

REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING AN APPLICATION TO HOST FOREIGN TEAMS

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Anytime teams from outside North America, including Mexico, are to be invited to participate in a tournament or friendly games, permission must be granted by both South Texas Youth Soccer Association and the national organization, the US Soccer Federation.

These applications must include:

- (1) Application to Host Tournament or Games (including the signature of the Association President – not your club president). If the original application has already been approved by STYSA, a copy of the approved application should be included as confirmation that the event is approved.
- (2) Application to Host Foreign Teams
- (3) US Soccer International Tournament/Games Hosting Agreement
- (4) Ted Stevens Olympic & Amateur Sports Act
- (5) Copy of Rules of the Tournament/Games
- (6) Applicable fees

STYSA – The \$100.00 STYSA Application to Host fee (payable to STYSA) must accompany the **original** Application to Host, if the application is being filed at the same time as the Foreign Application. If the Application to Host was previously filed and a supplementary Foreign Application is being filed, there is no STYSA fee.

USSF - \$75 application fee (payable to USSF)



U.S. Soccer Federation, Inc.

APPLICATION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT OR GAMES INVOLVING FOREIGN TEAMS (HAPP 3-03)

Affiliated with the Federation Internationale de Football Association

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Name of Tournament or Games _____

Hosting Organization _____

State Association/or Sectional Director _____

Location (City) of Tournament/Games _____ State _____

Date(s) of Tournament/Games _____ Estimated # of Foreign Teams _____

Tournament/Games Director/Contact Person _____ Telephone Work (____) _____

Ext. _____

Address _____ Telephone Home (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Fax (____) _____

Foreign Teams to be Hosted

Name of Team to be Hosted _____ Age Division _____ M / F (circle one)

Country _____

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Country _____

*Attach a separate sheet for additional teams

Tournament/Games Director's Signature _____ Date _____

Team Names Must Be Submitted 30 Days Prior to Tournament

APPROVAL

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.

By _____

Title _____

Date _____

FOR HOSTING ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION ONLY

I certify that your tournament has been approved for domestic team participation.

By _____

Title _____

USSF Org. Member _____

Date _____

In granting this permission to host a tournament or games, U.S. Soccer shall **NOT** be liable for transportation, lodging or injury to persons or property sustained in the course of the sanctioned event.



In consideration of permission being granted to _____ (Host Organization) to hold a tournament or game(s) at _____ (City), _____ (State) on the dates of _____, 20_____.

We hereby agree to the following conditions:

- 1. ABIDE BY RULES - We shall abide by all statements made in our Application to Host a Tournament or Games, in our tournament invitation, in our tournament rules, and in this U.S. SOCCER International Tournament/Games Hosting Agreement. We agree that all decisions regarding acceptance of teams into a tournament shall be fairly and impartially made and shall not be based upon race, creed, color, national origin, or national affiliation.
2. INVITATIONS - The tournament approval form shall accompany all tournament invitations distributed by us.
3. PROCURING LIABILITY INSURANCE - We have procured liability insurance coverage for the tournament or games with limits of not less than \$100,000/\$200,000/\$25,000 which names the U. S. Soccer Member with which the Host Organization is affiliated, any affiliate organization where the host organization is a member, U. S. Soccer and their officers and directors as additional insureds. A certificate of insurance is attached issued by _____.
4. REQUIRING MEDICAL AUTHORIZATIONS - We shall require all teams participating in the tournament or games to provide notarized medical authorizations for each player in a form adequate for use at the site of the tournament. These authorizations shall be presented to the Host Organization at registration and kept at the field available for use by the team.
5. AMATEUR SPORTS ACT - We have read and agree to abide by the provisions of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (see below).
6. ADVANCE PUBLICATION OF RULES - We agree that our tournament or games rules shall be included with the invitation sent to each team and shall again, be published to all teams accepted, prior to the start of the tournament.
7. USE OF FIELD MARSHALS/FIELD INSPECTION - We agree that during the tournament each game field will have a field marshal assigned to it at all times; that the field marshal will be readily available and identifiable; that prior to the commencement of every game the field marshal will inspect the field to be sure that it is free from objects or conditions that may cause injury. If any condition exists which cannot be immediately corrected it shall be brought to the attention of the referee and the tournament director. The Director of Field Marshals is:

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ FAX _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

- 8. USE OF SPECTATOR LINES - We agree to take appropriate steps including, where feasible, the use of spectator lines on each field to keep the spectators away from the touch line.
9. PROVISION OF ADEQUATE TOURNAMENT COMMUNICATION - We agree to provide adequate communication by means of _____ between the game fields and the tournament headquarters. The Tournament Communications Director is:

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ FAX _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

- 10. AVAILABILITY OF POLICE AND RESCUE SERVICE - We have notified the local police, ambulance and emergency rescue services of the date of the tournament or games and the times and fields which will be used for games, and have been advised by them that they will be available to render assistance if needed.
11. TOURNAMENT RULES/BEHAVIOR - We agree that our tournament or games rules contain provisions ensuring that the behavior of teams, players, coaches and spectators is appropriately controlled including specific provisions:
a. which spell out the disciplinary measures to be imposed for the issuances of red and yellow cards or other improper conduct;
b. which indicate what procedures will be followed regarding protests and appeals;
c. which indicate that all disciplinary measures imposed by host organizations shall be limited to placing restrictions upon an individual's group participation in the tournament or games;
d. which state the issuance of all red and yellow cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches or supporters will be recorded by the host organization.
12. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION - We agree that our tournament or games rules shall state what refunds, if any, shall be made to participating teams if all or a portion of the tournament is canceled by the host organization for any reason.

Signature of Host Organization/President _____

Signature of Tournament or Game Director _____

Date _____

Date _____

Host Organization _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Fax _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Tournament Headquarters _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Fax _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

TED STEVENS OLYMPIC AND AMATEUR SPORTS ACT

§220525. Granting sanctions for amateur athletic competitions

(a) PROMPT REVIEW AND DECISION.—For the sport that it governs, a national governing body promptly shall—

(1) review a request by an amateur sports organization or person for a sanction to hold an international amateur athletic competition in the United States or to sponsor United States amateur athletes to compete in international amateur athletic competition outside the United States; and

(2) grant the sanction if—

(A) the national governing body does not decide by clear and convincing evidence that holding or sponsoring an international amateur athletic competition would be detrimental to the best interest of the sport; and

(B) the requirements of subsection (b) of this section are met

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—An amateur sports organization or person may be granted a sanction under this section only if the organization or person meets the following requirements—

(1) The organization or person must pay the national governing body any required sanctioning fee, if the fee is reasonable and nondiscriminatory.

(2) For a sanction to hold an international amateur athletic competition in the United States, the organization or person must—

(A) submit to the national governing body an audited or notarized financial report of similar events, if any, conducted by the organization or person; and

(B) demonstrate that the requirements of paragraph (4) of this subsection have been met.

(3) For a sanction to sponsor United States amateur athletes to compete in international amateur athletic competition outside the United States, the organization or person must—

(A) submit a report of the most recent trip to a foreign country, if any, that the organization or person sponsored for the purpose of having United States amateur athletes compete in international amateur athletic competition; and

(B) submit a letter from the appropriate entity that will hold the international amateur athletic competition certifying that the requirements of paragraph (4) of this subsection have been met.

(4) The requirements referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection are that—

(A) appropriate measures have been taken to protect the amateur status of athletes who will take part in the competition and to protect their eligibility to compete in amateur athletic competition;

(B) appropriate provision has been made for validation of any records established during the competition;

(C) due regard has been given to any international amateur athletic requirements specifically applicable to the competition;

(D) the competition will be conducted by qualified officials;

(E) proper medical supervision will be provided for athletes who will participate in the competition; and

(F) proper safety precautions have been taken to protect the personal welfare of the athletics and spectators at the competition.

**PROCEDURES FOR HOSTING FOREIGN TEAMS
IN TOURNAMENTS OR GAMES**

(Teams from outside of the United States, including Canada & Mexico)

Documentation must be submitted to US Soccer for approval no later than thirty (30) days in advance of the proposed date(s) of the tournament/games you are requesting permission to host:

1. a completed *Application to Host a Tournament or Games Involving Foreign Teams* (must be the original - NO FAXES);
2. a completed *Tournament Hosting Agreement*, if you are requesting permission to host a tournament, with appropriate supporting data, signed by the President or Chief Officer of the Host Organization, and by the Tournament Director;
3. a copy of the Rules for the Tournament or Games ;
4. applicable fee (\$75.00) made payable to U.S. Soccer: 30 or more days in advance;

After ensuring that your team or organization is in good standing, U.S. Soccer will then submit a copy of your tournament rules to FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) requesting approval. Upon approval, U.S. Soccer will return the approved application to the hosting organization, and a copy to the State Association/Sectional Director.

U.S. Soccer will notify the federation from which the teams are traveling to compete in the tournament are associated.

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PLEASE NOTE

U.S. Soccer is not required to accept or approve any application to host a tournament submitted less than thirty (30) days in advance.

Please submit application form, required documents, and \$ 75.00 fee to:

**U.S. Soccer Federation
Attn: Federation Services
1801 S. Prairie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616**

**312-808-1300
312-808-9263 fax**

Please make copies as required for your records. U.S. Soccer will return one form with approval