**POLICY 105.2.4**

**(see: Page 10 of the LSA Policy Manual)**

Rationale for Amendment to Policy 105.2.4

Specifies the requirements for 18 year-old to complete SafeSport training.

How Policy 105.2.4 Would Change:

105.2.4 US Center for SafeSport Training

LSA has adopted the US Center for SafeSport Training which covers topics including mandatory reporting laws, sexual misconduct awareness education and emotional and physical misconduct education. LSA requires all RM Individuals, including any player who is 18 or older or will turn 18 during the seasonal year, to complete the **on-line SafeSport training course.**

**POLICY 200.1.3**

**(see: Page 21 of the LSA Policy Manual)**

Rationale for Amendment to Policy 200.1.3

Specifies that a team manager must be registered so we can ensure that risk management is conducted on all adults working with children.

How Policy 200.1.3 Would Change:

# 200.1.3 All LSA affiliates must register every soccer player, coach, team manager and team that is administered by the organization with LSA or another US Soccer affiliate.

**POLICIES 200.1.4, 200.1.5 & 303.1.3**

**(see: Pages 21 & 66 of the LSA Policy Manual)**

Rationale for Amendment to Policies 200.1.4, 200.1.5 & 303.1.3

Removes references to registration forms since paper forms are not in use.

How Policies 200.1.4, 200.1.5 & 303.1.3 Would Change

200.1.4 The club must have each youth player’s parent or guardian complete and sign a registration form that provides basic player data, including date of birth, and the approved waiver language.

200.1.5 Registration forms are not to be sent to LSA.

303.1.3 Once a player (or his or her parent or guardian) registers with completes and submits a registration form to an LSA-affiliated club whether in writing or on-line, that player is bound to that club for the entire seasonal year unless the player properly requests to be released or transferred from that club.

**POLICY 200.3.4, 400.2.1, 400.2.2, 400.2.3 & 400.2.4**

**(see: Pages 22, 23 & 99 of the LSA Policy Manual)**

Rationale for Amendment to Policy 200.3.4, 400.2.1, 400.2.2, 400.2.3 & 400.2.4

Removes specific language and refers to US Soccer and FIFA rules in anticipation of changes to the process and refers members to US Soccer directly.

How Policy 200.3.4, 400.2.1, 400.2.2, 400.2.3 & 400.2.4 - Would Change:

200.3.4 INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCES

The U.S. Soccer Federation and FIFA have international clearance requirements and procedures for players coming to the United States to play soccer. All members will comply with the US Soccer requirements for each player prior to being registered.

200.3.4 FIFA requires any player born outside of the United States (even if the player is born a US citizen) to complete the International Clearance Process.

#  200.3.4.1 If the player is a United States citizen and has never been registered to play soccer in any other country, he or she can complete the “First Registration” form attesting to that fact. The form is available on the US Soccer website.

#  200.3.4.2 If the player has been previously registered to play soccer in another country and entered the United States prior to the age of 10, then he or she must complete the “Prior to 10” Process. The process involves completion of a form and submission of proof that the player is taking part in daily life inside the United States. A school report card or immunization records are sufficient proof. The form may be downloaded from US Soccer’s website and must be submitted along with the required proof to LSA, which will submit to US Soccer.

#  200.3.4.3 If the player has been previously registered to play soccer in another country and moved to the United States between ages 10 and 17, then he or she must complete the “Minors Process” in order to be eligible to participate with any US Soccer affiliate. The “Minors Process” requires documentation that includes a player’s birth certificate and passport as well as documentation from the parent(s). Specifics, as well as relevant forms, can be downloaded from US Soccer’s website and must be submitted along with the required proof to LSA, which will submit to US Soccer.

#  200.3.4.4 Non-U.S. citizens may not complete the “First Registration” process. They are required to use either the “Prior to 10” or “Minors” Process.

# 400.2 International Clearances for Foreign-Born Players

#  400.2.1 Any naturalized U.S. citizens and foreign-born players are required to have an international clearance.

# 400.2.2 A request for an international clearance should be submitted with the player registration to the LSA office.

#  400.2.3 After receiving the International Clearance request from LSA, US Soccer will contact the foreign soccer association to insure that there are no outstanding professional contracts or disciplinary problems. The foreign soccer association has up to thirty (30) days to respond.

#  400.2.4 An international clearance is required for a player who is participating in the Region III championships for men’s amateur, men’s over-30, women’s open, men’s open, women’s Under-23, and men’s Under-23 or national championships. As such, players participating in the Adult State Cup(s) or on an Under-23 State Select team must insure that they have received a proper international clearance.

**POLICY 204.1.3**

**(see: Page 31 of the LSA Policy Manual)**

Rationale for Amendment to Policy 204.1.3

Adjusts fees for LSA events to reflect rises in costs in post-pandemic years

How Policy 204.1.3 Would Change:

# 204.1.3 Youth Team Entry Fees

# Youth Team Entry Fees for the Louisiana Classic Soccer League are due within 5 business days of filing the team’s Letter of Intent and the Team Entry Fee for all Louisiana state tournaments shall be due as set forth in Policy 306.

#  Louisiana Classic Soccer League (LCSL) Fee (effective 25-26) $275.00 $250.00

#  The State Cup and Presidents Cup Entry Fee $700.00 $650.00

#  Louisiana Open Cup and the Bob Abbott Cup Entry Fee $500.00 $450.00

#  Bob Abbott Cup Entry Fees for LSAP teams shall be determined by LSA on an annual basis not to exceed the Bob Abbott Cup Fee set forth above.

**POLICY 214.2.4**

**(see: Page 53 of the LSA Policy Manual)**

Rationale for Amendment to Policy 214.2.4

Provides for a speedier timeline for submissions of cautions and ejection information

How Policy 214.2.4 Would Change:

214.2.4 It is the responsibility of the club, coach and/or team manager to report any and all cautions and ejections issued in an LSA League Game to LSA through the on-line league management system and to submit the Game Card completed and signed by the referee to LSA within two (2) 5 days of the game.

POLICIES 214.3.2.2, 305.5.1.3, 306.8.3.1, 306.8.3.2, 306.8.3.4, 306.8.3.6 & 306.8.3.10 (see: Pages 54, 76 & 86 of the LSA Policy Manual)

Rationale for Amendment to Policies 214.3.2.2, 305.5.1.3, 306.8.3.1, 306.8.3.2, 306.8.3.4, 306.8.3.6 & 306.8.3.10

Aligns with a move away from physical player passes to digital ones.

How Policies 214.3.2.2, 305.5.1.3, 306.8.3.1, 306.8.3.2, 306.8.3.4, 306.8.3.6 & 306.8.3.10 Would Change

214.3.2.2 It is the responsibility of the head coach and the team manager to make certain that all suspensions are served. If a player is ejected during an LSA league game, the team manager shall retain possession of the player pass until the player’s suspension has been served. During state tournaments, LSA shall retain the player pass until the player’s suspension has been served. The head coach or the team manager shall notify the referee of suspensions that are being served during a particular game so that the referee can record that a specific player did not participate in that game.

305.5.1.3 Pre-Game Check-in Process

 a. Teams will provide surrender their US Youth Soccer player passes and a copy of the Game Card which includes the Team Roster, both of which shall be generated by the LSA registration platform, to the referee prior to the beginning of the game.

# 306.8.3.1 Each player shall have one and only one original US Youth Soccer ID pass and each coach shall have one and only one original US Youth Soccer ID pass for the team or teams he/she coaches (list all teams on one pass).

#  a. This pass shall have a current photograph of the person and the person’s date of birth (required for players only).

#  b. All passes must be individually laminated

# 306.8.3.2 The coach or team official must complete the on-line check-in process surrender all player and coach passes to the LSA Tournament Director or his designee for verification and processing on the first day of the tournament at least 30 minutes prior to the team's first game.

306.8.3.4 LSA shall retain all player passes until a team is eliminated from tournament play. LSA will not provide or print substitute player and/or coaches passes at any tournament site.

# 306.8.3.6 All player passes will be held by the game officials during the duration of the game and shall be returned to the LSA Tournament Director immediately following the game.

# 306.8.3.10 Invalid passes will be confiscated by the LSA Tournament Director.

**POLICY 214.7.2**

**(see: Page 58 of the LSA Policy Manual)**

Rationale for Amendment to Policy 214.7.2.

Updates policy to reflect current practice as of 23-24 year.

How Policy 214.7.2 Would Change:

 214.7.2 Within 24 48 hours of the completion of a game during which any player or coach was cautioned or ejected a club official, coach or manager from each team shall report such misconduct when reporting the score of the game in the LSA registration platform. Failure to accurately report any such misconduct shall result in a fine to the Club failing to report in an amount not to exceed $1,000.

**POLICY 300.2.5**

**(see: Page 60 of the LSA Policy Manual)**

Rationale for Amendment to Policy 300.2.5

Prevents a club from offering a player a spot on a classic team and then changing the team assignment after the player has registered.

How Policy 300.2.5 Would Change:

#  300.2.5 The Invitation Period shall commence immediately upon the conclusion of the Tryout Period in each specific age group.

 300.2.5.1 Clubs must honor the specific team invitation that is offered to a player for at least the fall season of LCSL play. If they do not, then the player is no longer required to honor his/her commitment to the club.

**POLICIES 302.7.3 & 302.7.4**

**(see: Page 66 of the LSA Policy Manual)**

Rationale for Amendment to Policies 302.7.3 & 302.7.4

USYS combines the 18U & 19U age groups effective for 2024-2025, so the two policies are no longer relevant.

How Policies 302.7.3 & 302.7.4 Would Change:

#  302.7.3 The 19U player is ineligible for 18U State Cup play but may participate in the Louisiana Presidents Cup or Open Cup.

#  302.7.4 A 18U team with a rostered true 19U player is ineligible to participate in the US Youth Soccer National League.

**POLICY 305.1.3.2**

**(see: Page 70 of the LSA Policy Manual)**

Rationale for Amendment to Policy 305.1.3.2

Allows for flexibility with regard to placement based on provided results and data

How Policy 305.1.3.2 Would Change:

305.1.3.2 Spring League Play will commence in January

 c. Any 11U or 12U team that did not compete in the Fall, but submits a letter of intent to play in the Spring of any seasonal year will be considered a “new Team” as herein defined and shall be placed in the lowest second division or lower in the age/gender.

**POLICY 305.1.4.3**

**(see: Page 71 of the LSA Policy Manual**)

Rationale for Amendment to Policy 305.1.4.3

Removes specific language and provides flexibility regarding changing dates for high school season.

How Policy 305.1.4.3 Would Change:

305.1.4.3 LCSL Division 1 must have at least 4 teams. If necessary to achieve a 4 team league, LSA may combine two age groups. The league will be comprised of the following:

 c. The fall portion of league play may, at the discretion of LSA, commence on the weekend 2 weeks before Labor Day weekend and will be completed by the weekend before high school practice starts (end of October). The spring portion of league play will begin in January for the 13U-14U age groups and after the conclusion of the last high school championships in March for the 15U-19U age groups. Teams may mutually consent to play on Easter weekend, but no team can be compelled to do so.

**POLICIES 305.5.3.3, 306.7.5, 306.7.6, 306.14.3.3, 306.15.2 & 313.13.2**

**(see: Pages 77, 84 & 91 of the LSA Policy Manual)**

Rationale for Amendment to Policies 305.5.3.3, 306.7.5, 306.7.6, 306.14.3.3, 306.15.2 & 313.13.2

Aligns our rules with recent change to NCS and Presidents Cup rules at regional and national levels regarding goal difference.

How Policies 305.5.3.3, 306.7.5, 306.7.6, 306.14.3.3 & 306.15.2 & 313.13.2 Would Change

305.5.3.3 To apply tiebreakers to age groups that have divisions that do not have the same number of teams the following will be used for the application of Most Wins, Goal Differential and Goals Allowed if they are part of the tiebreakers:

#  b. Goal Differential (maximum of plus or minus 5 4). For example for a score of 2-1, the goal differential for the winning team would be +1. Another example is 6-0 5-0, the winning team’s goal differential would be +5 +4. If the divisions do not have the same number of teams, and a tie exists between two teams in different divisions calculate a percentage. The percentage would be calculated as follows: Goal Differential/Maximum Possible Goal Differential (each game’s maximum would be assumed to be +5 4).

# 306.7.5 Should LSA be unable to realign the brackets for the particular LSA Tournament all games for the team that has withdrawn shall be recorded as forfeits with a score of 5-0 4-0 in favor of the non- forfeiting team.

306.7.6 If a team fails to play all of its scheduled games at an LSA State tournament the club with which the team is affiliated may be assessed a fine not to exceed $1,000.00 dollars and shall, at the discretion of LSA, be placed in Not in Good Standing status. All games forfeited will be recorded as forfeits with a score of 5-0 4-0 in favor of the non-forfeiting team.

306.14.3.3 Team with the greatest net goal difference (NGD) which is computed as “goals for” minus “goals against” with a maximum of 5 4 NGD in each game.

306.15.2 Should a team in round-robin competition forfeit any game, the official game scores for all of that team’s games shall be recorded as 5-0 4-0 losses. A team that forfeits a game will be considered to have withdrawn from the Louisiana State Tournament.

# 313.13.2 The following points will be awarded for forfeited round-robin games:

#  The non-forfeiting team shall be awarded

#  3 points for a win

#  5 4 goals for, 0 goals against

#  The forfeiting team shall be accorded:

 0 points for a loss

**POLICY 306.1.1.7**

**(see: Page 79 of the LSA Policy Manual)**

Rationale for Amendment to Policy 306.1.1.7

USYS combines the age groups effective 24-25, so this combines the terminology.

How Policy 306.1.1.7 Would Change:

 306.1.1.7 LSA shall have the discretion to conduct the State Cup for 18U/19U 18U and 19U age groups at a different time and place than the State Cup for the other age groups.

**POLICY 307.2.5**

**(see: Page 96 of the LSA Policy Manual)**

Rationale for Amendment to Policy 307.2.5

Reflects current USYS practices.

How Policy 307.2.5 Would Change:

#  307.2.5 Regional/sub-regional ID events and state camps are held each year, as needed based on national/international events, for certain age groups to identify players for possible selection to a national team. Sub-regional events may also be scheduled within the year.