



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

Prior to 10 Process (P10 3-15)

Players who were **born outside of the U.S. but entered the country to live prior to their 10th birthday** simply need to provide proof in order to be cleared to register with U.S. Soccer. **The document being used as proof should have the player's name, a date that is prior to the player's 10th birthday, and show that the player was taking part in day-to-day life in the United States.**

Acceptable forms of proof documentation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- School report cards
- Doctor/immunization records (must be dated and signed by U.S.-based doctor)
- Certificate of Baptism
- Previous registration history with a **different** sports program

Unacceptable forms of proof documentation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Passport/visa entry page
- Class group photo that does not individually identify each student
- Letter from player/parents verifying the date they moved to the country

In order to be cleared via this method, the player should complete the following steps:

1. Complete the Prior to 10 Request Form
2. Obtain a copy of some form of official document that proves the player was living in the United States prior to their 10th birthday per examples listed above.
3. **Forward documentation to State Association, who will in turn pass on to U.S. Soccer.**
Email request to MSYSA at itc@michiganyouthsoccer.org

Once received, U.S. Soccer reviews the player's documentation and approval is sent to State Association. Players should communicate with their State Associations to verify whether clearance has been granted.

Please note that children have medical privacy rights and there is no obligation to release any information concerning a child's medical history or identifiers.

Please send all documents in separate, individual PDF files. FIFA TMS only permits the upload of PDFs and does not support any other file format. Documentation sent in any other format will not be accepted and will need to be resent in PDF format.