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ASSOCIATION**

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FYSA New Member Entry

Acceptance into FYSA membership is not guaranteed. When considering prospective full-affiliate members, the FYSA Board of Directors shall consider the below New Member Entry Criteria. **The Board of Directors adheres to an inclusive approach to new member affiliation.**

In an effort to obtain local feedback from existing members, affiliates within a 15-mile radius of the potential new member's home field will be provided an opportunity to object to the new member's acceptance based on the New Member Entry Criteria. An objection to membership (based on the below criteria) will not automatically exclude the prospective member from FYSA. The FYSA Board of Directors will strongly consider objection(s) when evaluating a new member application.

Objection Process:

- Existing members are not required to object to a new member application.
- If an existing member does object to a prospective new member's acceptance, objection must be sent to the FYSA Board of Directors (care of the State Office) no less than seven (7) days before the application for affiliation is considered by the Board of Directors.
- The FYSA State Office will notify all members within 15-miles of a prospective affiliate at least 14 days prior to the Board of Directors considering the application.
- An objection to membership must be submitted as a formal letter to the FYSA Board of Directors explaining why the new member should NOT be accepted.
- The objection shall be based solely on the New Member Entry Criteria.

New member applications must be received no later than 30 days prior to a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting per Rule 102.3 in order to be considered. In addition to the documentation required by rule, the new members may submit to FYSA documented evidence related to the New Member Entry Criteria to support their acceptance.

New Member Entry Criteria:

1. The prospective new member's acceptance is 'for the good of the game' in the state of Florida and immediate region.
2. The prospective member has access to a soccer site which includes at least one full 11v11 soccer field and access/usage of this site verified by the owner.
3. The prospective new member's home field is in a location (market) that can support another soccer club. Proof of this shall be supported by population density in relation to existing member clubs.
4. The prospective member has three (3) different and distinct board members.
5. Each individual on the prospective member's board of directors has submitted an FYSA Background Check and has not had any recent documented violations of the FYSA Risk Management Policy.
6. The individuals on the prospective new member's board of directors do not have a history of rule violations or detrimental behavior.
7. The individual on the prospective new member's board of directors have experience in the soccer community as previous board members, volunteers, coaches, etc.
8. The prospective member is a registered business with the State of Florida. Acceptable forms of proof will include the following (with the prospective member's organization name listed):



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- Tax ID Documentation
 - State/Federal Tax Returns
 - Business license
 - Other official government documentation relating to the transaction of business
9. The prospective member is a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization.
 10. The prospective member has licensed and qualified coaches.
 11. The prospective member intends to register 50 or more players with FYSA.
 12. The prospective member has a minimum of four (4) total teams participating in four (4) different age groups.
 13. The prospective member has the support of or acceptance into an FYSA affiliated league.
 14. The prospective member agrees to attend at least one (1) registrar training (live or via conference call) with the FYSA State Office (confirmed by the State Office).
 15. The prospective member has an affiliation with an existing US Soccer affiliate.
 16. The prospective member provides FYSA proof of a timely payment history in the form of soccer-related, paid bills from the previous six (6) months (4 separate bills showing due date and paid date).
 17. The prospective member provides grassroots offerings in the community to include any of the following:
 - TopSoccer program
 - Recreational program
 - Referee program certifying and licensing referees
 18. The prospective member provides letters from existing FYSA affiliates supporting their affiliation.
 19. The prospective member agrees (certifies) that they will NOT violate any FYSA Rules or Bylaws. Membership can be revoked by the FYSA Board of Directors should there be proven violations (i.e. poaching, tryouts dates, risk management, etc.).

FYSA does not expect any prospective new members to achieve all of the aforementioned criteria. Nor does FYSA expect existing affiliates to object to acceptance based on all of the above criteria. The New Member Entry Criteria encompasses the high standards FYSA strives to maintain in new and existing affiliates. Final acceptance to FYSA will be based on a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any duly scheduled meeting of the board once 30 days has elapsed since the time of application.

FYSA Rule 102.4 B. *A new affiliate, once approved, will be placed on a three-year probation. At the end of the three years, the affiliate must submit a letter with their affiliation form requesting full membership. The request for full membership is neither automatic nor guaranteed.*