

## ORLANDO CITY YOUTH SOCCER

### INTERNATIONAL BIRTH - DOCUMENT SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

RE: International Clearance for Clubs that have an affiliation with a professional club including (MLS, USL and NWSL)

A player that was born outside of the United States (50 states), must provide additional documents in order to be cleared. Players born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam must receive international clearance despite U.S. Citizenship as each territory has its own federation, which is a member of FIFA.

There are three means to international clearance. The club will ask the player's Guardians specific questions in order establish which procedure to follow.

1. Prior to 10 Clearance
2. First Registration of U.S Citizen
3. Minors Process (plus First Registration & ITC)

When given the specific procedure to follow in order to clear the player, please follow these specific instructions for document submission. Documents submitted any other way, will not be accepted.

- All documents must be sent in one or two emails consecutively
- Email must have player's name, date of birth and Email number (Email 1 and/or Email 2) in the subject
- All documents must be sent as attachments (not in the content of the email)
- All documents must be pdf files
- All documents must be labeled as such; LAST NAME.FIRST NAME.TYPE OF DOCUMENT (BC OR ITC)
- All lines in ITC or First Registration must be filled out completely. If you have a question about the league or affiliation, please call office so you paperwork is complete

#### **PRIOR TO 10 – ANY PLAYER BORN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATE'S 50 STATES, BUT MOVED TO THE UNITED STATES PRIOR TO 10 YEARS OLD**

##### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- Player Birth Certificate – Original Official birth certificate from State, Territory, Country
- Completed Prior to 10 form – Available on Web site or from team manager
- One piece of official documentation demonstrating participation in daily life activities in the U.S. prior to the age of 10
  - Report card from U.S. Elementary School dated prior to the player's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday
  - Immunization record by U.S. doctor or health department, signed and dated prior to the player's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday
  - Baptism Certificate dated prior to the player's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday

**FIRST REGISTRATION – ANY PLAYER BORN OUTSIDE THE U.S. BUT IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO HAS NEVER REGISTERED TO PLAY ELSEWHERE**

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- Player Birth Certificate - Original Official birth certificate from State, Territory, Country (No Consulate birth certificates)
- Completed First Registration Form – Available on web site or from team manager
- Proof of U.S. citizenship (passport, Consular Report of Birth Abroad, or Certificate of Citizenship/Naturalization)

**MINORS PROCESS-BACKGROUND**

Article 19, FIFA Regulations – general prohibition on the international transfer/registration of minor players aged 10-17

- Enacted with intent of protecting youth soccer players from being moved internationally and taken advantage of by agents and/or large clubs
- Several limited, narrow exceptions to the general prohibition, but
  - FIFA places burden of proof on player
  - Very high threshold of evidence
- Applicable when:
  - Player born outside U.S. or has played with a club under a foreign federation; and
  - Player between the ages of 10-17, does not meet requirements for Prior to 10 or First Registration of U.S. citizen

**MOVED WITH PARENTS FOR REASONS NOT RELATED TO SOCCER. FIFA REQUIRES:**

- Player Birth Certificate – Original Official birth certificate from State, Territory, Country
- Player Passport
- Both Parent Passports
- Both Parent Visas
- Proof of Residence, and utility bill if lease or mortgage are over 6 months old
  - Lease that includes names of parents and signed
  - Mortgage
- Both Parent employment verification letter from employer
- Completed ITC Form – Available on website or from team manager
- Completed First Registration – Available on website or from team manager
- First Registration Form (if applicable) – Available on website or from team manager
- Club Letter addressing first contact with player ( OCYS will provide)
- Statement from parents (written) describing reason for move
- Additional documentation depending on the circumstances involved