

Hosting a Tournament



Wyoming Youth Soccer Sanctioning Policies for Tournaments or Games

- Know the rules.
- Know the deadlines.
- File the reports.
- *Have FUN!*



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Hosting a WYS Sanctioned tournament

These tournament policies state the rules of the Wyoming Youth Soccer (WYS) for hosting tournaments or games (tournament). Except for the *Wyoming State Cup*, these rules apply to any tournament held in the state of Wyoming. In addition, the Kohl's American Cup is governed by additional rules, which can be obtained from the WYS state office. The purposes of these policies are:

1. To provide an explanation of procedures for WYS affiliated associations planning to host a tournament;
2. To ensure that teams that are participating and hosting associations are members of WYS, US Youth Soccer, the US Soccer Federation, or FIFA and that they are in good standing;
3. To ensure that standardized and uniform practices are followed by all associations approved to host a tournament under this policy so that any participating team can know that the tournament will be conducted openly, fairly, and in accordance with applicable requirements;
4. To define the responsibilities of hosting associations to their visitors;
5. To ensure that all disciplinary actions arising out of tournament play are referred to WYS for appropriate action.

ELIGIBILITY TO HOST

A team or association must be in "good standing" with WYS. Only those teams or associations affiliated and in "good standing" with WYS and US Youth Soccer may be granted permission to host a tournament in the state of Wyoming.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOSTING CLUB/ORGANIZATION

1. A WYS association that hosts a tournament without obtaining approval to host or otherwise not complying with the requirements of this policy is subject to penalties imposed by WYS and US Youth Soccer, including monetary penalties, denial of permission to host in the future, revocation of any approval given to host a tournament that have not yet occurred, and suspension and termination of membership of the parties responsible.
2. The hosting association is responsible for and obligated to comply with the terms of its invitation to all visiting teams. In addition, reasonable aid and assistance should be provided to the visiting teams and participants during their stay. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, visiting players, coaches, and parents should be treated as welcome guests.
3. When a WYS sponsor or other private organization is providing the sponsorship of a tournament, permission to conduct the tournament is granted only to the US Youth Soccer affiliated association, not to the private, sponsoring organization.
4. Within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the tournament, a completed *WYS Sanctioned Post Tournament Report* along with a check, payable to WYS, for tournament fees must be submitted to the WYS state office. Late fees can be assessed.
5. If a tournament that has been approved by WYS is cancelled notify the state office immediately

TEAM AND PLAYER CHECK IN REQUIREMENTS

Each association can determine the format, timing, and the process of team check in. However, WYS requires that each participating team provide the following:

1. A minimum of 1 copy of the official team roster.
2. Player and coach pass cards for each player and coach listed on the official team roster
3. A signed medical release for each player
4. Approved permission to travel documents for every out of state team. This will include permission for out of state guest players
5. *DO NOT require or request that player birth certificates be presented.
6. For teams that are not members of US Youth Soccer or a US Youth Soccer state association, proof of medical and liability insurance must be provided by their organization of registration.

REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT OR GAMES

1. No later than ninety (90) days before the proposed date(s) of the tournament, submit to the WYS state office for approval:
 - a. A completed *Application to Host* (application).
 - b. Applications that do not show WYS approved roster sizes for accepted age groups will be questioned and can be rejected.
 - i. WYS requires that tournaments inviting U8 – U12 teams comply with the small-sided game format and the WYS/US Youth Soccer rules that pertain to such.
 - c. A completed *Tournament Hosting Agreement* (agreement) with supporting data, signed by the president or chief officer of the host organization and by the tournament director;
 - d. *A copy of the rules for the tournament.
2. Upon receipt of the application a request will be sent to each WYS association president; each association has 30 days to provide input. The WYS state office will review the responses and then either approve the application or forward it to the WYS board for formal review and vote.
 - a. WYS recognizes that annual tournaments can be better attended than first year tournaments, therefore the right of first refusal is given to any WYS association that has held an annual tournament on or within two (2) weeks of the same date for three (3) consecutive years.
3. An association may not publicize, advertise or solicit team participation until the association has received notice that the application has been approved.
4. WYS is not required to approve any application submitted fewer than ninety (90) days in advance. If an application is submitted fewer than ninety (90) days in advance, WYS has the right to charge a late submission fee of \$500 plus normal per team fees.

PROCEDURES FOR INVITING TEAMS

Once the application has been approved the association can begin inviting teams. The tournament invitation should include the following:

1. A copy of the approved US Youth Soccer *Application to Host a tournament*:
 - a. An acceptable option is to post the application on the club website
2. A copy of the rules and regulations governing the tournament;
3. A statement that all teams **MUST** have current US Youth Soccer or other USSF affiliated member passes;
4. A statement that all out of state teams bring approved *Applications to Travel*;
5. If the tournament is to be played in August it must be stated which roster for which seasonal year may be used;
6. A statement that the team must follow the applicable procedures of this policy;
7. A statement that United States Soccer Federation (USSSF) rules regarding the use of USSF registered referees **ONLY** will be followed.
8. WYS recommends that the invitation also include the following:
 - a. Contact information for the tournament director.
 - b. What, if any, accommodations, transportation, or premiums will be provided.

FEE SCHEDULE

Fees are due as follows, for each participating team.

1. \$20.00 per team;
2. \$10.00 per team for 6 v 6 or smaller game format;
3. \$10.00 per team for indoor tournaments.

*(from page 2 and 3) Player age protects will be decided per the protests and appeals rules of each tournament.

The following items are included in this hosting packet or are available from the WYS office:

1. USYS tournament and team type definitions
2. Sample WYS Tournament Application Notice
3. Application to Host a tournament
4. Tournament Hosting Agreement
5. WYS Post Tournament Report Form
6. Tournament Safety Checklist

The following definitions are to be used to help determine the type of tournament you want to present and the type of teams you want to invite.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS:

UT UNRESTRICTED TOURNAMENT: A tournament that is open to all Federation affiliated participants and can include teams from US Club Soccer or AYSO. Any tournament that allows international participants must be an Unrestricted Tournament.

The provisions below are in addition to those required, as stated above, for hosting an UNRESTRICTED tournament and must be complied with.

1. For all Tournaments and games involving international teams the Rules for the Tournament or Games:
 - a. Must provide for a point system of 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and no points for a loss.
 - b. In any age group older than 16 years of age, the Rules MUST specify FIFA limited substitution rules;
2. The completed US Soccer forms Application to Host a Tournament or Games Involving Foreign Teams and Certification Regarding Compliance with the Ted Stevens and Olympic Amateur Sports Act, must be submitted and approved by the hosting State Association or US Youth Soccer Affiliate and any additional fees required by the State Association, Affiliate and/or the United States Soccer Federation for processing the application.
3. For all teams that are not members of US Youth Soccer or a US Youth Soccer Affiliate, Proof of medical and liability insurance must be provided by their organization of registration.

RT RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT: A tournament that is open only to members of US Youth Soccer and its State Associations.

TYPE OF TEAMS:

SELECT TEAMS (teams formed by a selection or tryout process):

- S1** generally a team which competes at the highest level of play in a state or region
- S2** generally a team which competes at other than the highest level of play in a state or region
- S3** generally a team which competes in a local area or state

TOURNAMENT SELECT TEAMS

- S4** a team which is put together for the sole purpose of playing in a tournament or other sanctioned non-league competition, whose roster includes select players who are members of one club.

RECREATIONAL TEAMS

- RT** a team which was formed in a random nature without regard to players' abilities.

US YOUTH SOCCER OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ODP TEAM: the official US Youth Soccer Olympic Development team of US Youth Soccer, any of its regions, a State Association, an Affiliate, other Organization Member, or any district or geographical subdivisions thereof.

WYS Tournament Application Notice		Date of Notice:	
CLUB:			
EVENT DATE AND NAME:			
AGE GROUPS:			
ENTRY FEES:			
Does your club have objections to this event:	Indicate YES or NO:		
Please reply with objections within 30 days of the notice date. No Response means No Objections.			

WYS sanctioned tournaments must play the small sided game format for U6 – U12.



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APPLICATION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT OR GAMES

Name of Tournament or Games _____ Website URL: _____

Hosting Organization _____ Type of Tournament: Select Recreational Select & Rec

Designate Official of Hosting Organization _____ Title _____ Phone () _____ W

Address _____ Email _____ Phone () _____ H

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone () _____ FAX

State Association or Affiliate _____ Guest Referees Applications Accepted Yes No

Location of Tournament or Games _____ **TEAM ENTRY DEADLINE:** _____

Date(s) of Tournament or Games _____ Estimated # of Teams _____

Tournament or Games Director or Contact Person _____ Phone () _____ W

Address _____ Email _____ Phone () _____ H

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone () _____ FAX

Age Groups Accepted			Type(s) of Team Accepted	B	G	Roster Size	# Guest Players Allowed	Length of Games	# Players on Field	Awards	Minimum # of Games	Entry Fee	Bond
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U-		8/1/		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
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***List of types of teams and tournaments is on reverse side of this form.**

- RT RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT** – US Youth Soccer Members and Affiliates only.
- Team will be restricted to teams within the national state association Teams will be invited from all US Youth State Associations/Affiliates only.
- UT UNRESTRICTED TOURNAMENT** Other US Soccer Members as listed: _____
- Foreign Teams as listed: _____

The Hosting Organization agrees to be bound by and comply with the terms contained in the TOURNAMENT AND GAMES HOSTING AGREEMENT and all applicable rules of the approving State Association or Affiliate.

Signature of Designated Official of Hosting Organization _____ Date _____

APPROVAL
(For Official Use Only)

STATE ASSOCIATION OR AFFILIATE _____ Date _____

By _____ Title _____

In granting this permission to host a tournament or games, neither US Youth Soccer nor its State Associations or Affiliates shall be liable for transportation, lodging, or injury to persons or property sustained in the course of the approved event.

RECOMMENDED DEFINITIONS OF TEAMS AND TOURNAMENTS

(Place corresponding letter in appropriate space on application.)

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LEAGUE SELECT TEAMS (teams formed by a selection or tryout process):

- S1** generally a team which competes at the highest level of play in a state or region
- S2** generally a team which competes at less than the highest level of play in a state or region,
- S3** generally a team which competes in a local area or state

TOURNAMENT SELECT TEAMS

S4 a team which is put together for the sole purpose of playing in a tournament or other sanctioned non-league competition, whose roster includes select players who are members of one club.

RECREATIONAL TEAMS

RT a team which was formed in a random nature without regard to players' abilities.

US YOUTH SOCCER OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT

ODP TEAM: the official US Youth Soccer Olympic Development team of US Youth Soccer, any of its regions, a State Association, an Affiliate, other Organization Member, or any district or geographical subdivisions thereof, or any league.

NATIONAL TEAM: the official national team of US Soccer or any other member of FIFA.

OTHER: if it does not fit any of the above definitions, a hosting organization may provide additional definitions and descriptions.

HOSTING ONLY US YOUTH SOCCER TEAMS (RESTRICTED TOURNAMENTS)

- 1) These procedures apply when hosting **ONLY** US Youth Soccer State Association or Affiliates teams for tournaments or games.
- 2) Applications, agreements to host and other required information may be submitted by written or electronic means as provided by designated approving association or affiliate..
- 3) Not later than the date established by the State Association or Affiliate for submitting an *Application to Host a Tournament or Games*, the hosting organization must submit to its State Association or Affiliate and, if any game is to be played in another State Association or Affiliate, to that other State Association or Affiliate, for approval—a completed *Application to Host a Tournament or Games* signed by the designated official of the hosting organization;
 - a) a completed *Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement*, with appropriate supporting documents and information, signed by the president or chief officer of the hosting organization and by the tournament or games director;
 - b) a copy of the Rules for the Tournament or Games; and
 - c) any fees required by the State Association or Affiliate for processing the application. **Incomplete applications will be returned and considered as not having ever been submitted**
- 4) The State Association or Affiliate is not required to approve any application not timely submitted. If an application is not timely submitted, the State Association or Affiliate may accept the late filing of the application and charge a late fee. Consult the appropriate State Association or Affiliate for its specific policies and fees.
- 5) If the documents referred to in paragraph 3 are in order and in compliance with State Association or Affiliate requirements, appropriate fees paid, and the hosting organization is in good standing, the State Association or Affiliate shall approve the application. On approval, the State Association or Affiliate shall return a copy of the approved application to that hosting organization and a copy to US Youth Soccer.

HOSTING FOREIGN TEAMS (TEAMS FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES) (UNRESTRICTED)

- 1) These procedures apply when hosting one or more foreign teams for a tournament or games, whether that tournament or games include United States teams and foreign teams or foreign teams only. **A foreign team is any team from outside the 50 States of the United States and the District of Columbia.**
- 2) The provisions are **in addition** to those required as stated above for hosting a restricted tournament. All provision stated above must also be complied with.
- 3) Rules for the Tournament or Games
 - a. **Must provide for a point system of 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and no points for a loss.**
 - b. **In any Under 17 or older age group, the Rules MUST specify FIFA limited substitution rules;**
- 4) a copy of the completed US Soccer forms *Application to Host a Tournament or Games Involving Foreign Teams* and *Certification Regarding Compliance with the Ted Stevens and Olympic Amateur Sports Act*, **submitted directly to US Soccer**; and
 - c. any additional fees required by the State Association, Affiliate and/or the United State Soccer Federation for processing the application.

NOTE: When traveling outside the United States, a team must file **2 sets** of applications and have **BOTH** approved:

- (1) a US Youth Soccer *Application To Travel*, including attachments, must be filed with its State Association or Affiliate and approved by the State Association or Affiliate, and
- (2) a US Soccer *Application For Foreign Travel And Certification* must be filed with US Soccer and approved by US Soccer.

BOTH APPLICATIONS MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE A TEAM MAY TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

In granting this permission to host a tournament or games, neither US Youth Soccer nor its State Associations or Affiliates shall be liable for transportation, lodging, or injury to persons or property sustained in the course of the approved event.



US Youth Soccer TOURNAMENT OR GAMES HOSTING AGREEMENT

In consideration of permission being granted to _____ to hold a tournament or games at _____
(Hosting Organization)
 _____, _____ on the dates of _____, 20____,
(City) (State)

we agree to the following conditions:

1. **ABIDE BY RULES:** We shall abide by all statements made in our approved US Youth Soccer *Application to Host A Tournament or Games*, in our tournament invitation, in our tournament rules, in the US Youth Soccer *Travel and Tournament Policy* and in this US Youth Soccer *Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement*. We agree that all decisions regarding acceptance of teams into a tournament shall be fairly and impartially made and shall not be based upon race, creed, color or national origin.
2. **INVITATIONS:** The tournament or games approval form shall accompany all tournament or games invitations distributed us.
3. **PROCURING LIABILITY INSURANCE:** We have procured liability insurance coverage for the tournament or games with limits of not less than \$1,000,000/\$2,000,000 which names the State Association or Affiliate with which the Hosting Organization is a member, US Youth Soccer and their officers and directors as additional insureds. A copy of the certificate of insurance is attached issued by _____.
4. **REQUIRING MEDICAL AUTHORIZATIONS:** We shall require all teams participating in the tournament or games to provide medical authorizations for each player in a form adequate for use at the site of the tournament or games. These authorizations shall be presented to the Hosting Organization at registration and kept at the field available for use by the team.
5. **ADVANCE PUBLICATION OF RULES:** We agree that our tournament or games rules shall be included with the invitation sent to each team and shall, again, be published to all teams accepted prior to the start of the tournament/games.
6. **CREDENTIALS CHECKS:** We agree that we shall conduct credentials checks (check one)—
 - a. _____ at registration,
 - b. _____ at the field prior to each game by a field marshal, or
 - c. _____ at both sites,
 to ensure that all players are registered with US Youth Soccer or US Soccer, properly rostered with their team, and participating in accordance with representations set forth on the US Youth Soccer *Application to Host a Tournament or Games*.
7. **USE OF US SOCCER REGISTERED REFEREES:** We agree that we shall, in accordance with US Soccer Bylaw 532, use for all games only US Soccer registered referees who are in good standing (unless US Soccer has granted a waiver to allow the use of authorized referees from another country), and shall use a one- or 3-referee system. We intend to use a 3-referee system for the following age groups:_____. There will be an adequate number of US Soccer registered referees available in the area during the tournament or game dates to cover the scheduled games. We have selected the following assignor to assign referees for the tournament or games (**NOTE: Effective, September 1, 2001, ONLY US Soccer certified assignors may be used.**):

Name _____ Telephone (____) _____ - _____ FAX (____) _____ - _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____.

8. **USE OF FIELD MARSHALS - FIELD INSPECTION:** We agree that during the tournament or games each game field will have a field marshal assigned to it at all times; that the field marshal will be readily available and identifiable; that prior to the commencement of every game the field marshal will inspect the field to be sure that it is free from objects or conditions that may cause injury. If any condition exists which cannot be immediately corrected, it shall be brought to the attention of the referee and the tournament /games director. The Director of Field Marshals is:

Name _____ Telephone (____) _____ - _____ FAX (____) _____ - _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____.

9. **USE OF SPECTATOR LINES:** We agree to take appropriate steps including, where feasible, the use of spectator lines on each field to keep the spectators off the touch line.

10. **PROVISION OF ADEQUATE TOURNAMENT COMMUNICATION:** We agree to provide adequate communication by means of _____ between the game fields and the tournament/games headquarters. The Tournament Communications Director is:

Name _____ Telephone (____) - _____ FAX (____) - _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

11. **AVAILABILITY OF POLICE AND RESCUE SERVICE:** We have notified the local police, ambulance, and emergency rescue services of the date of the tournament or games and the times and fields which will be used for games, and have been advised by them that they will be available to render assistance if needed.

12. **TOURNAMENT OR GAME RULES – BEHAVIOR:** We agree that our tournament or game rules contain provisions ensuring that the behavior of teams, players, coaches, and spectators is appropriately controlled, including specific provisions that—
a. spell out the disciplinary measures to be imposed for the issuance of red and yellow cards or other improper conduct;
b. indicate what procedures will be followed regarding protests and appeals;
c. indicate that all disciplinary measures imposed by hosting organizations shall be limited to placing restrictions upon an individual's group participation in the tournament/games;
d. record the issuance of all red and yellow cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, and supporters and also report them immediately to the home State Association and the home club/league of the team; and
e. state that the home State Association or Affiliate and the home club or league shall, except in the case of referee assault or abuse, have the responsibility for imposing, should circumstances warrant, additional penalties within their respective jurisdictions with regard to any matters arising from the tournament or games.

13. **TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:** We agree that our tournament or game rules shall state what refunds, if any, shall be made to participating teams if all or a portion of the tournament or games is cancelled by the hosting organization for any reason.

14. **POST TOURNAMENT OR GAMES REPORT:** We agree that we shall file a Post Tournament or Games Report with the State Association or Affiliate granting us permission to host this tournament or games within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament or games. We understand that failure to file the report shall preclude the tournament/games host from receiving approval for any tournament/games for the following seasonal years until the report is filed. The Post Tournament or Games Report shall include the following information:

- a. the number of teams participating in each age group (boys and girls);
- b. if a champion is determined, the name of the champion for each group;
- c. the number of teams from each State Association, Affiliate, other Organization Member, or foreign country;
- d. if "Sportsmanship Awards" are given, the criteria for the award and to whom awards were given;
- e. the number of fields used for the tournament/games;
- f. the name of the sponsor, if any; and
- g. the names and teams of all players issued red and yellow cards, and details of any other matters involving the improper or unsportsmanlike conduct of a team, its players, coaches or supporters. **NOTE: Any incident of referee assault or referee abuse by a player, coach, manager, club official, or game official, or other incidents of a serious nature, must be reported to the alleged offender's club or league and home State Association, Affiliate, or other Organization Member immediately, but in no event later than 48 hours after an incident of referee assault or abuse.**

Signature of Hosting Organization President or Chief Officer
Date _____

Signature of Tournament or Games Director
Date _____

Hosting Organization _____ Telephone (____) - _____
Address _____ Fax (____) - _____ E-mail _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tournament or Games Headquarters _____ Telephone (____) - _____
Address _____ Fax (____) - _____ E-mail _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tournaments risks; a direct kick to safety.

MISSION AND CHALLENGE

Provide a healthy, safe and fair competition for all teams participating. Allow everyone the opportunity to participate in the activities, view the competitions and experience the spirit of the tournament.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

1. *The Hosting Organization*

- a. State Association
- b. Clubs and Leagues

2. *Tournament Officials*

- a. Tournament Director
- b. Tournament Committee
- c. Tournament Staff

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

3. *Security (Uniform Patrol)*

- a. Protect all players, spectators and participants
- b. Control traffic flow
- c. Monitor parking area for pedestrian safety

4. *Grounds and Equipment*

- a. Soccer goals: inspect and anchor
 1. Inspect construction and sharp corners
 2. Inspect net installation - no metal ties
 3. Goals anchored securely
 4. Secure/anchor goals not in use
- b. Fields
 1. Inspect for foreign objects
 2. Check for pot holes, hills and ruts
 3. Sprinkler heads are seated and properly covered
 4. Restraining line 3 feet from touch line for spectators
- c. Inspect bleachers and seating
- d. Portable tents are securely anchored
- e. Vendors - inspect facilities and equipment
- f. Secure the maintenance facility and equipment for safety precautions
- g. Adequate restroom facilities
- h. Beware of the "attractive nuisance"

5. *Transportation*

- a. Vehicle operators properly authorized and licensed
- b. Golf Carts - require seating for all passengers. **No standing on moving carts!**

6. *Severe Weather*

- a. Monitor weather alert radio and lightning detector
- b. Provide emergency signal device to assist with evacuation of complex
- c. Instruct coaches on evacuation procedures

7. Medical

Tournaments will provide paramedical facilities and qualified medical personnel shall be present at all playing sites during competition.

a. Trainers and medical personnel shall meet the following criteria:

1. Be trained and equipped to treat trauma and perform CPR
2. Provide emergency first aid
3. Recognize and treat sport related injuries
4. Maintain communications with tournament HQ and EMS personnel
5. Medics are identifiable (badge/clothing)
6. Provide written directions to local medical facilities or hospitals
7. Provide written report to tournament director for each transported patient

REFEREES

- Certified Referee Assignor
- Recommend Referee Assessors
- Certified USSF Referees
- Referee skills: match competition

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

- Adequate tournament staffing
- Committee and staff identification
- Communications for staff
- Recognizable headquarters

GOAL...

Most tournament risks can be avoided by developing a *Tournament Risk Management Program* that can substantially reduce or eliminate the likelihood of emergencies.

In the event of a tournament emergency or any critical situation, we hope the information presented here will assist you in minimizing the risk and maximizing your tournament's *SUCCESS*.