

US ADULT SOCCER POLICY ON DIRECT AFFILIATION OF A STATE LEAGUE

This Policy will outline the procedures for the Direct Affiliation of a state league that is recruited by the USASA National Office through a US Adult Soccer national marketing and brand development program or a League that has a dispute with a State Association and voluntarily requests direct affiliation.

The marketing program will include website promotion, direct mail, internet blogs, print media articles, and social media promotion which will serve as the catalyst for an unaffiliated league to contact USASA National Office and request information on affiliation.

1. National Office will have the League complete a formal application, including number of teams, and players, league bylaws and rules, schedule, financial information, governance structure, and contact information.
2. National Office will provide this information to the relevant State Association and arrange for a discussion on membership in USASA. If there is no State Association, the National Office with approval by the USASA NBOD, will affiliate the League.
3. Applicant will be encouraged to join the State Association, and the National Office will assist the State Association with the registration of the teams and leagues.
4. If the Applicant declines to join the State Association, but wishes to join US Adult Soccer as an affiliated league, the National Office will affiliate the League under the following guidelines;
 - A) State Association shall be notified within ten days of a request by a State League to directly affiliate with US Adult Soccer and the Direct Affiliation of the League shall be under the terms and conditions stated in this policy,
 - B) Registration fees shall be equal to the Registration fees collected by the State Association
 - C) USASA National Office will retain the appropriate USASA player fee and administrative fee and forward the balance to the State Association.
 - D) Players registered under this Direct Affiliation policy shall be added to the State Association's total for USASA and US Soccer AGM and Regional meeting voting purposes
 - E) State Association shall retain all authority granted by US Soccer to manage the referee program,
 - F) National Office will provide the League and State Association a list of all teams and players registered by this program and State Association is encouraged to communicate with the League.
 - H) State Association is encouraged to invite all Direct Affiliation players and teams to participate in State Association programs, competitions, and coaching and referee courses. State Association may charge a reasonable fee for participation in above stated programs.
 - I) If a State Association has a National Cup Competition, all teams in the Direct Affiliation League will be invited to enter the Competition
5. If a league is applying for Direct Affiliation because of a dispute with a State Association, the USASA President shall appoint a three member mediation committee that shall attempt to

resolve the dispute. If mediation fails, Direct Affiliation of the League shall require approval of the US Adult Soccer National Board of Directors.

6 The US Adult Soccer National Board of Directors shall review and approve all applications for Direct Affiliation when there is no State Association.

7. Direct Affiliation Leagues shall be invited to attend US Adult Soccer AGM and Mid-Year Meetings as a non-voting member.

8 The Terms and Conditions of Direct Affiliation by a State League shall be stated in an agreement executed by US Adult Soccer President and the League. Copies of the Agreement will be provided to the State Association.