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Many of you are aware that WYSA, with four other State Associations and US Youth Soccer were named in a grievance before the USSF regarding inter-play and the opportunity for any USSF member to play any other USSF member. One specific component of this grievance referenced the opportunity for WYSA teams to play with non-USYSA member teams.

As explained in detail in the attached summary, the Arbitrator rejected all claims that any rules or policies of WYSA, USYSA or the other State Associations violated any bylaws, rules, policies, or resolutions of USSF. In the course of the grievance, however, it became clear that one email that I wrote in July 2009 was incorrect in several ways.

Please accept my apology for this error and allow me to be clear. WYSA continues to maintain policies that USYSA member passes issued by WYSA are only issued for use in events sanctioned or approved by USYSA or its State Associations. Similarly, WYSA has only purchased insurance coverage for its members when they are participating in official team practices and in games sanctioned or approved by WYSA, USYSA, or other USYSA State Associations. The Arbitrator confirmed that the WYSA member pass policy, the USYSA travel policy, and the WYSA insurance policy do not violate any USSF bylaw, policy, rule or resolution.

However, at the same time, it is important for WYSA to make it clear to all of its members that they are completely free to participate in any games, events or activities. The policies and insurance policies of WYSA do not have the intent or the effect of prohibiting any WYSA teams from participating in any non-US Youth Soccer activities.

WYSA teams are specifically permitted to participate in activities sponsored by non-USYSA members or anyone else. In addition, WYSA teams are permitted to sponsor unrestricted tournaments or other tournaments or activities in which non-US Youth Soccer members may participate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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