



HOUSTON YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

NEW CLUB INFORMATION

The Houston Youth Soccer Association (HYSA) accepts new clubs for membership in the Spring of each year for the Fall playing season. HYSA does not allow independent teams to register or play within HYSA's gaming league. Applications for membership as a new club in HYSA must be made no later than the date of HYSA's April Board of Directors meeting on the third Wednesday of the month. The application for membership should provide a brief overview of the history, objectives and mission of the club along with each of the following:

- Constitution and Bylaws
- List of all club officers with full contact information including address, phone and email contacts
- A description and location of the club's playing and practice fields with field maps, usage permits (if applicable) and field maintenance responsibilities.
 - HYSA requires clubs to have at least 1 field appropriate in size for every 7 U-8 through U-12 teams; 1 field of appropriate size for every 7 U-13 through U-14 teams; and, 1 field of appropriate size for every 3 U-15+ team.
 - Field sizes must meet the current field size guidelines which can be found on HYSA's website and must pass an inspection by HYSA's Field Committee prior to final membership approval.
 - Description of the Club uniform colors. All clubs are required to have a primary color and an alternate color jersey, for use in a color conflict with opposing teams. Uniforms may not contain advertising/sponsorship from any alcoholic beverages or tobacco products. South Texas Youth Soccer Association (STYSA) prohibits solicitation and/or sponsorship by distributors or manufacturers of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products. This includes brand names of tobacco products or alcoholic beverages on any player's equipment and/or uniforms.
 - A list of club teams by age group. HYSA has a requirement that new clubs register a minimum of 10 teams to be activated for membership.



- A list of USSF certified referees who will commit for work with the new club. Names, contact information and USSF ID number are required. HYSA recommends that each club have a minimum of 1 referee for every 2 U-8 through U-14 teams and 1 referee for every U-15+ team in order to be able to comply with HYSA's referee quota policy.

As part of its application, each aspiring new club must confirm that it has read, understands and will comply with HYSA and STYSA's (South Texas Youth Soccer Association, HYSA's parent organization) rules and policies including, but not limited to, policies regarding Coach Education and Sportsmanship Codes of behavior. The membership application must be submitted to the HYSA Administrator and presented in person to the HYSA Board of Directors at its April Board meeting. After acceptance by the HYSA Board, the application must be approved by a majority of the voting delegates from existing HYSA clubs at the April HYSA General Meeting, the fourth Wednesday of April.

Any newly accepted club will be accepted for membership as a Provisional Member, Class III. Provisional members do not have membership voting rights, but all teams have the right to fully participate in HYSA league play and, if qualified, can compete in and represent HYSA in post season playoffs.