



POLICY 11

PLAYER REGISTRATION

A. REGISTRATION

1. The TSSA seeks to provide its member with more and better services, such as broader insurance coverage, employment of a Director of Coaching, and a state office to serve its members. TSSA incurs significant costs to provide these services and benefits to its members. As a result, only those clubs or divisions of clubs that are registered with TSSA shall be entitled to such member services and benefits. This will help TSSA maximize and improve the services and benefits provide to its members. Accordingly, the following policy is adopted;
 - a. Clubs that register 100% of their soccer players and teams with TSSA will be afforded full rights, benefits, and coverage by the association for all their players and teams.
 - b. Clubs who split registration between USSF affiliates will be afforded full rights and coverage for those age groups, divisions, teams, and players that register with TSSA. For example, only those age groups, divisions that register with TSSA will receive liability coverage.
 1. Example-A club registers only certain ages or teams with TSSA and provides proof that it is 100% registered with USSF affiliates. TSSA will furnish restricted Insurance Certificates to the club and the third parties who own the fields used by the club. The certificates will be restricted to a list of teams that register with TSSA, which will be attached to the certificate and furnished directly to the third party.
 - c. Clubs who split registration between USSF affiliates will receive complete coverage or services by the staff of TSSA, in particular the Director of Coaching, for those age groups, divisions, or teams that register with TSSA.
 1. Example A club registers only its U14 and above players with TSSA, but registers its U6-U13 players with another affiliate. They provide proof that they are 100% registered with USSF affiliates. TSSA staff will facilitate the club and provide benefits and materials on issues directly related to those age groups, divisions, teams, or players that are 100% registered with TSSA.
 - d. Players or coaches not registered with TSSA shall only be provided services if those services are available to non-members, and then at the fees set for non-members, if applicable.
 1. Example A club registers only its U14 and above players with TSSA, registers its U6-U13 players with another affiliate, and provides proof that it is 100% registered with USSF affiliates. If TSSA provides coaching clinics or license courses germane to U13 or below, to non members, the TSSA Director of Coaching will provide those clinics and courses to the club in the same

way and under the same terms as those courses offered to non-members, at fees for non-members.

2. TSSA will register all of its players, coaches, teams, referees and administrators with the Federation and timely pay all dues of the Federation.
3. Each association shall comply with TSSA player, coach, and team registration procedures.
4. All Clubs must designate a club registrar whom is responsible for player, coach, and administrator registration, rosters, and appropriate passes through the online registration system.
5. A team shall not be eligible for any competition sanctioned by TSSA until all players on such team are registered.
6. A player is considered registered once that player has been registered by it's member organization or entered into the online registration system.
7. **Teams and individual players U7 and younger are only eligible to register for Division 4 (Recreational).**
8. All U7 and under players are not permitted to guest play with any club team (D1, D2, & D3)

B. DUE DATES FOR FORMS AND FEES

1. The first week of each month all clubs will receive an invoice for all players and coaches registered in the prior month. All fees for registration are due upon receipt of the TSSA invoice.
2. Invoices are due upon receipt
 - A. Clubs are considered delinquent 30 days after receipt of each monthly invoice
 - B. Clubs that are 60 days or greater delinquent will be placed in Bad Standing until all open invoices are paid in full. Associations placed in bad standing shall not have any other processing completed which includes, but is not limited to, player add/drops/transfers, travel permits, online registration processing or rosters, certificates of insurance, and permission to host tournament or games. Additionally, teams will not be permitted to participate in any state, regional, or national competitions sanctioned by Tennessee State Soccer Association, US Youth Soccer, or USSF.
3. Insurance coverage shall not be provided to any player whose registration form and fees have not been received in the State Office by the appropriate due date.

C. PROOF OF AGE

1. Any player may be called upon to prove his legal age by his/her association, District Director, Vice President-Youth or -Amateurs, or the TSSA Board of Directors.
2. Proof of age requirements shall be the same as those listed in USSF Rules, except in those competitions which specifically state otherwise.

3. Acceptable proof of age documents include a birth certificate or birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency, board of health records, passport, alien registration card issued by the U.S. Government, certificate issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, or a certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency.
4. Hospital or baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted.

D. DEFINITIONS OF YOUTH AND AMATEUR PLAYERS

1. A youth player is as defined in the US Youth Soccer Bylaws.
2. A youth player is permitted to play amateur games without losing youth eligibility, provided the youth player has obtained in writing:
 - a. Permission from their youth coach or other authorized team official
 - b. Eligibility clearance from TSSA from both the Vice President-Youth and the Vice President-Amateurs
3. Youth teams may participate in amateur matches provided permission has been obtained from both the Vice President-Youth and the Vice President-Amateurs.
4. Amateur shall refer to any player who has attained their 19th birthday before August 1 immediately preceding the start of the seasonal year in which they apply for registration.
5. Amateur players shall not participate on youth teams.
6. Amateur teams shall not participate in youth competitions.

E. PLAYERS REGISTERING ON MULTIPLE TEAMS

1. Players may be registered to more than one team under the following circumstances:
 - a. A player may be dual-registered on a Division 4 roster and on a Division 1, 2, or 3 roster.
 - b. A player may be dual-registered on any team roster, regardless of division, within the same local association.
 - c. A player currently registered with A Division 1, 2, or 3 team may not register with another Division 1, 2, or 3 team, outside their current club association.
 - d. Players must declare their primary team at the time of registration.
 - e. Registered means when the players registration is received/accepted by the players local association registrar.

- f. Rostered means when the players registration is received and all the information is verified by the State Office and the player is assigned to a team and issued a player card.
2. A player may play for only one team in the TSSA State League competitions or TSSA State Cup competitions.
3. A player may play for only one team in outdoor invitational tournaments sanctioned by TSSA or USSF.
4. A player may play on multiple teams during indoor invitational tournaments provided the teams are competing in different age divisions.
5. The primary team is the only team the player can play for in the State League Cup competition or State Cup competition.
6. Primary team designation may not be changed after declaration at the time of registration..

F. NON RESIDENT PLAYERS

1. A player or team residing near the geographical boundaries of TSSA jurisdiction may be given permission to register with TSSA through one of its member associations.
2. Permission to register with TSSA must be obtained by the non resident player(s) each seasonal year from the Vice President-Youth or Amateurs, as appropriate, and from the USSF affiliated state association having jurisdiction over the area in which the player(s) resides.

G. PLAYER IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION

1. For Youth Divisions 1, 2, and 3 matches, the following must be presented to the referee prior to the match for the participating teams.
 - A. A copy of the official team roster, or temporary roster, and any approved add/transfer forms.
 - B. A USYS laminated pass issued by TSSA for each rostered player and coach. Each pass must have a recent picture and the appropriate signature for the player and/or coach. No other form of identification (such as a driver's license, school identification, passport, etc.) will be accepted in lieu of the USYS laminated player pass.
2. For Amateur Open Division matches, a copy of the official team roster, or temporary roster, and any approved add/transfer forms must be presented to the referee prior to each match for teams participating.
3. Each document must be imprinted with the TSSA stamp to be valid.
4. The player's numbers shall be indicated adjacent to each name on the roster provided to the referee.
5. No player is permitted to participate in a sanctioned match unless identification verification requirements are met.

6. Players that do not meet the requirements of identification verification are to be considered the same as an unregistered player.

H. UNREGISTERED PLAYERS

1. Any team allowing an unregistered player to participate in a game shall forfeit the contest 3 - 0 to the opposing team.
2. Insurance coverage shall not be provided to any unregistered player nor to any team allowing an unregistered player to participate.
3. Any coach, referee or team allowing an unregistered player to participate in a game shall be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the TSSA Policy on Conduct and Discipline.

I. FALSIFYING PLAYER DOCUMENTS

Any person or group found guilty of falsifying player registration forms, team roster forms, player cards, or other records of TSSA shall be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the TSSA Policy on Conduct and Discipline.