



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

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Dear Club & League Representatives:

As previously communicated, MSYSA was recently made aware of significant changes related to international clearance (ITC), which are effective immediately. Earlier this week, U.S. Soccer distributed updated information and new ITC-related forms to its members (including State Associations).

MSYSA has created a resource ([‘MSYSA International Clearance’](#)) to provide updated information on international clearance processes. Feel free to share this resource with players/parents and other club representatives, as needed. This document will also be posted on the MSYSA website, under Member Services > Guest & Player Forms.

- Page 1 includes general information and a summary of recent changes
- Page 2 includes an ITC Process Chart, which serves as a flow chart to help parents, players, and club administrators determine which ITC process is applicable to the player
- Page 3 includes a list of all the ITC processes, with a link for each process containing detailed instructions and the required form
- Pages 4 & 5 include ‘Best Practices’ and ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ as provided by U.S. Soccer

There are a few notable changes to ITC processes, which are highlighted here (and discussed in the resource linked above).

- The **‘P10 Registration’** (Prior-to-10) process is now limited to players **9 years old or younger**.
- Players who are 10 years of age or older should seek clearance using a different ITC process as outlined in the ITC Process Chart. A few examples include the ‘First Registration – U.S. Citizen’ process or the **new ‘5 Year Exception’** process
- The **‘50km/31mi Exception’** process now requires a **“Proof of Club Headquarters”** document, which is further described in the link for that process.
- **ALL ITC PROCESSES** now utilize **new forms** as issued by U.S. Soccer. The form links are available on Page 3 of the linked resource above. Previous forms should not be used and will not be accepted by MSYSA.
- The new forms issued by U.S. Soccer indicate that an ITC request should be submitted **at least 30 days prior to the start of league play**. However, the forms also state that submitting at least 30 days ahead of time does not guarantee the player will be eligible. MSYSA has seen that certain ITC process types require several months for processing. Please plan accordingly. Carefully following instructions and submitting all required documentation for the respective request type will help support a quicker turnaround.



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The process to submit ITC requests is the same. Forms and supporting documents should be submitted to MSYSA via email to itc@michiganyouthsoccer.org. Attachments must be in PDF format. Include the player's name in the email subject line.

As a reminder, **clubs with teams participating in MLS Next are considered by US Soccer to have a professional affiliation.** All players registering with clubs who are involved with MLS Next are subject to ITC requirements. This includes the players who play in MLS Next as well as the players who participate in any MSYSA affiliated leagues & programming.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience regarding this change to the international clearance process. Please carefully review the 'MSYSA International Clearance' resource for more details. If you have questions that have not already been addressed, please submit them via email to itc@michiganyouthsoccer.org.

Sincerely,

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