



Guide for Parents & Players

Rostering of Travel Soccer Players

**Why all the rules just to play soccer?**

All Arlington travel soccer teams are registered with the Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) which falls under US Youth Soccer which falls under USSF and FIFA. Players are bound by the rules set forth by US Youth Soccer at the national level.

FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association)

USSF (United States Soccer Federation)

* AMATEURS
* PROFESSIONALS
* **YOUTH** – **US Youth Soccer** (United States Youth Soccer Association)

Regions 1-4 – VYSA is in Region 1

National State Associations – ours is VYSA (Virginia Youth Soccer Association)

Travel Leagues – NCSL, ODSL, CCL, Region 1 Leagues

Travel Clubs - ours is Arlington Soccer Association

Travel Teams

Selected Players (YOU!)

**Why does a travel soccer player have to register and be rostered each year?**

Due to *US Youth Soccer Bylaw 106:*

* A youth player MUST register each seasonal year.
* Once a travel player is registered, he/she is considered to be a travel player until the end of the seasonal year (August 31).

Since all travel soccer passes and team rosters expire each year in August all players must re-register and re-roster each year.

**What Items does a player need to turn into their team so they can be rostered?**

1. **Photo for player pass**

This year **ALL** players need to turn in or scan and email a small (1” x 1”), current, full-face, “passport-type” photo of the player that is placed on the player pass. Virginia Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) requires digital images (,jpg files only) be used for all player pass photos. **Please crop the photo as only a clear head shot is needed (like a passport photo).** The photo size max is 1 ¼” tall (120 pixels) and 1 ¼” wide (120 pixels). The max file size is 50KB. Photos are due to your team registrar typically by mid-July.

1. **Proof of Birth/Age Documentation:**

Any player who was a VYSA (travel) carded played in 2017-2018 will already have their proof of birth date documents saved in the VYSA database. These existing players are not required to provide proof of birth date in order to be rostered for 2018-2019.

If a player is a **NEW** travel soccer player (playing travel soccer for the first time) or a travel player that didn’t play last year then the player will need to (According to *US Youth Soccer Rule 204)* submit one of the following as proof of age:

* *Birth Certificate* (Government Certified Copy or “Credit Card birth certificate” issued by the same government agency). Birth certificates in foreign languages need to be translated and then have the translated copy notarized (notaries can be found at most banks). Turn in the original foreign birth certificate and also a notarized translated copy to your team registrar.
* *Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the uniformed services of the United States*,
* *Passpor*t, (may be expired)
* *Birth Registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records*,
* *Alien Registration Card issued by the United States Government*,
* *Certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age*,
* *Current Driver’s License*, (or Learner’s Permit)

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* *Unexpired federal, state, or local government identification card if documentation of date of birth is required)* (i.e., “walker” ID)
* *Certification of a United States citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency*
* *Hospital, baptismal, or religious certificates will* **not** *be accepted*

1. **Medical Consent Form**

A completed Medical Consent Form needs to be turned into the team. The form DOES NOT need to be notarized. The Medical Consent Form can be found on the club website [HERE](http://arlingtonsoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Medical-Consent-Form.pdf)

1. **Club Commitment letter**

A Club Commitment letter must be signed each year by the player and parent and turned into the team by July 15, 2012. The Club Commitment letter can be found on the club website [HERE](http://arlingtonsoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Medical-Consent-Form.pdf)

1. **Code of Conduct**

A Club Code of Conduct form must be signed by every player and parent and turned into the team. The Club Code of Conduct can be found [HERE](http://arlingtonsoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Arlington-Travel-Soccer-code-of-conduct.pdf).

* + Each league has different Codes of Conduct that also must be signed.
    - NCSL Codes of Conduct can be found on their website [HERE](http://www.ncsl-soccer.com/rules-discipline/CodesofConduct/index_E.html)
    - WAGS Codes of Conduct can be found on their website [HERE](file:///C:\Users\Jennifer\Documents\ASA%20Work\admin\Forms\HERE)
    - ODSL Teams - your team will have you read and sign a code of conduct they provide
    - VCCL Teams – the league does not have a code of conduct that needs to be signed

**I have questions about the documents and procedures mentioned on this page, who do I talk to?**

Your player’s team registrar and team manager will be working together to collect paperwork and documentation to roster your player. They will be able to answer any of your questions.

Please remember that it is important every player on every team following the rostering protocol.

This is due to ***US Youth Soccer Rule 209. “Use of Ineligible Players”***

**Rule 209.** “Use of Ineligible Players”:

A team shall forfeit each game of the team in which---

(1) an unregistered player was with the team at the game in a uniform; or

(2) a player was improperly entered on the team’s roster.

Team officials and/or players may be held accountable for the eligibility errors and may be required

to attend a hearing at the Travel League and/or VYSA level.

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**If your player is NEW to Travel Soccer and was born or lived outside the United States please notify your team manager and team registrar as soon as your player accepts a spot on the team. These situations may require additional paperwork and necessitate clearance from VYSA or FIFA, which can take 6-8 weeks or more.**

Proof of Birth/Age documents are due typically to your team registrar by mid-July, but your team manager or registrar will provide you with a specific date

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A completed Medical Consent Form needs to be turned into the team at the beginning of the year June team meeting or **by July 15th.** The form **DOES NOT** need to be notarized for local league play but please check with your team as some teams will need to have their forms notarized due to specific events the team will be playing in during the year. The Medical Consent Form can be found on the club website [HERE.](https://arlingtonsoccer.demosphere-secure.com/programs/travel/team-management/team-manager)

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The Club’s Code of Conduct is incorporated into the club’s online registration.

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    - NCSL Codes of Conduct can be found on their website [HERE](http://www.ncsl-soccer.com/ncsl-forms)
    - ODSL Teams - your team will have you read and sign a code of conduct they have downloaded from the league website [HERE](http://www.odsl.org/codes-of-conduct-los-cdigos-de-conducto).

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