

Dear Tournament Director,

As we approach the end of 2007, please keep in mind that it is time to sanction your tournaments with OYSAN. Dr. Tom Turner, OYSAN Director of Coaching, has written 3v3, 4v4, and 5v5 rules, in addition to our Travel and Tournament Rules, for those wishing to hold a small sided tournament. Please contact Tom directly at coaching@oysan.org, if you have any questions. I've attached all three documents for you to review.

Please know that besides accepting checks to pay your sanctioning fee, OYSAN does accept credit cards by using an online form which can be downloaded from our website. Just go to the **Forms** link on our menu.

Our sanctioning fee is **\$150** which includes advertising in our Ohio Soccer publications without an extra cost to you. The newspapers are published on May 1 and September 1. For any additional advertising, please refer to the Travel and Tournament Policy. For web advertising, on our menu, please go to About Ohio North and then open the Advertising link for all of the information that you will need.

For your convenience, we do accept Word documents of your rules and invitation, however, when you need to get permission to accept foreign teams, please let me know and I will forward to you the proper documentation. I do have to physically sign these papers, so please follow the instructions given and I will take care of the final mailing to the Federation. Please include your check made out to USSF when sending your application to this office.

The OYSAN Travel and Tournament Policy, along with all online and printable forms required for tournament sanctioning, can be found on our web page under www.oysan.org. The following items will need to be sent to the State Office by **February 1, 2008**, in order to obtain tournament sanctioning:

- *US Youth Soccer* Tournament/Games Hosting Agreement (online sanctioning form).
- Copy of the Tournament Rules and Regulations (must contain conditions as listed in the Tournament/Games Hosting Agreement)
- Copy of the Tournament Invitation
- Letter from tournament site granting use of the facility by the Tournament Host
- **A non-refundable base fee of \$150, which provides sanctioning, insurance, a link to the OYSAN web page and US Youth Soccer web page as well as a listing in our Ohio North newspaper. (May, September)**
- Tournaments inviting foreign teams must complete required paperwork and receive approval from the US Soccer Federation. Contact State Office for forms and filing procedures

Please review the OYSAN Travel and Tournament Policy. The following guidelines will be in effect, however, are not yet reflected in the Travel & Tournament Policy which was amended on August 29, 2005:

- Game Formats & Roster Sizes

Sanctioned Tournament Formats	Maximum Roster Size
U8 – 5v5 (Recommended)	10
U9 & U10 6v6 (Required)	12
U11 & U12 8v8 (Required)	14
U13 and Older 11v11	18

- Teams entered into the tournament must only include members of the same USSF affiliate member.
- Notify OYSAN of any incidents of referee abuse, referee assault or referee misconduct and any other incidents of a serious nature within two (2) days of the incident and the National State or National Association of the participants within seven (7) days.
- An official Post Tournament Report must be submitted to OYSAN within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the tournament, which is attached

Before submitting the rules, please review the Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement and make sure all listed tournament requirements are covered in your rules.

Providing a safe tournament environment for your tournament participants must be a priority. It is also your responsibility. **Never** assume that the field owner has properly anchored and stored all goals. The majority of soccer goal injuries occur when the goal tipped or was accidentally tipped onto the victim. Carefully review the attached Guidelines for Movable Soccer Goal Safety published by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission. Designate a tournament official to inspect goals to make sure they are securely anchored and stored in accordance with the CPSC guidelines. Unused goals near or on the fields must be secured and properly stored. Communicate with the parents and players the dangers of unsecured goals and not allowing players and siblings to play, climb or move the goals.

For all tournaments that will have a new director, please contact the State Office at 330-659-0989 to schedule a meeting with our Tournament Director.

Best wishes for safe and successful tournaments in 2008.

Sincerely,

Thank you
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