

Policy for Applying for Membership pursuant to Bylaw 211

The applicant shall specify the category of Organization Member being applied for. The applicant shall include with the application a detailed business plan, copies of its charter or articles of incorporation, bylaws, rules, regulations, any rules of play and other governing documents appropriate to understanding the structure and activities of the organization. The Executive Director shall prescribe the number of copies of each document to be submitted

The Executive Director shall refer an application for Organization Member to the Board of Directors for consideration. The Board of Directors shall immediately submit the application and accompanying documents to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee may reject the application until the application and accompanying documents are changed to comply with the requirements of USASA and the Federation.

Policy on Submission of Fees and Other Information

To remain in good standing each Member shall submit annually to USASA the membership fee recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the National Council and all documents and registration data as required under USASA Bylaws and Policies. The Board of Directors shall set the deadline for when the fees, documents and registration data are due.

The Board of Directors shall recommend fees for player registration for approval by the National Council. The registration fees shall be submitted no later than sixty (60) days after registration of such players by the Organizational Member.

Failure to submit any fees, documents or registration data in a timely manner set forth by the Board of Directors may result in loss of voting rights and may also result in a fine no greater than \$100 in relation to membership fees or submission of documents and registration data or no greater than \$1 per player for failure to submit the player registration fee.

Fifty percent of the annual membership fee paid to USASA by a National League or a Regional League shall be distributed, on a pro-rated basis, to each of the regions in which teams of the League are domiciled. The team registration fees paid to USASA by a National or Regional League shall be distributed 50 percent to the regions and 50 percent to the State Associations in which the teams are domiciled.

Regardless of other provisions in this policy, the fees referred to in this section must be paid to USASA at least 30 days before the first League game of the year.

Policy on Sanctions, Fines and Terminations for Failure to Pay Fees or Provide Information

Any state who is late in paying any required fees or providing an requires information shall be provided notice of the delinquency by USASA. If those fees are not paid within 30 days after the date specified in the notice of delinquency, the delinquent Organization Member shall be suspended from membership in USASA. If the delinquent fees are fully paid to the Executive Director within 90 days after the date specified in the notice of delinquency, the delinquent Organization Member will be automatically reinstated. Unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, the membership of the Organization Member shall be terminated automatically if the Organization Member has failed to pay those fees for a period of 90 days after the date specified in the notice of delinquency. In the notice of delinquency, the Executive Director shall notify the Organization Member of suspension and the date on which membership will be terminated if the fees remain unpaid.

The Board of Directors may suspend, fine or terminate (or any combination thereof) the membership of any Organization Member of USASA if the Board of Directors determines that

- a) the conduct of the Organization Member is adverse to the best interests of soccer or USASA; or
- b) the Organization Member has not complied with the requirements of its membership in USASA.

The Board of Directors may suspend an Organization Member for conduct adverse to the best interests of soccer only after a hearing of which the Organization Member is given reasonable notice of the time and place by the Board of Directors and during which the Organization Member is provided a reasonable opportunity to present evidence in support of the Organization Member's position.