



# FACT SHEET FOR US CLUB SOCCER SANCTIONED-TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS

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## 1) **TOURNAMENT APPROVAL:**

If this fact sheet is accompanied by an *approved* tournament form, the tournament has been sanctioned by US Club Soccer, which is a National Association member of the USSF. As such, US Club Soccer is authorized by the USSF Bylaws to sanction such tournaments.

## 2) **US CLUB SOCCER MEMBER TEAMS:**

If you are a US Club Soccer member, it is not necessary to request travel permission to attend the tournament if you use your US Club Soccer player and staff passcards. Your players and staff are covered by a \$100,000 secondary accident insurance policy. Your club is covered by liability insurance.

## 3) **USSF AFFILIATE TEAMS:**

If you are a member of another USSF member organization, and this tournament is “open/unrestricted” as nearly all are, you are welcome to attend the tournament. If it is being held in your state, you may be able to attend without permission, but please check your state association’s rules. If you are attending from another state, you may need to seek travel permission from your state association by complying with the regular travel permission procedures. It is suggested that you apply at the earliest possible time. If you have complied with your state association’s travel permission procedures, they are required to approve your travel. However, if you are having trouble getting insurance coverage from your state association, see below.

## 4) **USSF RULES:**

Note that you may not be denied permission to attend another USSF member-sanctioned tournament that is unrestricted (other than for legitimate disciplinary reasons). Such denial is in violation of the anti-discrimination provisions of the USSF Bylaws and USSF Policy 601-7. A copy of this policy is included in this document.

## 5) **TOURNAMENT TEAM INSURANCE - MEMBERS:**

US Club Soccer members’ insurance coverage applies when participating in any USSF member-sanctioned tournament. If you need a letter to take to a USYS-sanctioned tournament confirming you are a US Club Soccer member and have insurance coverage, download a copy of form #C011 from the members section of [usclubsoccer.org](http://usclubsoccer.org).

## 6) **TOURNAMENT TEAM INSURANCE – NON-MEMBERS:**

If you are not a member of US Club Soccer but are planning to attend a US Club Soccer-sanctioned tournament and either cannot obtain insurance coverage or travel permission from your state association to attend, or have been denied use of your player cards, your options to attend are as follows:

### **Option #1: Tournament-wide insurance.**

First, you should see if the US Club Soccer-sanctioned tournament has obtained tournament-wide insurance coverage for all teams.

### **Option #2: Join US Club Soccer: [\[Online Application\]](#)**

If the tournament has not obtained tournament-wide insurance, as long as you have been accepted to a US Club Soccer-sanctioned tournament, you may join US Club Soccer. You will receive player cards and insurance that are good for the entire registration year.

*NOTE: If attending US Club Soccer’s National Cup or a state cup, you should not apply as a tournament team.*

### **Option #3: Optional tournament team insurance for non-members: [\[Form\]](#)**

If you’re having a problem getting insurance coverage from your state association, insurance may be obtained from US Club Soccer to attend the tournament at a charge of \$50 per team. Under this program, the team still gets travel permission from its state association, and uses its USYS passcards, but is covered by the US Club Soccer insurance policy. To do this, you may obtain the necessary [application form](#) from our Web site at [registration/tournament team insurance](#).

## 7) **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

If you have any questions, you may contact Adam Augustine at (843) 614-4140 x20 via e-mail at [tournament@usclubsoccer.org](mailto:tournament@usclubsoccer.org). We will assist in clarifying these matters with your state association if necessary.



# USSF POLICY 601-7: COMPETITION PARTICIPATION

## III. REVISED USSF POLICY

### Policy 601-7 -Competition Participation

#### Section I.

(A) Any properly registered team has the right to enter any competition involving Organization Members or their members provided that it is eligible under the rules of that competition, pays all required fees, and is in good standing.

(B) No Organization Member or member of an Organization Member shall interfere with the opportunity of a player, coach or team to travel to compete in a competition, including a game, scrimmage, tournament or League governed by

Section 1 (A) above and shall not deny permission to travel unless that player, coach or team has been prohibited from doing so for disciplinary reasons pursuant to the due process requirements set forth in Bylaw 701. The foregoing shall not prevent Organization Members and their members from having bylaws, rules, or policies that penalize teams or players for failing to meet their previously scheduled game commitments or prevent Organization Members from enforcing reasonable notification requirements prior to travel.

(C) Any Organization Member or member of an Organization Member, player, coach or individual denied the right to participate in any competition involving Organization Members or their members has the right of appeal and/or grievance through the applicable procedures set forth in Federation Bylaws and Policies.

#### Section 2.

(A) Tournaments hosted by Organization members or their members shall fall within one of the following two classes:

(1) Unrestricted Tournament: A tournament that is open to all Federation affiliated participants. Any tournament that allows international participants must be an Unrestricted Tournament.

(2) Restricted Tournament: A tournament that is open only to members of a single Organization Member or a subset thereof.

(B) Organization Members and their members shall be entitled to sponsor and/or approve tournaments in and according to reasonable requirements they establish as long as done so in a fair and timely manner. No Organization Member or member of an Organization member shall have a bylaw, rule or policy that prohibits their members from participating in Unrestricted Tournaments. Organization Members may not deny approval to host a tournament on the basis that the tournament is Unrestricted.

#### Section 3.

This policy does not apply to Professional Leagues or Indoor Professional Leagues.

## III. RATIONALE

To ensure that players have as many opportunities as possible to participate in tournaments and competitions, and to make the policy consistent with U.S. Soccer's organizational structure.