



US Club Soccer BENEFITS OF LEAGUE SANCTIONING

US Club Soccer is a non-profit organization committed to the support and development of competitive soccer clubs. It is founded on the belief that soccer clubs, which are in the business of elite player development, need an organization of their own to foster growth, address concerns, and sanction and provide programs with a minimum of rules and restrictions. US Club Soccer has been a National Affiliate member of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) since 2001, and as such registers players, and sanctions teams, leagues, tournaments and other soccer programs. A nine member Board of Directors, who must be experienced coaches in member soccer clubs, makes policy decisions for the organization. More information can be found at www.usclubsoccer.org.

Limited Rules & Paperwork: US Club Soccer is committed to minimizing the red tape and paperwork often associated with youth soccer associations. Our rostering rules are designed to provide clubs with maximum flexibility in player development by allowing players to move freely between the club's teams. Custom team rosters can be created for special events. Unlike other youth soccer associations, no signatures or other approvals are required to make these moves. Furthermore, there are no travel requirements or paperwork needed to travel beyond state boundaries.

National Competitions: The National Cup, US Club Soccer's signature competition, is contested by Boys and Girls U11-U17 teams in two competitive divisions (Premier and Super Group). Any US Club Soccer carded team is eligible to enter the regional of their choice - allowing more options of venues, dates, and competition as compared to other national championships. National Cup VIII (2009) will consist of ten Regionals held between Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, with winners advancing to the National Cup Finals in late July.

US Club Soccer College Showcase: This event is held in conjunction with our National Finals in late July and showcases the top U15-U17 teams to the collegiate coaches. In combining this with our National Finals college coaches have an excellent opportunity to watch some of the best soccer talent from around the country. Teams who apply to this event and are victorious in their quest for a regional championship are given a full refund.

State Cup Competitions: In a number of states, US Club Soccer State Cups are being formed. While similar in some cases to traditional state cups, the goal is to improve on that competition via age group, competitive format, or schedule differences. The member clubs and leagues in the state largely determine how the State Cup will be conducted.

Player Identification & Development: US Club Soccer's id2 program takes a fresh approach to identifying players for potential inclusion in the US Soccer National Team program. Rather than try-outs, players are scouted for the id2 program as they compete in their club's competitions. Selected players are invited to an annual four-day regional training camp in the fall, attended by US Soccer staff. Former international and professional players as well as college coaches participate in the id2 Regional Training Camps, offering lectures, individual assessments, and group training. **Players carded with US Club Soccer only are still allowed to participate in the traditional ODP program if they so choose as it is a USSF sponsored program.**

Tournament Sanctioning: US Club Soccer's tournament sanctioning program, available to all US Club Soccer members without a fee, allows both US Club Soccer teams and teams registered with other USSF affiliates to participate in a competition (unrestricted). No travel permissions are required for US Club Soccer members. Tournament rules are established by the host club, and tournament insurance is offered for both US Club Soccer members and non-members. Tournament insurance coverage can be purchased directly through our insurer (www.bollingersoccer.com) so that any and all participants are covered regardless of USSF affiliation. Minimal paperwork is required thus allowing for more time to be dedicated to the event itself.

Insurance:

All registered players and staff are covered with insurance 365 days a year for soccer club programs (practices, scrimmages, friendlies, tournaments, league games, indoor/outdoor). Certificates of Insurance can be provided for specific locations by filling out a request form.

USSF Bylaws 603 allows organizations to register their players in any association.
USSF Policy 212-1 allows organizations to participate in multiple USSF organizations.
USSF Policy 601-7 allows clubs to participate in any USSF organization they choose without discrimination.