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## Criteria And Requirements for Awarding MSYSA/Region II Recreational Accreditation

The Region II Recreational Recognition "Five Star Award" may be granted by the state association to recreational member organizations in recognition of achievement of quality in education, referee development and risk management.

The state associations may award the REGION II FIVE STAR AWARD if their member recreational programs meet the criteria established by Region II. States will be required to provide Region II with a statement that each recreational organization that is awarded the "US Youth Soccer - Region II, Five Star Recreation Award" has met the criteria.

This Recreational "Five Star Award" program will be administered by USYSA Region II member states and their participation is optional. The state associations will award the Five Star recognition if their member recreational programs meet the Region II guidelines. The Five Star program will require no USYSA staff resources to operate.

For 2010-11 Region II has established the following five criteria for recreational club recognition:

- 1. Coach education
- a) The recreational program will need to have 30% of the coaches in their program obtain USYSA or state approved coaching certificates that conform to the US Youth Soccer "Youth Module curriculum", the "E" Certificate or US Youth Soccer approved coaching licenses. (The minimum percentage may be adjusted in subsequent years.)
- 2. Referee development or mentoring
- a) The recreational program will certify to its state association that 90% of their referees are USSF certified (Grade 9, 8 or higher).
- b) If unable to satisfy the 90% level, and prior to attaining that level within 3 years, the recreational program certifies that it is operating the USSF Grade 9 referee program.
- 3. Full participation in Kid-Safe (background checks)
- a) States association to ensure that its recreational program had complete compliance with USYSA guidelines
- 4. Goal Safety (inspections and anchoring)
- a) The recreational program certifies to their state association that all goals in its possession or use are anchored or secured, whether in use or not.
- 5. Sideline and Parent Behavior and Education





a) The recreational program certifies to the state association that is has a parent behavior program in place (e.g., distribution of the USYSA "Positive Parenting for Youth Soccer" DVD to every team).

States may use a multi-tier system to promote and develop the Five Star Award system in their own state, but the "Region II Five Star Award" language may only be granted if there is a written statement of compliance with the above criteria from the state.

States will be required to provide a listing of their "Region II Five Star Award" recreational clubs indicating, for each club, the percentage of coaches in compliance, the percentage of referees in compliance or a description of their referee development program, the percentage of coaches and assistant coaches that have completed background checks, the number of goals for which the club is responsible, and the method by which parent behavior and education is addressed.

There are four important aspects to the USYSA Region II Recreation Five Star program:

- A branding opportunity for both USYSA and the State Association.
- It cements relationships with current recreational members and gives recognition status that competitors cannot replicate.
- It will encourage recreational members to initiate coaching education criteria that will require reliance on the state association and USYSA's educational materials.
- It will help the states with membership retention and stimulate referee development.

It is believed that local recreational leaders will find achieving the optional Five Star recognition status to be a marketing advantage and a reason to continue affiliation with the USYSA state organization. While states could implement their own certification program, USYSA Region II recognition is more desirable.



