

NEVADA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

SECTION 5

REGISTRATION, TRANSFERS AND RELEASES

5:01:00 INTRODUCTION:

5:01:01 The registration policy as given in [USYS Players and Playing Rules](#) applies to NYSA and its members, with the following additions and clarification.

5:01:02 The purpose of registration is to establish that the player, coach, or official concerned is a registered member of USYS and NYSA, and as such, is eligible for coverage under the NYSA medical insurance policy when participating in any USYS or NYSA sanctioned event. Registration also brings the players, coaches, and officials under the authority of USYS and NYSA for the purposes of organizing youth soccer.

5:02:00 PLAYER REGISTRATION:

5:02:01 Players register in the league in which they are playing. Players register by completion of on-line registration using the registration application employed by NYSA and by making the appropriate payment to the affiliated league on-line. Players/parents are to print and sign the USYS Medical Waiver Form available in the registration application and give it to the team head coach for retention. A player is considered registered when the on-line registration is complete and the appropriate fees have been paid.

5:02:02 Each playing member of teams affiliated with the NYSA shall complete registration. For players eighteen (18) years of age or older, the player is to complete their own on-line registration and medical waiver. For players under the age of eighteen (18), the player's parent or legal guardian is to complete the on-line registration and medical waiver.

5:02:03 Each player is to provide the number of photos, required by their league, of current likeness when registering, and other required documents such as, proof of age and registration fee(s).

5:02:04 For players registering to play in U11 and above, a completed and accepted USYS membership registration binds that player to that team for the seasonal year unless he/she is granted a transfer or release to the league pool.

5:02:05 NYSA does not allow players to register simultaneously on more than one youth team with the exception of ODP teams, and teams participating in 6v6 competition.

5:02:06 A player is not allowed to play up more than two age groups without the approval of their league board.

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5:03:00 **TEAM REGISTRATION:**

5:03:01 A team shall consist of no less than seven (7) or more than eighteen (18) (U11 to U15) or twenty-two (22) (U16 to U19) registered players, with the exception of 6v6.

5:03:02 No team shall be registered until the following has been completed:

- A. Seven (7) or more players have completed on-line registration.
- B. The team head coach has completed on-line registration and successfully completed a background check.

5:03:03 Proof of age criteria are as defined by the [USYS Players and Playing Rules](#).

5:03:04 Each affiliated league shall be responsible for insuring proper registration of the players, and affiliation of the teams.

5:04:00 **COACH AND TEAM OFFICIAL REGISTRATION:**

5:04:04 A coach or team official will register in the league in which they are participating. Each team coach or team official shall be required to complete on-line registration, pay fees and provide a number of current photographs, as required by the league in which they are registering. The coach or team official shall also complete the on-line background check, with associated costs to be paid by the applicant.

5:04:05 Every head coach must have completed, within one (1) year of their initial registration as a coach, an age appropriate coaching module/license.

5:05:00 **AGE LIMIT DEFINITION:**

5:05:01 The term “youth”, a boy or girl, as applied to the CBP, shall mean an amateur player who has not reached the age of nineteen (19) years before August 1st of the current seasonal year, and has not signed an adult registration form.

5:05:02 Players attaining the limiting age for any age group on or after August 1st of the seasonal year will be eligible to play in that age group for the remainder of that seasonal year.

5:06:00 **PLAYER RELEASE AND TRANSFER:**

5:06:01 Player release and transfer applies only to players registered to teams participating in U11 and above (U10 and above in northern Nevada). A transfer is defined as the addition to a team roster of a currently registered U11 and above player (U10 and above in northern Nevada) that was previously rostered with another team during the seasonal year.

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- 5:06:02 A player registers to a team for a seasonal year. Players are expected to remain with their team for the seasonal year but may be released or transferred in exceptional circumstances, as follows:
- A. With the mutual consent of the team head coach and the player's parents/guardian. Such releases and transfers will be considered as "uncontested".
 - B. At the request of the player's parents/guardian without the agreement of the team head coach. Such a release or transfer will be considered as "contested". For a "contested" release or transfer, the State Registrar is to release or transfer the player from their registered team, unless such a release or transfer would leave the team with a roster of less than twelve (12) players - minimum roster size rule. If a player is the subject of a "contested" release, any subsequent transfer of that player during the seasonal year will be deemed "contested". NYSA will not take into consideration fees owed by the player to a team or club in deciding whether to execute a release or transfer.
 - C. A team head coach may release a player from the team roster without the permission of the player's parents/guardian in the following circumstances. Such a release will be considered as "uncontested". The State Registrar is to release the player from their registered team, provided that the team head coach can provide satisfactory evidence of the circumstance. Team head coaches are not permitted to release a player solely for the purposes of creating a vacant roster position to be filled by another player.
 - a. Dissolution of the team. A dissolved team is defined as a team that has been registered and has been playing, but ceases to exist before the end of seasonal year. In this case, the dissolution of the team must be for legitimate reasons to the satisfaction of the league registrar. There will be no transfer fee for a player to transfer from a dissolved team.
 - b. The player has relocated from the area and can no longer participate.
 - c. The player has a medical condition that prevents safe participation.
 - d. Unacceptable behavior. The player exhibits repeated unacceptable behavior including but not restricted to, bad conduct on the field of play and/or at practices, or violence towards other players on the team.
 - e. Repeated failure to appear for scheduled practices and/or games.

5:06:03 **Transfer Windows:**

- 5:06:03:01 Transfers may only occur in the transfer windows, as described below. Releases may occur at any time. Released players automatically become members of the

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league pool. Released players may only register to a new team during a transfer window. Players that registered directly to the league pool and that have not been registered to a team may register to a team at any time.

- 5:06:03:02 Transfers in the first transfer window cannot be “contested”. Transfers in the second and third windows may be “contested”. If a team head coach signs a player action form to release or transfer a player, the State Registrar will treat such as an “uncontested” release or transfer.
- 5:06:03:03 Team head coaches are reminded that the tampering and inducement rules below apply both inside and outside of the transfer windows. The existence of transfer windows is no excuse for tampering and inducement.
- 5:06:03:04 Team head coaches are reminded that player tryouts may only be conducted in the months of June and July, on the dates specified by the affiliated leagues. The existence of transfer windows does not give team head coaches permission to conduct tryouts during the transfer window. Team head coaches will be the subject of league and NYSA discipline should it be found that they conducted tryouts at any other times than those permitted by the affiliated leagues.
- 5:06:03:05 In southern Nevada, competitive player transfers may only be conducted in the transfer windows, as follows:
- A. **First Transfer Window:** From August 1st to September 15th (U11 to U14), and from December 15th to January 31st (U15 to U19).
 - B. **Second Transfer Window:** From December 15th to January 31st (U11 to U14). A “contested” transfer in the second transfer window will make the player ineligible for participation in the National Championship Series event that seasonal year.
 - C. **Third Transfer Window:** From the published date of roster freeze for the Nevada Championships to May 31st. Players transferred in the third transfer window are not eligible for participation in the National Championship Series event that seasonal year.
- 5:06:03:06 In northern Nevada, competitive player transfers may only be conducted in the transfer windows, as follows:
- A. **First Transfer Window:** From September 1st to October 15th for all fall season competitive age divisions (U10 to U14).
 - B. **Second Transfer Window:** From February 1st to March 15th for all competitive teams, U10 to U19, extended season or initial season play.
 - C. **Third Transfer Window:** From the published date of roster freeze for the Nevada Championships to May 31st. Players transferred in the third transfer window are not eligible for participation in the National Championship Series event that seasonal year.

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5:06:04 **Other Issues:**

- 5:06:04:01 For U15 to U19, if a player registers to a team at the beginning of the seasonal year prior to the high school soccer season, that registration stands for the remainder of the seasonal year and the above transfer policy applies. Players participating with teams in tournaments prior to the high school season are urged to sign as a league pool player and participate as guest a player if they are unsure of their commitment to the team for the whole seasonal year.
- 5:06:04:02 If a player is released and then returns to the same team during the seasonal year, the player will be required to transfer to the original team.
- 5:06:04:03 The league registrar will sign as the lending coach for tournament guest playing of league pool players.
- 5:06:04:04 If a player signs with the league pool, no transfer will be charged to a team if the player registers with a team for the remainder of the seasonal year. No transfer fee is required.
- 5:06:04:05 A player may leave a competitive team and go into a recreational player pool at any time during the seasonal year.
- 5:06:04:06 A player release or transfer is obtained by submitting a fully completed [Player Action Form](#) and the appropriate fee to the affiliated league, whether contested or uncontested.

5:06:05 **Transfer Committee:**

- 5:06:05:01 NYSA is to establish a transfer committee to decide on release and transfer requests that require interpretation of the policy or are not covered by the policy. The Committee is to be chaired by the NYSA First Vice-president and include the SDOC and State Registrar. The decisions of the Committee are not open to appeal.
- 5:06:05:02 The Transfer Committee may decide to allow a player transfer outside of the transfer window in the following exceptional circumstances:
- A. Failure to transfer a player from their registered team constitutes an unacceptable risk to the player.
 - B. The player made a “contested” transfer application within a transfer window but was denied a transfer because of the minimum roster size rule, and the transfer of the player would no longer breach that rule.

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5:07:00 **ADDING PLAYERS:**

5:07:01 There is no restriction on the number of previously unregistered players that can be added to the team roster. A previously unregistered player may be added to a team roster at any time.

5:08:00 **PLAYING WITH PROFESSIONALS:**

5:08:01 Any NYSA registered player, playing with a professional team, shall be declared a professional player and shall lose all privileges of youth amateur status.

5:08:02 The NYSA BOD may grant an amateur player permission to play in a benefit or exhibition match only, where professional players are involved. Permission must be requested in writing.

5:08:03 A player who has signed a letter of intent, a contract, or played in any match where professional players are involved, without prior permission of the NYSA BOD, will not be reinstated to youth amateur status.

5:09:00 **ADULT MATCHES:**

5:09:01 The rules for youth soccer players playing in adult games are covered in the [USYS Players and Playing Rules Policy](#).

5:10:00 **GUEST PLAYING:**

5:10:01 A team that wants a player from another team to guest play for them in a tournament must first get permission from the player's head coach before any approach can be made to the player. Failure to follow this procedure will result in penalties set forth by USYSNV.

5:10:02 Permission for a player to guest play on a team he/she is not registered with is obtained by submitting a fully completed [Player Action Form](#) to the State Registrar.

5:11:00 **TAMPERING, RECRUITING AND INDUCEMENT:**

5:11:01 No officer, official, coach, player, booster, parent or representative of any such person, club or team shall within the current seasonal year, without the verbal permission from the player's head coach, except as otherwise provided herein:

- A. Interfere or attempt to interfere with the status of any NYSA player presently registered with another team.
- B. Discuss future registration (beyond the current seasonal year) with a NYSA player presently registered.
- C. Practice any soccer related activity with any registered NYSA player of another team or club for the purpose of recruiting or evaluation.

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5:11:02 **Inducements:**

5:11:02:01 No officer, official, coach, player, booster, parent or representative of any such person, club or team, may offer any NYSA player, registered or not, at any time, any inducement in an attempt to recruit a player to play on any team, for any purpose or reason.

5:11:02:02 Inducements that would be considered unethical, and therefore a violation of this policy, would include, but are not necessarily limited to: free or discounted travel costs, cash bonuses, high school or college scholarships, equipment, freedom from coaching fees where all other members of the team/club pay coaching fees, other than in proven cases of financial hardship, etc.

5:11:03 **Coach Response to a Player Approach:**

5:11:03:01 If a coach is approached by a player or a player parent from another team concerning potential transfer to the coach's team, the correct course of action is for the coach to refuse to discuss the matter, send the player/parent away, and to call the player's coach to report the incident. Any alternative course of action taken by the coach may be considered as tampering or inducement. On reporting the incident, if the player's coach gives the coach permission to discuss transfer with the player, the coach may then discuss transfer with the player/parent.