



LEAGUE SANCTIONING APPROVAL [YOUTH]

1. **League and Team Sanctioning.** Pursuant to the League Sanctioning Application and supplemental materials that have been submitted, US Club Soccer (hereinafter "USCS") hereby agrees to sanction the **St. Louis Youth Soccer Association** (hereinafter "League") and those League or Club member teams which register their players with USCS for the **August 1 – July 31** registration year on the conditions and the mutual promises of the League set forth herein. The League and its teams shall be entitled to all the member benefits of USCS, and the USSF, with which USCS is a National Association.
 - a. Term: The term of this Sanctioning Approval shall be from the date this Approval is executed to **July 31, 2014**, and is subject to renewal based upon the granting of further sanctioning rights by USCS. The League agrees to continue to sanction those league programs set forth herein, register all its players and staff with USCS, and abide by the other provisions of this Approval for the entire term of the Approval. In order to extend sanctioning beyond the expiration date of this Approval, the League shall submit an Application to Renew League Sanctioning (accessible via usclubsoccer.org → Leagues tab → Sanction Your League) 30 days prior to the expiration date of this Approval.
 - b. Location: The location of the league shall cover the area of: **Greater Metropolitan St. Louis Area and Southern Illinois**. Expansion of the League activities outside of this area must be included in an amended League Sanctioning Approval.
 - c. Registration: The League shall assure that all players and staff participating in the League are registered with USCS for the term of this Approval, and that applicable staff have completed the risk background check.
 - d. Insurance: The League, and its properly registered teams, players, and staff shall be covered by the USCS insurance policy then in effect for USCS youth members.
 - e. Compliance: This sanctioning is conditioned upon the League abiding by terms of the documents submitted pursuant to the sanctioning review process, as well as any subsequent documents submitted to and approved by USCS.
 - f. Age Groups: The League is sanctioned for **U8 – U18** boys and girls age groups at the roster sizes set forth in the League Application. USCS will consider sanctioning additional age groups only upon further application from the League.
 - g. Updates: The League shall provide to USCS a regularly updated list of teams expected to participate in the League. It may adopt its schedule without approval of USCS. However, USCS shall be provided a final and complete schedule of League games prior to the start of the League season, and the final League competition results at the end of the League season.
2. **Bylaws and Policies.** The League agrees to abide by the Policies and Bylaws of USCS, (including the USCS risk management and background check program), and of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), and to enforce them with their USCS registered teams.
3. **Tournaments.** USCS shall sanction tournaments for the League and its teams for no sanctioning fee.



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4. **Passcard Production and Validation.** USCS will accept and process the player and staff registrations of the League's teams which register on the USCS website, and collect all registration fees from the teams. USCS shall produce passcards for such players and staff and return them to the team registrar.
 - a. Unless passcards are issued to a USCS club member (as opposed to a League member team), such passcards shall not be valid unless and until this Section has been complied with.
 - b. Player and staff registrations shall not be valid, no one may participate in any competition, nor shall insurance coverage for a participant be in force, unless and until registration fees are paid, and passcards are issued by USCS and returned to the club or team, and in the case of a player, the player's picture is affixed to the card, and the card is laminated.
 - c. Proof of birthdate, and in the case of team staff a risk management form, shall be submitted to and accepted by USCS before passcards are issued. Medical authorizations are held by the team, but the League may retain a copy, and will also assist USCS in obtaining copies of medical authorizations from the team if so requested. The League may, at its discretion, review and validate (via stamp or otherwise) such passcards before they are utilized in League play.
5. **Player/Staff Registration Fees.** Player and staff fees shall be no greater than the published US Club Soccer **competitive club** registration fees for the current registration year. There are no additional charges. All such fees shall be paid by the teams directly to USCS before passcards are issued.
6. **Team Rosters.** Team rosters that are printed from the League team's USCS website are official rosters for USCS purposes. The League may choose to accept such rosters for their competitions, or require the teams to complete a separate, official League roster. However, no rosters shall be valid without accompanying passcards. The League shall assure that passcards and rosters are checked at each League game.
7. **Other Competitions.** League teams that have USCS player cards may use such cards to participate in other competitions that are open to USSF-affiliated members (i.e. unrestricted competitions), are covered by USCS insurance when doing so, and travel or other permissions are not required.

Entered into this _____ day of _____, 2012
Effective Date of the Approval

US Club Soccer

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