

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 South Carolina Youth Soccer and which pays dues to, and receives benefits or services from, 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. New clubs containing competitive teams, applying for membership into SC Youth Soccer must have a “60/40” split between recreation players and competitive players upon making application. Sixty percent (60%) of the players must be recreation, while no more than forty percent (40%) may be competitive. Any current member club that either fails to maintain “good standing” or interrupts its membership by failing to re-affiliate in the future will be treated as a “new club or organization and the 60/40 rule will apply. Clubs may not change names and “do business as” without updating their Bylaws and submitting those Bylaws for approval by the Board of Directors. Clubs may not merge during the seasonal year. Any merger becomes effective on August 1st (first day of Fall season for registration purposes).
 - 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. A league is differentiated from another league by the rules that govern the rostering of players to each leagues’ teams, and the different terms used to describe each league do not necessarily reflect the level of ability or talent of teams participating in the league.
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 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 South Carolina Youth Soccer by applying in writing to the Board of Directors through the SC Youth Soccer State Office and by submitting for approval of the South Carolina Youth Soccer Board of Directors properly executed [Bylaws](#) and Operating Rules and a properly filled out and executed South Carolina Youth Soccer [Affiliated Organization Registration Form](#).
4. **TO REMAIN IN GOOD STANDING WITH SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH SOCCER**, all affiliated organizations are required to:
 - a. abide by South Carolina Youth Soccer, US Youth Soccer/USSF and FIFA rules;
 - b. submit to South Carolina Youth Soccer by April 1st of each year a properly filled out and signed [South Carolina Youth Soccer Affiliated Organization 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 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 South Carolina Youth Soccer, who performs the following:
 - i. registers via the current state approved on-line computer program with South Carolina Youth Soccer and US Youth Soccer (through South Carolina Youth Soccer) every individual player, coach, team and administrator who participates in any South Carolina Youth Soccer(Club) program;
 - ii. verifies player information and is able to upload/provide copies of birth certificates for all players;
 - iii. properly fills out, maintains copies of, and submits all required player and coach registration forms to South Carolina Youth Soccer via the State Registrar/designee 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 have a current photograph, without a hat or headband, and that the pass must be laminated or digitally recorded. All coach passes must have a current picture and be laminated or be digitally recorded. Any pass not satisfying these requirements is invalid. No signature is required.

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

**FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION ON ORGANIZATION OFFICERS
(PROVIDE COMPLETE ADDRESS INFORMATION INCLUDING ZIP CODE)**

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NAME			
ADDRESS			
HOME PHONE		WORK PHONE	
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*** CLUB REGISTRAR INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED ***

TITLE	REGISTRAR	Is Registrar an officer of this organization (Yes/No)?	
NAME			
ADDRESS			
HOME PHONE		WORK PHONE	
FAX		E-MAIL ADDRESS	