



New Mexico Youth Soccer Association Member Affiliate Requirements

To become a Member Affiliate of NMYS, a potential member must provide the following documents for review and approval by the NMYS board of directors.

1. Completed Member Affiliation Form
2. Organization Bylaws/Constitution/Rules
3. Letter requesting membership which identifies the primary officers, Member's background, goals, intent and approximate number of players they will register/serve.
4. Completed Risk Management Disclosure, (passed Background check required for all potential affiliate board members prior to consideration by the NMYS Board of Director's).
5. Affiliate Clubs must register at least 2 teams or 20 players for affiliation.

Doing Business with NMYS

Registration

All member affiliates that register players/coaches are required to use the NMYS registration software, "Stack Sports Connect/US Soccer Connect". We ask that you assign a specific volunteer that will be responsible for registration and compliance with NMYS rules. Below is a summary of the documents/processes for registration.

1. All players must be registered to the NMYS database electronically, completing the NMYS Membership/Medical Release form, and all electronic waivers.
2. Registration Fees per player are \$23.00 per seasonal year and are reflected and captured at the time of the player registration using Split Pay. Parents must use a credit card or debit card to pay online, (no checks or cash payment processing).
3. Players must provide a proof of age document upon initial registration, i.e., birth certificate etc. Players born outside of the US must comply with



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- FIFA/USSF International Clearance processes. Please contact the NMYSA State office for assistance.
4. All parents must read the NMYSA Concussion policy and Parent Fact Sheet annually at the time of the electronic registration.
 5. Member Registrars will need to complete a background check and their concussion/SafeSport training prior to system access and training and must be vetted, (Background check, SafeSport trained and Concussion Trained), before system access is granted.
 6. All player/coach pass cards are printed from the NMYSA registration system, (Stack) once player/coaches have been approved. Affiliate members must laminate the cards once printed. (Not applicable to players in recreational leagues as they can use rosters/photo rosters instead). All coaches must have a laminated pass card regardless of play level as the card is proof of credentialing. Players participating in sanctioned tournaments must have a laminated pass card.

Risk Management

1. On an annual basis, coaches must register to the NMYSA database electronically through their club/league portal through the Stack system. Coaches must also read and sign the NMYSA Concussion Policy, CDC "Heads Up" Coach's Fact sheet annually. (The Coach's Fact sheet is electronic and is integrated in the registration process).
2. All coaches must also have passed a background check, (Included in NMYSA fees) and have taken the online concussion course through the USSF learning center, "Safe and Healthy Playing Environments every other year. Completion certification will upload to their Stack registration record through an API.
3. All coaches are required to be Safe Sport trained and must take the online Safe Sport course/refreshers course annually through the Stack system/USSF learning Center.
4. Other Risk Management tools are available concerning goal post safety and best practices.
5. Coaches must also comply with NMYSA concussion protocols.



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6. NMYSA is the state governing body for youth soccer in New Mexico for USSF and USYS. Thus, affiliates must also be familiar with our National Governing Bodies rules in addition to NMYSA's.
7. All coaches must acknowledge the USSF 531-9 Referee Abuse Prevention Policy through their online registration

Parents/Spectators

Parents are expected to comply with the NMYSA concussion protocols and education program. We also expect parents to comply with our "Caution Children @ Play" program, which promotes positive and encouraging behavior from parents and respect for team and game officials. Parents must also acknowledge the USSF Policy 531-9 and NMYSA's Zero Tolerance Policy

Insurance

As part of your member benefits, NMYSA provides liability insurance coverage for those facilities where games and practices are conducted. In addition, we also provide secondary accident insurance to all registered members. For more information on insurance benefits, please see NMYSA Insurance Procedures/policies on our website.

Coach Education

We offer an array of coaching courses, USSF Grassroots licensing and courses that can be catered to a specific need in your league/club. Please visit our website at www.nmya.net, "coaches tab", for more information.

Referees

The New Mexico State Referee Committee works collaboratively with NMYSA and members across the state to provide Referee education and licensing. Our referees are USSF certified and comply with USSF requirements. For information on becoming a



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referee and available certifications courses, please visit www.nmsra.org. We also offer a "Small Games Manager" course for small-sided modified games.

Travel and Tournament Sanctioning

Member players may travel to tournaments or guest play with other USYS teams under NMYSA's sanctioning. NMYSA also provides sanctioning for your hosted tournaments/events. Please see our "Travel and Tournament" manual for more information.

General

We know that every affiliate member is different. USSF, USYS and NMYSA have a wealth of resources to help you be successful in your youth soccer endeavors. Please visit our website at www.nmya.net for additional resources and links to the USYS and USSF website. Also, please familiarize yourselves with NMYSA rules/documents available on our website at www.nmya.net.

1. NMYSA Bylaws
2. NMYSA General Procedures and Rules
3. NMYSA Risk Management Program
4. NMYSA Travel and Tournament Manual
5. NMYSA Concussion Policy
6. ODP Program

7. Insurance Information
8. Coaching Manual
9. Golf Cart Policy

We are here to serve our Member Affiliates. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the NMYSA office staff as indicted below. If you need sample documents for affiliation, we are happy to provide those as well.



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Also, please feel free to contact any of our Officers or Board Members at the phone numbers and email addresses provided on our website at www.nmysa.net.