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SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT HOSTING TERMS

- 1) **Tournament Rules:** The host member and participating teams shall abide by rules submitted with the hosting application, as well as statements made in the tournament invitation and US Club Soccer Policies applicable to tournaments and competitions generally.
- 2) **Participants:** The host member shall make the tournament rules available on the tournament website and provide a copy to participating teams. The host agrees that all decisions regarding acceptance of teams into the tournament shall be fairly and impartially made, and shall not be based upon race, creed, color or national origin. A copy of the approved Sanctioned Tournament Hosting Application shall be available to participants on an as-requested basis.
- 3) **Tournament Cancellation:** If the tournament is cancelled, the host member shall comply with any tournament cancellation policy provided as part of the application process. US Club Soccer must be notified in the event of tournament cancellation.
- 4) **Insurance:** The host member and all teams carded by US Club Soccer are covered by US Club Soccer's liability and secondary medical insurance policies. All non-US Club Soccer teams shall utilize insurance of their respective U.S. Soccer Federation affiliate member. Otherwise, if the host member is not providing supplemental insurance covering all participating teams, teams you may join US Club Soccer as a tournament team and receive passcards and insurance coverage accordingly.
- 5) **Referees:** The host member agrees to use only U.S. Soccer Federation-registered referees who are in good standing, unless a waiver has been granted by the U.S. Soccer Federation or US Club Soccer to allow the use of other referees, including those from another country. The host member shall provide to US Club Soccer the name, address and phone number of its referee assignor if it has not previously done so in the application, and indicate in the post-tournament report whether a 1- or 3-referee system was used, and in which age groups. *NOTE: U.S. Soccer does not permit two-referee systems.*
- 6) **Medical Authorizations:** All participating teams shall have available medical treatment authorizations for each player in a form adequate for use at the site of the tournament. These authorizations shall be presented to the host member at team check-in, and kept at the field and available for use by the team and host member.
- 7) **Certified Athletic Trainers:** Pursuant to the U.S. Soccer player safety campaign, any tournament projected to have 64 or more teams at U-11 and older age groups must have an adequate number of certified athletic trainers or other healthcare providers in attendance. For more information on this requirement, please visit the ["Sanction Your Tournament" Web page](#).
- 8) **Passcard Verification:** All participants shall use a passcard issued by a U.S. Soccer member organization. The passcards shall be verified and checked against the team roster at check-in. Domestic teams must be registered to a U.S. Soccer member organization.
- 9) **Tournament Procedures:** The host member agrees that written procedures will be produced and distributed and sufficient staff will be available at all times to supervise and administer the tournament. Procedures shall include:
 - a) Notifying local police, ambulance or other emergency response organizations of the tournament, and confirming of the procedures by which they can be summoned to the tournament.
 - b) Utilizing field marshals at all times at each venue.
 - c) Providing a system of communication between all field marshals and the tournament director, and establishing an internal emergency communications protocol for summoning medical personnel or addressing other emergencies.
 - d) Promptly posting results and resolving any questions or disputes regarding game results or competition incidents.
 - e) Complying with FIFA's [Laws of the Game](#), unless written permission to do otherwise has been received from US Club Soccer.
- 10) **Disciplinary Committee:** The host member shall comply with [US Club Soccer's Disciplinary Procedures](#) (part of the US Club Soccer Policies). Among other rules, the host member shall establish a disciplinary committee to expeditiously hear and act upon discipline matters and rule interpretations. Under no circumstances may a referee's decision, issuance of a red or yellow card, or a coach or team staff ejection be reviewed or overturned.
- 11) **International Teams:** The host member must obtain approval from the U.S. Soccer Federation if any international teams will be participating. Instructions are available [here](#) and will be included in the tournament sanctioning approval letter.
- 12) **Requirements:** The host member shall also comply with the following requirements further detailed in the approval letter -