

I. HOSTING ONLY UNITED STATES TEAMS

1. These procedures apply when hosting **ONLY** United States teams for tournaments or games.
2. Not later than the date established by the State Association or Affiliate for submitting an *Application to Host a Tournament or Games*, the hosting organization must submit to its State Association or Affiliate and, if any game is to be played in another State Association or Affiliate, to that other State Association or Affiliate, for approval—
 - (1) a completed *Application to Host a Tournament or Games* signed by the president or chief officer of the hosting organization; **an incomplete application will be returned and considered as not having ever been submitted**;
 - (2) a completed *Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement*, with appropriate supporting documents and information, signed by the president or chief officer of the hosting organization and by the tournament or games director;
 - (3) a copy of the Rules for the Tournament or Games; and
 - (4) any fees required by the State Association or Affiliate for processing the application.
3. **The State Association or Affiliate is not required to approve any application not timely submitted less. If an application is not timely submitted, the State Association or Affiliate may accept the late filing of the application and charge a late fee. Consult the appropriate State Association or Affiliate for its specific policies and fees.**
4. If the documents referred to in paragraph 2 are in order and in compliance with State Association or Affiliate requirements, appropriate fees paid, and the hosting organization is in good standing, the State Association or Affiliate shall approve the application. On approval, the State Association or Affiliate shall return a copy of the approved application to that hosting organization and a copy to US Youth Soccer.

II. HOSTING FOREIGN TEAMS (TEAMS FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES)

1. These procedures apply when hosting one or more foreign teams for a tournament or games, whether that tournament or games include United States teams and foreign teams or foreign teams only. **A foreign team is any team from outside the 50 States of the United States and the District of Columbia.**
2. Not later than the date established by the State Association or Affiliate for submitting an *Application to Host a Tournament or Games*, the hosting organization must submit to its State Association or Affiliate and, if any game is to be played in another State Association or Affiliate, to that other State Association or Affiliate, for approval—
 - (1) a completed *Application to Host a Tournament or Games*, signed by the president or chief officer of the hosting organization; **an incomplete application will be returned and considered as not having ever been submitted**;
 - (2) a completed *Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement*, with appropriate supporting documents and information, signed by the president or chief officer of the hosting organization and by the tournament or games director;
 - (3) a copy of the Rules for the Tournament or Games (**NOTES: (1) The Rules must provide for a point system of 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and no points for a loss. (2) In any Under 17 or older age group, the Rules MUST specify FIFA limited substitution rules**);
 - (4) a copy of the completed US Soccer forms *Application to Host a Tournament or Games Involving Foreign Teams and Certification Regarding Compliance with the Ted Stevens and Olympic Amateur Sports Act*, **submitted directly to US Soccer**; and
 - (5) any fees required by the State Association or Affiliate for processing the application.

NOTE: WHEN HOSTING FOREIGN TEAMS, THE HOSTING ORGANIZATION MUST FILE 2 SETS OF APPLICATIONS AND HAVE BOTH APPROVED: (1) A US YOUTH SOCCER APPLICATION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT OR GAMES, INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS, MUST BE FILED WITH ITS STATE ASSOCIATION OR AFFILIATE AND APPROVED BY THE STATE ASSOCIATION OR AFFILIATE, AND (2) A US SOCCER APPLICATION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT OR GAMES INVOLVING FOREIGN TEAMS AND CERTIFICATION MUST BE FILED WITH US SOCCER AND APPROVED BY US SOCCER. BOTH APPLICATIONS MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE HOSTING FOREIGN TEAMS.

3. **The State Association or Affiliate is not required to approve any application not timely submitted. If an application is not timely submitted, the State Association or Affiliate may accept the late filing of the application and charge a late fee. Consult the appropriate State Association or Affiliate for its specific policies and fees.**
4. If the documents referred to in paragraph 2 are in order and in compliance with State Association or Affiliate requirements, appropriate fees paid, and the hosting organization is in good standing, the State Association or Affiliate shall approve the application. On approval, the State Association or Affiliate shall return a copy of the approved application to that hosting organization and a copy to US Youth Soccer.

RECOMMENDED DEFINITIONS OF TEAMS (Place corresponding letter in appropriate space on application.):

- A INTRA-CLUB TOURNAMENT TEAM:** a team which is put together for the sole purpose of playing in a tournament or other sanctioned non-league competition, whose roster includes only players who are members of one club.
- B INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENT TEAM:** a team which is put together for the sole purpose of playing in a tournament or other sanctioned non-league competition, whose roster includes players who are members of more than one club.
- C RECREATIONAL TEAM:** a team which participates in a RECREATIONAL LEAGUE.
- D RECREATIONAL PLUS TEAM:** a team which participates in a RECREATIONAL PLUS LEAGUE.
- E RECREATIONAL ALL-STAR TEAM:** an INTRA-CLUB TOURNAMENT TEAM whose roster only includes players selected from teams which participate in the same RECREATIONAL or RECREATIONAL PLUS LEAGUE.
- F CLASSIC TEAM:** a team which participates in a CLASSIC LEAGUE.
- G LEAGUE TEAM:** a team which participates in regularly scheduled league play.
- H PREMIER TEAM:** a team which participates in a PREMIER LEAGUE.
- I SELECT TEAM:** the official SELECT (all-star) TEAM of US Youth Soccer, any of its regions, a State Association, an Affiliate, other Organization Member, or any district or geographical subdivisions thereof, or any league.
- J OTHER:** attached description of team if it does not fit any of the above definitions