



IDAHO STORM SOCCER CLUB

PLAYER TRANSFER POLICY

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IYSA Poaching Policy published in February 2019 reads as follows:

*All players have the right and opportunity to choose which team, club or association tryouts they wish to attend. No team, club, association, or IYSA member league may violate, infringe or restrict this basic right for players in any manner. Players, parents and coaches must also recognize that players are bound to the team for the entire seasonal year (Aug 1 – Jul 31) once they sign a player registration form, subject to the Bylaws of IYSA and their member leagues regarding player transfers and when a player voluntarily quits. Poaching is considered a significant offense by this Association and any individual, team, club, or association found to have committed a poaching violation shall be subject to a significant sanction as determined by the JEC. Such sanctions may include a financial penalty of \$2,000 or less, loss of coaching privileges, and ineligibility to participate in IYSA authorized events including IYSA's State Cup Tournament, the National League or any other appropriate sanction. Teams, clubs, or associations may not initiate contact with a player concerning a transfer. A player may elect to contact another team. **Once contact has been made by a player and has been reported to the club or association currently holding the player's registration, the team may contact that player.***

As shown in the above IYSA policy, throughout a soccer seasonal year (Aug 1 – Jul 31), players may request transfers into and out of the Club. IYSA and League rules are very specific regarding steps that are required during this process and prior to a player being able to transfer. The following is Idaho Storms policy and procedures related to such transfers, which line up with IYSA and League regulations.

1. Upon player transfer notification, the outside club will first contact the player's current club or association to let them know that the player has expressed interest in a transfer.
2. The player requesting the transfer will not be contacted or be able to participate in any practices/tryouts until written approval has been received from the player's current club.
3. If the current club denies the request, then no action or contact is to be made by the outside club.
4. If the current club, after discussion with the player, provides written approval to allow communication with the player, the outside club may reach out to and discuss potential transfer, tryout, etc.
5. If a transfer is desired and approved by both clubs, then appropriate documentation is required to be signed and all owed balances should be brought current prior to transfer and joining the outside club.

To facilitate and ensure adherence to the above steps, Idaho Storm will filter all player transfer requests through its Director of Coaching. Player transfer requests will first require the following information to help the Director of Coaching in following up with the appropriate club and individuals for approval according to IYSA policy:

Player Name
Player Age/Birth Year
Current Club Affiliation
Registration Year Commitment
Current Coach

Anyone contacted regarding player transfers are to send the above general information to Idaho Storm Admin at idahostormsoccer@gmail.com. No further contact is to be made with the requesting player until proper approval is obtained by the Director of Coaching.