



# NEW MEXICO YOUTH SOCCER

The governing body for youth soccer in New Mexico, affiliated with United States Youth Soccer, the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), and the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)

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Hello League and Club Registrars!

I just wanted to keep you updated on a few new rule changes and other important events that are forthcoming and ask for your assistance on a few things.

1. As we have a new NMYSA logo and many new or updated forms as a result, we are asking our member leagues and clubs to review their websites and create direct links to our site for all NMYSA forms. Many leagues and clubs still have old outdated NMYSA forms from as many as 10 years ago. Please have your webmasters create direct links to our website for all NMYSA forms. That way, if we change or update a form, all of our leagues and clubs will be using the most current version.
2. The NMYSA Board of Directors voted to modify the "Player Release and Transfer" form to eliminate some of the redundant signatures. Please visit our website at [www.nmysa.net](http://www.nmysa.net) for the new form along with the form completion instructions.
3. The NMYSA Board of Directors voted to change the NMYSA Tournament Manual to conform to the most recent US Youth Soccer Tournament guidelines and forms. This change resulted in specific guidelines for sanctioning tournaments and credentialing requirements for NMYSA sanctioned tournaments. Attached are the new credentialing requirements for NMYSA tournaments. These requirements have gone to Region IV and will be posted so that teams coming from other states to play in NMYSA tournaments will know before hand what to bring for credentialing. Please note you cannot require anything above what is on the list. The most significant change is that US Youth Soccer no longer requires the proof of age document to be credentialed. The roster and player pass cards with the verified birth dates in accordance with Rule 204 of the US Youth Soccer playing Rules are deemed sufficient. Please visit the NMYSA website for the complete Tournament Manual.
4. The NMYSA Board of Directors voted to change some language in the Bylaws concerning officer term limits and to update officer/administrator job descriptions. There are a few Board positions that are open or will become available for vote in June at the Annual General Meeting. Please visit the NMYSA website for more information.

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5. There is a new NMYSA Participant Education Program in the works that targets spectator and parent education. The program is being launched in an effort to educate parents about the game and the appropriateness of their sideline behavior. We will be sending out some sample brochures from US Youth Soccer for you to review for distribution to your parents. Also, September is US Youth Soccer Month. We have access to materials from US Youth Soccer that can be distributed during that month in celebration of soccer. Please start thinking ahead and let me know if you are interested in organizing an event for that month.
6. Once again, there has been a request to modify the NMYSA Membership form. The modification requested is to eliminate the uniform size information. There has also been a request to consider a recreational form separate from a competitive form and to include a place for league/club specific fees. Please review the current membership form and email me your comments or suggestions for changing it. I will need to have your feedback no later than March 30, 2009 in order to have system and LeagueOne changes completed by 2009/2010 registration.
7. Some of the leagues asked if there is a way to tell which coaching courses have been completed by coach. All NMYSA coaching courses from 2006 forward are recorded by the individual coach record on LeagueOne. You can also run a "Certification" report from "ADMIN" on the system to identify the course completions for your coaches.
8. The NMYSA Annual General Meeting is scheduled for the weekend of June 5-7, 2009. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Traditionally, there is a meet and greet Friday evening, workshops on Saturday and the actual AGM on Sunday over breakfast. Please check our website for further information.
9. Each year NMYSA host the NM State Cup tournament which is part of the US Youth Soccer National Championship series and the Kohl's American Cup. If your league has teams entered in the NM State Cup, you will be notified of such and the roster requirements and deadlines. For Kohl's American Cup, the application deadline is April 13, 2009. The Kohl's tournament will be held May 9 & 10, 2009.

Thank you all so much for your dedication to the youth soccer players in our state. We truly appreciate all of the volunteers that make NMYSA successful. If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact me at 505-830-2245 or via email at [office@nmysa.net](mailto:office@nmysa.net).

Important dates to remember: (Please check [www.nmysa.net](http://www.nmysa.net) for complete calendar)

- March 30, 2009 – Feedback on Membership form changes
- April 13, 2009 – Application deadline Kohl's American Cup
- April 17, 2009 – Roster deadline for State Cup
- May 2, 2009 – State Cup play begins
- May 9-10, 2009 – Kohl's American Cup Tournament
- June 5-7, 2009 – NMYSA Annual General Meeting