



## MSDSL Anti-Poaching Guidelines and Protocols

### **During Soccer Year (July 1-Day Before Tryouts):**

If/when any family whose child plays in the MSDSL contacts another MSDSL club about their program – winter training or indoor leagues, guest playing at tournaments, changing clubs mid-year, etc – the club receiving the inquiry MUST contact the original club about this communication.

The receiving club DOC should refer the player/family back to their DOC for permission, and should email the original club DOC within seven (7) days of this contact (carbon-copy the MSDSL Commissioner). Failure to do so is a poaching violation, which may result in penalties including fines, suspensions, and/or expulsion from the league.

### **Guest Player Invitations (tournaments, indoor league, training etc):**

Prior to inviting any MSDSL player outside of their club to participate in any activities or events, the DOC of the club inviting the player must receive permission from the original club DOC. Failure to do so is a poaching violation, which may result in penalties including fines, suspensions, and/or expulsion from the league.

The original club DOC has the right to deny this request, and it is his responsibility to respond in a timely fashion. If he fails to respond, the DOC of the club inviting the player should solicit the help of the MSDSL Commissioner and/or the MSDSL Board of Directors for a response.

### **Player Releases:**

As per MSYSA rules and regulations, players may be granted a release from their team by their own volition.

### **Player Transfers:**

All player transfer approvals are to be granted by the League Commissioner - no BOD member may grant any player transfer without Commissioner's approval.

League Commissioner will only approve player transfers in the following circumstances:

1. intra-club (from one MSDSL team to another within the same club): automatic
2. intra-club to a different league (ex: MSDSL to MSPSP): automatic
3. intra-league (from one MSDSL club to another MSDSL club): written permission from original club's DOC required. Transferring player may be required to fulfill all obligations to previous club before transfer paperwork is signed and submitted.
4. inter-club (changing clubs, and from MSDSL to a different league): written permission from original club's DOC required.
5. inter club (changing clubs, and a different league to MSDSL – ex: MYSL to MSDSL): after consultation with original league policies to determine whether transfer is possible.

### **Dual-Registration:**

All dual registration is to be approved by the League Commissioner - no club may dual-register a player without Commissioner's approval.

League Commissioner will only approve dual registration paperwork in the following circumstances:

1. intra-club (on two MSDSL teams within the same club): automatic
2. intra-club within different leagues (ex: MSDSL to MSPSP): automatic, if permitted by other league
3. inter-club/inter-league (dual registering with MSDSL and different league and club): only with MSDSL club DOC's written permission and consultation with other league's policies to determine if dual registration is permitted.

Dual registration is NOT permitted between different clubs within the MSDSL.