

## **ASSOCIATION PASS CLARIFICATION**

There appears to be confusion about securing and use of an Association Pass.

### **PURPOSE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASSOCIATION PASS:**

To give our member associations the opportunity to provide a rostered association coach as a substitute in the event of an emergency and/or a team's coach is unable to be present for a scheduled match. The intent was to support member associations by giving them an efficient solution to having to roster/card a coach for unforeseen happenings within the association.

NOTE: When the Association Pass was introduced to the membership, there were no rule changes attached to the change!

### **From the original proposal document, dated October 14, 2014,**

*Coaches will be carded to their Association with their initial registration. With each coach and assistant receiving a US Youth Soccer pass to their Association, they are now available to assist any team at any time as long as they are able to present their Association pass and do not exceed the number of permitted team officials on the sideline. We are now giving Associations more flexibility for coaches to cover for one another at the last minute without requiring them to overnight official passes and individual rosters at the last minute.*

### **An NCYSA Coach:**

An NC Youth Soccer **COACH** is a person rostered to a registered NCYSA team as the Head Coach or Assistant Coach. This has not changed from the policy NCYSA has used since its inception. The replacement of the "Coach's" pass with an "Association" pass did NOT include any rule changes. To receive a pass, the coach or team manager must be rostered to a team. **Before validating an Association Pass for a Team Official, the registrar must first make sure the person is rostered to a registered team.**

### **Use of an Association Pass:**

An Association pass is NOT a DOC pass and does NOT give the coach/assistant the ability to be on the sidelines of a match (classic/challenge/academy) unless:

1. They are on the team's roster as a coach, assistant coach or team manager.
2. They have been asked by the association, to which they are registered, to substitute for a team coach who is unable to attend the match.