not be processed until all required payments have been rendered.

For fee/fine structure, refer to FYSA Rule 303.

201.6 Affiliates in compliance with Rule 104 (in good standing) may begin to register players, coaches and other members for the upcoming seasonal year **on July 15 with an effective date of August 1 or on a date set by the BOD.**

- A. For all players electronically registered with FYSA, the affiliate will maintain on file, for a minimum of two (2) years, a copy of the FYSA registration form signed by the parent or legal guardian. If the affiliate wishes to use an alternative document for registration, permission must be obtained from the FYSA Registrar, each seasonal year, prior to using the form.
- B. For all coaches/volunteers electronically registered with FYSA, the affiliate will maintain on file, for a minimum of two (2) years, a copy of the FYSA Risk Management Application form with original signatures of all coaches/volunteers.

201.7 Document Submission:

- A. Affiliates submitting electronic transactions shall maintain, for a period of not less than two (2) years plus the current season, original signed documents and will submit these to FYSA upon request within two (2) business days. These shall include, but not be limited to, player registration forms, coach registration forms, passes for suspended players and coaches, transfer/release requests, and supporting documents for members placed in "Not in Good Standing". Failure to submit documentation requested by FYSA to include, but not be limited to, player registration forms, coach registration forms, passes for suspended players and coaches, and transfer/release requests will be grounds for the EC and/or the BOD to place the Affiliate in NGS until such time as the request has been complied with.
- B. Any submission of altered or false birth documents shall be subject to sanctions as described under FYSA Rule 505.4.

201.8 Players or teams who participate with unregistered players or engage in unsanctioned play shall have NO benefits of membership with FYSA including, but not limited to, risk management, disciplinary or insurance protection while playing with unregistered players or in unsanctioned play. This shall in no way be construed as a denial of the right to participate only to clarify that protections under FYSA may not be extended to the participants or to the event.

201.9 PLAYER CLASSES

201.9.1 Competitive Player: Shall be defined as a player who has been selected, registered and rostered to a competitive team and will receive a US Youth Soccer pass when verified. All players will be considered competitive except those as outlined below. Unverified competitive players will receive an FYSA Temporary Pass.

201.9.2 Recreational Player: Shall be defined as a player who is registered and rostered to a recreation team as defined by US Youth Soccer and participating in an in-house or FYSA-approved recreational league as defined in Rule 103.3 (2). These players may be unverified. They will NOT receive a US Youth Soccer pass. All recreational players will be entitled to a Florida Recreational Player Pass indicating their status (age, club, verified or unverified).

201.9.3 TOPSoccer Programs

FYSA will sanction and register those players in the TOPSoccer Program, Challenge Program or other programs of this nature. Players will be registered with FYSA at no charge to TOPS programs.

201.10 DEFINITIONS

Dual Rostering: Shall be defined as the action of being rostered to more than one team simultaneously.

Guest Playing: Shall be defined as the act of participating in an FYSA sanctioned event, a player who appears on the Official Roster of another team.

Registration: Shall be defined as the act of registering a player/coach with FYSA.

Release:

A. Voluntary release shall be defined as the process of removing a player/coach from a team's roster at the written request of the player/coach.

B. Involuntary release shall be defined as the process of removing a player/coach without written permission of the player/coach.

Rostering: Shall be defined as the act of placing a registered player/coach on a team roster as may be defined by the rules of competition for a FYSA sanctioned competition or event.

Transfer: Shall be defined as the action of removal of a player/coach from an affiliate and/or a team's official roster with the intention of being added to another affiliate and/or the roster of another team. This action shall include and imply a voluntary release from the original team upon acceptance of the request by FYSA

202. PLAYER/COACH PASSES

202.1 **Player/Coaches passes remain the property** of FYSA and/or US Youth Soccer. No affiliate, coach, assistant coach or team staff can refuse to relinquish the pass to US Youth Soccer or FYSA, immediately upon request. Failure to do so may subject the party to sanctions as described under FYSA Rule **501.13**.

202.1.1 **Players/coaches may not have in their possession passes for players/coaches who have been released. Any affiliate who releases a player and does not retrieve the pass will be held accountable to all provisions of 207.4 (proposed fine).**

202.2 PASS CLASSIFICATION

A. US Youth Soccer Pass (Permanent Pass)

A US Youth Soccer Pass will be available online with the US Youth Soccer logo to verified competitive players and shall require the following:

1. Normal signature of player.
2. Signature of the issuing registrar.
3. A current photo taken within six months of pass issuance affixed to the pass.
4. Lamination with a clear plastic material permanently affixing player's picture to the pass.
5. Pass is valid for all FYSA and US Youth Soccer sanctioned events.

B. Florida Temporary Pass: (Florida Pass)

A Florida Temporary Pass shall be available online for all unverified players registered with FYSA and shall require the following

1. Normal signature of player.
2. Signature of the issuing registrar.
3. A current photo taken within six months of pass issuance affixed to the pass.
4. Lamination with a clear plastic material permanently affixing player's picture to the pass.
5. Is considered valid if properly executed and may be used anywhere within the State until a permanent is issued, except for State Cup or any specific competition not permitting its use.
6. Must be relinquished to the affiliate in order to obtain the US Youth Soccer pass.
7. IS NOT VALID FOR ANY OUT OF STATE TRAVEL.

C. Florida Recreational Player Pass

A Florida Recreational Player Pass shall be available online for all recreational players rostered to in-house teams or rostered to teams participating in an FYSA-approved recreational league and shall require the following:

1. Normal signatures of player.
2. Signature of the issuing registrar.
3. A current photo taken within six months of pass issuance affixed to the pass.
4. Lamination with a clear plastic material permanently affixing player's picture to the pass.
5. Is considered valid if properly executed and may be used anywhere within FYSA that allows Recreational players.
6. When the player is verified, the unverified pass must be relinquished to the affiliate for the verified pass.
7. IS NOT VALID FOR ANY OUT OF STATE TRAVEL.

D. Coach/Volunteer Pass

A US Youth Soccer (Permanent) Pass will be available online with the US Youth Soccer logo to all registered coaches/volunteers and shall require the following:

1. Normal signatures of coach/volunteer.
2. Signature of the issuing registrar.
3. Will only list the club code(s) (if registered with more than one affiliate)
3. A current photo taken within six months of pass issuance affixed to the pass.
4. Lamination with a clear plastic material permanently affixing coach's/volunteer's picture to the pass.
5. Pass is valid for all FYSA and US Youth Soccer sanctioned events.
6. A Coach/Volunteer Pass is issued subject to review as it relates to FYSA's Risk Management Program. The privilege to participate in FYSA sanctioned activities may be revoked as per the terms and conditions of FYSA Rule 105. A coach/volunteer shall immediately surrender his/her pass upon request and notification from FYSA's RMC.

203. PLAYER REGISTRATION

A competitive and or recreational player is obligated to his/her team for the seasonal year from the time he/she signs a contract or is rostered to a team until the end of the current seasonal year.

- 203.1** A player is considered registered when the registration is electronically accepted by FYSA's office, subject to all provisions of FYSA Rule 201.
1. Player contracts or registrations for returning players may be effected on or after July 1st; contracts or registrations for all others shall have an effective date of July 15th.
 2. A contract or registration for a non-returning player may be revoked prior to July 15th by notification in writing to the affiliate. Any matter as to the refund of registration fees paid shall be governed under the terms and conditions of the contract for registration.
- 203.2** Players must register in the state in which he or she resides with his or her parent(s) or guardian(s), or in the case of a student in residence at a boarding school, 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 question of residency may be determined by the state in which the player registered to vote or holds a current driver's license
- 203.3** Any Youth player wishing to play on a team of a member of a State Association other than the State Association where the player is registered must receive written permission from:
- A. The State Association where the player is registered;
 - B. The State Association of the team on which the player wishes to play;
 - C. Permission must be obtained each seasonal year

203.4 FOREIGN AND OUT-OF-STATE PLAYERS

A player twelve (12) years or older registering with FYSA for the first time must comply with the following:

All players coming from another Youth or Adult State Association or foreign country and seeking a current year transfer must have clearance papers or a release signed by the official registration chairman or secretary of the foreign association, out-of-state association, or inter-state release before they are allowed to register with FYSA. Players born in or having previously resided in a foreign country must comply with USSF Policy 601.6 (quoted below).

“For a player who comes to the United States on or after the player is 12 years of age, the player must request and receive an international clearance from the Federation. However, an international clearance is not required of a player who is 12, 13, 14, 15, or 16 years of age if the player and the player’s parent or guardian signs a statement that the player has not signed a professional contract or received money from any team for playing soccer.”

- 203.5** First time player registration **should** include authentic verification of date and place of birth. Interrupted registrants may reinstate using their original verified registration. (verified status)
- A. Authentic verification shall be defined as copy of a "State Certification of Live Birth" with affixed State Seal or certification. FYSA has the authority to require submission of the original document if necessary.
 - B. Secondary verification of birth may be submitted in the absence of a “State Certification of Live Birth.” Secondary verification is defined as a copy (or original, if necessary) of:

- Department of Defense uniform services identification and privilege card (DD Form 1173) issued by the uniformed services of the United States.
 - Birth registration issued by the appropriate government agency.
 - Board of health record
 - Passport issued by a governmental agency
 - Drivers license
 - Alien registration card issued by the United States government
 - Certificate issued by Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age
 - Certificate of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency.
- C. Foreign passports/birth certificates are acceptable if accompanied by a certified translation. Proof of USA residency must be included that shows that the player was a resident of the United States prior to the age of 12, or proper international clearance paperwork must be attached. See Rule 202.7.
- D. Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted.
- E. A player that registers without submitting to the FYSA office proper birth documentation will be registered as "unverified." Any player who registers as unverified over the age of twelve (12) must comply with FYSA Rule 203.4 (Foreign and out-of-state players) in order to change this status to verified if applicable.

203.6 Players with Special Needs

In order for a "special needs player" to participate outside of his/her normal age grouping the following requirements must be met prior to any participation.

- A. No player shall be allowed to "play down" (play below the player's age group) except as outlined below.
1. Participation in a designated TOPSoccer Program, Challenge Program or other programs of this nature
 2. Players with Downs Syndrome must submit a letter from a Doctor for Negative x-ray for Atlanto-Axial with first time registration. If a player is under the age of 13, they must have a second x-ray when they reach the age of 13.
- B. Players qualified under the ADA and meet all the requirements for consideration and possible accommodations under the ADA may be permitted to play down from their normal age group provided **they comply with the requirements below.**
1. For participation ONLY in an intra-club (within the same club) program approval can be granted by the Affiliate's board of directors. Requests must be submitted to the Affiliate's board of directors in writing by the legal parent or guardian of the player.
 - a. No permission shall be granted for "playing down" more than one (1) age grouping.
 - b. Affiliate granting permission **shall notify all parties against whom the player will compete that they may be matched against an older player and given the option to participate or not.**
 2. Participation in any inter-club (between more than one club) program **and/or tournament** shall require all of the following stipulations to be met:
 - a. No permission shall be granted for "playing down" more than one (1) age grouping.

- b. The registering affiliate must present to the inter-club entity (league or tournament) documentation regarding the player's disability. This shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1. the recognizable disability, and evidence of qualification under the ADA , and
 - 2. evidence that playing down constitutes a reasonable accommodation for this disability, and
 - 3. evidence that no other alternative other than playing down is available, and
 - 4. evidence that playing down would not result in any danger to other players, and
 - 5. written permission as granted by the registering affiliate's BOD and signed by the AOR for the affiliate.
- c. The inter-club entity shall review the documentation and, should the entity determine that it can modify its program, then the entity shall notify the agent of record of all teams that the player will play against and shall forward all the documentation to the FYSA office for final review.
 - a. A written evaluation by FYSA's Director of Coaching, or his designee (State Staff Coach) as to the player ability and necessity to play below the player normal age group will be made. Cost of evaluation (if any) will be billed to registering affiliate.
- d. The FYSA Registration Committee will review all the submitted documentation and issue a final decision if the player has met all of the requirements of the ADA and falls under its guidelines. If permission is granted then the team code shall reflect the age of the oldest player. This is will serve as notification as to the fact that an older player is participating in the event.
- e. It shall be incumbent upon the league or event to determine eligibility of the team to participate and the league/event must publish the age of the team in its schedule.
- e. This permission must be received annually for leagues, and for each tournament.

204. COACH/VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Coaches/volunteers may be registered to more than one affiliate, providing that proper permission has been obtained. Coaches/volunteers are obligated to the registering affiliate for the complete seasonal year defined as September 1 through August 31. Agreement by contract between the parties may shorten or lengthen this period.

Any coach who, during the seasonal year, attempts to register with an additional affiliate shall have his/her registration delayed pending written permission from the original registering affiliate.

- 204.1** Coaches/volunteer can be rostered to an unlimited number of teams (within the same affiliate) at no additional charge. However, the coach will only receive one pass identifying him as a coach registered with the affiliate(s).

- 204.2** Initial coach's/volunteer registration must be submitted properly and accurately on an FYSA Coach/Volunteer Risk Management Disclosure form and MUST contain the following information:
- A. Correct identification information including legal residence; no post office boxes allowed.
 - B. DOB is required for registration (mandatory).
 - C. Dated signatures of coach and authorized Affiliate signature.
 - D. FYSA will not accept Coaches/Volunteer risk management forms that are incomplete or unsigned.
 - E. A valid Social Security Number may be required in the event the applicant cannot be identified based on the information submitted in order to complete a criminal background check.
 - F. Affiliate will certify that they have verified the identity of the coach/volunteer.
 - G. Original signed copies of form must arrive at the office for processing or the registrar may submit a file (format as indicated by current registration procedures) with scanned copies of new coaches form attached. Affiliate will maintain these forms for a period of two (2) years and will submit said form to FYSA, if requested, within two (2) business days.
 - H. Subsequent registrations may be processed electronically. Affiliate will have on file a current, complete FYSA risk management form for each member, will retain this form for a period of two (2) years, and will submit said form to FYSA, if requested, within two (2) business days.
- 204.3** All Coaches and/or volunteers registering with FYSA will be subject to a background check through any organization that FYSA may be deemed appropriate. Any individual who has been charged and found guilty of violating any provision of Florida Statutes Section 435.04 may be denied participation in FYSA sanctioned events
- 204.4** Coaches are responsible for notifying FYSA of any event that may affect their risk management status. Failure to notify FYSA may result in the revocation of the individual's privilege to participate in FYSA sanctioned events.
- 204.5** Online Secure Site Access is limited to coach/volunteer with current registration on file.

205. ROSTERING

- 205.1** All players must be rostered to a team in order to compete in any FYSA sanctioned event. Any player competing in any competition shall be considered immediately rostered to said team. Note: Rostered players may guest play with proper permission in any FYSA sanctioned event, if allowed by the rules of competition, and not affect their original rostered status
- 205.2** An official FYSA roster is the roster generated by the State Office in computer printout form for a specific league or competition. A player is rostered to a team when the registration process is completed, and the player is rostered to a team, or as defined under FYSA Rule 205.1. All matters of dispute shall be governed by the official state roster. A copy of the official roster is valid for all events requiring a roster.
- 205.3** Leagues and tournaments may create internal pass and or event roster forms allowing properly FYSA registered players to participate within their rules of competition without changing the Official FYSA Roster. These event rosters must list the players full name,

pass number, rostered team, DOB and birth verification status. Prior to the use of these internal event rosters, for all inter-club games, leagues and tournaments must have on file the team's official FYSA roster with appropriate guest player forms or FYSA Event Rosters, as verification of players' credentials and that guest players have proper permission to participate.

- 205.4** Dual Rostering is permitted and a player may be rostered to multiple teams at one time during a seasonal year. Regulations concerning dual Rostering are as follows:
- A. Player's Cup eligibility is the player's primary team. No player is eligible to compete in FYSA Cup play with a secondary team, unless permitted under the rules of competition. A player's primary team shall be the first team to which the player is rostered.
 - B. The player's primary team will be the first team listed on a pass, and the secondary team is the second team listed on the pass
 - C. Release from the primary team in no way transfers primary status to the secondary team. To transfer primary status requires a completed transfer. **This player will then be considered a previously rostered player.**
 - D. Primary team schedules will take precedence in all issues or conflicts. If player is registered to two (2) affiliates, all matters regarding registration will be decided by the primary team's affiliate.
- 205.5** Regional Cup rosters for all competitions leading to the determination of President's Cup participants shall be the official roster as generated by the FYSA State Office.

205.6 State Cup and Regional/America's Cup rostering simultaneously is not permitted.

206. ELIGIBILITY

- 206.1** Player Eligibility to compete shall be determined as follows:
- A. Registration with FYSA has been completed and is accurate.
 - B. Proper birth documentation has been provided, for players registered as verified.
 - C. Player is properly rostered (as per the rules of competition) to the team with which he/she intends to compete.
 - D. Affiliate requirements for registration have been met.
 - E. Status is "in Good standing" with the Affiliate and FYSA.
 - F. Remains on team, or with the affiliate, to which he/she is registered/rostered for the seasonal year unless properly released or transferred (Sept 1st through Aug 31st).
- 206.2** Team eligibility to compete is determined by the following:
- A. All players properly registered **with** FYSA.
 - B. All Players are properly rostered to the team as may be defined by the rules of competition.
 - C. Coaches properly registered **with** FYSA and rostered to the team as may be defined by the rules of competition.
 - D. Associated with an affiliate, and must continue that association for the seasonal year, including that no team in its entirety or majority may move to another Affiliate during the seasonal year.
 - E. Adhere to proper age grouping.
 - F. Improper registration of any team member shall result in the team forfeiting all games the improperly registered player(s) took part in. An improperly registered

player is a player who is over-age, not registered to FYSA and/or improperly entered on the team's roster.

206.3 FYSA recognizes two types of team genders, girls and boys. Team gender is determined by the following:

A. Teams with females only are girls teams.

B. All other teams are boys teams.

207. TRANSFERS/RELEASES

Soccer is a team sport; a player makes a commitment to the team at initial registration, as well as to the affiliate for the seasonal year.

207.1 Players, or their parents for players under the age of 18, may request in writing to be removed from a team's roster or from the affiliate. The affiliate may grant the request and place the player into the unconditional pool.

207.2 Players shall not be removed from a team's roster or released by the affiliate under any circumstances if the player is:

- Rostered to a team currently subject to roster freeze or
- Is serving a suspension (red card).

207.3 There shall be no limit to the number of removals per team unless prohibited by special rules of competition (i.e., State Cup).

207.4 Released players **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE** to compete or participate in any FYSA sanctioned or sponsored event. **IN NO CASE IS A RELEASED PLAYER ENTITLED TO A PASS. NO RELEASED PLAYER SHALL HAVE IN HIS/HER POSSESSION ANY FYSA/US YOUTH SOCCER PASS.** Any player/coach found to participate with a pass of a released player/coach may have the releasing affiliate charged a fine as per Rule 303.

207.5 Players released to the FYSA unconditional (S1 FYS 998 FYS) pool of players may be transferred to any affiliate for the remainder of the seasonal year, without notice to the original affiliate. **Players once released may not be placed in NGS (Not in Good Standing) by the original affiliate. In the event of a returned check for payment to the club, submission of a copy of the returned check to FYSA will be sufficient evidence to place a member into NGS immediately.** **PLAYERS IN THE FYSA UNCONDITIONAL POOL MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY SANCTIONED EVENT.**

207.6 Should the affiliate deny the request, a reason must be given. Affiliates have the right to deny any release or transfer request for the following reasons:

- The player has guest played with the affiliate during the current seasonal year (FYSA Rule 209).
- The coach or team staff member is the player's ODP coach (FYSA Rule 208).
- There is a financial obligation to the affiliate.
- The request is received by the affiliate after December 1st of the seasonal year.
- Other contractual obligations to the affiliate.

207.7 Players who have relocated their primary residence by more than 100 miles are entitled to a transfer to an affiliate located near their residence. Should any affiliate deny the

transfer of a player who has moved 100 miles, the Registration Committee will make the determination as to the validity of the request. The judgment of the Registration Committee is final and will be based upon the documentation requested and received.

207.8 Once try outs for the next seasonal year have begun, players who have no financial or other obligation to an affiliate must be released when the affiliate receives the written request from the parent of a minor player or the written request of a player who has attained the age of 18.

207.9 A player may be removed from an affiliate involuntarily for the following reasons only:

- A. The player has violated the rules of USSF, FYSA or US Youth Soccer and is currently under suspension (non red-card or game related suspensions.) All rights to due process must have been complied with as defined under FYSA Rule 600.
- B. The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what constitutes a reasonable travel distance shall be solely determined by the FYSA Registration Committee.
- C. A player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the seasonal year. If the player recovers and is able to participate prior to the end of the seasonal year, the player will be activated back to his/her last team's roster.
- D. Players released involuntarily shall be released to the unconditional player pool. (S1 FYS 998 FYS).
- E. A player who later contests the action of involuntary release within ten (10) days shall be re-activated to the last team's roster. This action may over-roster the team resulting in sanctions based on the rules of the particular competition or may cause a team to be disqualified from a competition by violating roster freeze rules.

207.10 OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (“ODP”)

Players who have registered in the current seasonal year and have participated in the ODP may not transfer or be added to any team that their ODP coach or assistant coach participated with for the remainder of the current seasonal year and all of the following seasonal year. [Intra-club (within the club) may be exempted from this exclusion]

208. GUEST PLAYING

FYSA teams may include guest players, if allowed by the rules of a specific competition. These guest players must be registered with FYSA or another US Youth Soccer affiliate organization. FYSA players may be allowed to guest play with another FYSA team or with another US Youth Soccer affiliate, if proper permission is granted by that player's original registering club.

- A. Permission of the player's current primary affiliate must be granted in writing by use of the FYSA guest player form.
- B. If the player is playing up more than one normal age grouping it will require approval from the affiliate's director of coaching or agent of record and FYSA Director of Coaching or designee. Permission must be obtained for each event (i.e., tournaments, league play).
- C. Permission to guest play may be denied by the affiliate at its discretion.
- D. Coaches desiring a player to guest play must obtain permission from the registering affiliate's agent of record, or designee, prior to contacting the player. Failure to obtain permission prior to contact shall be evidence of poaching as defined under Rule 401.5.

- E. The guest player request form shall specify the dates and competition to which permission is granted. If the request is intra-club no special permission is required.
- F. Players who guest play shall not be allowed to transfer to the team or affiliate with whom he/she has been a guest player for the remainder of the seasonal year unless written permission is granted by the original affiliate. (Intra-club transfers are exempted with permission of the affiliate.)
- G. Playing a "guest player" without proper permission may result in a charge of playing an ineligible player under Rule 401.3 and/or falsification of a roster as defined under Rule 505.4.

209. SPECIAL COMPETITION REGISTRATION

STATE CUP (US Youth Soccer's National Championship Competitions): A player must register in the state in which he or she resides with his or her parents(s), or guardian(s) or in the case of a student in residence at any academically accredited 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 question of residency may be determined by the Florida State Cup Committee.

210. YOUTH PLAYERS PLAYING AMATEUR

For youth teams and or youth players competing with or against amateur (senior teams, all requirements of Section 210.1 must be completed prior to the competition. Applications must be submitted for each seasonal year.

A registered youth player, sixteen (16) years or older, will be permitted to play an unlimited number of amateur games without losing his or her youth eligibility provided:

1. The youth player must obtain written permission from his or her parent and his/her youth coach or other authorized affiliate official. The youth coach or other authorized team official shall, in writing or by form, request eligibility clearance from FYSA.
2. When the above clearance and permissions have been granted, the State Amateur Association has sole discretion in permitting a youth player to play amateur games and will be responsible for establishing the procedures under which this will be implemented.
3. In the event of a conflict between an amateur game and a youth game, the youth game shall take precedence.
4. A youth player who is required to sign an amateur form shall retain youth eligibility, providing the above has been completed prior to signing the amateur form. Failure to comply with the above will result in the player forfeiting his/her youth eligibility to compete in FYSA sanctioned events for the remainder of the current seasonal year or a period of not less than thirty (30) day subject to: Any period longer than thirty (30) days shall require a hearing as defined under FSYA Rules Section 600 for determination as to length of the waiting period.
5. A player who desires to reinstate his/her youth eligibility for the current seasonal year and is sixteen (16) years of age or older may apply for the reinstatement by submitting a written request for reinstatement. The date of receipt of the form and request by the FYSA office shall be the sole determination as to the starting date for sanctions as described in (4).
6. Any player who participated in any an amateur level game prior to his/her sixteenth birthday is not eligible to apply for reinstatement.
7. During this waiting period players will not be able to compete in FYSA sanctioned events, but may participate in try-outs and/or team practices.

8. A player's youth eligibility shall automatically be restored at the end of the current seasonal year.

211. AGE

211.1 Age groupings shall be established by FYSA for all levels of play and shall be defined within the Technical Assistance area of the FYSA website.

211.2 A player must have attained his/her fourth (4th) birthday prior to Aug. 1st, or attain his/her 4th birthday prior to participation in a sanctioned program, to be eligible to register.

211.3 Playing up (above a player's normal age group):

It is FYSA's policy that all players compete at a level they are capable of both physically and developmentally. For a player to move up more than one normal age grouping will require approval from the affiliate's director of coaching or agent of record and FYSA Director of Coaching. Failure to obtain proper permissions may result in the player being removed from the team's roster.