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## ORGANIZATION STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned President/Chief Officer of the organization listed below (The Organization), agree that The Organization shall adhere to all rules, regulations, policies and decisions of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA). Ignorance of the rules and regulations of the IYSA shall not be an excuse for failure to comply with same. The Organization agrees that membership in the IYSA is a privilege and not a right, which may be withdrawn by two thirds (2/3) vote of the IYSA Board of Directors if The Organization fails to comply with the rules, regulations, policies and decisions of the IYSA, including but not limited to the following:

The Organization agrees to abide by the IYSA Goal Safety Policy (Rule 021-A) and hereby certifies that it has implemented the IYSA Goal Safety Policy and communicated the policy to each of its officers, directors, coaches, employees, volunteers, associated personnel, and the parents/guardians of the participants. Further, The Organization certifies that it has complied with the IYSA Goal Safety Policy requirements prior to its annual registration.

The Organization agrees to comply with the IYSA Risk Management Policy (Rule 019) and certifies that on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current soccer year it will conduct a background search on every new affected person as defined in this policy, Statement of Position, Paragraph 2, a thru f and every two (2) years thereafter. The Organization does further certify that all of the individuals in the list that has been submitted to the IYSA, i.e. (re: all covered persons listed in the Statement of Position, paragraph 2, a thru f in IYSA Rule 019) are fit to participate in any and all IYSA affiliated/sponsored programs.

The Organization agrees that effective September 1, 2014 every Organization coach will have a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) *Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports* Completion Certificate and the Organization will adopt and use the Illinois Youth Soccer Association Concussion Notification Form. Based on the advice of the US Soccer Medical Committee, the Organization agrees to abide by Illinois Youth Soccer's heading ban for players aged 10 and younger (U11 and younger age brackets) at all Illinois Youth Soccer activities including but not limited to Illinois Youth Soccer Member League play, practices and tournaments. A purposeful header by a player in any bracket for players aged 10 and younger shall result in an indirect free kick awarded to the opponent.

The Organization agrees that based on US Youth Soccer's Policy on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones), the use of drones is strictly prohibited at all IYSA member events. It is the responsibility of the Event/Home Site Host to ensure that this policy is strictly enforced.

The Organization understands and acknowledges that effective September 1, 2014 the Organization will no longer have Directors and Officers insurance coverage through the IYSA and the IYSA strongly recommends that the Organization purchase this coverage.

To maintain its membership the Organization agrees to timely pay its membership fees assessed by the IYSA in addition to any and all fees and fines assessed against affiliated clubs/organizations and/or individuals within The Organization which are not paid by the club or individual within one (1) month after assessment by the IYSA.

I hereby represent and warrant that The Organization is not aware of any claim or occurrences that would give rise to any claim against its directors, officers, employees, coaches, managers, volunteers, agents, sponsors and associated personnel including those of its affiliated organizations, clubs, teams and members.

The Organization Name (Full Name) WHEATON WINGS SOCCER CLUB

Print President/Chief Officer's Name MARK GARTLAND Title CLUB PRESIDENT

President/Chief Officer's Signature [Signature] Date 7/5/17

M. Chad J. Beard [Signature] 7/6/17  
Executive Director  
Wheaton Park District

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#### **ILLINOIS YOUTH SOCCER RULE 021-A. GOAL SAFETY POLICY**

Any coach who participates in practice or a game where the goals are not securely anchored shall be fined not less than \$200 and suspended for a minimum of not less than one (1) calendar year from the date of the practice or game involved. In the event the goal is not securely anchored the entity (team, club, league, state) that has primary responsibility for the field or event upon which the unsecured goal is situated shall be fined \$1000. Coach means the head coach, any assistant coach, trainer or any other team official present at the time of the violation. The entity against which a fine is imposed shall be in bad standing until the fine imposed is paid.

Each team shall maintain in written form a record for each team practice, in which the coach, assistant coach, trainer or other responsible person shall certify that he or she has performed a physical inspection of the goals used in the practice to verify the goals were securely anchored.

Each league shall require each club or individual team unaffiliated with a club to certify in writing that it has in place a program to ensure that goals it uses are adequately secured, that its goals have been and will be inspected by a member of the club or team prior to each game or practice. Each club and team shall further certify it has communicated to the parent or guardian of each player the dangers of unsecured goals and their responsibility to assure that goals are secure. Each league shall certify to the IYSA that its clubs

and teams have complied with these requirements prior to their annual registration.

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IYSA is not required to accept or approve any application that is incomplete, non-compliant and/or submitted to the IYSA after the application deadline. The IYSA shall not approve an application that is submitted to the IYSA in thirty (30) or less days in advance of the proposed date(s) of the tournament. The Tournament Host Applicant must attend the mandatory, annual IYSA Tournament Host meeting. Failure to obtain permission from the IYSA will void IYSA insurance for tournament participants and hosting organizations, subject the hosting organization to a penalty of up to and including \$1000, and place the hosting organization in jeopardy of losing its privileges with the IYSA/USYSA which may include its ability to host tournaments for up to two years. In all matters not provided herein, the IYSA Tournament Director's decision shall be final.

#### **RULE 017 (B). IYSA PERMISSION TO HOST FRIENDLY GAMES IN ILLINOIS**

The hosting team/organization/applicant must obtain permission from the IYSA to conduct friendly games in Illinois. To be eligible to host an IYSA sanctioned tournament or games the tournament applicant/hosting organization must be in compliance with IYSA Rule 026 and the bylaws, policies and requirements of the IYSA. Hosting IYSA sanctioned friendly games is a privilege and not a right. The friendly games must not involve more than four teams and the teams must be of one age group, application/participation fees must not be charged and trophies may not be presented. If more than four teams in one age group are involved, the event is no longer considered friendly games and the host must apply for tournament status even if the host does not provide trophies or collect fees. The Friendly Game Host Applicant must complete and submit the applicable IYSA Friendly Individual Game Tournament Host Agreement, the USYSA Permission to Host Tournament or Games form to the IYSA prior to scheduling the friendly games. The IYSA is not required to approve an application that is submitted to the IYSA in seven (7) or less days in advance of the proposed date(s) of the friendly games. Failure to obtain permission from the IYSA will void IYSA insurance for friendly games participants and hosting organizations, subject the hosting organization to a penalty of up to and including \$1000, and place the hosting organization in jeopardy of losing its privileges with the IYSA/USYSA which may include its ability to host tournaments for up to two years. In all matters not provided herein, the IYSA Tournament Director's decision shall be final.

#### **RULE 018. IYSA YOUTH PLAYER AMATEUR GAMES ELIGIBILITY**

Section 1. A youth player may play an unlimited number of adult games without losing his or her youth eligibility. The youth player must notify his or her youth coach or other authorized team official of the player's intention to play adult games. The youth player shall request, in writing, (1) eligibility clearance from the Youth State Association through which the player is registered, and (2) permission from the appropriate Adult State Association. When the clearance and permission have been granted, the Adult State Association has sole discretion in permitting a youth player to play adult games and will be responsible for establishing the procedures under which the youth player will be allowed to play. In the event of a conflict between an adult game, the youth game shall take precedence. A youth player who is required to sign an adult form shall retain youth eligibility.

Section 2. A youth team with the written permission and mutual consent of both the Youth and Adult State Associations may play in an adult-approved league and not lose its youth eligibility to complete in the U.S. Youth soccer National Championships competitions. If the youth team's players are required to sign an adult form, the team shall retain its youth eligibility.

IYSA Requirement and Clarification: In the event of a conflict between an adult game and a youth game, the youth game shall take precedence. A youth player who is required to sign an adult form shall retain youth eligibility. IYSA registered players must obtain an IYSA/Adult Games Eligibility Clearance in order to participate in the amateur games. IYSA Adult Games Eligibility Clearance Request Form must be completed by the player, player's IYSA registered team coach granting permission for player to participate in amateur games, coach requesting clearance, an officer of the league with whom the player is currently registered before submission for clearance to the IYSA. Youth games shall take precedence over amateur games. This clearance does not extend IYSA insurance coverage to the IYSA registered youth player for amateur game activities. The youth player must obtain insurance coverage through the Adult Association. Adult game clearance is valid for the current seasonal year only.

#### **RULE 019. IYSA RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY - Effective 5/9/98**

The club/league/organization shall, prior to participation, conduct a background search on every new affected person (defined in this policy, Statement of Position, Paragraph 2, a thru f) and every two (2) years thereafter. Referees must submit a background search annually through the search company on IYSA's website. The club/league/organization must submit annually to the IYSA the Organization Certification by August 1<sup>st</sup> that the club/league/organization agrees to complete the background search by October 1<sup>st</sup> for the Fall season participants or May 15 for the Spring season participants.

The IYSA has adopted the following policies as an adjunct to parent/guardian supervision:

1. The IYSA has adopted the USYSA Kid Safe Program which is designed to create a safe environment for all players associated with IYSA;
2. The IYSA has adopted the stringent standards espoused by the USYSA Kid Safe Program for use by all members (leagues/clubs) of the association and is committed to providing all support necessary for those members to implement the USYSA Kid Safe Program at all levels of the association;
3. The IYSA supports and adopts procedures for the safety and security for players in the direct care of its programs, as well as strongly suggests the implementation of the procedures for all players outside the presence of parents and/or guardians.

#### **Statement of Position**

In order to implement the policies identified above, commonly known as the IYSA Kid Safe Program, the IYSA has adopted the following positions:

1. The policies enumerated above, including exclusion from programs, shall apply to the following:
  - a) Coaches, including assistant coaches;
  - b) Trainers, evaluators, chaperones;
  - c) Board of Directors or managers of all clubs, leagues, and organizations affiliated with the IYSA, if they have direct contact with the players;
  - d) All employees of IYSA;
  - e) Individual contractors who enter contracts with the IYSA who have direct contact with minors;
  - f) Referees shall submit to a background search every year through the search company on IYSA's website.
2. The IYSA shall adopt special rules of conduct, which will apply to all persons who have direct contact, and supervision of minors.

#### **Statements of Requirements for the IYSA Disclosure Form**

In order to comply with the IYSA Kid Safe Program, the IYSA shall require all persons aged 18 or older that are described in Item 2 above to submit a Disclosure Statement in writing pursuant to procedures adopted by the IYSA. Further, all such persons shall agree to be

subject to a background check designed to disclose activities, which may result in exclusion from the IYSA programs.

The IYSA has adopted the Disclosure Statement, which has been recommended by the United States Youth Soccer Association. All adults listed in the Statement of "Position, 2 (a-f)" shall complete the Disclosure Statement in writing and shall sign such statement. Among other information, each such adult must supply their social security number (or registration numbers for non-United States citizens) and all valid drivers license numbers. If the required Disclosure Statements are incomplete, unsigned or are not submitted as required by any such person who is required to submit the Statement, the IYSA reserves the right to exclude that person from all programs.

The IYSA will appoint a Risk Management Coordinator (RMC) or Assistant Risk Management Coordinator (ARMC). The Assistant will not be involved in any examination of documents or decisions, unless the Coordinator is not able to perform the functions designated. The State President will make the decision to have the Assistant involved in the process. The RMC is to apply the standards contained in this document impartially and fairly along the strict guidelines included herein.

The IYSA will be responsible for providing the IYSA Disclosure Statements to all leagues, who will be responsible for distributing the Statements to all affected clubs/persons. Each league shall in turn designate a Risk Management Coordinator for that league to supervise the implementation of this policy at the club/person level. Each club (regardless of size) shall in turn designate its own RMC for that club to whom the completely executed and signed Disclosure Statement shall be returned in a sealed envelope. It shall be the responsibility of the club to review the disclosure statements and to certify to the league that all affected persons involved in that club are fit to participate in all of the programs according to the stringent standards adopted by IYSA Kid Safe Program. Each league shall in turn certify to the IYSA that each of its clubs has strictly adhered to these requirements. In order to preserve confidentiality, the IYSA and the League's Risk Management Coordinator and the Alternate Risk Management Coordinator will be the only other persons who will have access to the Disclosure Statements and all background checks. Notwithstanding the prior statement, the RMC or the ARMC in the case of absence of the RMC may disclose the Disclosure Statement of the data from the background check if: (i) the person submitting the data authorizes disclosure; or (ii) the person submitting the data challenges the decision by the RMC or alternate to exclude such person from IYSA activities, in which instance the decision is to be appealed to the State Appeals Committee. (The appeals process is contained further in this document.) The confidential information will be released to the Chairperson of the Committee, who is authorized to release it to the members of the committee.

In order to secure a complete list of all persons required to submit such Disclosure Statements, each league, club or organization associated with IYSA shall compile appropriate lists along with other appropriate transmittal documents. Each such league, club or organization is responsible to keep all such current lists and to submit a list when requested by the IYSA Risk Management Coordinator.

All Disclosure Statements received by the RMC shall be deemed to have continuing validity unless there has been within the preceding year a conviction of a violent crime or a crime against a person. See IYSA Employee/Volunteer Disclosure, questions 5 and 6. In the event of such conviction, a new Disclosure Statement shall be submitted in accordance with procedures adopted by IYSA.

Once the League Risk Management Coordinator receives disclosure statements, the League RMC shall establish a random selection process, by which select disclosure statements are reviewed. Each RMC shall further establish procedures to maintain the disclosure statements and related documents in the strictest confidence.

Once a Disclosure Statement is reviewed by the League/Club RMC, he or she shall apply standards adopted by the IYSA Board of Directors as enumerated herein and adopted in order to determine whether a person submitting the Disclosure Statement should be excluded from participation in IYSA programs. The League/Club RMC shall make recommendations for such exclusion to the IYSA RMC. The IYSA RMC shall have the responsibility to present to the IYSA Board of Directors his/her concerns with respect to continuation of any person in any IYSA program, arising from a disclosure statement review. If the IYSA Board of Directors determines that a person should be excluded from the program, the IYSA RMC shall notify that person in writing by certified, registered mail. The contents of the letter will require resignation of the person from all IYSA affiliated organizations within ten (10) days of receipt. If the person decides to appeal the decision of the IYSA RMC, the person shall send a letter requesting an appeal hearing to the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice of exclusion. The normal appeal process of the Board of Directors will then be in effect. As a condition of appeal, the person agrees to have no contact with players until the appeal is heard.

If the person receiving the notice of exclusion from the IYSA RMC does not act within the ten (10) day period from the receipt of the notice of exclusion, the IYSA RMC has the authority to approach the governing body of any or all organizations under the auspices of the IYSA to advise them that such person is not permitted to participate in the program. No notification from the IYSA RMC to any governing body will occur if the IYSA RMC is presented with sufficient evidence that the requested resignation has been filed with the affected organization.

#### **IYSA Board Policy RM-1 Board Policy for Exclusion from Programs Operated or Affiliated with the IYSA**

Every person aged 18 or older working in any capacity with youth members of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) shall annually complete and sign a disclosure statement on a form promulgated by the IYSA. No person who has been convicted within fifteen (15) years of executing an IYSA Disclosure Statement shall be allowed to participate in any program directly or indirectly overseen by the IYSA, including its affiliated leagues, clubs, teams, and/or organizations if he or she has been convicted of murder, kidnapping, rape, robbery, arson, burglary, manslaughter, extortion, indecent liberties, incest, vehicular homicide, prostitution, corruption of a minor, unlawful imprisonment, sexual exploitation of any person, child abuse or neglect, child molestation, sexual misconduct with any person, possession of electronic or internet pornography, distributing unlawful drugs, providing alcohol to a minor, violation of any restraining order, or any crime of physical violence.

Any person so disqualified may appeal to the IYSA Risk Management Committee for a waiver of the disqualifying condition based on facts and circumstances unique to the basis for the conviction. The decision of the Risk Management Committee, with or without a formal hearing, shall be binding.

#### **IYSA Board Policy RM-2 Board Policy for Suspension from Programs Operated or Affiliated with the IYSA**

Pursuant to United States Youth Soccer Association Rule 4043 and policies adopted by the IYSA, any person participating in any IYSA program who becomes a defendant in any litigation, the outcome of which would subject the litigant to exclusion under the policies identified in BOARD POLICY RM-1 or any litigation based on activities otherwise detrimental to the welfare of minors shall be subjected to suspension from all soccer-related activities until such litigation is resolved by court order. The phrase "matters detrimental to the welfare of youth players" shall include all the offenses listed in BOARD POLICY RM-1 and may be extended to include other crimes or charges of moral turpitude. For purposes of this policy, the phrase "a defendant in litigation" shall include the arrest, indictment, citation or equivalent "formal charge" of any adult person for any crimes or other offenses listed above. The IYSA RMC will determine the period of suspension subject to appeal.



## Concussion Notification Form

Adapted from the Centers for Disease Control Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M or F  
Event \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Player's Team \_\_\_\_\_ U-Age \_\_\_\_\_

The above named Player may have sustained a concussion during the above listed event. Any athlete that sustains a bump, blow, jolt to the head, or a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head and/or is exhibiting signs and symptoms of concussion **MUST** be removed from play immediately. Even though most concussions appear mild, **all concussions are serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly.** A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. In other words, even a "ding" or slight bump on the head can be serious. Concussions are invisible and most concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or may take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention immediately. For the latest information about concussions and symptoms, visit: [www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports/](http://www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports/).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Headaches or pressure in head</li><li>• Nausea or vomiting</li><li>• Balance problems or dizziness</li><li>• Concentration or memory problems</li><li>• Blurry or fuzzy vision</li><li>• Sensitivity to light or noise</li><li>• Feeling foggy or groggy</li><li>• Confused</li><li>• Doesn't feel right</li><li>• Dazed or stunned appearance</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Confused about assignment and/or position</li><li>• Unsure of game, score or opponent</li><li>• Moves clumsily</li><li>• Answers questions slowly</li><li>• Shows personality change</li><li>• Can't recall events prior to or after hit/fall</li></ul> | <b>Seek Immediate Medical Care for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Double Vision</li><li>• Prolonged Amnesia</li><li>• Seizures or Convulsions</li><li>• Loss of Consciousness</li><li>• Slurred Speech</li><li>• Repeated Vomiting</li><li>• Worsening Headaches</li><li>• Worsening Symptoms</li><li>• Prolonged Confusion</li></ul> |
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Since the Player may have sustained a concussion, the player has been removed from the game. Please be advised that the Player may not return to play and must obtain and submit a signed clearance from a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy who specializes in concussion treatment and management. Remember, it's better to miss one game than to jeopardize the child's playing career. **When in doubt, sit them out!**

*By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of this Form and agree that I have read and understand the information contained in this Form.*

Player's Signature if player is 18 or older \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Parent/Guardian/Responsible Party \_\_\_\_\_

List Relationship to Injured Player \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Responsible Party \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Player's Team Coach/Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Player's Team Coach/Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Event Official must present one signed copy to Parent/Guardian/Responsible Party and/or Player that is 18 years of age or older, present one signed copy to Team Coach/Manager, and keep one copy for the Event Host to submit with an insurance claim.

Compliance Signature of Event Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_