## A. **DEFINITIONS**

TERM	DEFINITION
Association	Identifies top level entities known as California Youth Soccer Association or Cal North. Referred to as Cal North in this policy.
Affiliated Organization	A structured organization operating within a specified community or otherwise defined geographical area within a given Cal North District, whose purpose is to offer soccer play to the players registered with the Affiliated Organization.
Competitive Player	A player registered with an Affiliated Organization who is placed on a team roster through a selection process such as tryouts.
Recreational Player	A player registered with an Affiliated Organization who is placed on a team roster on an equal strength basis.
Team Administrator	A registered adult who is rostered to a team as a Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager, or Team Trainer.
TOPSoccer Player	A player registered with an Affiliated Organization who participates in a community based TOPSoccer program that is designed to meet the needs of players with physical and/or mental disabilities. TOPSoccer players are placed on teams according to ability NOT by age.
Seasonal Year	The period of time beginning September 1 of one calendar year and ending on August 31 of the immediately following year.

# B. APPLICABILITY OF POLICY

This policy only applies to Cal North and youth players or team administrators registered through Cal North or any of Cal North's Affiliated Organizations.

# C. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 1. Affiliated organizations shall register players annually online using Cal North's approved registration system. Players 18 years or older must sign and approve in lieu of their parent/legal guardian.
- 2. A player is considered to be registered with Cal North once the player information is entered into Cal North's approved registration system AND the Cal North registration fee has been paid.
- 3. An electronic signature generated by Cal North's approved registration system is an acceptable signature for a parent/legal guardian, or player eighteen (18) years or older.

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- 4. All players shall submit a proof of age document when requested by their Affiliated Organization. (e.g. Birth certificate, passport, alien registration card, etc. issued by an appropriate government agency as indicated in US Youth Soccer Rule 204).
- 5. A player's age group of registration is determined by subtracting the player's birth year from the end year of the seasonal year. For example, if the seasonal year is 2022-2023 and the player birth year is 2010, the player's age group of registration is 13 years of age and under.

# D. TEAM ADMINISTRATOR REGISTRATION

- 1. All Team Administrators must register online annually in Cal North's approved registration system
- 2. A Team Administrator must complete all Cal North risk management requirements and must have an approved background check prior to being assigned to a team or having any contact with players.

## E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGISTRATION

Cal North's risk management requirements must be completed by all Cal North and Affiliated Organization board members upon being elected to a Board position and annually thereafter.

## F. YOUTH PLAYING SENIOR

Prior to registering with the adult amateur organization and/or senior team, a youth player must have a properly completed form 1612 (Youth to Provisional Senior Player) approved and on file with Cal North in order to maintain the eligibility of the youth player. A separate form is required for each adult organization with which the youth player registers. A form must be completed for each season of registration.