



MEMBER CONFIRMATION MEMO

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DATE: 2016-17 Season
TO: US Club Soccer Member
FROM: Kevin Payne, CEO/Executive Director
RE: Membership Information – Competitions

When accompanied by a current Official Roster and passcards, this letter confirms that your club is a member of US Club Soccer and in good standing.

As a National Association member of the U.S. Soccer Federation, US Club Soccer is authorized to register players and sanction events to the same extent as any other U.S. Soccer member. In addition to the information found at usclubsoccer.org, use this memorandum as necessary to document your membership and to clarify for other organizations your compliance with US Club Soccer rules.

PASSCARDS:

Your US Club Soccer passcards may be used for any competition in which you have been accepted up until their expiration dates. The player passcards are valid for any of your club's teams at or above the player's designated age group. There is still an obligation to comply with specific competition rules regarding size of rosters, roster freezes, etc.

OFFICIAL ROSTER:

An "Official Roster" printed from US Club Soccer's website is to be used as the official roster for your team, and shall be recognized as such by competitions. There is no need for additional approval stamps or signatures. Members must be in good standing in order to access the official roster.

INSURANCE COVERAGE:

As a member of US Club Soccer, your US Club Soccer-registered players and staff members are covered by a secondary accident insurance policy, and your club is covered by a general liability insurance policy.

TRAVEL PERMISSION:

As a US Club Soccer member, travel permission is not required to travel to any location in the United States. Permission is required from U.S. Soccer for travel outside of the United States. There should be no need for a non-US Club Soccer sanctioned tournament to need any further information on this, but you may want to show them this memo. If necessary, US Club Soccer will send a letter to the tournament indicating that your club is in good standing and free to travel.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:

Note that as a member of a U.S. Soccer-affiliated organization, U.S. Soccer Bylaws prohibit discrimination against your players, teams and staff for participating as a US Club Soccer member. Should you or another soccer organization have questions regarding this or if you are having a problem, please [contact your respective US Club Soccer Membership Services Representative](#).

III. REVISED USSF POLICY

Policy 601-7 -Competition Participation

Section 1.

- (A) Any properly registered team has the right to enter any competition involving Organization Members or their members provided that it is eligible under the rules of that competition, pays all required fees, and is in good standing.
- (B) No Organization Member or member of an Organization Member shall interfere with the opportunity of a player, coach or team to travel to compete in a competition, including a game, scrimmage, tournament or League governed by

Section 1 (A) above and shall not deny permission to travel unless that player, coach or team has been prohibited from doing so for disciplinary reasons pursuant to the due process requirements set forth in Bylaw 701. The foregoing shall not prevent Organization Members and their members from having bylaws, rules, or policies that penalize teams or players for failing to meet their previously scheduled game commitments or prevent Organization Members from enforcing reasonable notification requirements prior to travel.

- (C) Any Organization Member or member of an Organization Member, player, coach or individual denied the right to participate in any competition involving Organization Members or their members has the right of appeal and/or grievance through the applicable procedures set forth in Federation Bylaws and Policies.

Section 2.

- (A) Tournaments hosted by Organization members or their members shall fall within one of the following two classes:
 - (1) Unrestricted Tournament: A tournament that is open to all Federation affiliated participants. Any tournament that allows international participants must be an Unrestricted Tournament.
 - (2) Restricted Tournament: A tournament that is open only to members of a single Organization Member or a subset thereof.
- (B) Organization Members and their members shall be entitled to sponsor and/or approve tournaments in and according to reasonable requirements they establish as long as done so in a fair and timely manner. No Organization Member or member of an Organization member shall have a bylaw, rule or policy that prohibits their members from participating in Unrestricted Tournaments. Organization Members may not deny approval to host a tournament on the basis that the tournament is Unrestricted.

Section 3.

This policy does not apply to Professional Leagues or Indoor Professional Leagues.

III. RATIONALE

To ensure that players have as many opportunities as possible to participate in tournaments and competitions, and to make the policy consistent with U.S. Soccer's organizational structure.