

300. PLAYER REGISTRATION & REGULATIONS

301. Player Eligibility

Any player registered with a club/team may request entry into the NISL. Their information must be online under the team they participate with.

301a. Gender of Teams

Teams that consist entirely of females is a Girls' Team. All other teams are considered Boys' Teams.

302. Good Standing

All players must be properly registered, meet the requirements for participation and be in good standing with US Soccer. No players shall be in violation of any League rule.

303. Player Regulations

303a. Equipment Regulations

Players are required to wear shin guards during all NISL games, and must be completely covered by the sock. Players not wearing shin guards will not be permitted to play.

Players are required to wear athletic glasses. Normal glasses are considered dangerous equipment. Players are not allowed to wear baseball caps or other headwear with hard bills or protrusions. Also, headwear with soft, non-abrasive material which fits the contour of the head, may be worn if necessitated by an injury or other medical condition.

Players are required to wear uniforms which consist of a shirt, shorts, and socks, which must be identical to his/her team and not similar to the opposing team.

303b. Medical Information

Players must have completed a medical/liability waiver form that the coach is required to have available at all NISL games.

Players suffering from an open wound are required to leave the field to have the wound treated.

303c. Player Release

Players completing a player registration are bound to that team for the entire seasonal year unless he/she requests a release. A request for a release must be submitted to the club stating the reason for the release. The club then submits the release to the NISL.

Players may be denied a release by the league office if the player is suspended by the team/club for team/club infractions, owes club fees and equipment. All players must have secured the necessary clearance from the player's former club before a release is processed.

In the case of a dispute between player and club or between clubs, the NISL office, upon receiving written evidence from the club or player, shall evaluate the evidence submitted. The NISL administrative office shall render a decision on the status of the player's registration.

When a player is released, his/her player pass shall be surrendered to the league office.

303d. Regulations/Discipline

Players found playing without being properly registered with the league will be suspended. Players providing false information to the league or using falsified documentation or ID's will be suspended.

Players are only permitted to register for one NISL team at a time. Players signing and registering for a team while being a registered member of another team will be suspended.

All player registration expires at the end of the seasonal year (ie. July 31st).

Player registration prior to the next seasonal year is not valid until July 1st prior to the next seasonal year which begins August 1st. Players that register with a club prior to July 1st may change teams without penalty to the team they are joining. (Ex. Inter-club transfers providing this is done prior to July 15th).

Players receiving a red card must sit out the next league game (minimum suspension - see Penalties and Fines). Players arriving to the game after the second half has begun are not allowed to enter the game under any circumstances.

Players are not permitted to use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products.

Players may not be used if they have played a full game on the same day without a minimum of two hours rest between when one game finishes to the start of the second game. Opposing team coach must be notified before the game of the intent.

303e. Senior Amateur Information

A youth player who is required to sign a senior amateur form shall retain youth eligibility. A youth player will be permitted to play an unlimited number of senior amateur games without losing his/her eligibility.

303f. Junior High School Players

Junior High School Players who are not attending high school but because of their date of birth are not eligible to participate in U14 Division are permitted to play in the N.I.S.L. for the fall season only with certain restrictions.

Registration is cancelled at the end of the fall season (boys) and spring season (girls).

Players are permitted to return to the correct age division without penalty to registering clubs.

Players will receive a pass, which will indicate either FALL ONLY or SPRING ONLY.

Player passes must be returned to the league office at the end of each season (Fall Season for Boys, Spring Season for Girls).

Must have proof that the player is attending junior high school.

Player is a previous member of your team/club.

This is the only time within the N.I.S.L. that players are permitted to play down.

303g. Player Requirements

Players are required to:

- Respect the Rules of the Game and the League.
- Respect the Officials.
- Respect their Teammates.
- Respect Themselves.
- Honor the Game

304. Application Deadlines

Player registration for the soccer year is August 1st to July 31st of the following year. Please check the NISL Calendar for application deadlines as they change every year.

305. Player Registration

305a. Proof of Age

Proof of age must be supplied if the player is a new registration with the NISL.

A player's age division shall be shown as one who, prior to August 1st of the current seasonal year, has not reached the age of his/her division. Birth dates on or after August 1st of the current seasonal year shall be allowed to complete the season.

306. Acceptance of Players/Final Authority

The NISL has the final authority to accept or deny any player entrance into the NISL.

307. Guest Players (*registered with another NISL club*)

No guest players are allowed in league play. Guest players traveling to a tournament can go only with written permission from their coach on a signed or stamped tournament guest player's form approved by the league.

Players are not permitted to attend a practice, tryout, game or tournament with any other registered team without the signed written consent of his or her coach. Failure to do so could result in a suspension of players, coaches and administrators.

308. Member Passes

Players must register with the NISL and have an NISL-Approved pass to participate in competition. The pass must be produced upon request to the NISL or match officials (no exceptions).

Players must register with a team/club and their information must be put into the NISL Online Registration System to validate the pass.

Players are permitted to register with their club organization on other passes provided they are US-Sanctioned and does not violate other NISL registration rules.