

RULES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.

B. AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS (Structure and South Carolina Youth Soccer membership requirements)

1. An **AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION** is a club or league that is properly registered with and recognized by the South Carolina Youth Soccer and which pays dues to, and receives benefits or services from, the South Carolina Youth Soccer.
 - a. A **CLUB** is an organization operating within a specified community or other defined geographical area that is a member of South Carolina Youth Soccer and that has an identifiable membership of at least one hundred (100) youth soccer players. This organization is in place to carry out South Carolina Youth Soccer's programs for youth players. Groups seeking membership in South Carolina Youth Soccer and fulfilling all other requirements for same but having fewer than one hundred (100) youth players may be granted annual provisional affiliation status for a seasonal year by a majority vote of the Board of Directors but will not be eligible to vote at any annual general meeting until such time as its membership equals at least one hundred (100) players. Each club is assigned by South Carolina Youth Soccer a permanent club number, which is a three (3)-digit control number.
 - b. A **LEAGUE** is a structured organization consisting of four (4) or more teams joined for the purpose of play under a common set of administrative and competition rules. Each league is assigned by South Carolina Youth Soccer a permanent league number, which is a three (3)-digit control number.
2. A **DISTRICT** is a structured organization operating within a defined geographical area and is represented on the South Carolina Youth Soccer Board of Directors by the District Commissioner, who is elected by the affiliated organizations within the district and given the authority to enforce the rules and bylaws of the South Carolina Youth Soccer within its geographical area. South Carolina Youth Soccer currently has three (3) districts.
3. **ANY YOUTH SOCCER GROUP WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA MAY APPLY FOR AFFILIATION** in the South Carolina Youth Soccer by applying in writing to the Board of Directors and by submitting for approval of the South Carolina Youth Soccer Board of Directors properly executed Bylaws and Operating Rules prior to the seasonal year in question and a properly filled out and executed South Carolina Youth Soccer Affiliated Organization Registration Form by June 1st.
4. **TO REMAIN IN GOOD STANDING** with the South Carolina Youth Soccer, all affiliated organizations of the South Carolina Youth Soccer are required to:
 - a. abide by the South Carolina Youth Soccer, US Youth Soccer/USSF and FIFA rules;
 - b. submit to South Carolina Youth Soccer by June 1st of each year a properly filled out and signed South Carolina Youth Soccer Affiliated Organization Registration Form listing all board members and at large members, maintaining this information and providing South Carolina Youth Soccer with updated information as changes occur. An initial application shall also have with it a copy of the organization's Bylaws and Operating Rules, which are to be resubmitted with renewals only if any changes occur or if an organization exists under probationary membership status;
 - c. be current with all fees and amounts due to the South Carolina Youth Soccer, the Board of which shall set membership dues and other fees prior to each seasonal year; and
 - d. in addition, all affiliated clubs are required to have a Registrar, certified by the South Carolina Youth Soccer, who performs the following:
 - i. registers via the current state approved on-line computer program with the South Carolina Youth Soccer and US Youth Soccer (through the SC Youth Soccer) every individual player, coach, team and administrator who participates in any South Carolina Youth Soccer program;
 - ii. verifies player information and is able to provide copies of birth certificates for all players;
 - iii. properly fills out, maintains copies of, and submits all required player and coach registration transaction forms to South Carolina Youth Soccer via the State Registrar/designee or South Carolina Youth Soccer Administrative Assistant before any deadline, or before the player's first game of the season, whichever comes first; and
 - iv. advises the clubs that player passes must be signed on the back by the player, the signature must match the name printed on the front of the pass (which **must be** the first and last name as shown on the player's birth certificate), that a current photograph without a hat or headband must be attached, and that the pass must be laminated. Initials and nicknames are not acceptable. All coach passes must also be signed and have a picture attached prior to lamination. Any pass not satisfying this requirement is invalid.

I HAVE READ THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF THIS FORM, AND THE ORGANIZATION I REPRESENT AGREES TO ABIDE BY THESE AND ALL OTHER RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION. I CERTIFY THAT I AM AN OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZATION AND AM LEGALLY EMPOWERED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT ON ITS BEHALF.

ACCEPTANCE

Organization Name

Print Officer's Name and Title

President's Signature

Date