



Missouri Youth Soccer New Tournament Sanctioning Criteria

No organization shall have more than 6 tournaments annually moving forward
(Current tournaments are exempt)

Deciding Factors for granting future sanctioning, points scale is used for applications:

These criteria are used when more than one member organization is seeking to sanction the same weekend in a District. Along with deposit & dates requested members shall give the following information. Answers shall be aggregated using the points per answer listed. This is for competitive tournaments only.

Membership Length: Less than 5 years – 1pts, 5 – 10 Years – 3pts, over 10 years – 5pts

Registration of all eligible members: Under 50% - 0pts, 51 – 90% - 3pts, 91%+ - 5pts (Players aged 6-19, plus coaches)

Number of Competitive Players: below 100 – 0pts, 100 – 500 – 3pts, 501 and up – 5pts

US Youth & Mo Youth Program Participation: below 80% - 0pts, 80 – 90% - 3pts, 91%+ - 5pts (MWC/Cups vs other)

Opting to run a CLOSED tournament (USYS/MYSA Only): +5pts

Certain additional dates will be made available to district members. Some of these dates will be during State Event weekends if the State event is in another District for that seasonal year. MYSA reserves right with 10 months' notice to take back the date if needed for the State Event within a District.

Member Organizations shall apply for available weekends between Nov 15 to Dec 15

Deposit will be returned for any member not selected.

Member must host a successful tournament for 3 consecutive years before it is considered a “historic date” and guaranteed for the next seasonal year.

Member will get approval from the State Youth Referee Assignor for any tournament exceeding 250 teams on a single weekend prior to sanctioning approval.

Sanctioning of tournaments through a single entity allows for consistent rules, consistent referee availability, safety, and quality of competition. Members choosing to sanction events outside of MYSA shall lose the protection of their grandfathered tournaments.

Accepting teams from other USSF members is limited to those being able to show that their standards are at a minimum equal to ours for matters of risk management, coaching, insurance, safety, & SafeSport compliance (this is a list of examples, not all matters are listed).

Moving forward, a tournament must have at least 80 team participation to have a protected “historic” weekend. Should a tournament fall below this for two consecutive years, and it is not due to weather, or circumstances beyond its control (i.e., COVID), then the weekend could be made available to other members.

Other restrictions may apply to those wishing to swap weekends, share weekends/events or other matters unforeseen.