

# ALASKA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## POLICY & PROCEDURE

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### POLICY TOPIC: US YOUTH SOCCER PLAYER AND ADULT PASSES FOR LEAGUE PLAY

POLICY NO: PP41606

**POLICY:** The intent of this policy is to ensure that all Alaska Youth Soccer Association (AYSA) Sanctioned Leagues use the approved US Youth Soccer player and adult member passes for sanctioned games and tournaments.

**PURPOSE:** **Competitive Leagues-** All players and adults participating in competitive leagues will use US Youth Soccer player and adult member passes to identify and verify proper registration of the players and adults listed on the team roster.

**Recreational Leagues-** All adults participating in recreational leagues will have available to them adult member passes to identify and verify proper registration of the adults listed on the team roster. Player member passes for players are not required unless they are participating in a state-wide sanction tournament.

Alaska Youth Soccer Association (AYSA) Sanctioned Leagues will ensure their registered affiliate members have met the requirements as indicated in the (AYSA) Adult Verification Policy; including that each adult working with youth submit an annual background check, review the Code of Conduct, and complete certification of Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse or SafeSport certificate.

**NOTE:** Before regular contact with an amateur athlete begins the adult must clear the background check and within the first 35 days of taking on the role giving them access to youth participants must complete the initial Protecting Young Victims training. A refresher course is required on an annual basis effective the calendar year following the completion of the initial training.

### PROCEDURE:

1. Players, coaches and teams must be currently registered under the Alaska Youth Soccer (AYSA) umbrella, and in good standing to be eligible to participate in a Sanctioned League.
2. The Affiliate Competitive Club and /or association during the soccer seasonal year will ensure all players and coaches are properly registered to a team and will issue (USYS) player and adult member passes.
3. The Affiliate Club and /or association during the soccer seasonal year will ensure all adults are properly registered to a team and have cleared in the Alaska Youth Soccer (AYSA) system before interaction with youth athletes.
4. The player and adult member pass along with the team roster will be presented to the referee prior to competitive league games. The referee will assure that all players rostered will have a player member pass that matches the name and information on the roster. Players without a player member pass will not be allowed to participate in the game. Coaches are responsible for keeping all player member passes on hand.

**NOTE: only one approved player member pass per player may be issued in a seasonal year (no duplicate passes)**

5. In the event there is a red card “ejection” shown to a player, the referee will take the player member pass of the ejected player.
6. Each sanctioned league will develop a method by which the coach of the ejected player may retrieve the player member pass after that player has completed the disciplinary requirement.
7. A red-carded player **must attend** the game they are to sit out and sit with the team. The referee on hand will note the player sitting out for disciplinary actions. If a player is not present for the game, it will not count as a disciplinary “sit out”.
8. All player and adult member passes will be issued through the approved Alaska Youth Soccer (AYSA) State software program. Affiliate Clubs and /or associations must establish and maintain an account. The cost for the (AYSA) annual background check is \$8 (national) \$12 (extended) per individual; per reasonability of the Affiliate Club and /or association.