



ORGANIZATION STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

Revised 5/1/2025

I, the President/Chief Officer of the organization listed below (The Organization), understand and agree that The Organization shall adhere to all rules, regulations, policies, agreements and decisions of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) as to The Organization's IYSA Member League teams. Ignorance of the rules and regulations of the IYSA shall not be an excuse for failure to comply with same, provided they are posted on the IYSA website and/or published in the IYSA program or competition policies, rules and procedures. The Organization understands and agrees that membership in the IYSA is a privilege and not a right, which may be withdrawn if The Organization fails to comply with the rules, regulations, policies, agreements and decisions of the IYSA, including but not limited to the following.

The Organization agrees to have its own SafeSport/Prohibited Conduct policy, maintain its own risk management programs and to comply with the SafeSport Act, US Soccer, US Youth Soccer and IYSA Bylaws and Policies. The Organization agrees to conform to all state and federal laws including but not limited to Public Law 115-126 Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 that was passed by Congress on February 14, 2018.

The Organization understands and agrees that all adult participants including but not limited to The Organization's representatives, board members, administrators, employees, coaches, independent contractors, volunteers, adult participants, referees must submit their background screen through the US Soccer Safe Soccer Program. All adult participants associated with The Organization must be cleared by US Safe Soccer prior to taking on a role with The Organization whether or not they have authority over participants who are minors and/or have access to the data of participants who are minors. The US Soccer Safe Soccer system, the currently designated provider, will manage the background screenings, Safe Sport Training and Concussion Training.

The Organization agrees to collect from each participant's parent/guardian prior to participating in its activities the current, signed "IYSA Emergency Medical Release & Liability Waiver" and make them available to the IYSA upon request. The Organization within the undersigned actual knowledge agrees that The Organization will comply with federal and state laws including public health orders and publish them prior to the start of its activities. The Organization understands and agrees that IYSA does not provide any insurance coverage for any and all communicable diseases including those involving epidemics and pandemics.

The Organization agrees to adopt and use the "IYSA Concussion Notification Form". The Organization understands and agrees to abide by US Soccer's heading ban for players aged 10 and younger (U11 and younger age brackets) at all Illinois Youth Soccer activities including but not limited to IYSA Member league play, practices, tournaments/friendlies.

The Organization understands and agrees to abide by the IYSA Goal Safety Policy (Rule 021-A) and hereby certifies that it has implemented the IYSA Goal Safety Policy and communicated the policy prior to the start of its activities to each of its officers, directors, coaches, employees, volunteers, associated personnel, and the parents/guardians of the participants. The Organization agrees to inspect and ensure prior to the start of its activities that the fields, goals and portable equipment including but not limited to goals, cameras, tents, grills, signs, fences, seating, inflatables, etc. are safe and anchored according to the manufacturer's guidelines for the environmental conditions. All goals must have labels warning of climbing hazards. All unused goals must be anchored and/or chained to a substantial or permanent structure or to another goal.

The Organization agrees that the use of drones is strictly prohibited at all IYSA member events. It is the responsibility of the Event/Home Site Host to ensure that this policy is strictly enforced.

The Organization understands and agrees to have a Code of Conduct that at minimum requires their participants/parents/associated persons to respect the players, coaches, officials, spectators, and families at all times, to respect the decisions of officials or coaches, and to refrain from using any profanity and/or engaging in any violence or verbal threats.

The Organization understands and fully agrees that IYSA does not provide Directors and Officers insurance coverage and that The Organization will purchase this coverage.

The Organization understands and agrees that the IYSA does not provide insurance coverage for claims resulting from certain behavior including but not limited to the use of Amusement-type equipment, inflatables, bungee operations, climbing walls, mechanical or animal rides, rodeos, water slides, concerts, fireworks, etc. IYSA does not provide insurance coverage for claims resulting from the use of personal property including but not limited to cameras, tripods, tents, banners, grills, seating, containers, etc. Personal Property includes any property used by The Organization and/or associated persons. IYSA does not provide insurance coverage for claims resulting from the operations of an outside vendor including but not limited to food vendor, exhibitors, parking vendor, etc. IYSA does not provide coverage for claims resulting from the sale and/or consumption of intoxicating alcoholic liquors and/or substances. IYSA does not provide coverage for claims resulting from any violation of federal, state and/or local municipality laws.

The Organization agrees to pay its IYSA and Member League registration/membership fees by the dates stated in the IYSA Policies and that of the Member League and any and all fees and fines assessed against The Organization within thirty (30) days.

The Organization certifies that it is independently organized and that the IYSA does not control the day-to-day operations of The Organization. I hereby represent and warrant that The Organization is not aware of any claim or occurrences that would give rise to any claim against its directors, officers, employees, coaches, managers, volunteers, agents, sponsors and associated persons including those of its affiliated organizations, clubs, teams and members.

The Organization hereby releases, indemnifies and holds harmless the Illinois Youth Soccer Association, its directors, officers, officials, agents and/or employees, associated personnel, other participants, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event (Releasees), from any and all claims, demands, losses, and liability arising out of or related to any illness, injury, disability or death that participants in The Organization activities may suffer, whether arising from the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The Organization Name (Full Name) _____

Print President/Chief Officer's Name _____ Title _____

President/Chief Officer's Signature _____ Date _____