



**NORTH SHORE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
STANDARDS FOR
NEW CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**



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INTRODUCTION

To continue to be an inclusive organization and grow the game of soccer in the North Shore District of BC Soccer. This document was developed to provide more specific direction on the minimum and mandatory application requirements for a new club application to The North Shore Youth Soccer Association for both Full and Associated Members. Further guidance is also provided on the use of an Associate or Limited Membership category for organizations that seek membership solely for the purpose of providing supplementary training.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The legal form or tax status of a club is not relevant to its inclusion in NSYSA/BC Soccer's membership structure.
- North Shore Youth Soccer Association will have a process in place to accept new club membership applications that is fair and unbiased.
- Members will be aligned with BC Soccer's overall objective to grow the game of soccer in BC.

SCOPE

This document specifies the minimum standard criteria for which the North Shore Youth Association will require of new clubs applying for membership. It states which criteria a new member applying to the North Shore Youth Soccer Association must provide for doing so.



Minimum Application Requirements for New Club Membership

The minimum application requirements of the North Shore Youth Soccer Association (“NSYSA”) for new club membership in the NSYSA are set out below. The requirements are taken from the BC Soccer Youth District Association Standards for New Club Membership Applications (“BC Soccer Standards”), amended as permitted by the BC Soccer Standards.

1. Benefit to Soccer

The Applicant (“Applicant”) will provide a detailed description of the organization and basis for membership. The Applicant needs to establish how its entry into membership will benefit soccer and grow the game in the geographical area that the NSYSA governs by providing increased opportunities to players, addition of new resources and/or new programming. An Applicant must also be able to demonstrate that it will uphold the integrity of the game and operate in a sound manner that is in accordance with the NSYSA.

2. Organizational Status and Proof of Registration

The Applicant will provide proof of registration with the province of British Columbia as a registered society, sole proprietor, partnership and/or incorporation (whichever is applicable).

3. Governing Documentation

The Applicant will provide its most recent, member approved, Constitution and Bylaws and/or equivalent documentation stating the organization’s principles, purpose and how decisions are made.

4. Listing of Association/Club Officials

The Applicant will include the names of its executive officers and/or directors with a description of their role and responsibilities within the organization and contact information (email and phone number).

5. Commitment to Registering Players

The Applicant will agree in writing to register a minimum of 100 youth players. (A player is any youth registered with the new club who is participating in any sanctioned soccer activity, such as supplementary training, and does not have to include league play). For purposes of the initial application, players moving in mass from other club teams (i.e. more than 50% of the team’s registered players) may not be considered in the 100 minimum registered player count. The player registration minimum only applies to Applicant’s who seek full membership in the NSYSA.



Proof of player registration must be provided no more than 30 days after approval of the Application. Continued membership will be subject to the Applicant meeting these requirements and membership will be rescinded if the Applicant is unable to meet the required registration numbers within the stated timeline. Clubs whose applications are rescinded may require additional proof of the ability to secure members (registered players) should they make application again in the future.

New club applicants must have new players (i.e., Players that have not been registered with BC Soccer or an affiliated organization within the past year). The minimum number of new players that is required of the applicant is 30% of the registration requirement set by NSYSA.

As per BC Soccer, Players may only be registered with 1 club except for Associate Members who solely provide supplementary training.

Applicant must adhere to the BCCSL policy of no more than 5 out of District players per team for all Division of play. Does not apply to BC SPL league.

6. Commitment to Non-Discrimination and Inclusive Programming

The Applicant will provide policies aligned with the NSYSA and BC Soccer regarding non-discrimination. The Applicant must deliver male and female programming and be inclusive to individuals regardless of where an individual identifies on the gender spectrum.

7. Commitment to Financial Strength, Responsibility and Transparency

The Applicant will:

- Provide a minimum Notice to Reader financial statements annually after acceptance.
- Provide a budget for their organization's next two fiscal years.
- Provide a bond of \$10,000
- Acknowledge that 50% of the Bond will be returned at the end of a successful completion of the first year of membership and the remainder returned after the successful completion of the second year of membership.

8. Proof of Organizational Readiness and Vision

The Applicant will provide the following:

- a Business Plan and/or Operations Plan
- a Technical Plan.



9. Commitment to Safe Sport and Ethical Conduct

The Applicant will provide the following:

- Risk Management Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Discipline and Ethics Policy
- Code of Conducts for players, coaches, parents and club officials
- The name and contact information (email and phone numbers) of the Applicant's Risk Management Officer.
- A copy of Association Official bios and resumes including applicable coaching and/or referee certifications.
- Confirmation that the Applicant's executive/officers have completed a Vulnerable Sector Check or Enhanced Police Information Check by a provider acceptable by BC Soccer.

10. Commitment to Compliance and Friendly Relations

The Applicant will:

- Agree in writing to adhere to the bylaws, rules and regulations, policies and directives of the Youth District Association and its governing bodies.
- Agree in writing not to accept entire teams moving from any other club member (in or outside of the Youth District Association where membership is being sought).

11. Confirmation of Field Space

The Applicant will provide proof that it has access to fields that are safe for training and match play. If the Applicant's fields are acquired directly from a local municipality, a letter of support from the municipality or proof of field rentals is required.

12. Restriction of Eligibility for Highest Level Programming

The Applicant will acknowledge in writing that:

- Its teams will not be eligible to apply for NSYSA District's (Metro) highest-level programming for one year unless another full member of the NSYSA does not put forward a high-level team for the same gender and age.
- The Applicant's teams must adhere to all British Columbia Coastal Soccer League's rules and regulations.



Deadlines

On or before: September 1, 2021

All Youth District Associations' application processes will open, and applications will be accepted until October 31, 2021.

On or before: January 10, 2022

All Youth District Associations' decisions regarding new member organization applications will be announced.

On or before: September 2022

New full members of NSYSA may initiate operations to commence play for the 2022 Fall/Winter season

On or before: September 2023

All new members in the North Shore Youth Soccer Association (NSYSA) will be reviewed by the NSYSA's Membership Committee. 50% of bond will be returned upon review.

On or before: September 2024

Remaining 50% of bond will be returned upon review.

Moving forward, all new applications must be received by Oct 31 each year, with the decisions being announced the following January for start of play in September.



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North Shore Youth Soccer Associations will accept an Associate (or Limited) Membership (non-voting member) to new club applicants that seek membership to solely provide supplementary training or cannot meet the requirements to be a full club member. They will have the right to apply for full club membership in the future.

Associate Club Members will be allowed to participate in sanctioned tournaments, exhibition and friendly matches.

Associate (or Limited) Members of Youth District Associations are not able to participate in any sanctioned league and/or sanctioned competition play including BC Soccer Provincial Championships.

All players, regardless of membership category, must register with BC Soccer via the NSYSA

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Application Information



In order to be considered for membership in the NSYSA, an Applicant must complete BC Soccer Association new membership form at <https://bcsoccer.net/files/ActiveFullMembershipAppliationnodate.pdf> and provide the following additional information:

1. A copy of your organization's Incorporation Certificate, Current Constitution and Bylaws.
2. Attach a list of minimum 50 players that will be registering with your club with the remaining 50 to be provided by *[insert date]* of the playing season.
3. Attach a Declaration (in the form attached as Appendix 1) signed by each of your organization's Directors and Officers.
4. Provide any additional information that your organization feels would be relevant to its application for membership in the NSYSA.

Please note that your organization will be invited to one (1) or more interviews in connection with this Application.

Applications should be forwarded to the attention of the NSYSA Membership Committee, via Email to chair@nsysa.com.

APPENDIX 1



DECLARATION

TO: North Shore Youth Soccer Association

FROM: _____
Name of director/officer

Name of organization

I hereby confirm and declare that I/We will adhere to all applicable Bylaws and Rules/Regulations of the NORTH SHORE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, the BC COASTAL SOCCER LEAGUE, the BC SOCCER ASSOCIATION and the CANADA SOCCER ASSOCIATION.

Signature

Position/Title

Date