



# NEW JERSEY YOUTH SOCCER

## DEFINITIONS OF COMMON TERMS

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## 1 INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide clear communication to the New Jersey Youth Soccer Association (NJYSA) Membership on common terms and definitions used by NJYSA.

## 2 DEFINITIONS

### 2.1 Definitions from NJYSA Bylaws

The following terms are defined in the NJYSA Bylaws and have the below meanings:

- A. **"NJYSA", "NJYS", or "the Association"**: The New Jersey Youth Soccer Association
- B. **"US Soccer" or "Federation"**: The United States Soccer Federation
- C. **"FIFA"**: The Federation Internationale de Football Association
- D. **"AGM"**: The annual membership meeting of the Association
- E. **"BOD" or "Board"**: The Board of Directors of the Association
- F. **"Executive Committee"**: The Executive Committee of the Association
- G. **"Member at Large"**: There are six (6) member at large positions on the NJYS Board of Directors. These positions are restricted to members of a NJ Youth Soccer member club.
- H. **"Leagues"**: A structured group of four (4) or more unrelated teams, joined for the purpose of inter-team play under a common set of administrative and competition rules and approved by the NJYS Board of Directors. The members of a league have the right to elect officers and make changes to their administrative and competitive rules.
- I. **"Tournaments"**: A group of teams joined for the purpose of playing the sport of soccer.
- J. **"Team"**: A recognized entity created for the purpose of playing the sport of soccer.
- K. **"Club"**: An organization, which has an identifiable membership of youth soccer players, on whose behalf the organization conducts or engages in youth soccer activities. Clubs may have teams in travel leagues, recreational leagues and in-house programs.

### 2.2 Definitions of Common Terminology

The following terms are commonly referenced by NJYSA in various documents. The definitions of these common terms are provided below:

#### 2.2.1 Organizations

- A. **"IFAB"**: The International Football Association Board.
- B. **"USYSA" and "USYS"**: The United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc.

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## 2.2.2 Other Terms

- A. **“player”**: a youth player
- B. **“registration”**: intent to play the sport of soccer and the paying of fees to become a member of NJYSA
- C. **“competition”** or **“competition authority”**: a NJYSA sanctioned event coordinated by a NJYSA Member Organization (e.g. Recreation League, Travel League, or Member coordinated Tournament, etc.)
- D. **“guest player”**: a registered player participating in a competition for a team to which the player is not rostered for purposes of league play.
- E. **“carding”**: the process for verifying the validity of a player to participate in youth soccer competitions at a particular age, gender and for a team.
- F. **“card”**, **“primary card”** or **“primary pass”**: document provided by NJYSA as evidence of NJYSA membership as a coach or player
- G. **“carded”**: a player who has met the criteria to participate in youth soccer competitions at a particular age, gender and for a team.
- H. **“secondary carding”**: the process for verifying the validity of a player to appear on the team roster for a second registered team.
- I. **“secondary carded”**: a player who has met the criteria to be on the team roster for a second registered team.
- J. **“dual carded”** or **“double carded”**: player who possesses two or more primary member passes. This is not allowed.
- K. **“primary team”**: the team from a club for which a player is on the State team roster.
- L. **“secondary team”**: the team from which a player is league approved to appear on a game day roster.
- M. **“game roster”** or **“game day roster”**: the list of registered players rostered to team who will participate in a soccer game
- N. **“state roster”**: the list of registered players that appear on the primary team roster.
- O. **“team roster”**: the list of registered players eligible to play for a team and to be added to a game day roster that meets the NJYS team activation criteria.
- P. **“suspension”**: the temporary withdrawal of rights and privileges to participate (directly or indirectly) in NYSA sanctioned events.
- Q. **“playing up”**: the process for when a player is playing with an older aged group team whether it’s the player’s primary team or club passing team.

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- R. **“playing down”**: the process for when a player is playing with a younger aged group team. This is not allowed in travel competition.
- S. **“club passing”**: the ability for a player to appear on a game day roster for a team that within the same club.
- T. **“medical release”**: waivers completed by parents and players that acknowledge state requirements.
- U. **“club officials”** or **“admins”**: term used to describe representatives from a member club which may include coaches.
- V. **“coach”**: the admin that oversees a team.
- W. **“referee”** & **“assistant referee”**: an official(s) that oversees a competition.