



CONDITIONS AGREEMENT FOR HOSTING FOREIGN TEAMS IN A TOURNAMENT OR GAMES

In consideration of permission being granted to _____ (Host Organization) to hold a tournament or game(s) at _____ (City), _____ (State) on the dates of _____ (Month/Day), _____ (Year).

We hereby agree to the following conditions:

- ABIDE BY RULES** – We shall abide by all statements made in our Application to Host a Tournament or Games, in our tournament invitation, in our tournament rules, and in this U.S. Soccer International Tournament/Games Hosting Agreement. We agree that all decisions regarding acceptance of teams into a tournament shall be fairly and impartially made and shall not be based upon race, creed, color, national origin, or national affiliation.
- INVITATIONS** – The tournament approval form shall accompany all tournament invitations distributed by us.
- PROCURING LIABILITY INSURANCE** – We have procured liability insurance coverage for the tournament or games not less than \$100,000/\$200,000/\$25,000 which names the U.S. Soccer Member with which the Host Organization is affiliated, any affiliate organization where the Host Organization is a member, and U.S. Soccer and their officers and directors as additional insureds. A certificate of insurance is attached issued by _____ (Insuring Organization).
- REQUIRING MEDICAL AUTHORIZATIONS** – We shall require all teams participating in the tournament or games (“Participating Team(s)”) to provide notarized medical authorizations for each player in a form adequate for use at the site of the tournament. These authorizations shall be presented to the Host Organization at registration and kept at the field available for use by the team.
- AMATEUR SPORTS ACT** – We have read and agree to abide by the provisions of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (see Page 2).
- SAFE SPORT ACT** – We agree to abide by the provisions of the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, the SafeSport Code, and U.S. Soccer Policy 212-3, including but not limited to the requirement that any allegation of child abuse be reported to law enforcement and the Center for SafeSport and that any allegation of sexual misconduct be reported to the Center for SafeSport.
- COVID-19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** – We have read and agree to abide by the provisions of the COVID-19 Disclaimer of Liability (see Page 3) and will enforce the requirements upon each Participating Team as well as obtain agreement from each regarding the provisions therein. We understand and agree that U.S. Soccer is not liable or responsible for any travel issues experienced by the Host Organization or Participating Teams as a result of U.S. or international COVID-19 travel rules and restrictions.

We agree to indemnify, defend, and hold U.S. Soccer (and its directors, members, employees, and affiliates) harmless from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs/expenses, and any other losses arising from Participating Teams’ or the Host Organization’s participation in the tournament or games.
- ADVANCE PUBLICATION OF RULES** – We agree that our tournament or games rules shall be included with the invitation sent to each team and shall again, be published to all teams accepted, prior to the start of the tournament.
- USE OF FIELD MARSHALS/FIELD INSPECTION** – We agree that during the tournament each game field will have a field marshal assigned to it at all times; that the field marshal will be readily available and identifiable; that prior to the commencement of every game the field marshal will inspect the field to be sure it is free from objects

or conditions that may cause injury. If any condition exists which cannot be immediately corrected it shall be brought to the attention of the referee and the tournament director. The Director of Field Marshals is:

NAME _____
ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP) _____
CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

10. **USE OF SPECTATOR LINES** – We agree to take appropriate steps including, where feasible, the use of spectator lines on each field to keep the spectators away from the touchline.

11. **PROVISION OF ADEQUATE TOURNAMENT COMMUNICATION** – We agree to provide adequate communication by means of _____ (communication method) between the game fields and the tournament headquarters. The Tournament Communications Director is:

NAME _____
ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP) _____
CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

12. **AVAILABILITY OF POLICE AND RESCUE SERVICE** – We have notified the local police, ambulance, and emergency services of the date of the tournament or games and the times and fields which will be used for games, and have been advised by them that they will be available to render assistance as needed.

13. **TOURNAMENT RULES/BEHAVIOR** – We agree that our tournament or games rules contain provisions ensuring that the behavior of teams, players, coaches, and spectators is appropriately controlled including specific provisions:

- a. which spell out the disciplinary measures to be imposed for the issuances of red and yellow cards or other improper conduct;
- b. which indicate what procedures will be followed regarding protests and appeals
- c. which indicate that all disciplinary measures imposed by the Host Organization shall be limited to placing restrictions upon an individuals' group participation in the tournament or games;
- d. which state the issuance of all red and yellow cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, or supporters will be recorded by the Host Organization.

14. **TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION** – We agree that our tournament or games rules shall state what refunds, if any, shall be made to Participating Teams if all or a portion of the tournament is canceled by the Host Organization for any reason.

Signature of Host Organization President

Signature of Tournament or Games Director

Date

Date

HOST ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP) _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS _____
ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP) _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

TED STEVENS OLYMPIC AND AMATEUR SPORTS ACT

§220525. Granting sanctions for amateur athletic competitions

- (a) **PROMPT REVIEW AND DECISION.** – For the sport that it governs, a national governing body promptly shall –
- (1) review a request by an amateur sports organization or a person for a sanction to hold an international amateur athletic competition in the United States or to sponsor United States amateur athletes to compete in an international amateur athletic competition outside the United States; and
 - (2) grant the sanction if –
 - (A) the national governing body does not decide by clear and convincing evidence that holding or sponsoring an international amateur athletic competition would be detrimental to the best interest of the sport; and
 - (B) the requirements of subsection (b) of this section are met
- (b) **REQUIREMENTS.** – An amateur sports organization or person may be granted a sanction under this section only if the organization or person meets the following requirements –
- (1) The organization or person must pay the national governing body any required sanctioning fee, if the fee is reasonable and nondiscriminatory.
 - (2) For a sanction to hold an international amateur athletic competition in the United States, the organization or person must –
 - (A) submit to the national governing body an audited or notarized financial report of similar events, if any, conducted by the organization or person; and
 - (B) demonstrate that the requirements of paragraph (4) of this subsection have been met.
 - (3) For a sanction to sponsor United States amateur athletes to compete in international amateur athletic competition outside the United States, the organization or person must –
 - (A) submit a report of the most recent trip to a foreign country, if any, that the organization or person sponsored for the purpose of having United States amateur athletes compete in international amateur athletic competition; and
 - (B) submit a letter from the appropriate entity that will hold the international amateur athletic competition certifying that the requirements of paragraph (4) of this subsection have been met.
 - (4) The requirements referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection are that –
 - (A) appropriate measures have been taken to protect the amateur status of athletes who will take part in the competition and protect their eligibility to compete in international amateur athletic competition;
 - (B) appropriate provision has been made for validation of any records established during the competition;
 - (C) due regard has been given to any international amateur athletic requirements specifically applicable to the competition;
 - (D) the competition will be conducted by qualified officials;
 - (E) proper medical supervision will be provided for athletes who participate in the competition; and
 - (F) proper safety precautions have been taken to protect the personal welfare of the athletes and spectators at the competition.
 - (G) the amateur sports organization or person requesting sanction from a national governing body will implement and abide by the policies and procedures to prevent the abuse, including emotional, physical, and child abuse, of amateur athletes participating in amateur athletic activities applicable to such governing body.
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COVID-19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Host Organization hereby agrees to consider the health of all participants in footballing activities, the risk assessments, and the factors that need to be in place in order for football to be played safely. This includes enforcing any necessary risk prevention measures for all Participating Teams.

Protecting the health and well-being of every individual remains of supreme importance to the U.S. Soccer Federation ("U.S. Soccer"). Hence, U.S. Soccer considers of most importance that the following measures continue to be advocated and followed by the Host Organization and Participating Teams: enhanced hygiene, physical distancing, healthy lifestyle choices, eating well, and avoiding non-essential travel.

Based on the above and in consideration of hosting a tournament or games, the Host Organization agrees to the following:

1. The Host Organization is fully responsible for any COVID-19-related matters that may arise from the tournament or games regarding fans, operations, and their organization and staff.
2. The Host Organization and Participating Teams are each fully responsible for any COVID-19-related matters that may arise from the tournament or game regarding their own team and delegation.
3. In the context of COVID-19, the Host Organization and Participating Teams each agree to prepare for the tournament or games cautiously and methodically and to follow all protocols, guidelines, and regulations established by local authorities.
4. Each of the Host Organization and Participating Teams will establish beforehand risk assessments and appropriate mitigation procedures, regularly updated, and activated appropriately, as advised by local authorities.

The Host Organization and Participating Teams, by organizing and participating in the tournament or games, hereby acknowledge, understand, and assume the risks inherent to the tournament or games, including but not limited to the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and release, discharge, and agree to indemnify, defend, and hold U.S. Soccer (and its directors, members, employees, and affiliates) harmless from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs/expenses, and any other losses arising directly from or in connection with the activities of the tournament or games and ancillary thereof.