



NSYSA New Membership Policy

The NSYSA has developed the following policy that outlines how the NSYSA accepts new members into the District of the NSYSA. The minimum application requirements of the North Shore Youth Soccer Association (NSYSA) are set out below. The requirements are taken from the BC Soccer Youth District Association Standards for New Club Membership Applications ("BC Soccer Standards"), amended as permitted by the BC Soccer Standards.

Intentions of the Policy

The intentions of this policy are to provide clear direction and guidance to NSYSA Board members and if required to Clubs within the NSYSA.

New Membership Policy

1. New Member Definition - A New Member is defined as an organization or club that is not an existing member of the NSYSA and currently has a registration roster consisting of players who do not belong to any other member in the district.
2. Any new membership applications are to be directed to the Chair of the NSYSA in confidence.
3. New Membership Timing - process timeline;
 - To participate in the fall/winter season, the application deadline is October 31 of the prior year. There will be no exception to these deadlines.
 - Upon receiving an application for membership, the NSYSA will confirm receipt of documentation received and note anything that may be outstanding within 10 business days.
 - NSYSA's Membership Committee or designate will review the application to determine if all criteria are met using a standard scorecard.
 - NSYSA's Membership Committee will inform you if your organization has been accepted into membership with the NSYSA on or before January 15. Upon acceptance, your organization will receive full District Member benefits and work with the NSYSA to determine the earliest possible time your organization can begin participating in related Inter-District Youth Leagues or other District-run programs or initiatives (as applicable).
4. New Membership Public Awareness - The NSYSA will have a section on the website to New Membership applications that will outline the process, the steps required and any other requirements. To be completed by November 30, 2021.



5. District Club Feedback - The Board of the NSYSA will notify NSYSA clubs that a New Membership application has been received within 30 days. At an appropriate time, the NSYSA will be given the opportunity to ask questions and provide their feedback. This feedback is to be taken under consideration but should not influence or alter the decision of the board.
6. New Membership Committee - Upon receipt/confirmation of a New Membership application the NSYSA will form a New Membership Committee. This committee will consist of the Chair and other individuals as chosen by the Chair. However the intent is to have skill based individuals on the committee such as a lawyer, businessman etc. All New Membership Committee members must demonstrate the ability to act without bias when reviewing the New Membership application. This committee will remain active based upon the discretion of the NSYSA.
7. To be part of the New Membership Committee you must be free of conflict. This means that you are not affiliated with the Club/organization that is submitting the New Membership application.
8. New Membership Application Criteria - The New Membership application must meet all of the requirements set forth in the NSYSA's New Membership Application Guidelines.
9. New Membership Approval - Once the Board of the NSYSA has approved the New Member into the District, the Chair of the NSYSA will inform the New Member into the District and act as a liaison to ensure the New Member follows all of the prescribed rules and regulations within the District. The Board of the NSYSA will inform clubs within the District and BC Soccer of the decision within 72 hours of the decision to allow or not allow a New Member into the District.
10. Monitoring New Member - The Chair/Board will monitor the new member for a period of nine months once the new member has been approved to ensure they are inline with the rules and guidelines of BCCSL and BCSCA after which time the New Member will be considered the same as a club within the District.