

OYSAN

OHIO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION NORTH

Policy on Participation in Programs

Including the Olympic Development Program

Top Soccer

Soccer Start

State Cup Tournaments

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POLICY ON PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS

PURPOSE OF THE POLICY ON PARTICIPATION:

SECTION 1

Players, coaches and/or administrators have rights to participate in OYSAN programs. Each program has different policies and rules from the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), and the Ohio Youth Soccer Association North (OYSAN).

SECTION 2

It is the intention of the OYSAN Board of Directors to insure that players, coaches and/or administrators have their rights to participate protected.

SECTION 3

It is the intention of the OYSAN Board of Directors to insure that all players, coaches, and/or administrators have equal access, within the rules, to the opportunity to participate.

SECTION 4

- A) **Amateur Sports Act** refers to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, United States Code
- B) **Athlete and/or Player** means an individual playing soccer who is not older than the USYSA rules for birth dates allows.
- C) **Board of Directors** means the governing body of the Ohio Youth Soccer Association North.
- D) **Club** means an organization of one or more soccer teams.
- E) **Coach** means the individual who is listed on the roster of a team(s) or who has training responsibilities with the team(s).
- F) **Games** means contest between or within the same team, and the practices or training to prepare for those contests. OYSAN does not sanction indoor games.

- G) **League** means an organization that conducts competition among soccer teams.
- H) **Manager or Administrator** means the person who is responsible for the organization and or management of the team, league or club, whether that person is or is not listed on a roster. This person may or may not be responsible to vote the wishes of the team, league or club at meetings, or may be the person who provides information to the team, league or club.
- I) **State Association** means the Ohio Youth Soccer Association North, which is the administrative body within the northern part of the state of Ohio, which carries out the USSF or USYSA or its own programs for amateur youth players.
- J) **Olympic Development Program** is the program conducted and managed by USYSA and OYSAN with additional input and direction from USSF for the purpose of identifying and training players for identification to district, state, regional and national team programs.
- K) **TopSoccer** is the USYSA and OYSAN program for players with disabilities, whether mental or physical.
- L) **Soccer Start** is the program designed to enhance opportunities for inner-city players to play soccer.
- M) **State Cup Tournaments** are designated tournaments, which may include the OYSAN Snickers State Cup, the Sam Bothwell Memorial Tournament, the Tide American Cup, or other tournaments so designated by the OYSAN Board of Directors.
- N) **OYSAN staff** refers to full time, salaries personnel of OYSAN.
- O) **Yearly Calendar** refers to the list of dates and events approved by the OYSAN Board of Directors.

POLICY PP1:

RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Every player within the territorial boundaries of OYSAN, and those players outside the boundaries who have received permission from their home state association and OYSAN, have a right to participate in the OYSAN Olympic Development Program (ODP) regardless of race, color, religion, creed, gender, or national origin to all youth players who are not too old for a regional camp program. *{USSF Bylaw 105, Section 2, and USSF Bylaw 702, Section 2, (a) and USSF Bylaw 212 Section 2, and USSF Bylaw 213, Section 1 (a)(1)(2)}*, *{Amateur Sports Act 220503 (2) and (4) and 220522 (a)(11)(A) and (B) and 220523 (a) (6) and (7) and 220524 (2)}*.

Players have a right to participate in the program (ODP) that leads to selection for a USSF National Team.

All players can enroll, but are advanced in the program based on selection as established by the State Director of Coaching.

No coach, club, league, manager, administrator or other person shall inhibit the right of the player or players to fully participate in the ODP by threatening the player or players with sanctions, denying them the ability to register by scheduling conflicting events, activities, games, tournaments or trips contrary to the Yearly Calendar published October 1 of each year, without written consent of the State Director of Coaching.

Players in the ODP have a right to participate, if still in the selection process, to all activities at the times and dates listed.

Any coach, manager, trainer, administrator or other person who attempts to deny players the opportunity to participate in ODP by scheduling games, practices, camps, tournaments or other activities on the dates and at the times listed on the yearly calendar may be subject to sanctions including, but not limited to suspension for a number of games, or a length of time up to one year per occurrence, a fine, or a combination of suspensions and fines as determined by the OYSAN Disciplinary Committee. A player, parent of a player, or OYSAN staff member may bring the charge against a person accused of denying the opportunity to participate. All OYSAN Disciplinary Hearing Procedures will be followed.

Teams may also be denied approval of travel permits, and action, which is not appealable.

POLICY PP2: RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOPSOCCER PROGRAM

Every player within the territorial boundaries of OYSAN, who has a physical or mental disability, has a right to participate in the OYSAN TopSoccer Program regardless of race, color, religion, creed, gender, or national origin. {*USSF Bylaw 105, Section 2, and USSF Bylaw 702, Section 2, (a) and USSF Bylaw 212 Section 2, and USSF Bylaw 213, Section 1 (a)(1)(2)*}, {*Amateur Sports Act 220503 (4) and (13) and 220524 (7)*}.

No coach, club, league, manager, administrator or other person shall inhibit the right of eligible player or players to fully participate in the TopSoccer Program by scheduling conflicting events, activities, games, tournaments or trips contrary to the Yearly Calendar published October 1 of each year, without written consent of the State Director of Coaching.

Players in the TopSoccer Program have a right to participate in all activities at the times and dates listed.

Any coach, manager, trainer, administrator or other person who attempts to deny players the opportunity to participate in TopSoccer by threatening the player or players with sanctions, denying them the ability to register, by scheduling games, practices, camps, tournaments or other activities on the dates and at the times listed on the yearly calendar may be subject to sanctions including, but not limited to suspension for a number of games, or a length of time up to one year per occurrence, a fine, or a combination of suspensions and fines as determined by the OYSAN Disciplinary Committee. A player, parent of a player, or OYSAN staff member may bring the charge against a person accused of denying the opportunity to participate. All OYSAN Disciplinary Hearing Procedures will be followed.

If a TopSoccer program does not exist in the home area of the player, the player will be included in statewide activities conducted from time-to-time. Players and parents are to sign up for statewide TopSoccer activities by calling the state office and requesting an enrollment form.

POLICY PP3:

RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOCCER START PROGRAM

Every player within the territorial boundaries of OYSAN, who lives in an innercity area, not served by an existing soccer league has a right to participate in the OYSAN Soccer Start Program regardless of race, color, religion, creed, gender, or national origin. {*USSF Bylaw 105, Section 2, and USSF Bylaw 702, Section 2, (a) and USSF Bylaw 212 Section 2, and USSF Bylaw 213, Section 1 (a)(1)(2)*}, {*Amateur Sports Act 220503 (4) and (14)*}.

No coach, club, league, manager, administrator or other person shall inhibit the right of eligible player or players to fully participate in the Soccer Start Program by scheduling conflicting events, activities, games, tournaments or trips contrary to the Yearly Calendar published October 1 of each year, without written consent of the State Director of Coaching.

Players in the Soccer Start Program have a right to participate in all activities at the times and dates listed.

Any coach, manager, trainer, administrator or other person who attempts to deny players the opportunity to participate in Soccer Start by threatening the player or players with sanctions, denying them the ability to register, by scheduling games, practices, camps, tournaments or other activities on the dates and at the times listed on the yearly calendar may be subject to sanctions including, but not limited to suspension for a number of games, or a length of time up to one year per occurrence, a fine, or a combination of suspensions and fines as determined by the OYSAN Disciplinary Committee. A player, parent of a player, or OYSAN staff member may bring the charge against a person accused of denying the opportunity to participate. All OYSAN Disciplinary Hearing Procedures will be followed.

If a Soccer Start or other league program does not exist in the home area of the player, the player will be included in state-wide activities conducted from time-to-time. Players and parents are to sign up for state-wide Soccer Start activities by calling the state office and requesting an enrollment form.

POLICY PP4:

RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE CUP TOURNAMENTS

Every player within the territorial boundaries of OYSAN has a right to participate in the OYSAN State Cup Tournaments regardless of race, color, religion, creed, gender, or national origin. {*USSF Bylaw 105, Section 2, and USSF Bylaw 702, Section 2, (a) and USSF Bylaw 212 Section 2, and USSF Bylaw 213, Section 1 (a)(1)(2)*}, {*Amateur Sports Act 220503 (4)*}.

No coach, club, league, manager, administrator or other person shall inhibit the right of eligible player or players to fully participate in the State Cup Tournaments by scheduling conflicting events, activities, games, tournaments or trips contrary to the Yearly Calendar published October 1 of each year, without written consent of the State Director of Coaching.

Players in the State Cup Program have a right to participate in all activities at the times and dates listed.

Any coach, manager, trainer, administrator or other person who attempts to deny players the opportunity to participate in State Cup Tournaments by threatening the player or players with sanctions, denying them the ability to register, by scheduling games, practices, camps, tournaments, trips or other activities on the dates and at the times listed on the yearly calendar may be subject to sanctions including, but not limited to suspension for a number of games, or a length of time up to one year per occurrence, a fine, or a combination of suspensions and fines as determined by the OYSAN Disciplinary Committee. A player, parent of a player, or OYSAN staff member may bring the charge against a person accused of denying the opportunity to participate. All OYSAN Disciplinary Hearing Procedures will be followed.

Players' teams may be limited by tournament rules as to eligibility. Players who are dual rostered have a right to attend the appropriate state cup for one team without interference from another team.