

# PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

## RE: INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE FORMS

**EFFECTIVE 6-1-2017**

~~5.4.7 Proof of birth shall consist of a birth certificate or birth registration issued by the governing body within the State of birth, board of health records, state driver's license, passport, alien registration card issued by the United States government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, or a certification of birth abroad issued by the appropriate governmental agency, or a Certificate of Naturalization issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Hospital, religious or baptismal certificates are NOT acceptable as proof of birth. US Youth Soccer registration cards stamped INDOOR are NOT acceptable as proof of birth. The previous seasonal year US Youth Soccer Player Pass with picture attached is acceptable as proof of birth if used as outlined~~

**5.4.7 All players who wish to be registered on a competitive or tournament team or as a tournament guest player must provide a document, (either original or a legible copy), attesting to their date of birth and country of birth as outlined in bylaws 5.4.7. 1 thru 5.4.7.4.**

**5.4.7.1 If a player was born in the United States, then the only acceptable proof of age shall be one of the following types of documents:**

- A birth certificate or birth registration issued by the governing body within the state of birth.**
- Board of health record showing the birth date and which state within the United States the player was born.**
- United States passport, which shows the date of birth and country of birth.**

- Other U.S. or state government document that shows date of birth and country of birth.
- The previous seasonal year's US Youth Soccer Player Pass with picture still attached if it was issued AFTER the 2016-2017 seasonal year.

5.4.7.2 If the player was born outside of the United States, then any of the following documents are acceptable as proof of birth:

- Any certificate or document issued by the United States government that shows the date of birth including a US Consular Birth Certificate.
- Any certificate or document issued by a governmental agency of a country other than the United States that shows the date of birth.
- Passport issued by a country other than the United States, if the date of birth is shown on the passport.

5.4.7.3 However, if any of the documents shown in bylaw 5.4.7.2 are used to document the date of birth of the player then an age appropriate International Transfer Clearance form must have been submitted to the United States Soccer Federation, (U.S.S.F.), and an authorization to participate must have been received from U.S.S.F. prior to the player being able to register and/or be permitted to participate in any function of Ohio South or in any of Ohio South's member leagues or associations, other than attending tryouts. The authorization to participate must be included with the proof of birth that is submitted with the other player registration documents for that player.

5.4.7.4 Hospital, religious or baptismal certificates are NOT acceptable as proof of birth regardless of the country of birth. US Youth Soccer registration cards stamped INDOOR are NOT acceptable as proof of birth.