



## 2026 TOURNAMENT HOST AGREEMENT FOR TOURNAMENTS IN ILLINOIS

Complete and submit to the Illinois Youth Soccer Association ("IYSA") no later than Sixty (60) days prior to the start date of this Tournament.

The Tournament Host, the responsible party for this Tournament, must be in good standing with the Illinois Youth Soccer Association ("IYSA") and must have more than 50% of its players and those of each of its sponsoring, partnering and/or involved organization(s) currently registered with an IYSA Competitive Member League from the time of submission of this Agreement through the dates of the Tournament. To host a Recreational Team Division in the Tournament, an IYSA Member Recreational League must Co-Host the Tournament and have more than 50% of its recreational players currently registered with IYSA. A Tournament Team cannot host a Tournament. Submit the IYSA Tournament Host Agreement through The Tournament Center website link <https://htgsports.net/tournamentcenter.aspx>. Select 'Host a Tournament' and create your login and password. You can upload your logo to the tournament page. For your convenience, you can also submit travel and guest player notifications through this website. All required paperwork and fees must be received by the IYSA prior to consideration. Once a tournament is sanctioned by the IYSA, it will be listed on The Tournament Center and US Youth Soccer websites. If Tournament sanction is requested within thirty (30) or less days from start date of the tournament, please contact IYSA for special procedures. Tournament Host agrees that in all matters not provided for herein, the IYSA Tournament Committee and IYSA Risk Management Committee decisions shall be final. This Agreement is subject to change.

We the undersigned Tournament Director and Tournament Host's President/Chief Executive Officer certify that we have the authority to conduct business on behalf of the Tournament Host and understand and agree to the following terms on behalf of the Tournament Host. Tournament Host assumes sole and total liability for claims resulting from any and all violations of this Agreement including but not limited to failing to collect Certificates of Insurance from each vendor including 3rd Party Management & Referee Assigning companies; failing to collect Travel Permits, Form NT, IYSA Waivers from Non-IYSA Teams; failing to collect IYSA Team Risk Management Certificates from all teams; failing to anchor goals (used & unused), cameras or other equipment; failing to abide by health and safety requirements; and the use of USSF unlicensed referee assignors and referees; use of cameras, personal equipment, amusement type-type equipment and activities; use of alcohol and other substances; controlling traffic on public roads; illnesses due to communicable disease. Tournament Host agrees to defend indemnify and hold harmless the IYSA, its officers, directors, coaches, managers, employees, agents, volunteers, associated personnel, affiliated organizations, and sponsors from and against any and all liabilities, losses, fines, penalties, costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees that arise out of any and all allegations asserted in any third party claim, demand, suit, or cause of action or proceeding arising out of any of the following, whether actual or alleged: (a) any bodily injury, including death, to persons or damage or loss of property which result in whole or in part from any act or omission of the Tournament Host relating to the Tournament Host carrying out its obligations under this Agreement; and (b) any breach of this Agreement. This indemnity provision shall survive termination of this Agreement. Tournament Host agrees and understands that the Tournament Bond is subject to forfeiture and future Tournament approval may be denied for any non-compliance of this Agreement, IYSA rules and policies.

1. Tournament Name ("Tournament") Wheaton United Invitational Date(s) may 15-17  
Tournament Location: City Wheaton Facility Seven Gables park

2. Tournament Host/Club Wheaton United IYSA MEMBER League(s) YSSL  
# of your teams currently registered with the IYSA 54 Tournament Website https://wpdathletics.org/wheaton-united

3. Name of Co-Host, sponsoring, partnering and/or involved organization(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
# of teams/players of the sponsoring, partnering and/or involved organization(s) currently registered with the IYSA \_\_\_\_\_

4. Tournament Director Rory Conroy Email rconroy@wheatonparks.org  
Cell Phone (224) 3341762 Work Phone (630) 5105131 Ext \_\_\_\_\_ Fax(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address (Not PO Address) 1777 s blanchard street  
City, State, Zip Wheaton, Illinois, 60187

5. Tournament Referee Assignor \_\_\_\_\_ Email illinoisssportsassigning@gmail.com  
Cell Phone (630) 7077653 Work Phone (630) 7077653 Ext \_\_\_\_\_ Fax(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address (Not PO Address) 4899 N. Vine Ave.  
City, State, Zip Norridge, Illinois, 60706

6. Third Party Tournament Management Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Third Party Tournament Company Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext \_\_\_\_\_ Fax(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address (Not PO Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for IYSA Approved Tournament Status, the Tournament Host, the responsible party for this Tournament, must be in good standing with the Illinois Youth Soccer Association ("IYSA") and must have more than 50% of its teams/players and those of each of its hosting, sponsoring, partnering and/or involved organization(s) currently registered with an Illinois Youth Soccer Association Member League from the time of submission of this Agreement through the dates of the Tournament.

### CHECK ONE:

- RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT:** A tournament that is open only to a member of US Youth Soccer and its State Associations.
- UNRESTRICTED TOURNAMENT:** A tournament that is open to all US Soccer affiliated participants.

**TOURNAMENT FEES: CHECK ONE** Fees are subject to change.

**Non-Refundable IYSA Tournament Application & Referee Mentor Fee**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-99 Teams               | \$400 Tournament Fee + \$200 Referee Mentor Fee = <b>TOTAL \$600</b>  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100-199 Teams | \$400 Tournament Fee + \$400 Referee Mentor Fee = <b>TOTAL \$800</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 200-299 Teams            | \$400 Tournament Fee + \$600 Referee Mentor Fee = <b>TOTAL \$1000</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 300+ Teams               | \$400 Tournament Fee + \$800 Referee Mentor Fee = <b>TOTAL \$1200</b> |

Tournament Host must submit at least One Week prior to the start of the Tournament written notice of cancellation and/or date change to the Illinois Soccer Referee Committee at [jenny@ilsoccerrefs.org](mailto:jenny@ilsoccerrefs.org) and the IYSA at [tour@illinoisyouthsoccer.org](mailto:tour@illinoisyouthsoccer.org).

**Tournament Bond** - If the IYSA does not have a Tournament Bond currently on file for this Tournament, the Tournament agrees to submit a separate payment to the IYSA in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for the Refundable Tournament Bond. This bond is subject to forfeiture for any non-compliance of this Agreement, IYSA rules and policies.

### 1. Sponsors & Vendors

The Tournament Host must be an IYSA Organization Member in good standing with the IYSA. The parties to this Agreement are the Illinois Youth Soccer Association and the Tournament Host listed in this Agreement. Should the Tournament Host hire a Third Party Tournament Management Company to conduct the tournament operations, the Tournament Host is the party responsible for the jurisdiction and supervision of the Tournament, for ensuring compliance and enforcement of the IYSA requirements listed in this Agreement, the collection and use of the current IYSA waivers and documents.

Additionally, the Tournament Host must certify that all persons associated with the Third Party Tournament Management Company including but not limited to its employees, representatives, subcontractors have successfully passed the IYSA Background Check, have the current annual US Center for Safe Sport Training Completion Certificate, have a Concussion Training Completion Certificate from the National Alliance for Youth Sports or Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports, agree to adopt and use the Illinois Youth Soccer Association Concussion Notification Form, adhere to the IYSA Goal Safety Policy (Rule 021-A), abide by all the terms listed in this Agreement.

### 2. Insurance and Certificate of Insurance ("COI")

During the term of this Agreement, the Tournament Host and Third Party Tournament Management Company and its subcontractors, sponsors, vendors and any company hired by the Tournament Host to administer, facilitate, provide products and/or services for the Tournament must maintain, at its own expense, a Commercial General Liability insurance policy with limits no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and Three Million Dollar (\$3,000,000) general aggregate. Coverage shall include bodily injury, property damage, and shall not contain any exclusions or sub-limits for participants, volunteers or sexual abuse/molestation. IYSA shall be listed as an additional insured and coverage shall apply as primary and non-contributory to any insurance maintained by IYSA. The above limits may be satisfied by a combination of primary and umbrella/ excess liability policies written on a follow-form basis.

The Tournament Host must collect and submit to the IYSA at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the Tournament a Certificate of Insurance and necessary endorsements from each of the following: Third Party Tournament Management Company and its subcontractors, sponsors, vendors and any company hired by the Tournament Host to administer, facilitate, provide products and/or services for the Tournament. Documents should be emailed to [tour@illinoisyouthsoccer.org](mailto:tour@illinoisyouthsoccer.org).

### 3. Tournament Director

The Tournament Director shall be a person directly affiliated with the Tournament Host (parent, coach, board member, volunteer, etc.) and NOT a contracted independent tournament managing company. Before the Tournament is considered for IYSA endorsement, the Tournament Host, its Board, volunteers and employees, Tournament Director and any adult including Third Party Tournament Management Company Representative who has regular contact with or authority over and/or has access to the data of youth participants at the Tournament must have submitted through the IYSA website and passed the required IYSA Background Screen, the current annual US Center for Safe Sport Training Completion Certificate, and Concussion Training Completion Certificate from the National Alliance for Youth Sports or Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports. The Tournament Director or Person Responsible for compliance at the Tournament and Third Party Management Company representative must attend the current IYSA Tournament Host Meeting/Training.

#### **4. Referee Assignor**

The Tournament Referee Assignor must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and must be a currently licensed US Soccer Referee Assignor in Illinois from the time of submission of this Agreement through the dates of the Tournament. The Assignor must have passed the required USSF Background Screen and submitted the following documents to the IYSA: the current annual US Center for Safe Sport Training Completion Certificate, Concussion Training Completion Certificate from the National Alliance for Youth Sports or Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports, the USSF Introduction to Safe and Healthy Playing Environments, the current IYSA Emergency Medical Release & Liability Waiver. The Referee Assignor must be in good standing with USSF, IYSA, ISRC at the time of this Tournament. The Referee Assignor must ensure that any referee aged 18 or older is in compliance with the USSF referee requirements listed in the Referees section of this Agreement and collect the required documents from all referees he/she assigns. The Referee Assignor must only assign referees who are currently US Soccer licensed and in good standing with the IYSA and ISRC at the time of the Tournament. The use of "out of state" or foreign referees must be approved by USSF and the ISRC prior the tournament, as those referees must be in compliance with the IYSA Risk Management policies and must be properly accredited and in good standing with their State Referee Committee and/or the National Association with whom they are registered. The Tournament Referee Assignor(s) must attend the annual IYSA Tournament Referee Assignors Meeting. The Tournament Director and the Tournament's Referee Assignor should not be the same person. The Tournament Referee Assignor must collect and maintain the IYSA Emergency Medical Release & Liability Waiver for all referees used at the Tournament. The Tournament Referee Assignor shall abide by the Illinois and Federal Child Labor Laws. The Tournament Host and Referee Assignor agree to accept only the number of teams for whom they can provide USSF licensed and ISRC certified referees.

#### **5. Referees**

The Tournament Host and Referee Assignor agree to assign and use only referees that are currently USSF licensed who are in good standing with and in compliance with the risk management requirements and policies of USSF, IYSA, ISRC at the time of the Tournament. Prior to being assigned to officiate at the Tournament, each referee who is 18 or older must have passed the required USSF Background Screen and submitted to the Tournament Referee Assignor his/her current annual US Center for Safe Sport Training Completion Certificate. Additionally, all referees must submit to the Tournament Referee Assignor the following: Concussion Training Completion Certificate from the National Alliance for Youth Sports or Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports, the USSF Introduction to Safe and Healthy Playing Environments, the IYSA Emergency Medical Release & Liability Waiver. To officiate as a referee in any match under the jurisdiction (direct or indirect) of USSF must be currently registered with USSF. A foreign referee must show proof of accreditation by his or her National Association, passed the IYSA background screen and successfully completed the IYSA and ISRC risk management requirements.

**US Soccer does not provide liability insurance coverage for referees who are not currently licensed by USSF at the time of the Tournament or for activities that are not approved by a US Soccer Organization Member.**

Tournament Host must submit a list of referees used at the Tournament to the IYSA with the Post Tournament Report.

#### **6. Referee Mentoring Requirement**

Tournament Host will be assigned a US Soccer Federation ("USSF") licensed Referee Mentor(s) to support the new, young referees officiating at this Tournament. The Illinois Soccer Referee Committee ("ISRC") office will assign a USSF licensed Referee Mentor to conduct developmental mentoring at this Tournament. The number of required mentors is based on the number of participating teams at this Tournament.

#### **7. Background Screen Verification**

Tournament Host understands that all adults including but not limited to coaches/managers/independent contractors/referees/3<sup>rd</sup> Party vendors who have regular contact with or authority over and/or have access to the data of youth participants at the Tournament must successfully complete and pass a national and multi-county background screening and be in good standing with their US Youth Soccer State Association or USSF Member Organization. Tournament Host agrees to collect prior to the start of the Tournament the IYSA Risk Management Certification from every adult who has regular contact with or authority over and/or has access to the data of youth participants at the Tournament.

#### **8. Abuse Prevention**

Tournament Host agrees to comply with all state and federal laws including but not limited to the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 that was passed on February 14, 2018. The Tournament Host agrees that every adult volunteering/working including but not limited to referees, administrators, independent contractors or 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors in this Tournament who has regular contact with or authority over and/or has access to the data of youth participants at the Tournament has passed the current IYSA background screen, has the current US Center for Safe Sport Training Certificate, Concussion Training Completion Certificate from the National Alliance for Youth Sports or Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports, the IYSA Emergency Medical Release & Liability Waiver and the IYSA Communicable Disease Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement. The Tournament Host will make these documents available to the IYSA upon request.

#### **9. Tournament Cancellation**

The Tournament must publish their refund policy on its website prior to Tournament registration. The IYSA Tournament Application Fee will not be refunded if this Tournament is canceled. Tournament Host must submit at least One Week prior to the start of the Tournament written notice of cancellation and/or date change to the ISRC at [jenny@ilsoccerrefs.org](mailto:jenny@ilsoccerrefs.org) and the IYSA at [tour@illinoisyouthsoccer.org](mailto:tour@illinoisyouthsoccer.org).

#### **10. Recreational Teams**

To host a recreational team division, the Tournament Host must be an IYSA Recreational Member League in good standing with the IYSA and the players and teams must be currently registered with an IYSA Member Rec League. **IYSA does not provide insurance coverage for Non-IYSA teams, players, coaches & associated personnel.** The Tournament Host must collect from each Non-IYSA team, prior to the start of the Tournament, a valid Travel Permit or Certificate of Insurance issued by their State Association/Member Organization stating that the Organization is extending its insurance coverage to the Non-IYSA team during its participation in the Tournament. The Tournament Host will submit these documents to IYSA at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the Tournament.

#### **11. IYSA Team Risk Management Certification – All Teams**

Tournament Host must collect prior to the Tournament, the completed and signed IYSA Team Risk Management Certification from every team participating in the Tournament including IYSA teams. The Tournament Host will submit these documents to IYSA at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the Tournament.

#### **12. FORM NT– All non-IYSA/USYS Teams**

Tournament Host understands that each non-IYSA/USYS Member team must complete and submit Form NT and the IYSA Risk Management required documents to the Tournament Host at the time the Team is registering for the Tournament but no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the Tournament.

#### **13. Fields Outside of Illinois**

Please contact IYSA regarding the use of tournament fields outside Illinois.

#### **14. Travel Permits & Non-IYSA Player/Team Exclusion**

**IYSA does not provide insurance coverage for Non-IYSA teams, players, coaches & associated personnel.** Tournament Host must collect from each Non-IYSA team, prior to the start of the Tournament, a valid Travel Permit and Certificate of Insurance issued by their State Association/Member Organization showing that its insurance coverage was extended to the Non-IYSA team for its participation in the Tournament. The Tournament Host must submit these documents to the IYSA at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the Tournament.

#### **15. Video Cameras & Personal Property Exclusion**

IYSA does not provide insurance coverage for claims resulting from the use of personal property including but not limited to video cameras. If the Tournament Host allows the use of video cameras and other personal property, the Tournament Host must ensure that the video cameras and other personal property are anchored according to the manufacturers' guidelines for the weather conditions. The Tournament Host assumes sole and total liability for any claims resulting from the use of personal property including but not limited to video cameras, tripods, tents, banners, grills, seating, containers, etc. Personal Property includes any property owned and/or used by the team, club and/or associated persons. **A coach who refuses to anchor the video cameras and/or personal property may be held in violation of the IYSA Code of Conduct for Coaches and the US Soccer Rules of Conduct.**

#### **16. Amusement-type Equipment and Activities Exclusion**

IYSA does not provide insurance coverage for claims resulting from the use of Amusement-type equipment and activities including but not limited to inflatables, bungee operations, climbing walls, mechanical or animal rides, rodeos, water slides, concerts, fireworks, etc.

#### **17. Communicable Disease Exclusion**

In order to host an IYSA approved Tournament in Illinois, the Tournament Host must abide by the most current Illinois state and local government public health orders, Illinois Department of Public Health Guidelines, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines, and Illinois Youth Soccer Protocol. The IYSA does not provide any insurance coverage for any and all communicable diseases including those involving epidemics and pandemics.

#### **18. General Exclusions**

In addition to the exclusions listed in this Agreement, IYSA does not provide insurance coverage to product and service providers including medical, food, alcohol, activities, events, parking providers, exhibitors, and persons in bad standing with the IYSA or the USSF Organization Member for all claims resulting from their participation in the Tournament. IYSA does not provide insurance coverage to over-age and/or adult division participants. IYSA does not provide insurance coverage for claims resulting from the operations of outside vendors including but not limited to food vendor, exhibitors, parking vendor, etc. IYSA does not provide coverage for claims resulting from the sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or substances. In the event the Tournament mandates hotel accommodations, IYSA does not provide insurance coverage to said accommodations and any claim arising therefrom. IYSA does not provide coverage for claims resulting from any violation of federal, state and/or local municipality laws.

**The Tournament Host must submit to IYSA at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the Tournament a Certificate of Insurance and necessary endorsements from each vendor including but not limited to a third-party vendor, medical service provider, alcohol, food, amusement equipment, Parking Service provider evidencing compliance with Section 2 of this Agreement.**

#### **19. Traffic Control Exclusion**

Tournament Host must not engage volunteers to conduct traffic on public roads. Tournament Host must contract local authority and/or a third party vendor specializing in traffic control on public roads. The Tournament Host must obtain a Certificate of Insurance evidencing compliance with Section 2 of this Agreement including naming the IYSA and Tournament Host as additional insureds. Parking area volunteers shall complete the current "IYSA Emergency Medical Release and Liability Waiver" prior to assuming their assigned duties. The Tournament Host will make these documents available to the IYSA upon request. Any individual assisting in parking areas must be 18 years of age or older. The IYSA does not insure claims resulting from the collection of on-site parking fees or from bodily injury or property damage resulting from the directing of traffic.

#### **20. Medical Waivers**

Tournament Host must collect prior to the Tournament from each Non-IYSA team the current completed & signed IYSA Emergency Medical Release and Liability Waiver ("Waiver") for each of the team's players and coaches. Each IYSA member team must have a copy of the current completed & signed Waiver and the Tournament Host must collect the Waiver from any participant involved in an accident or incident. All required documentation must be promptly submitted to the IYSA with an insurance claim.

#### **21. Accidents/Incidents Reporting**

Tournament Host must promptly notify in writing IYSA within forty-eight (48) hours of any accident/injury/incident that may result in an insurance claim and submit the accident/injury/incident reports, Waivers, endorsements and any other documents to IYSA via email to [mk@illinoisyouthsoccer.org](mailto:mk@illinoisyouthsoccer.org).

#### **22. US Soccer Player Development Initiatives**

The Tournament, the Tournament Referee Assignor and referees must abide by the current US Soccer US Player Development Initiatives with special emphasis on the 7v7 Standards of Play and Build Out Line. Please click the following link or visit the US Soccer website for information: <https://www.ussoccer.com/coaching-education/resources/us-soccer-player-development-initiatives>.

#### **23. Medical Professionals**

Based on the US Soccer Concussion Initiative Guidelines, Health Care Professionals (HCP) must be present at all Tournaments. A Health Care Professional is a currently (Illinois) state licensed athletic trainer or a physician with a skill set in emergency care and sports medicine injuries and knowledge and expertise in concussion evaluation and management. The HCP must be clearly visible to the Tournament participants at each site and accessible by cellular communication to attend to injuries for the duration of this Tournament. All athletic trainers must be licensed/certified in Illinois, have passed an IYSA Background Search and have submitted the Health Professionals Course completion certificate or the current annual US Center for Safe Sport Training Completion Certificate" Core Certificate". The Tournament Host must provide the HCPs with cellular/radio communication, a golf cart and a shelter/tent area for treating injuries. The Tournament must abide by the US Soccer Recognize 2 Recover Concussion Initiative Guidelines with special emphasis on Section IIB.

#### **24. Concussions**

Since signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or may take hours or days to fully appear, any person 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 and shall not return to play until the Injured Person has been evaluated and obtained and submitted to the Tournament Host a signed clearance from a licensed medical doctor who specializes in concussion treatment and management. The Tournament Host agrees to use and abide by the terms listed in the IYSA Concussion Notification Form (Concussion Form). The Tournament Host or medical representative must give a copy of the Concussion Form to the Team Coach and to the Parent/Guardian/Responsible Party of the underage injured player or to the player if 18 years of age or older. Tournament Host must keep the signed original Concussion Form and submit it to the IYSA with the Post Tournament Report.

#### **25. Heading Ban**

Heading is banned for players aged 10 and younger (U11 and younger age brackets) at all IYSA approved 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 at the point of contact.

#### **26. Heat Precautions**

Tournament Host understands that high heat and humidity increases the risk of dangerous heat illness and heat stroke. Tournament Host agrees to abide by the heat index chart developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the US Soccer Heat Guidelines to determine when heat and humidity have reached the point where athletes are at serious risk and take precautions to prevent heat illnesses, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. A coach who refuses to abide by and/or ignores weather safety directions from the Tournament Host may be held in violation of the IYSA Code of Conduct for Coaches and the US Soccer Rules of Conduct.

#### **27. Air Quality Standards**

Tournament Host agrees to abide by the US Soccer Air Quality Index Guidelines and use the [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov) link to determine the air quality index in their area.

### **28. Weather Related Safety**

Tournament Host agrees to use an electronic lightning detector and abide by and enforce the lightning and thunderstorm safety guidelines issued by weather safety authorities including but not limited to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Safety Council, National Weather Service Office, American Red Cross or Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Tournament Host agrees to use at every site an Air Horn or central lightning detection siren to sound an alarm to the teams and to provide written instructions thereof to each team. Example: One Long (3 second) Blast means "Clear the Fields" and Three Short (1 second) Blasts means "All Clear - Return to Fields". The Tournament Host may disqualify any team from further participation in the Tournament that refuses to abide by the lightning and thunderstorm safety guidelines and move off the field to a safe location. A coach who refuses to abide by and/or ignores weather safety directions from the Tournament may be held in violation of the IYSA Code of Conduct for Coaches and the US Soccer Rules of Conduct.

### **29. Goals & Portable Equipment Safety**

Tournament Host agrees to abide by IYSA's Goal Safety Policy (Rule 021-A). Tournament Host shall inspect and ensure prior to the start of the tournament that the fields, goals and portable equipment including but not limited to goals, cameras, tents, grills, seating, inflatables, etc. are safe and that the used and unused goals are ANCHORED and STORED according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission's and the goal manufacturer's guidelines for the environmental conditions, and that all of the goals have labels warning of climbing hazards. All unused goals must be anchored and/or chained to a substantial or permanent structure or to another goal. All portable equipment including but not limited to fences, tents and signs must be securely anchored and stored for the environmental conditions and according to the manufacturer's guidelines.

### **30. Golf Cart Safety**

All golf carts and other motorized vehicles shall be operated only by individuals 18 years of age or older who hold a valid state driver's license. **The ignition key must be removed when the vehicle is not being operated.**

### **31. Unmanned Aircraft (Drones)**

Tournament Host agrees that the use of Unmanned Aircraft is strictly prohibited at all IYSA approved events.

### **32. Tournament Passes**

A Non-member can obtain an IYSA Tournament Pass online to participate in an IYSA or US Youth Soccer sanctioned tournament or to participate as a guest player with an IYSA member team. Allow at least ten (10) days for processing a player or coach pass.

Contact the IYSA to verify if an IYSA Recreational League Coaching Pass allows that person to coach an IYSA Member Competitive Team.

### **33. Foreign/International Teams (Teams outside the United States)**

Any tournament involving international teams must also obtain permission from USSF. Please contact USSF at 312-808-1300. Tournament Host shall submit USSF Permission Form to the IYSA with the Post Tournament Report.

### **34. Document Requirements**

Tournament Host must collect, submit and retain the documents listed in this Agreement. Electronic reports are accepted and can be uploaded to Google Drive. For upload instructions, please email to [tour@illinoisyouthsoccer.org](mailto:tour@illinoisyouthsoccer.org).

#### **Documents required prior to the Tournament from All Teams:**

- IYSA Risk Management Certification
- Necessary documents

#### **Documents required prior to the Tournament from Non-IYSA Teams/Players:**

- IYSA Emergency Medical Release and Liability Waiver ("Waiver") for each player
- Valid State Association/US Soccer Member Organization Roster
- Guest Player Form
- Travel Permit or Certificates of Insurance and necessary endorsements
- Form NT (Not required for USYS teams)

Tournament Host understands and agrees to be solely liable for any and all claims incurred by a Team during the Tournament for whom the Tournament Host does not have on file the required documents.

The participant documents are the confidential and exclusive property of the IYSA and the Tournament Host and can only be used for the Tournament purposes only.

### **35. Tournament Host Procedures**

- a. Collect and submit to the IYSA the required documents.
- b. Abide by the requirements listed in this Tournament application.
- c. Publish Tournament playing rules & procedures, team entry fee, refund policy, cancellation policy, parking fees & process and other pertinent information.

- d. Verify that each team in this Tournament is represented by a coach who is responsible for the conduct of his/her team and supporters.
- e. Verify that each coach has a valid Coach's pass from the team's US Member Organization (ie: a US Youth Soccer pass for US Youth Soccer teams, US Club pass for US Club teams, AYSO pass for AYSO teams). Foreign teams must present coaching credentials that have been verified by US Soccer.
- f. In the event the team coach is unable to coach during the tournament, an IYSA team may replace the team coach with a coach who has a valid IYSA Competitive Member League Pass or an IYSA Tournament Pass. If the team is not an IYSA Member, the coach must have a valid pass from the same US Soccer Organization Member as the team.
- g. Verify that The Team's Roster, coach and player passes are issued by the same US Soccer Organization Member.
- h. Cross off The Team's players who are not participating in The Tournament.
- i. List the Guest/Replacement players on The Team's Roster.
- j. Verify that The Team has the Guest Player Permit from The Team's USYS State Association or US Soccer Organization Member. *The Guest Player cannot participate without the Guest Player Permit from his/her Member Organization.*

**36. Guest Player Permission**

A player may only guest play for the same US Soccer Organization Member team. Example: A player may not use his/her IYSA/US Youth Soccer member pass to play for a US Club or any other non-IYSA/US Youth Soccer member team. A US Club team may not use a player with an IYSA/US Youth Soccer member pass.

- **Non-IYSA Player:** Guest Player Permission indicating permission from a player's registered team coach is required for a non-IYSA player to guest play with another team in the Tournament.
- **IYSA Player:** Guest Player Permission is not required for a current validly "passed" IYSA player to play with an IYSA team at the Tournament. The player's possession of a valid IYSA pass is evidence that the player has received permission from his/her registered IYSA team to play with an IYSA team in the Tournament.

**37. Post Tournament Report**

Tournament Host agrees to submit to the IYSA the Post Tournament Report and the required documents within fifteen days (15) after the conclusion of this Tournament.

**AGREEMENT**

We the undersigned Tournament Director and the Chief Executive Officer certify that we have the authority to conduct business on behalf of the hosting organization ("Tournament Host") and understand and agree to the terms of this Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) Tournament Host Agreement and all requirements of the IYSA. We understand that this Agreement is subject to change and may be amended by IYSA during the term of this Agreement and that IYSA requirements and tournament rules may be subject to modifications and/or additions as necessary during the course of this Agreement. We certify that the information provided in this Agreement is true and correct, that we have the required number of players currently registered with the IYSA and that we are in compliance with the bylaws, policies, procedures and requirements of the IYSA. We certify that the Tournament Host is not a member of any organization that conflicts with IYSA's bylaws, policies, procedures, rules and requirements. We understand that to be listed as a tournament approved by the IYSA is a privilege and not a right. We understand and agree that if the Tournament Host fails to comply with any of these requirements, IYSA Tournament approved status may be withdrawn, we shall forfeit the Tournament bond, be subject to a penalty up to and including \$1,000, be placed on probation with the IYSA and jeopardize the privilege of hosting an IYSA approved tournament in Illinois. This Agreement cannot be withdrawn by the Tournament Host and any attempt to do so will cause the Tournament to forfeit its bond. We agree not to solicit players, teams, coaches, or members for participation/membership. We understand the IYSA insurance coverage and exclusions and fully agree that IYSA does not provide insurance coverage for any and all claims relating to Directors and Officers, commercial property, dishonesty, vendors including 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors, non-IYSA member participation, use of private property and equipment, traffic control, epidemics and pandemics, referees that are not USSF licensed including but not limited to other exclusions that are not covered by IYSA. The Applicant agrees to consult its insurance provider to purchase coverage not provided by the IYSA. We understand and agree that by granting this approval, the IYSA is not liable for and does not assume any liability for transportation, lodging, and/or injury to persons or property sustained before, during or after this Tournament.

**SIGNATURE OF THE TOURNAMENT HOST PRESIDENT/CEO AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ARE REQUIRED!**

Tournament Host President/CEO \_\_\_\_\_ Date 2/19/2026  
 Tournament Host Tournament Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date 2/19/2026  
 Third Party Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Michael J. Benon  
 Wheaton Park District Executive Director