



LEAGUE SANCTIONING AGREEMENT

1. League and Team Sanctioning. Pursuant to the League Sanctioning Application and supplemental materials that have been submitted, US Club Soccer (hereinafter "USCS") hereby agrees to sanction the *Indiana Champions League* (hereinafter "League") and those League or Club member teams which register their players with USCS for the August 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009 season. The League and its teams shall be entitled to all the member benefits of USCS, and the USSF, with which USCS is a National Affiliate.

a. Term: The term of this Sanctioning Agreement shall be from August 1, 2008, through July 31, 2009 and is subject to renewal based upon the granting of further sanctioning rights by USCS.

b. Location: The location of the league and its teams shall include the area of: the state of Indiana. Expansion of league activities outside of this area must be included in an amended League Sanctioning Agreement.

c. Registration: All players and staff participating in the League shall be registered with USCS. The League, and its properly registered teams, players, and staff shall be covered by the USCS insurance policy then in effect for USCS members.

d. This sanctioning is conditioned upon the League abiding by terms of the documents submitted pursuant to the sanctioning review process, as well as any subsequent documents submitted to and approved by USCS.

e. Age Groups: The League is sanctioned for the boy's and girl's age groups at the roster sizes set forth in the League Application. USCS will consider sanctioning additional age groups only upon further application from the League.

f. The League shall provide to USCS a regularly updated list of teams expected to participate in the League. It may adopt its schedule without approval of USCS. However, USCS shall be provided a final and complete schedule of League games prior to the start of the League season, and the final League competition results at the end of the League season.

2. Bylaws and Policies. The League agrees to abide by the Policies and Bylaws of USCS, (including the USCS risk management and background check program), and of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), and to enforce them with their USCS registered teams.

3. Passcard Production and Validation. USCS will accept and process the player and staff registrations of the League's teams which register on the USCS website. USCS shall produce passcards for such players and staff and return them to the team registrar.

a. Unless passcards are issued to a USCS club member (as opposed to a League member team), such passcards shall not be valid unless and until this Section has been complied with.

b. Player and staff registrations shall not be valid, no one may participate in any competition, nor shall insurance coverage for a participant be in force, unless and until registration fees are paid, and passcards are issued by USCS and returned to the club or team, and in the case of a player, the player's picture is affixed to the card, and the card is laminated.

c. Proof of birthdate, and in the case of team staff a risk management form, shall be submitted and accepted by USCS before passcards are issued. Medical authorizations are held by the team, but the League may retain a copy, and will also assist USCS in obtaining copies of medical authorizations from the team if so requested. The League may, at its discretion, review and validate (via stamp or otherwise) such passcards before they are utilized in League play.

4. Player/Staff Registration Fees. Beginning January 1, 2007, player and staff fees for the registration year shall be \$12 for players under U12, \$16 for players U12 and above, and \$15 for staff. All such fees shall be paid directly to USCS before passcards are issued.

5. Team Rosters. Team rosters that are printed from the League team's USCS website are official rosters for USCS purposes. The League may choose to accept such rosters for their competitions, or require the teams to complete a separate, official League roster. However, no rosters shall be valid without accompanying passcards. The League shall assure that passcards and rosters are checked at each League game.

6. Other Competitions. League teams that have USCS player cards may use such cards to participate in other competitions that are open to USSF—affiliated members (i.e. unrestricted competitions), are covered by USCS insurance when doing so, and travel or other permissions are not required.

a. The League or its member teams may obtain sanctioning to host tournaments, or other competitions with USSF—affiliated teams by completing a USCS tournament application.

US Club Soccer



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