

# NYSW Policy for Hosting Outdoor Tournaments

## The Hosting Organization shall:

1. Submit its Hosting Application and all other required documents/forms and fees referred to below to the New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) State Office no earlier than September 1 but before November 1 for tournaments and festivals to be held during the next calendar year. Please use the on-line application process and follow with hard documentation as required.
2. Follow all rules/regulations and guidelines described in the US Youth Soccer Policy on Hosting Tournaments or Games of August 1, 2015, and pay particular attention to sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this Policy. Any Organization found to have violated the US Youth Soccer or NYSWYSA hosting policies, will be subject to disciplinary penalties, which may include being denied permission to travel to and/or permission to host future tournaments or festivals.
3. Submit an Assignor Certification Form signed by a certified Assignor (or his/her designee) confirming the availability of a sufficient number of officials for the specified Tournament/Festival.
4. Submit a copy of the Tournament Rules, and as part of these rules you must:
  - a) Specify the number of fields that will be utilized, and their locations.
  - b) Have a clear and concise policy on the penalty for a coach or player receiving a red card.
  - c) Have a clear policy on team placement within divisions. Detail the expectations for teams who participate at a "Premier" level and provide clarification on what are considered "Premier" level teams. (ex. Teams only from Premier clubs or Any teams who participate in leagues above the district level)
5. Submit a letter from the Tournament Site Facility granting the Tournament Host use of their fields for the dates specified on the Host Application Form. This letter shall specify the numbers of fields and their locations. In the event the field situation is not yet certain at the time of the filing of the Hosting Application, the Hosting Organization may (in lieu of the above-mentioned letter) include a statement indicating their expected number of fields and their locations. In this case the letter from the Tournament Site Facility shall be filed with the NYSWYSA office no later than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Tournament/Festival. Failure to comply will be considered a violation of the NYSWYSA Hosting Policy (See #2 above). Final approval and listing of the tournament on the NYSW website will NOT happen until tournament site facility letter has been received by NYSW.
6. Attach to the Hosting Application a \$200 non-refundable Application Fee in the form of a club check made payable to NYSWYSA.

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7. Submit a \$100 Tournament Bond in the form of a club check made payable to NYSWYSA. (One check covering both the Application Fee and the Tournament Bond is acceptable.) This bond will be refunded upon the NY West State Office receiving a Post Tournament Report within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the tournament/festival. For special tournaments/festivals approved by the NYSWYSA Director of Recreational Soccer, the Post Tournament Report shall be filed with the Director within ten (10) days after the conclusion of the tournament/festival. Failure to submit the Post Tournament Report within the required number of days shall result in forfeiture of the Bond.

### Furthermore,

8. NYSWYSA is not required to accept or approve any Application to Host a Tournament/Festival submitted outside the established time period of between September 1 and November 1. Applications received after November 1 will be considered on a first come, first-serve basis and will be processed within five (5) business days of receipt of all documents at the NYSWYSA State Office. They must be accompanied by the following late fees, which are in addition to the regular application and bond fees, (Note: There also may be additional late fees required by US Youth Soccer).
  - a. Sixty (60) or more days prior to the Tournament/Festival - \$200.
  - b. Less than sixty (60) days prior to the Tournament/Festival-\$300.
9. NYSWYSA will consider applications that do not satisfy all of the specifications listed in #'s 1 – 8 above as incomplete. Incomplete applications (along with any fees submitted) will be returned within five (5) business days of receipt and considered as not having ever been submitted. The reason(s) for considering the application incomplete will be explained in an accompanying letter.
10. All U10 or younger age division play in tournaments must be advertised/ marketed as “festivals” or “jamborees”. Format of play must be round robin with no game results recorded/posted. There shall be no awards based on win/loss records for these age divisions – only participation awards for all players. Play in these age divisions shall be in accordance with established USYSA guidelines with the following additional specific requirements:
  - a. Effective on August 1, 2017, the U9 and U10 age divisions must play no more than 7v7, including the goalkeeper, on a field with maximum dimensions of approximately 65 x 45 yards, with modified goals at the maximum size of 6.5ft H x 18.5ft W.
  - b. Effective on August 1, 2017, the U11 age division must play 9v9, including the goalkeeper, on a field with maximum dimensions of approximately 80 x 55 yards, with modified goals at the maximum size of 7ft H x 21ft W.
11. All Travel Permits for out-of-state participating teams shall be kept on file by the Hosting Organization for one (1) year after the Tournament/Festival and shall be made available to NYSWYSA upon request. Out of State Travel Permits are only required for teams who are traveling from outside of the Eastern Region. Eastern Region Tournament Hosting Policy can be found [here](#).

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12. If the event to be hosted is cancelled, the Application Fee will be forfeited, and the Tournament Bond will be returned only if the cancellation is not the fault of the Hosting Organization.
13. Applications, including all required documentation, received after September 1 but before November 1 will be processed as follows:
  - a. When there is only one application for a particular date in a district, the application shall be approved and processed prior to December 1 per the criteria outlined in sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 in the US Youth Soccer Policy on Hosting Tournaments and Games.
  - b. When two or more applications are for the same dates in a district, the applications shall be approved and processed prior to December 1 per the criteria outlined in sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 in the US Youth Soccer Policy on Hosting Tournaments and Games. This includes the provision that a certified Assignor (or his/her designee) signs the Assignor Certification Form for all applications.
  - c. When two or more applications are for the same dates in a district, and at least one Host Organization's Assignor Certification Form is not signed, the following process will be used in the order listed. (Note: In this case only will an unsigned Assignor Certification Form not automatically result in the application being rendered incomplete):
    - i. All clubs requesting the same dates in a district will be contacted no later than one (1) week prior to the Tournament/Festival Host Meeting and asked about the possibility of reducing the number of matches utilizing more than one (1) official.
    - ii. If there can be an agreement to reduce the number of referees required so that the certified Assignor (or his/her designee) determines there is a sufficient number of officials available and signs the Assignor Certification Form for all the applicants, all applications shall be approved per sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the US Youth Soccer Policy on Hosting Tournaments and Games.
    - iii. If the certified Assignor (or his/her designee) determines that there is an insufficient number of officials available and thus cannot sign the Assignor Certification Form for all of the applicants, a random draw will be held after the NY West Soccer Annual General Meeting in November. The first club drawn shall have its application approved. Subsequent clubs drawn shall also have their applications approved until the supply of officials is exhausted.
14. Prior to any hosting organization receiving an approved permission to host, the hosting organization shall register the minimum number of players as provided by the NYSW By-Laws, Article II, 2a for the seasonal year in which the event is to be held.