



BYLAW PROPOSAL

PROPOSED BY: Rules & Revisions Committee

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BYLAWS 812-815

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Cite the bylaw (or subsection thereof) that you wish to change and write the bylaw as it would appear with your proposed revisions. Bylaw changes underlined.

Changes to Bylaws 812-815 will be effective as of January 30, 2023.

HOW THE BYLAW WOULD BE CHANGED: Write the bylaw tracking your proposed changes. Underline new language and strike out language that you wish to delete.

Bylaw 812. ACCOUNTABILITY, CONDUCT & EJECTION

Sections 1-5 will remain as listed.

Effective immediately, Information concerning Tryouts/evaluation periods and movement of registered players within ASA membership clubs during the defined seasonal year (July 1 – June 30) can be found in the appropriate ASA Policy Manuals.

~~Section 6. Defines and establishes rules that govern tryouts/evaluation periods and movement of registered players within ASA membership clubs during the defined seasonal year (July 1 June 30)~~

~~**Part a)** Definition of Tryout/Evaluation Window: Tryout/Evaluation window is defined as any event held for the purpose of selecting members to a club or team for the forthcoming seasonal year. Events such as camps or clinics are not considered tryout/evaluation events but if a member association hosts a camp or clinic, they must adhere to ASA Policy 5171.~~

~~**Part b)** Tryout/Evaluation Window Time Frame:~~

~~**Tryout/Evaluation window will commence upon completion of Presidents Cup and State Cup finals or May 1, whichever is later, for tryout age groups 11U and older.**~~

~~**Tryout/Evaluation window will commence seven (7) days prior to the completion of the latest scheduled Cup final, Presidents Cup or State Cup, for the tryout age groups 10U and younger.**~~

~~All age groups herein are the age groups for the upcoming season year. All tryouts must be completed no later than June 30.~~

Part c) Clubs Soliciting Players: No representative of a member Association within ASA shall be permitted to INITIATE contact, in any form or method, for registration to their club or team outside of defined tryout /evaluation window (part a and b above). Representatives of a member association as defined as board members, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, parents, players' parents, players' guardians, players' siblings, players themselves or a registered member of that club.

Part d) Players Soliciting Clubs: If a player registered to a member Association within ASA is seeking other options outside of the defined tryout/evaluation window (part a and part b) to another member Association within ASA, they have the right to do so. However, it is the responsibility of that member to receive written permission from their current club prior to seeking these options. Once written permission is received, from their current club, the member may speak to any other ASA member association. Players are defined as players themselves, players' parents, players' guardians and players' siblings.

~~**Part e) Recreational Players:** This by law does not apply to Recreational Players. Recreational players are defined as any player that participates in an in-house recreational program, offered by a member ASA organization that does not compete against other ASA organizations. Players registered as recreational players, of any ASA membership organization have the right to seek other options at any time, to other ASA membership organizations and its programs without receiving permission from their current member association.~~

~~**Part f) Infractions:** Any infraction of this bylaw may be brought forth to ASA, in writing, by effected party(ies) which is defined as an official complaint. The complaint will be heard by the Discipline and Appeals committee within 30 days after officially receiving the written complaint. If person(s) are determined guilty through a proper hearing, suspension could range from a minimum of 6 months to a maximum of 2 years. If repeated offenses occur for particular person(s) suspensions could be a minimum of 2 years to maximum of 10 years.~~

~~Section 7. The adjudicating committee shall determine minimum penalties for other abuses or infractions, i.e., those not involving referee assault or abuse. The severity of any such penalties meted out should be determined by the severity and nature of the infraction, by any precedence set in other similar situations and/or recommendations or suggestions that may be found in the ASA Administrative manual or the US Soccer Administrative Manual.~~

TEAM RELEASE DURING THE SEASONAL YEAR

Bylaw 813.

Information concerning team release during the seasonal year may be found in the ASA Registration Policy and Manual.

Bylaw 814. **YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN SENIOR GAMES**

A youth player will be permitted to play an unlimited number of amateur games without losing his or her youth eligibility. The youth player must obtain permission from his or her youth coach or other authorized official. The youth coach or other authorized official shall, in writing or by form, request eligibility clearance from the State Youth Association. The youth coach or other authorized team official must, in writing or by form, request permission from the State Amateur Association.

Bylaw 815. **PLAYING WITH PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS**

Any player signing a professional contract, receiving funds for playing soccer, or playing with a professional team without the permission of the Board of Directors of this Association shall be declared a professional player and shall lose all privileges of youth amateur status. The Board of Directors of this Association may grant a youth amateur player permission to play in benefit or exhibition games only where professional players are involved. Permission must be requested in writing.

RATIONALE: Explain the rationale for your proposal and the intended effect of the change.

ASA is working on updating the Policies, Procedures and Manuals and moving information from the Bylaws that properly belongs in those documents.