

NEVADA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

SECTION 28 EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES & FORCE MAJEURE

28:00:00 Introduction

Nevada Youth Soccer Association (NYSA) provides oversight, infrastructure, and education to 700+ sanctioned youth soccer teams in Nevada, serving over 7,000 players, 2,000 coaches, and 500 referees. Every youth player, coach, referee, and club that is sanctioned by NYSA must follow local protocols set forth by the organization for the safety and betterment of the game of soccer in Nevada. NYSA works in association with US Youth Soccer Association, United States Soccer Federation, and ultimately the largest sports network in the world, FIFA.

28:01:00 Extraordinary Circumstances

From time to time, the safety of the community may be at risk due to natural disaster, pandemic, civil unrest, war, or other acts as noted in Section 28:09:00 of this section. If and as these may occur, it is essential that NYSA is positioned to act to ensure the safety of its membership. Any of the aforementioned conditions, and those additionally listed in Section 28:09:00 and those that may not be listed yet may present a condition of imminent threat to the health and safety of the membership and participants, may occur on a global, national statewide or local basis. In order to protect the membership and enable quick response to any of these conditions, the President of NYSA is authorized to declare a State of Emergency. During a State of Emergency, the President is authorized to carry out all duties of the BOD as the President may see fit. The President shall seek BOD ratification for any declared State of Emergency within ten days of the declaration and is required to report actions taken under this Section to the BOD on a periodic basis.

28:01:01 State of Emergency

A State of Emergency, as authorized in Section 28:01:00 may include a complete and immediate cessation of all youth soccer activities under the purview of NYSA, partial limitations of activities, the promulgation of rules and directives governing the conduct of activities, and determination of changes to the State of Emergency including a lifting of the State of Emergency. The restrictions and limitations that may be imposed during the State of Emergency must be reviewed and reevaluated by the President as circumstances warrant or, at a minimum, every 30 days following the declaration. If the President determines that such restrictions and limitations should remain in force, the President must report this recommendation to the BOD. The BOD may request a hearing and either ratify, modify or reject the recommendation of the President.

28:02:00 Application of State of Emergency

A declared State of Emergency shall apply to any player, coach, manager, team official, referee, volunteer or parent affiliated with a Team, Club or League that is registered or has any of its participants registered under NYSA.

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28:03:00 Nevada Youth Soccer Association (NYSA) is committed to and focused upon providing a clear and safe pathway to play for our members. Specifics as to the roles/responsibilities of the Club, Team, Coach, Parent, Player and Referee, in addition to the most recent updates from NYSA and local officials, can be found on the NYSA website located here: <https://www.nevadayouthsoccer.org/return-to-play/return-to-play-information/> or on any other website established to provide guidance during a State of Emergency.

28:04:00 NYSA Members that fail to comply with this policy or any provisions of a State of Emergency will be subject to an automatic suspension of up to 6 months from all soccer-related activities. In addition, if the violating NYSA Member is a member of a Club, Team, or League, a \$1,000 fine will be issued directly to the affiliate Club, Team, or League found to be in violation. Clubs, Leagues, or Teams that are repeat offenders will be fined an additional \$1,000 per violation. Violation of this policy will be determined by the NYSA President, and shall be based upon sufficient cause or evidence as outlined in Section 7 of the NYSA Policies. The NYSA President shall inform the members of the Board of all actions taken under this section within seven days of the action being taken. All fines must be paid within 3 business days of receipt of a notification of violation. Failure to submit payment will result in the Club, Team, or League being placed into immediate bad standing.

28:05:01 [Section 7:06:06](#) may apply to any violations of the current protocols as listed on the [NYSA website](#).

28:06:00 Notification of the violation will be provided by NYSA to the NYSA member in violation, as well as the member Club, Team, or League via electronic mail to the Club, League, or Team President and/or Executive Director.

28:07:00 If found in violation, the member, or their respective Club, Team, or League may appeal the findings to the Discipline Protest and Appeals Committee only after completing payment of the fine and appeal fee. The appeal must be submitted in accordance with NYSA policy [Section 7:30:00](#).

28:08:00 In the event a NYSA member feels that another NYSA member has violated this policy they may submit a formal complaint in accordance with NYSA policy Section 7.

28:09:00 **Force Majeure**

Nevada Youth Soccer Association shall not be considered in default of its obligations to the extent that performance of its obligations is prevented or delayed by any cause beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of God, acts or omissions of governmental authorities, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, acts of public enemy, wars, acts or threatened acts of terrorism, blockages, riots, civil disturbances,

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epidemics, floods, hurricanes tornadoes, and any other similar events, acts, or omissions beyond their control.