

Approvals Committee Structure

1. An Association Partnership Committee (the “Committee”) will manage the applications of soccer Academies/Clubs wishing to have teams and/or players eligible to participate in the partnership program between UHSAA and UYSA which permits players from high school soccer teams to compete with Academy/Club teams during the high school season (the “Partnership Program”).
2. Academies/Clubs wishing to participate in the Partnership Program must meet basic criteria designed to enhance the programs available to players and reduce erroneous applications, thereby reducing the chances of abuse.
3. The Committee will meet twice a year, at a minimum, to review applications from UYSA member organizations wishing to participate in the Partnership Program. For ‘exceptional opportunity’ or ‘urgent’ applications the Committee will be convened as needed.
4. The Committee will review exception requests as well as any questions regarding events attended to ensure criteria compliance for qualifying ‘next level’ opportunities.
5. The Committee consists of the following membership:
 - Five Committee members
 - UHSAA
 - UHSAA nominated member (High School)
 - UYSA
 - UYSA nominated member organisation (Academy/Club)
 - Independent Chair – For example:
 - A College Athletic Director
 - College Soccer Coach
 - Out of state representative from professional soccer
 - Each Committee member may invite an observer to attend meetings, observers will have no vote, but may participate in discussions.
 - Each member of the Committee will have one vote. The Committee shall have a total of five (5) votes.
 - In the event of a deadlock vote, the independent chair shall have the deciding vote.
 - Each member occupies a seat for a term of three years, including the independent chair.
 - To maintain consistency a rotation plan will be used:
 - 3rd year – UHSAA office
 - 2nd year – UHSAA member

- 2nd year – UYSA office
- 3rd year – UYSA member
- 3rd year – Independent chair

For the sake of clarity and by way of example:

The UYSA office position and the UHSAA member position will sit for an initial term of two (2) years so that all four positions do not rotate at the same time.

Subsequent terms will be for the normal three-year period.

Application Criteria and requirements

Technical Requirements

- Provide insight into the Academy/Club philosophy. Written PowerPoint format presentation must include the following:
 - Player philosophy
 - Coaching philosophy
 - Parent management
 - Playing style, philosophy and implementation strategy
 - Ethical standards and implementation
- Proof of a youth development player curriculum strategy (ages 12 – 18).
- Proof of annual Player Review/Evaluation Forms for each player conducted at least twice per year seasonally. Must show a minimum of six (6) months of Player Review/Evaluation Forms (PRF).
- Proof of ongoing coach development/education at the club.

Staff Requirements

- Must have a designated Club/High School relations administrator/liaison.
- Club must have an A Licenced coach or at least 2 B licenced coaches (U.S. Soccer or International equivalent) on staff influencing the high school age players Academy/Club program.
- Club must have a college Director/Officer responsible for College Development Program within the organization.

Academy/Club requirements

- Proof of player opportunities/pathways at the Club/Academy (tournaments, overseas experience, camps).
- A college preparation program including, at a minimum, college prep nights, a college advisor, and structure of demonstrable support.
- Demonstrable curriculum of phased and age appropriate education plan.
- Proof of a registered or booked facility for indoor, year-round training.

6. Academies/Clubs/Teams must apply for inclusion in the Partnership Program via email application. Applications will be accepted during two specific time periods each year. Once accepted, an Academy/Club/Team will not need to

reapply for inclusion for the following two years. Applications must provide proof of eligibility for inclusion, including:

- Written PowerPoint format presentation detailing player and coaching philosophy, parent management, playing style and implementation strategy, ethical standards and implementation of such standards.
- Proof that the Academy/Club/Team meets all technical, staff, and other requirements for participation in the Partnership Program.
- Application cover letter.

7. Once admitted into the Partnership Program, Academies/Clubs/Teams will:

- NOT need to apply to the Committee to attend up to two showcases/tournaments during the High School season *if* they comply with the outlines in the UHSAA Guidelines. For example: Academies/Clubs/Teams must not participate in events during High School Playoffs and Finals week. If an event falls in those weeks, the Academy/Team/Club will need to apply to the Committee for an 'exceptional release' to attend, or to have a player attend, an event.
- Provide a minimum of thirty days advanced notice of an event to the relevant High School Coach and UHSAA.
- Apply for any event that is in excess of the two allowed events during the high school season, whether that is an event for the team, or an individual player.