



## Competitive Player Transfer Policy

A competitive player is considered committed to a team for the seasonal year when a written acceptance occurs, and player registration is completed. Competitive players include those who would be rostered to Classic, State League and US Youth Soccer National League teams. If at any time during the registration year, a competitive player wishes to transfer to another club (interclub transfer), that player must submit a [Competitive Player Request Transfer Form](#) with applicable fees (\$100) to the WYSA State Office.

A new club and team must be identified to begin the transfer process. Players are not released to “free agency”. It is the discretion of the club who holds the original registration to approve or deny a transfer request. Clubs may request fulfillment of financial obligations to the club before authorizing a player release. WYSA will not intervene in financial matters of the club unless the club is operating in conflict with club or WYSA policies.

The State Office will review transfer requests for completeness and verify compliance with WYSA policy. WYSA staff may contact the requestor and/or the clubs involved for additional information. Upon verification, a request for transfer approval will be sent to the President (or designee) of the releasing club. Clubs have 7 days to respond to WYSA regarding the transfer request. Failure to respond will result in automatic approval of the transfer. WYSA will notify the requesting party when the club responds, or after 7 days have passed. All communications regarding player transfers will be sent via email to the address on file with WYSA and/or provided in the request form. If the player transfer is approved (or withdrawn), 50% of the request fee is refunded to the requesting party at the conclusion of the process.

Should the club deny a transfer request, the requestor has the right to appeal. A notice of appeal must be submitted in writing to the WYSA State Office within 72 hours of the denial notification. If an appeal is requested WYSA retains the entire \$100 transfer fee.

Where an appeal is filed, a transfer hearing panel will be convened to decide on the release of the player. WYSA will make a conscientious effort to facilitate the review panel process in a timely manner. The panel will consist of three neutral parties from the soccer community and provide both the club and the requestor an opportunity to represent their position. Hearings are conducted by conference call. The parties involved will be notified of the panel's decision within 24 hours of the hearing.

This policy only applies to competitive players and restricts movement from a team in one club to a team in another club. It is not applicable to a player changing teams within the same club (intraclub transfer).