



## MEMBER MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2007/2008 Playing Season

TO: **US Club Soccer Member**

FROM: William Sage  
Executive Director 

RE: Membership Information: Competitions

This letter confirms that your club is a member of US Club Soccer, and that you are in good standing when accompanied by a current Official Roster and player cards. Our organization is a National Affiliate member of the USSF, and as such is authorized to register players and sanction events to the same extent as any other USSF member. In addition to the information found on the "member's only" section of the website at [www.usclubsoccer.org](http://www.usclubsoccer.org), use this memorandum, as necessary, to document your membership and to clarify for other soccer organizations your compliance with US Club Soccer rules.

**Player Cards--** Your US Club Soccer player cards may be used for any competition in which you have been accepted up until their expiration dates. While there is a team designation on the card, it also states it is valid for any of your club's teams at or above the player's designated age group. Note there is still an obligation to comply with specific competition rules regarding size of rosters, roster freezes, etc.

**Player Rosters--** The roster which you can print from our website is the Official Roster for your team, and shall be recognized as such by competitions. There is no need for additional approval stamps or signatures. The security for this system is your website password you have been issued, and which would have been revoked if you were in bad standing.

**Insurance Coverage--** As a member of US Club Soccer, your players and staff who are in possession of a valid card are fully covered by secondary medical insurance, and your club is covered by liability insurance.

**Travel Permission--** There is no travel permission required to travel as a US Club Soccer team anywhere in the United States. Permission is required from the USSF for travel outside of the United States. There should be no need for a USYS tournament to need any further information on this, but you may want to show them this memo. If necessary, we will send a special letter to a tournament indicating you are in good standing and free to travel.

**Anti-Discrimination--** Note that as a member of a USSF-affiliated organization, USSF Bylaws prohibit discrimination against your players, teams, and staff for participating as a US Club Soccer member. Should you or another soccer organization have questions regarding this or if you are having a problem, you are urged to contact US Club Soccer at the numbers below or at [admin@usclubsoccer.org](mailto:admin@usclubsoccer.org).

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### **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.