

**INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE
AND
INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE WIAVER
REGISTRATION MANUAL**



**VYSA INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE WAIVER
USSF INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE**

USYS Rule 207. International Clearances

(a) For a player who is at least 17 years of age and comes to the United States on or after the player is 12 years of age, the player must request an international clearance from the Federation.

(b) For a player who is 12, 13, 14, 15, or 16 years of age and comes to the United States on or after the player is 12 years of age, an international clearance is not required. However, the State Association through which the player is registered shall require that—

(1) the player's parent, parents, or legal guardian complete and sign a statement that the player has not signed a professional contract or received money from a profession team for playing soccer; and

(2) the statement be (A) retained by the club or league with which the player is registered, or (B) filed with the State Association.

(c) The failure of a player to obtain the clearance or statement provided for by this rule does not affect the player's eligibility in regard to any US Youth Soccer program or activity, or any program or activity of a member of US Youth Soccer

Rule 207 applies to

- both US citizens and non-citizens who move to the US with their parents, family members or guardian(s), military dependents and players who are part of a student exchange program
- players who are 12 years of age or older

Rule 207 does not apply to

- players who are coming to the United States to play in a tournament or friendly games and then return to their native countries
- players who are younger than age 12 or who come to the US before they are 12 years old

International Clearance applications are processed through USSF. It will take four to six weeks to receive notification of approval for an International Clearance. The approved notification comes to VYSA, usually by email, and is then forwarded to the registrar and team. The player may train, be rostered to the team, and participate in league and tournament competition while waiting for notification from USSF.

International Clearance Waivers are required by VYSA. Applications are approved by VYSA registrars as part of the registration process. The player may train with the team prior to being rostered to the team.

The approved International Clearance Waiver and approved International Clearance are in effect as long as the player remains in the United States.

Forms to apply for the International Clearance and the International Waiver are available on the VYSA website at www.vysa.com. Click Registration > Forms & Applications

***NOTE:** The VYSA Online Registration System will check the age of the player **when his/her information is entered into the database**. The Audit Report and the VYSA League and Tournament Roster will indicate if the player is eligible for an International Clearance Waiver or if an International Clearance is required. The registrar cannot override this designation or issue a back-dated International Clearance Waiver.

VYSA INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE WAIVER

An International Clearance Waiver is required if:

1. A player comes to the United States on or after the player is 12 years of age
2. The player is 12, 13, 14, 15 or 16 years of age

The requirement for an International Clearance or International Waiver must be determined for initial and added players and transfer players from other state associations.

An International Clearance Waiver will be approved for the player if:

The parent/guardian signs the International Clearance Waiver form that the player has not signed a contract with a professional team or received any money or other remuneration for playing soccer.

Procedure for an International Clearance Waiver:

1. The parent or guardian must submit to the team official the properly completed and signed original and four copies of the International Clearance Waiver form.
2. The team official must submit the completed International Clearance Waiver form and copies to the Assigned Registrar along with all paperwork to roster and/or register the player.
3. The Assigned Register will
 - a. verify eligibility on the VYSA League and Tournament Roster and/or the Audit Report
 - b. Sign, date and stamp with the VYSA logo stamp the original form and all copies.
The signature stamp and date stamp may be used on the copies.
 - c. The date on the form, the roster and in the online registration system must be the same.
4. Distribution of original and copies:
 - one copy will be returned to the team along with any other paperwork submitted to roster and/or register the player
 - one copy will be returned for the player
 - one copy will be mailed to the League Registrar along with any other paperwork submitted to roster and/or register the player according to league rules and deadlines
 - the original will be mailed within five business days to the VYSA State Office:

VYSA
2239-D Tackett's Mill Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

The International Clearance Waiver is in effect as long as the player remains in the United States.

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VYSA INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE

An International Clearance is required if:

1. The player comes to the United States on or after the player is 12 years of age
2. The player is 17 years of age OR the player is 12, 13, 14, 15 or 16 years of age and HAS signed a professional contract or received money from a professional team for playing

The requirement for an International Clearance or International Waiver must be determined for initial and added players and transfer players from other state associations.

Procedure to apply for an International Clearance:

1. Required letter(s) to be submitted with the International Clearance form:
 - a. If the player has moved to the US with one or both parents, the parent(s) must write a letter stating that the player moved to the United States for reasons other than playing soccer and giving permission for the player to play in the United States. The letter need be no more than one or two paragraphs, but must provide the when's, where's, whys and how's of their move to the United States.
 - b. If the player is a foreign exchange student, the letter from the parents should state that the player is in the US as a foreign exchange student from (name of country). The host family must also provide a letter stating that while the child is here during this time (specify the dates), the child will be playing soccer.
2. Mail or fax the completed original International Clearance form and required letter(s) to the VYSA State Office:

Virginia Youth Soccer Association
Attn: Registration Department
2239 D Tacketts Mill Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Fax: 703-551-4114
3. To expedite notification, the team or club email address and fax number should be sent to the VYSA office with the form.
4. It will take four to six weeks to receive notification of an International Clearance – typically by email.

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