



ORGANIZATION STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

Revised 6/1/19

I, the undersigned President/Chief Officer of the organization listed below (The Organization), understand and agree that The Organization shall adhere to all rules, regulations, policies and decisions of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA). Ignorance of the rules and regulations of the IYSA shall not be an excuse for failure to comply with same. The IYSA Policies and Procedures are posted on the IYSA website www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org. The Organization understands and agrees that membership in the IYSA is a privilege and not a right, which may be withdrawn by two thirds (2/3) vote of the IYSA Board of Directors if The Organization fails to comply with the rules, regulations, policies and decisions of the IYSA, including but not limited to the following.

The Organization agrees to comply with 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 agrees to 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 understands and agrees that all adult Participants (including but not limited to The Organization representatives, board members, administrators, employees, coaches, referees, independent contractors, volunteers, participants) must submit their background search through the SportsEngine link on the IYSA website. Adult participants must take this screening and be cleared to participate by SportsEngine prior to taking on a role that gives them regular contact with or authority over participants who are minors and/or access to the data of participants who are minors. SportsEngine will be managing the streamlined safety program that includes industry-leading background screenings, Safe Sport Training and CDC Heads Up Concussion Training. SportsEngine will enforce the required National Council of Youth Sports (NCYS), US Soccer, US Youth Soccer and IYSA screening criteria to determine participation with IYSA.

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 to each of its officers, directors, coaches, employees, volunteers, associated personnel, and the parents/guardians of the participants. Further, The Organization certifies that it has complied with the IYSA Goal Safety Policy requirements prior to its annual registration.

The Organization understands and agrees that every Organization coach will have a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) *Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports* Completion Certificate and The Organization will adopt and use the Illinois Youth Soccer Association Concussion Notification Form. Based on the advice of the US Soccer Medical Committee, The Organization understands and agrees to abide by Illinois Youth 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 Illinois Youth Soccer Member League play, practices and tournaments. A purposeful header by a player in any bracket for players aged 10 and younger shall result in an indirect free kick awarded to the opponent.

The Organization agrees that based on US Youth Soccer's Policy on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones), 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 acknowledges that IYSA does not provide Directors and Officers insurance coverage but strongly recommends The Organization to purchase this coverage.

To maintain its membership, The Organization agrees to timely pay its membership fees assessed by the IYSA in addition to any and all fees and fines assessed against affiliated clubs/organizations and/or individuals within The Organization which are not paid by the club or individual within one (1) month after assessment by the IYSA.

I agree that The Organization 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 personnel including those of its affiliated organizations, clubs, teams and members.

The Organization Name (Full Name) _____

Print President/Chief Officer's Name _____ Title _____

President/Chief Officer's Signature _____ Date _____