Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

OFFICIAL MSYSA FORM

APPLICATION TO HOST FRIENDLY GAMES
CHECKLIST, RULES, and POLICIES

GENERAL:

Interested teams/organizations must obtain permission from MSYSA to host friendly games in Michigan.

All MSYSA sanctioned Friendly Games must have sponsorship from their primary MSYSA affiliated member. This direct member affiliate must be listed as the sponsoring organization on all official documents.

Note: Only direct MSYSA member affiliates in good standing AND that have registered at least 400 players with MSYSA in the previous seasonal year will be allowed to sponsor MSYSA Friendly Games.

Sanctioning is awarded at the sole discretion of MSYSA. Friendly Games may not be sanctioned if MSYSA feels there is just cause.

FRIENDLY GAMES RESTRICTIONS:

To be considered for Friendly Game approval, ALL of the following must apply:

1. No fees will be charged. However, hosting clubs may collect field rental fees and referee game fees.
2. Participating teams/clubs must be currently registered with the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, a US Youth Soccer State Association, or an Organizational Member of US Soccer.
3. No more than twenty (20) games per week are permitted.
4. No standings shall be kept, and no awards shall be issued.
5. No guest players will be allowed – however, club passcarding (as defined by MSYSA) is permitted.
6. All game officials must be currently registered with and licensed by US Soccer.
7. All game officials must comply with FIFA Laws of the Game and MSYSA Rules, Regulations, and Policies.
8. Referees must be assigned by a referee assignor who is currently registered with and certified by US Soccer.
9. All MSYSA Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations are adhered to, including but not limited to, game format. Any/all proposed deviances must be clearly stated and specifically approved by MSYSA in advance.
10. Application to Host Friendly Games and a list of fields (with addresses) must be submitted to MSYSA at least seven (7) days in advance of the proposed dates(s) of the Friendly Games.
11. Organizations hosting six (6) or fewer friendly games need not fill out this application. However, they must notify their primary MSYSA affiliated member to guarantee insurance coverage.

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POST EVENT PAPERWORK

Teams/Organizations hosting MSYSA sanctioned Friendly Games must submit to MSYSA a list of all yellow/red cards received in the Friendly Games and a detailed report of any instances of referee abuse/assault within fifteen (15) days of the conclusion of the Friendly Games.

OUT OF STATE TEAMS

All out-of-state team(s) must be currently registered with their US Youth Soccer State Association or with an Organizational Member of US Soccer, and have permission from their organizational body to attend MSYSA sanctioned Friendly Games.

GUEST PLAYERS & CLUB PASSCARDING

Guest players (from outside a team's own club) will not be permitted, however, club passcarding is permitted. Club Passcarding is basically the utilization of "guest players" from within the team's own club.

Each organizational body is responsible for defining "club" as it relates to their teams. MSYSA defines "Club" as an organization providing soccer to youth players that is either a direct member of MSYSA or that registers players with MSYSA through an affiliated member. At no time shall an affiliated member who functions as a "scheduling" league also be considered a club. In the case where a club sets up one or more satellite clubs in the state, those satellite clubs may only be considered part of the main club if all of the following criteria is met: 1) The main club and satellite club have the same Board of Directors; 2) The main club and satellite club have the same Tax ID Number; and 3) The main club and satellite club are in the same MSYSA District as determined by the MSYSA Board of Directors

SMALL-SIDED GAMES

Age groups should play in a format as described within the MSYSA Rules, Regulations, and Policies. **If another format is used, any/all deviances must be clearly stated and specifically approved by MSYSA in advance.** MSYSA is not obligated to sanction Friendly Games Requests that are not consistent with MSYSA rules.

MEDICAL RELEASES/WAIVERS

Teams must be able to provide medical authorizations (medical release forms) for each player attending the tournament. MSYSA teams do not need their medical authorizations forms to be notarized.

INSURANCE

MSYSA will provide general liability insurance to MSYSA affiliated teams for MSYSA sanctioned Friendly Games. Furthermore, all MSYSA affiliated teams who participate in MSYSA sanctioned Friendly Games will have secondary medical insurance extended to them.

RISK MANAGEMENT

All MSYSA team officials must be risk management certified by MSYSA and must be able to present their risk management card at any time during the Friendly Games. Team officials from other organizations must be able to show proof of their organization's equivalent risk management certification.

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Send this form and list of fields to MSYSA at 9401 General Dr. Suite 120, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Name of Friendly Games:_____

Hosting Organization:_____

Sponsoring Organization:_____

Hosting Organization Contact:_____

Title:_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone:_____ E-Mail:_____

Location(s) of Friendly Games: _____

Date(s) of Friendly Games: _____ Number of Games: _____

Team Name	Age/Gender	MSYSA League, State Association, or Organizational Member of USSF	Primary Contact
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
Attach an additional sheet if necessary			

_____ _____

Signature of Hosting Organization Contact *Date*

_____ _____

Signature of Sponsoring Organization President *Date*

_____ _____

Signature of MSYSA State Office, if/when approved *Date*