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FYSA New Member Entry

Acceptance into the FYSA membership is not guaranteed. When considering prospective full-affiliate members, the FYSA Board of Directors shall consider the New Member Entry Criteria below. **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 criteria below) will not automatically exclude the prospective member from FYSA. The FYSA Board of Directors will strongly consider objection(s) when evaluating a new member's 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, the 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 30 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 60 days prior to the next Directors' meeting per Rule 102.3 in order to be considered. In addition to the documentation required by the rule, the new members may submit documented evidence related to the New Member Entry Criteria to FYSA 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 per Rule 102.2.
2. The prospective member will pay an affiliation fee for the first two (2) years in the amount of \$5000.00 to be utilized as follows: Affiliation fee of \$2,000.00, prepaid registration fees in the amount of \$3000.00 (Any unused registration fees not utilized in the first two years will be carried forward to the third-year affiliation. At the end of the third year, all unused registration fees will revert to FYSA's general fund.)
 - a. A waiver to Rule 102.3 (2) (the additional \$3,000.00) may be granted if it is in the best interest of FYSA.
 - b. A written request for waiver must be submitted with the application for affiliation. This request for waiver must be approved by the RVP and the BOD of FYSA. The decision of the BOD is final, binding, and unappealable by any of the parties.



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3. The prospective member has access to a soccer site which includes at least one (1) full 11v11 AND one (1) 9v9 soccer field and access/usage of this site verified by the owner in writing.
4. The prospective member must have at least four (4) different and distinct board members.
5. The prospective member must provide documentation that all BOD members have submitted and satisfied all requirements of the FYSA Risk Management Policy and have no recent documented violations of the FYSA Risk Management Policy.
6. The prospective member must submit a copy of their Bylaws & Rules.
7. 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):
 - Tax ID Documentation
 - State/ Federal Tax Returns
 - Business license
 - Other official government documentation relating to the transaction of business.
8. The prospective member must provide documentation of licensed and qualified coaches:
 - Full affiliate – one (1) USSF National D licensed (or equivalent) coach
 - Recreational affiliate – one (1) USSF grassroots licensed coach
9. The prospective member must provide documentation that it has at least four (4) total teams participating in four (4) different age groups.
10. The prospective member must provide documentation from the league in which your teams will be scheduled.
11. The prospective member must have confirmation from the FYSA office of an agreement to attend at least one (1) registrar training (live or via conference call)
12. The prospective member must provide documentation showing grassroots offerings in the community.
 - to include any of the following:
 - TOPSoccer Program
 - Recreational Program
 - State Referee program to add new certified and licensed referees.

The prospective member agrees (certifies) that they will NOT violate any FYSA Rules or Bylaws. The FYSA Board of Directors can revoke membership should there be proven violations (i.e., poaching, tryout dates, risk management, etc.)

The FYSA New Member Entry Criteria encompasses the high standards FYSA strives to maintain in new and existing affiliates. Initial affiliation acceptance to FYSA will be based on a majority vote of the Board of Directors at the March or October scheduled meeting of the board so long as it is submitted and completed in its entirety a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to one of these scheduled meetings.

FYSA Rule 102.5

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.