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RELEASE FORM

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School Attending

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Player or Team: Name				**Rec**		**Comp**		**Boys**		**Girls**	
Address:				**Phone #:**	( ) -			**Date of Birth:**	
City:		**State: TX**	**ZIP Code:**		**Team Released from:**			**Team Age Group:**	**U-**

(If recreational player, Home Association Must sign at the bottom)

REASON FOR RELEASE

1. PLAYER REQUEST FROM TEAM (Only one transfer per soccer year, please read Rule 3.10.6 of NTSSA Rule Book)

1. Did the coach or nyone from your current team encourage you to make this request for release?	Yes:		No:	
2. Did the coach or anyone on the team you are requesting to transfer to offer any inducements to encourage you to make this request for release?	Yes:		No:	

If yes attach details.

2. COACHES REQUEST FROM TEAM (Letter must be attached for any reason)

1. Did the player violate USSF, USYSA or NTSSA Member Association rules?	Yes:		No:	
2. Did the player move beyond a reasonable travel distance?	Yes:		No:	
3. Did the player have an injury, which will prohibit them from participating for the remainder of the season?	Yes:		No:	

3. GUEST PLAYER REQUEST (List only one tournament at a time.)

Tournament Name:		**Starting Date:**		**Ending Date:**	
Dates of Practice before tournament:				
Name of Team Guest Playing for:				

Must be signed by player, parent, releasing & receiving Coach, and if recreational player by Home Association.
If Traveling out of NTSSA, Guest Player form must be sign by NTSSA. Must be listed on blue travel roster and have ID card to stamp GP.

4. PLAYER REQUEST FROM HOME ASSOCIATION (Home Association use only)

A. No team available:		**B. Player remaining on prior team in another Assn.:**	
C. Other reasons (attach details on separate sheet if needed):			
Name of Releasing Association:		**Name of Releasing Home Assn.:**	

5. TEAM or PLAYER REQUEST from HOME ASSOCIATION (Home Association Use ONLY)

A. Recreation player released for Competitive Play (Name of Team released to :	

(U11-U14 between Dec. 1 and Jan. 31 – U15-U19 between Dec 1 and March 15, must be signed by player, parent, releasing coach, Home Association and NTSSA)

B. Competitive team released to play in another Assoc. Name of association Released to:	
C. Competitive Team Disbanded (Name of TEAM):	

(For disbanded team, coach must attach a letter of explanation of disbandment and coach, Home Assoc., Playing League must sign below & NTSSA must stamp disbanding the team. Player must have copy of disbandment and a release form signed by player, parent and NTSSA in order to transfer to another competitive team.)

SIGNATURES

Player Signature:_____**Registration #:** _____**Date:** _____
#'s 1, 3, and (#5 if checking reasons A, B, or C)

Parent Signature:_____**Date:**_____
#'s 1, 3, and (#4 if checking reasons A, B, C or D) (#5 for A, B, or D)

Releasing Coach:_____**Date:**_____
#'s 1, 2, 3 (#5 for A, B, or C)

Receiving Coach:_____**Date:**_____
 # 3 For Guest Player Release is the only time the receiving coach sign this form.

Home Assoc. Signature:_____**Date:**_____
#'s 1, 2, 3, and 4 for recreational players only and #5 for Competitive or Recreational Players

Playing League Signature:_____**Date:**_____
Playing League signs only when a team is DISBANDING!

NTSSA Youth Commissioner:_____**Date:**_____
#'s 1, 2, and (#5 for A, B, and C) NTSSA will sign after all signatures applying to release are completed

This Release is not valid until all appropriate signatures are present, see Applicable rules summary on back of the form.

NTSSA RELEASE RULES

1. PLAYER REQUEST FROM TEAM

3.9.1 No coach, assistant coach, trainer, or team representative may practice any soccer related activity with any NTSSA registered player that does not appear on his current NTSSA roster or is not considered to be a free agent, except for a coach who at the request of another team's coach substitutes for that coach at practice or games for the convenience of the requesting coach.

3.9.6 A competitive (select) player is obligated to his/her competitive team for the soccer playing year for competitive players (Sept. 1 through May 31) and any release to transfer to another NTSSA competitive team will be allowed only in limited circumstances, between December 1 and January 31 for U11 through U14 and Dec. 1 through March 15 for U15 through U19 through the competitive committee. Any recreational player currently rostered to a recreational team and wishing to be released to join a competitive team may do so only between December 1 and January 31 **for U11 through U14 and Dec. 1 through March 15 for U15 through U19** with permission of Home Association that team is currently rostered.

3.9.9-1 A competitive player is a free agent beginning July 1, until the player and/or his parents or guardian have signed a contract with a team. During the soccer playing year, players are not allowed to tryout, practice, or participate with any other team, unless they are registered as a guest player with the other team, in which case the proper release must be signed by all parties.

4.6-2 Competitive (select) youth players may not change teams prior to July 15 of current soccer year except in extreme circumstances as provided in 3.9.6. Competitive players do not need a release from their current coach to attend camps/clinics from June 1 through July 15. However, they will not be allowed to be added to any team until July 15.

4.6.1 Players who have registered in the current soccer year and have participated in the ODP program may not transfer or be added to the team that their ODP coach/assistant coach participates with for the remainder of the current soccer year, and all of the following soccer year.

2. COACHES REQUEST FROM TEAM

3.9.6.2 A player may be released from a team involuntarily only if the player is unable to play for one of the following reasons. a. The player has violated rules of the U.S. Soccer Federation, USYSA, NTSSA, or NTSSA Member Associations. b. The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what constitutes a reasonable travel distance is subject to definition by NTSSA. c. The player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the season.

3. GUEST REQUEST FROM TEAM

4.7.1 When traveling out of NTSSA for friendly or tournament games, NTSSA shall allow the use of the number of guest players that is allowed by the tournament or hosting organization.

4.7.1-2 The recreational guest player may not be added to the hosting team's **recreational** roster for the remainder of the current soccer year, and all of the following soccer year.

4.7.2 For all tournament games held within NTSSA teams will be allowed up to 3 guest players, providing the hosting organization allows guest players. The guest player shall be in accordance with the rule **4.7.1-1, 4.7.1-2,** and **4.7.1-3**.

4.7.3 Coach must have appropriate signatures before turning into the tournament director.

4.7.4 Guest players may practice with the team on which they are a guest only if the dates for the practices are included on the guest player release signed by the guest player's registered coach. Violators of this rule are subject to discipline under the rules governing use of ineligible players.

4.7.5 A player on a select/competitive team may not participate as a guest player for a recreational team unless the team is playing in an open or select/competitive tournament.

4. PLAYER/TEAM REQUEST FROM HOME ASSN.

4.2.1 Players registering to play competitive soccer will not be required to obtain a signed player release from their home association. (Note: Read Rule 4.2.4.3) a. Youth players not residing in NTSSA are prohibited from registering on a NTSSA team unless the National State Association of such players request permission (in writing) from the NTSSA Youth Commissioner for the player to be allowed to register on an NTSSA team. Such requests will be considered only under extreme or very unusual circumstances. The NTSSA Youth Commissioner may deny the request or present the request to the NTSSA Executive Committee if the Youth Commissioner thinks the request has merit. b. If a NTSSA player decides to return to play in a recreational soccer league, that player must play in their home association.

4.3.2 A team must register and pay all fees and insurance due NTSSA through its home association and then be released to compete in another association for higher competition.

3.9.6 Any recreational player currently rostered to a recreational team and wishing to be released to join a competitive team may do so only between December 1 and January 31 **for U11 through U14 and Dec. 1 through March 15 for U15 through U19** with permission of Home Association that team is currently rostered.

THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE APPLICABLE RELEASE RULES. FURTHER CLARIFICATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM CHAPTER 3 AND 4 OF THE NTSSA RULE BOOK, THE HOME ASSOCIATION, OR THE NTSSA YOUTH COMMISSIONER.

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