



SANCTIONING AGREEMENT

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. **League Name:** The National League – Small-Sided Soccer
- B. **Type:** League – Youth Rec / League – Adult
- C. **Geographic Area of Sanctioning:** United States
- D. **Age Groups and Gender(s):** All recreational players – youth and adult; male and female
- E. **Term:** Effective Date of Sanctioning: 08/01/2017. Expiration Date of Sanctioning: 07/31/2022.
- F. **Registration Year:** August 1 – July 31.
- G. **Contact Person / Email Address / Phone #:** Alan Georgeson (President) / alan.georgeson@constructive4.com / (305) 393-5230

II. TERMS:

- A. **Sanctioning.** Pursuant to the application and supplemental materials that have been submitted, US Club Soccer hereby agrees to sanction the league named in **I-A** (hereafter “League”) and those league or club member teams which register their players and staff with US Club Soccer according to the conditions set forth herein. **The League and its clubs and teams shall be entitled to member benefits of US Club Soccer, which is a National Association member of the U.S. Soccer Federation.**
- B. **Compliance.** This sanctioning is conditioned upon the League and its members abiding by the terms of this sanctioning agreement, the documents submitted pursuant to the sanctioning review process, as well as subsequent information and documents submitted to and approved by US Club Soccer. The League shall abide by the bylaws, policies and guidelines of the U.S. Soccer Federation and US Club Soccer, including US Club Soccer’s risk management and background screening programs, player health and safety initiatives, and any other requirements and/or registration processes implemented during the term of this Agreement, and enforce them with its US Club Soccer-registered members, for the term of this Agreement (as listed in **I-E**).
- C. **Location.** The League’s geographical area of sanctioning is as listed in **I-C**. Expansion of League activities outside this area must be approved by US Club Soccer in writing.
- D. **Age Groups.** The League is sanctioned for the age groups listed in **I-D** at the roster sizes set forth in the sanctioning application. The sanctioning of additional age groups shall be considered upon written request from the League.
- E. **Registration (Rec).** The League shall ensure that all players and coaches/staff members participating in the League are registered with US Club Soccer based upon the US Club Soccer-designated registration process and requirements then in effect. One may not participate in the League or any competition, nor is insurance coverage valid, unless and until he or she is currently registered with US Club Soccer.

US Club Soccer shall accept and process the player and staff registrations and fees of the League’s members/teams. Youth Player Registration Forms are required for each player and shall be retained by the club/team. The League may retain copies and, upon request, shall assist US Club Soccer in obtaining copies of the forms from the club/team.

- F. **Registration (Adult).** The League shall ensure that all players and staff members participating in the League are registered with US Club Soccer based upon the registration requirements then in effect. One may not participate in the League or any competition, nor is insurance coverage valid, unless and until he or she is currently registered with US Club Soccer.

Any adult team with a youth player on the roster must also have a registered staff member on the roster. US Club Soccer shall accept and process the player and staff registrations and fees of the League's members, and produce passcards for each registered player and staff member. The League may, at its discretion, review and validate (via stamp or otherwise) such passcards before they are utilized in League competition.

- G. **Registration Fees.** Registration fees shall be no greater than the published US Club Soccer registration fees for the applicable registration year.
- H. **Rosters.** For youth competitive and adult members, "Official Rosters" printed from the US Club Soccer registration platform are official for US Club Soccer purposes. The League may accept such rosters for its competitions or require teams to complete a separate roster for League purposes. However, no rosters shall be valid without accompanying passcards. The League shall ensure that passcards and rosters are checked at each League game.
- I. **Insurance.** The League and its properly registered members shall be covered by the applicable US Club Soccer insurance policies then in effect. For adult membership, the League D&O Insurance Form must be submitted in order for Directors & Officers coverage to be effective. For more information, please visit the Insurance Web page on usclubsoccer.org.
- J. **Players First.** Members encouraged to adopt US Club Soccer's Players First philosophy and five pillars of 1) Club Development, 2) Coaching Development, 3) Player Development, 4) Parent Engagement and Education, and 5) Player Health and Safety. In addition, by virtue of sanctioning the League with US Club Soccer, members are provided with opportunities to take advantage of a variety of Players First offerings and partners. For more information, please visit usclubsoccer.org/playersfirst or contact your membership services representative.
- K. **Tournament Sanctioning.** Upon receipt and approval of a completed Sanctioned Tournament Hosting Application, US Club Soccer shall sanction tournaments for no greater than any standard US Club Soccer sanctioning fee.
- L. **Other Competitions.** US Club Soccer passcards may be used as a team to participate in other competitions open to U.S. Soccer Federation-affiliated members (ex: unrestricted competitions). Insurance coverage provided to members by US Club Soccer is valid when doing so, and travel or other permissions are not required by US Club Soccer.
- M. **Reports and Updates.** Upon US Club Soccer request, the League shall provide US Club Soccer with applicable reports, documentation or other information, such as an updated list of clubs and teams expected to or currently participating in the League; schedules, results and standings; bylaws and policies; discipline information; etc.
- N. **Divisions.** The League is sanctioned for two divisions, as follows:
 - 1. A **In-house Recreational Youth Division**, in which all players will be registered through a central account. This is a local in-house league only, without travel.
 - 2. An **Adult Division**, which includes all adult players 18-U and older. Teams will play locally and then have an end-of-season competition involving Regional and National Finals.
- O. **Terminology, Logos and Marks.** The League shall be promoted as "The National League – Small-Sided Soccer" in all marketing and communications. All uses of US Club Soccer, and associated marks and logos, must be approved in advance by US Club Soccer. US Club Soccer shall not unreasonably deny pre-approval requests.

III. CERTIFICATION:

US Club Soccer:



Kevin J. Payne, CEO/Executive Director
US Club Soccer

The National League - Small-Sided Soccer:



Signature

Alan Georgeson

Printed Name

President

Position

10/02/2017

Date

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