

# MSSA Player Registration Policy

## Section 1 - Purpose & Applicability

(A) The purpose of this policy is to prescribe the categories of registration of players registered with the Maryland State Soccer Association.

(B) This policy applies to all members that register players to MSSA.

## Section 2 – Player Registration Fee

The registration fees shall be determined annually as recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the MSSA Council.

## Section 3 – Player Registration Categories

### (A) Premier Player Registration

- (1) Players are registered for a 12-month period.
- (2) Teams with players registered under this category are eligible to compete in any MSSA sponsored competition.
- (3) Teams with players registered under this category are eligible to compete in any USASA sponsored competition.
  - (a) For eligibility for the Men’s US Open and Amateur Cups, the team must complete in a league of which all the teams in its division are also registered under this category.
  - (b) For eligibility for other USASA sponsored competitions, all players on the team roster must be registered under this category.
- (4) Teams with players registered under this category are eligible to compete in any tournament sanctioned by an USASA Organization Member.

### (B) Recreational Player Registration

- (1) Players are registered for a 12-month period
- (2) Teams with players registered under this category are eligible to play in the league that registers those players with MSSA.
- (3) Teams with players registered under this category are not eligible to compete in any MSSA or USASA sponsored competition.
- (4) Teams with players registered under this category are not eligible to compete in any tournament sanctioned by an USASA Organization Member.
- (5) Players registered under this category may change to the Premier Player Registration category if the appropriate registration fees are paid.

(C) Guest Player Registration

- (1) Players are registered for a period not to exceed 7 days.
- (2) Teams may register players under this category for league play or to participate in a tournament sanctioned by an USASA Organization Member.
- (3) Teams may not register players under this category to participate in any MSSA or USASA sponsored competition.
- (4) Players registered under this category may change to the any other registration category if the appropriate registration fees are paid.

Section 4 – Players Registered to Multiple Teams

- (A) Players registered through a MSSA Member are eligible to register with multiple teams pursuant to USASA Bylaw 702.
- (B) Players registered under the Premier Player Registration category are eligible to play with other teams whose players are registered in any category.
- (C) Players registered under the Recreational Player Registration category are eligible to play only with other teams registered in the same category. Such players are able to register with teams outside of the category if the appropriate registration fees are paid.

Section 5 –Member Reporting Requirements

- (A) Members shall maintain a database of the players registered in the respective categories.
- (B) When sending registration fees, Members shall report the breakdown of fees by registration category. In instances concerning change of registration category, the Member shall report those changes and forward the appropriate fees.
- (C) For Guest Player Registration, the Member must keep record of the players registered under this category, the applicable dates of the registration and whether the player was registered for league or tournament play. These records must be kept to verify potential insurance claims.