

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Revised February, 2000

1. Whereas, the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) is the recognized leader in coordination, administration and promotion of soccer for youth players in the United States; and,
2. Whereas, the United States Futsal Federation (USFF) is recognized as the National Governing Body for the FIFA recognized sport of Futsal (five-a side soccer); and
3. Whereas, USYSA State Associations are responsible for the coordination, administration and promotion of soccer for youth players in their respective states; and,
4. Whereas, Futsal State Associations are responsible for the coordination, administration and promotion of Futsal in their respective State Associations; and
5. Whereas, a close organization alliance between USFF and USYSA can significantly develop Futsal in all states to the mutual benefit of USFF, USYSA and their respective State Associations;

NOW THEREFORE, for purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding, it is agreed as follows:

1. The respective USYSA State Associations shall recognize the respective State Futsal Associations as the only organization with the responsibility to develop and promote all aspects of Futsal within their state, under the umbrella of the USYSA State Associations or the State Soccer Association where both amateur and youth groups are governed by a single State Association.
2. State Futsal Associations are autonomous associations, affiliated to USFF, responsible for all aspects of Futsal and will develop programs in accordance with the By-Laws of USFF and the respective applicable State Associations.
3. Organizational Considerations:

The governing board of the State Futsal Associations will have the full and final authority to develop policies, procedures and programs to develop and promote all aspects of Futsal in the various states.
4. Program Considerations:
 - (a) State Futsal Associations, under the umbrella of USYSA State Associations or the State Soccer Association where both amateur and youth play are governed by a single State Association, shall be encouraged to carry out the policies, procedures and programs of U.S. Futsal.
 - (b) U.S. Futsal shall configure its national organization to conform with the boundaries of the U.S. Soccer State Associations.
 - (c) In case of disputes between the two State Associations (USYSA & Futsal) the first body of arbitration will be the Board of the USYSA State Association.

- (d) USYSA State Associations shall register all players for all non-Futsal soccer play. State Futsal Associations shall register all players for Futsal play. State Futsal Associations are encouraged to register all Futsal players through their USYSA State Associations or the State Soccer Associations where both amateur and youth groups are governed by a single State Association and forward them to U.S. Futsal.
- (e) Players suspended from USYSA State Associations (more than 4 weeks), may not play in State Futsal Association until a hearing is held by the State Futsal Associations to rule on the length of said player's suspension from State Futsal Association play. Players suspended from state Futsal association may not play in USYSA State Association play until a hearing is held by the USYSA State Association to rule on the length of said player's suspension from USYSA State Association play.
- (f) U.S. Futsal referees will be used for Futsal games.
- (g) U.S. Soccer referees will be used for state youth soccer play.
- (h) To the extent possible registration procedures will be established to avoid duplicate collection of insurance fees from players registered with both the State Futsal Association and USYSA State Associations. Actual registration procedures will be determined by the individual states, pursuant to guidelines established by US Youth Soccer and U.S. Futsal.

5. It is the intention of USYSA and USFF to encourage changes in the individual State Association Constitutions and By-Laws as soon as possible so that a representative of each State Association will be a member, either voting or non-voting as the respective State Associations determine, of the others Board of Directors.

This agreement is the full and complete agreement between United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and United States Futsal Federation (USFF).



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