



Player Rights and Obligations

The MSYSA considers any player who registers and is rostered to a travel team during a seasonal year (September 1 - August 31) has reached a mutual agreement with the Team Official(s) to play on that team until the end of the current seasonal year. Registration and rostering to a team must be renewed each seasonal year.

The player may choose to be released from the team at any time and for any reason, Upon leaving a team, the player must honor the agreement reached with the Team Official(s) regarding payment of fees, return of uniforms and/or equipment, etc. in accordance with the Non-Payment of Financial Obligations Policy. Failure to do so may prevent the player from joining another team. Therefore, it is essential that players and their parents or guardians get a clear understanding of the policies regarding FEES and EQUIPMENT BEFORE joining the team.

TEAM OFFICIALS CANNOT REFUSE TO RELEASE A PLAYER. Upon receiving a request, Team Officials must act within five business days to complete the release process in accordance with MSYSA Policies and Procedures. To initiate the release, the MSYSA Travel Player Transfer Form must be completed and signed by the player, the player's parent/guardian, and a Team Official. The parent/guardian must also complete the portion explaining the reason for the requested release. The player and parent/guardian signatures on this form are MSYSA's verification that the player is leaving the team voluntarily. Registrars will not process a release unless all signatures and the reason are present on the form.

A player may be released involuntarily only for the following reasons: (1) the player has violated rules of US Soccer, US Youth Soccer, or MSYSA; (2) the player has moved beyond a reasonable distance (as defined by the MSYSA); or (3) the player is injured in such a manner that they will not be able to participate for the remainder of the season. In the case where team rights are in question, MSYSA permits the involuntary removal of a player from a team if the player, player's parents/guardians, or anyone associated with the player are disruptive influences. Requests for involuntary release must be submitted in writing to the MSYSA Board of Directors (with a copy to the player's parents/guardians) by a Team Official for approval.

While the player may leave a team at any time, there may be restrictions on joining another team. Generally these restrictions are defined in League rules. Violation of agreements with the former team on payment of fees may prevent the player from joining another team. Also, MSYSA and National rules may restrict the number of players that can transfer onto a team within a given seasonal year. It is the player's responsibility to notify the Officials of both teams that they desire to move, and to verify if any restrictions apply that would preclude such a change or limit the player's participation on the new team before action is taken on being released from the present team.

Under USYS and MSYSA rules, a player has the right to be concurrently rostered to more than one team. The player can be a Secondary (Multiple-Rostered) player on any number of teams but can only be a Primary player on one team. Only Primary players can participate in State Cup competitions (Teams containing multiple-rostered players are eligible to compete in State Cup, but the multiple-rostered

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players cannot participate). Most Leagues have further restrictions that preclude playing participation in tournaments, which should be investigated at the time of application. Players must indicate in the appropriate sections of the MSYSA Membership & Player Registration and Player/Team Status forms any affiliation with other teams. The player must also inform all appropriate Team Officials of their affiliation with other teams.

Players have the right to participate with another team as a guest player in tournaments if the tournament rules so allow. Team Officials must make the USYS Player Pass available on request to allow this participation; the player must return the Pass as soon as possible after completion of the tournament. In considering becoming a guest for another team, the player should consider obligations to the present team, and whether the player's absence would be a detriment to the team in any scheduled games or activities which conflict with the tournament.