

Player Recruitment

MAYSA's intent in creating rules and regulations prohibiting player recruitment is to prevent not only recruiting but a "culture of recruiting". The movement of players to and from teams and clubs must be transparent and undertaken with the best interests of the players and the game of soccer as the highest priority.

All coaches and club officials are strongly encouraged to explain these policies to the parents on their team prior to season.

As set forth in the MAYSA Coaches Code of Conduct, it is unethical for a coach or any other club official or parent to recruit presently rostered players outside of MAYSA's authorized tryout period and the Period of Open Promotion in the designated time frame prior to tryouts. Players make a commitment to a TEAM and those commitments need to be honored so that the integrity of that team can be maintained.

Teams who are short players due to moves, injuries, attrition, etc. should contact Club Registrars to obtain the names of players who are presently on waiting lists or otherwise not rostered to a team.

Contacting presently rostered players or their parents directly via phone, e-mail or in person about playing for a different team is considered recruitment and may result in sanctions against the coach of the violating team. If a player is to participate as a guest in another club/team's organized training session(s) or event, the coach or manager of the team on which the player is currently rostered should be notified and provide approval via written (or electronic) correspondence.

Accusations of recruiting will only be accepted in writing and by a recognized club official (e.g., club director or board member) and evaluated by MAYSA's Competitive Committee.

If MAYSA's Competitive Committee determines that illegal recruiting occurred, punitive measures will be imposed upon the coach of the offending team, including one (or both) of the following:

1. A letter-of-reprimand.
2. Being prohibited from coaching in MAYSA or WYSA-sanctioned leagues or WYSA State Championships and/or Region II and US Youth Soccer National Championships for up to a full calendar year.

Coaches have 10 days to file an appeal to any sanction, which will be reviewed by the MAYSA Board of Directors.

The players who were deemed to have been illegally recruited will not be subject to sanctions or other punitive measures.