

RULE 026. MEMBERSHIP

1. Each applicant desiring to administer an IYSA sanctioned league shall file a league application to the IYSA. The application shall include:

(a) Completed IYSA League Membership Application.

(b) Signed statement by the applicant's chief executive officer that:

1) The applicant will maintain a board of directors or governing authority that is independent from any other organization except in the event of a sponsoring governmental organization (i.e. park district) or a sponsoring entity that is a non-profit corporation with a 501(c)(3) ruling and an annual certified audit;

2) The applicant will maintain its own bank accounts or that is has direct control over its finances, except where evidence is provided that the sponsoring entity by ordinance, statute, charter, or policy prohibits the applicant from having direct control over its finances (i.e. government sponsored organizations or non-profit entities with a 501(c)(3) ruling and an annual- certified audit) (any applicant requesting waiver of this requirement shall attach to its application evidence to support its request);

3) The applicant will abide by all bylaws, policies, rules and regulations of the IYSA, US Youth Soccer, and US Soccer.

4) The applicant shall schedule and maintain regularly scheduled league play among at least four (4) IYSA only teams in a minimum of five (5) IYSA only age divisions per applicable gender within its association. Each division within the league will have a structured group of at least four (4) IYSA teams joined for the purpose of inter-club play under a common set of administrative and competition rules. A series of round robin tournaments are not considered "regularly scheduled league play".

2. Each applicant desiring to participate in an IYSA sanctioned league shall file an application with the league in which the applicant desires to participate. The application shall include:

(a) Completed IYSA League Application Form;

(b) Signed statement by the applicant's chief executive officer that:

1) The applicant will maintain a board of directors or governing authority that is independent from any other organization except in the event of a sponsoring governmental organization (i.e. park district) or a sponsoring entity that is a non-profit corporation with a 501(c)(3) ruling and an annual certified audit;

2) The applicant will maintain its own bank accounts or that is has direct control over its finances, except where evidence is provided that the sponsoring entity by ordinance, statute, charter, or policy prohibits the applicant from having direct control over its finances (i.e. government sponsored organizations or non-profit entities with a 501 (c)(3)

ruling and an annual certified audit) (any applicant requesting waiver of this requirement shall attach to its application evidence to support its request);

3) The applicant will register all of its players, teams, coaches, administrators, and volunteers with IYSA provided, however, that if some of the applicant's members do not wish to participate in IYSA sanctioned activities, then only those players, teams, coaches, administrators, and volunteers that wish to participate in sanctioned activities shall register with the IYSA (any applicant that does not register all of its members may not be eligible for IYSA insurance coverage in the event of inter-league or inter-club play with teams or members not registered with IYSA);

4) The applicant will abide by all bylaws, rules and regulations, and Policies of the IYSA, US Youth Soccer, and US Soccer Federation.