



Lower Island Soccer Association

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To: Registrars, Players and Parents

From: District Registrar

Re: Transfers, Exemptions and Grandfathers (Boys and Girls)

Zoning

District Clubs registering teams with the LISA soccer must comply with the rules of zoning. This means that each club has a vested interest in the players who reside within their boundaries. The LISA Registrar acting through the Club Registrars are the responsible authorities for administering the zoning rules in the District.

In general, players who play outside of their “home club” are considered transfers unless given special dispensation by the LISA Board (e.g. Grandfather or a one-year exemption).

In order to register as a transfer, all players must sign a notice acknowledging their transfer status at the time of registration. As a matter of practical convenience, the LISA will oversee this process by allowing players to register directly with the club of their choice as a transfer. In addition, players in U11 to U18 who subsequently move from one team to another after October 15 in each season must also complete a BCSA transfer form even if moving from one team to another within their own club.

General Information

Teams in divisions of U11-U18 are restricted to three transfers per team. While mini and house teams do not have this restriction, it is important that parents of players at that age are made aware of their transfer status. This will allow them to give informed consideration to some of the restrictions they may face when they arrive at the U11. It is required that all players be advised of their transfer status from the time they first register to play soccer.

It is important for parents and players to understand that being a “transfer” does not automatically preclude a player from playing with the team of his or her choice. It only means that as a “transfer” a player can possibly experience some difficulty. For instance, should a club be carrying a large number of transfer players in a given age group, or if a team is attempting to bolster their strength by adding skilled players from another club, it is quite possible one transfer player may be forced out in favor of another transfer player.

Clubs and teams have been encouraged to set aside at least one of their “three” transfer positions for emergency needs such as mid-season shortage of players or for “in-house” movement of players between teams after the October 15 deadline. Transfers should not be viewed as merely a means to give a specific team a competitive advantage in a division. The strength of each division lies in the ability of each team in that division to remain competitive and in the ability of divisions to retain teams and players in the long run. This is more likely to occur if each division tends to be evenly matched across the district.

Applications for Exemptions

When the LISA board reviews individual applications for exemptions the following will be taken into consideration as may be appropriate:



Location of Player Address: Because a player lives close to a boundary or because one club is closer to a players home address is not sufficient reason to approve an exemption.

Several Years Membership with a Club: Because a player has played with the same club since he or she first registered is not a reason to provide a grandfather exemption.

Relative or Member with the Club: Kinship to a current or former club member is not reason to provide an exemption.

Coaching Exemptions: Only apply to the child of the Head Coach of a team. It does not apply to other children the coach may have on other teams.

Address of Parents: In the case of parents living at different addresses, the BCSA rules are applied. The parent of the player is:

- a) either parent where both parents have a common address, or if there is only one surviving parent, such surviving parent;
- b) in the event that the parents are living apart, the parent who has custody of the player, or if both parents of have custody, the parent with who the player habitually resides or if the player does not habitually reside with either parent, then either parent, and,
- c) in the event that both parents are deceased, the person who is the loco parentis of the player.

Players and parents should not provide any false information with respect to a player address. Any player who is found to have been registered under a false or misleading address is subject to immediate suspension.

Any team that attempts to circumvent the address rules by filing false papers will forfeit all games it has played to date.

If there is any concern what-so-ever about the address that should be used for a specific player the club registrar should contact the district registrar for assistance.

Grandfathered Players Sibling Exemption

In some cases there will be an older LISA registered player who has sought and received a grandfather exemption. A younger sibling may then apply to also receive an exemption based on their relationship to the grandfathered player.

Players having moved from the District:

Periodically a player will have moved to another district (e.g. parents on a job transfer). If that player returns to the district at some future date, they may re-apply for their grandfather status.

Rules, Regulations and Policies: For further information on the registration of players and teams, refer to Chapter 7 of the Lower Island Soccer Association Rules and Regulations.

The definition of the boundaries for each club and the Bylaw Article concerning transfer players may be obtained from either your Club or District Registrar.

Harold McNeill
District Registrar