



STANDING POLICY

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Section 101. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to the Board of Directors and National Office when a State Association is in good or bad standing.

Section 102. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are pertinent to this policy:

- A. "Board of Directors" (BOD) means the Board of Directors of USYS.
- B. "USSF" means the United States Soccer Federation, Inc.
- C. "National Council" means the National Council of USYS.
- D. "State Association" means the administration body within a territory determined by the National Council to carry out USYS programs for youth players, as enumerated in USYS Bylaw, Article IV, Sections 2, 3.
- E. "USYS" means the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc.
- F. "Member" means a member of USYS as defined by USYS Bylaws.

Section 103. GOOD STANDING

A Member is in Good Standing when it is up to date on all payments to USYS and is in compliance with USYS and USSF rules, Bylaws and policies. The USYS National Office will create a schedule of payments for each fiscal year for all USYS events and such schedule will be updated as needed. The USYS National Office will invoice State Associations for all fees and monies owed. Up-to-date means invoices (including loans) are paid in accordance with all payment schedules provided in loan documents or by the CFO or his/her designee. Fees include, but are not limited to, registration and event fees, such as the National League, National Championship Series, Presidents Cup, golf cart fees, ODP, referee and housing fees. It also includes loan payments if a Member has received a loan from USYS.

Section 104. BAD STANDING

- A. If any Member fails to meet the Good Standing requirements, the Board of Directors may find the Member in bad standing. These requirements include, but are not limited to, the items contained in Section 103 herein, entitled, "Good Standing". If a Member is found to be in Bad Standing, after a hearing as provided in Article VII, Section 2A(1) of the USYS Bylaws, the BOD may suspend a Member until it is in compliance or terminate membership in accordance with Article VII, Section 4, USYS Bylaws. USYS shall notify the Member in writing of any suspension and the date on which Membership will be terminated if the fees/dues remain unpaid.
- B. Players/teams of a State Association found in Bad Standing may not participate in USYS events, including competitions (NCS, PCup, ODP, etc.). Exceptions will be made for participation in NCS, PCup and ODP to allow players to compete if all of the criteria listed below are met.
 - a. All players have paid registration fees to USYS and USSF for the current year
 - b. Secondary insurance has been verified for all players participating in these events.
 - c. All competition fees (NCS, PCup, referee housing, etc.) are paid for the event at least 4 weeks prior to the event starting date. This pertains to both regional and national events.

- C. Immediately upon notification of its status of Bad Standing from USYS, a State Association is required to notify its teams/players that are eligible for advancement in a USYS event, or become eligible after such time, that it cannot advance them and advise them of the requirements listed in Section 104 Paragraph B. Should it be needed, a team may register through the National Office to fulfill its registration and insurance obligations in this situation.

SECTION 105. USYS ASSISTANCE TO STATE ASSOCIATION

The USYS National Office and Board of Directors are committed to assisting any State Association that is in financial trouble, including, but not limited to, creating a business plan. This assistance can be in registration assistance, marketing, event assistance or loans.

- A. Any loan to a State Association must be approved by the BOD. Loans can be a line of credit which could reduce the cost of the loan.
- B. For any loan made to a State Association, the interest charged shall be the money market interest rate on the date of the loan. As part of the loan agreement, all player fees will be increased \$1.00 per player until the loan, both principal and interest, has been fully paid.