

9.0 Recruiting

9.1 It shall be deemed recruiting if any coach, manager, trainer, player, or parent of a player, entices, encourages, cajoles, and/or facilitates, in any manner, a player to transfer from another team to his/her team or club. The coach(es) of the team that the player wishes to transfer to, may only refer the player to the MOSSL office, Executive Committee members or members of the Board of Directors to obtain assistance in the completion of the transfer process. In all cases, the Head Coach may be held ultimately responsible for all actions of his/her subordinates, players, or families. A player shall be considered a member of the team from the time the parent or guardian signs the player's USYSA membership form. The form, when presented to the player and his / her parents, must show the team name and the age group the player will initially be playing with during the first season of play for that player.

The advertising of a team's per player cost, including that of a reduced or a "No cost" option shall not be considered recruiting under these rules.

9.1.1 Examples of what may be done (but not limited to):

- a) Advertise team tryouts in any commercial media service such as the Dispatch or the Suburban News.
- b) Advertise team tryouts on a poster or flyer placed in public use locations such as stores or indoor soccer arenas, websites, etc. including the MOSSL Discussion Board
- c) Distribute or locate posters or flyers about team tryouts in schools, churches or with other non-soccer organizations.
- d) Holding / organizing of an "Open House" / "Information Session" where no player evaluation, skill demonstration by player or coach, or similar activity takes place, provided that the announcements of such events are only made where it is readily available to the general public, i.e. the club / league website, the MOSSL discussion board, the MOSSL Tryout Guide, or the locations similar to those mentioned in (a), (b) or (c) above. Each club is permitted to hold / organize a maximum of two such Open House / Information Session, regardless of the ages of the teams being promoted. These Open House / Information Session events may only be held during May and June each calendar year. Open House / Information Session or other similar activities may not be held during the period of July 1st through April 30th.

9.1.2 Examples of what MAY NOT BE DONE (but not limited to):

- a) Have any contact with another team's player that attempts to entice that player to come to his/her team or team tryouts. Statements like "come play for me", "I have a uniform for you", or "I can make you a better player" are all improper and a violation of these rules when made to a member of another team or club.
- b) Make verbal, electronic, written contact by any medium or method with any player or player's parent that is currently registered with a MOSSL team about switching teams or clubs.

- c) Use Olympic Development, tournament applications, or other such information to target certain players or teams for recruitment purposes.
- d) Use his/her position in a school or community to influence an individual player's choice of a team.
- e) Files or assists in the filing of a transfer request with M.O.S.S.L., which, if approved, would allow the player to transfer to her/his team or club. Files or assists in the filing of an appeal of a denial of a transfer request which, if approved, would allow the player to transfer to her/his team or club.
- f) Using any advertising or promotional material that refers to any other soccer club or organization that participates in MOSSL, by name.
- g) Posting or distributing tryout notices or other promotional material at any M.O.S.S.L. sponsored tournament or event, except that the member league that is hosting the tournament or event may post, but not distribute, tryout notices.
- h) Distribution of information regarding the holding / organizing an Open House / Information Session as permitted in paragraph 9.1.1 (d) to specific players or groups of players who are not already registered to the member league or club.

Violation of this section shall make the head coach of the team(s) involved and/or other persons involved subject to the sanctions as outlined in Section **6.2.2 (e)** or **6.2.3 (c)**.

9.2 The Administrative Bylaws relating to recruiting apply only to players who are currently registered as players within M.O.S.S.L.

9.3 The administrative bylaws relating to recruiting applies to all players in M.O.S.S.L. except during the period of May 15th through June 15th. During the period of May 15th through June 15th, the only type of recruiting that is permitted is that coaches may invite players who are not on their current team to a tryout for the next seasonal year.

9.3.1. All of the other bylaws governing the holding of tryouts, including the dates that tryouts may be held, as well all of the other bylaws prohibiting recruiting in other circumstances remain applicable.