



REGISTRATION HQ

VIRGINIA YOUTH SOCCER
ASSOCIATION



PLAYER REGISTRATIONS



SEASONAL YEAR

- VYSA operates on a seasonal year basis. The seasonal year starts September 1st and goes through August 31st the following year.
- Unless otherwise specified by the club, a player registration is for the whole seasonal year.
 - Once a player is registered to VYSA by their club, that registration is valid until the end of the seasonal year for that initial club registration.



PLAYER CONTRACTS

Travel/Competitive level clubs usually have player contracts that are signed by the parent and player for the seasonal year. The contract is binding for the seasonal year, unless otherwise stated, for league play in the fall and spring. This contract is subject to the [Financial Obligation Policy](#).

PLAYER RELEASE & TRANSFER



PLAYER RELEASE

- A player may be released from a club during the seasonal year.
- A parent must make the initial release request to the Club Administrator by email (Please see previous section on Financial Obligation Policy regarding player releases).
- The release request must be specific in requesting the player be released from the team and club.
- For the policy on player releases please see the [VYSA Travel Registration Manual](#) page 20 Section 5-23



PLAYER TRANSFER

- After a player has met the financial obligation for the club and has been released, they may register with another club for the remainder of the seasonal year.
- This transfer would initiate a new player registration for that new club.
- Some leagues have rules regarding transfers, please check with both clubs about the league your player WAS in and what league they WILL BE in after the transfer.
- After the seasonal year has ended, every player may register with any other club for the new season starting in the fall.



PLAYER CARDS & GUEST PLAYERS



PLAYER CARDS

- A player card comes with a players registration to a club and team. That player card is used for check-in and verification of a player on the roster for regular season games and tournaments.
- A physical copy of the player card may be required for game and tournament check-in during the seasonal year.
- If a player is released from their team, the player NO LONGER HAS A PLAYER CARD.

GUEST PLAYERS

- For guest playing at a tournament, parents must contact the coach of the current team and/or the club for approval. Then the physical card must be taken with the player to be used for guest player check-in at tournaments.
- The final decision on the approval of player to guest play with another team is made by the primary team the player is registered to or that club primary team.
- Please reach out to your club directly for questions about guest playing.

RISK MANAGEMENT



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- All adults involved with the club (club staff, coaches, managers, etc.) are required to have a valid Background Check and SafeSport training.
- Background checks are valid for two (2) years and cover national criminal database, local/county courts, national sex offender list and the US Center for SafeSport list.

SAFESPORT TRAINING

- SafeSport training is required annually to consist of core training and refresher modules that cover emotional, physical or sexual abuse and how to report these.
- Players who will be turning 18 during the seasonal year or players who are already 18 must also take SafeSport training.
 - Please contact your club for more details and instructions for player SafeSport training.



What is SafeSport

Safesport is a comprehensive program of policies and processes through education and training to help participants detect and report abuse, respond to it, and prevent future occurrences.



Required By:

Congress and the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC)



Who Completes It:

Participants who come in contact with a minor (Club staff & ALL coaches)



Frequency:

Completed annually

INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCES & INTERSTATE PERMISSION



INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCES

- All travel/competitive players who are 10 years of age and older who were born outside of the US are required to obtain international clearance.
 - This includes players who were born in US Territories.
- Players younger than 10 do not require clearance.
- The International Clearance rules and process were created and are required by FIFA.
- A description of each clearance application and downloadable application can be found on the [VYSA website](#).
- For more details and information please see the [US Soccer International Clearance page](#).
- Please contact your club administrator for help with the international clearance process.

OUT OF STATE REGISTRATION

- If a player wishes to play in a state where they do not live, per USYS rules, they must first register with their home state and get approval to play.
- The approval must be made by the home state first and then state the player will be playing in.
- The VA/VYSA Out of State Registration information can be found on the [VYSA website](#).
- For all other states, please check with your home state on the process for out of state registration.
- Please contact VYSA State Office Member Services for all out-of-state registration questions.

REFEREE ABUSE POLICY 531-9



U.S. SOCCER REFEREE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY

- In March 2025 U.S. Soccer updated the referee abuse policy.
- For all information on the updated Referee Abuse Prevention Policy 531-9 please see the [U.S. Soccer website](#).
- This new policy is designed to make youth and amateur matches safer, more fun, and more empowering for everyone involved.
- Referee abuse will not be tolerated.
- Any referees, players, coaches and spectators who witness any abuse towards any of the referees are encouraged to submit a report for the incident.



**RESPECT
THE CALL**

