

INTERNATIONAL WAIVER AND CLEARANCE FOR YOUTH PLAYERS

INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE RULES SET FORTH BY US SOCCER

US Soccer: Rule 207.INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCES

For a player who comes to the United States on or after the player is 12 years of age, the player must request and receive an international clearance from the Federation. However, an international clearance is not required of a player who is 12, 13, 14, 15, or 16 years of age if the player and the player's parents sign a statement that the player has not signed a professional contract or received money from a professional team for playing soccer.

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INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE WAIVER FORM

The waiver form applies to players who are 16 years of age and younger AND ARE COMING TO LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES AS A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT.

The most current version of this waiver form is WV-402. In the past there have been other versions of the form, differing slightly in format and language. The most important part of this form is the four questions that will determine if the individual is qualified for the waiver. All must be answered "NO" in order to qualify.

AGE CHANGE

If an individual has the potential for a change in age from 16 to 17 during the process of submitting an International Clearance and/or waiver form, the determining factor is the age at which the form is signed by the individual.

Application for an International Transfer Certificate

There are several instances where a professional/amateur player is required to have an international transfer certificate from another national association. They are:

1. Any player (professional or amateur) who was not born in the United States, **IS NOT** a U.S. citizen, and entered the U.S. after his/her twelfth (12) birthday must have an international transfer certificate from the foreign country the player is coming from after his/her 12th birthday.
2. Any player (professional or amateur) who was not born in the United States, is not a U.S. citizen, and entered the U.S. after his/her twelfth (12) birthday must have an international transfer certificate from the foreign country the player is coming from after his/her 12th birthday.
3. Any player (professional or amateur) who listed that the last club they participated with belonged to a foreign national association.
4. Any player (professional or amateur) who was issued an international transfer certificate by the USSF and has not had it returned.

In order to obtain clearance, the player must complete the USSF International Clearance Request Form and return it to the Registrar of the United States Soccer Federation.

If a response has not been received after a period of 30 days from the date of the original request being sent to the foreign national association, a provisional certificate will be issued to the player enabling him/her to play in this country. The provisional certificate shall become permanent one year after the date on which the original request for clearance was issued. However, should the foreign association contact the United States Soccer Federation during the one-year period with a valid reason as to why the clearance was not issued, the provisional certificate shall be withdrawn immediately.

If the player claims to have entered this country prior to the age of twelve (12), proof (such as medical or school records) must be forwarded to the United States Soccer Federation.

HOWEVER, a player shall not, under any circumstance, be authorized to play in official matches for his new club during the 30-day period mentioned above.

SUMMARY OF THE ABOVE

All foreign born players who move to the United States or come as foreign exchange students on or after their twelfth (12th) birthday must request and receive an "International Clearance Waiver or an International Clearance Request Form".

An "International Clearance Waiver"(Form WV-4/02) is required for:

A foreign born player who moves to the United State or comes as a foreign exchange student who is 12 through 16 years of age is required to obtain an International Clearance Waiver (**Form WV-4/02**). USSF charges a \$10.00 processing fee for the waiver. The form and appropriate fee must be sent to Oregon Youth Soccer Association. We will forward the request to USSF. Once the waiver is processed by OYSA the player will be allowed to roster and participate with the Oregon team.

An "International Clearance Request" (Form ITC 3-03) is required for:

A foreign born player who moves to the United State or comes as a foreign exchange student who is 17 through 19 years of age is required to obtain an International Clearance Request Form (**Form ITC 3-03**) which is processed through USSF. There is no fee for the clearance request. The completed form can be sent directly to USSF OR OYSA can send the clearance for the player. **The player must NOT be rostered to a team in this country until USSF has released the player and notification has been sent to OYSA.** Clearance from the Federation can take up to 30 days.

Foreign born player under the age of twelve (12)

A foreign born player who moves to the United States prior to the age of twelve (12) will need to provide proof of entry. Medical or school records are acceptable proof.