

Change to Bylaw(s) Definitions 4.1

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Existing Bylaw:

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Bylaw w/ proposed change:

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How the Bylaw would read after proposed change:

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Rationale:

To conform to US Soccer Bylaws. US Soccer Bylaw 212 (4) states:

"Bylaw 212. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES Section 1. As a condition for obtaining and maintaining membership in the Federation, each Organization Member shall satisfy all of the following requirements: ...

(4) except Associates and as provided by Section 1 of Bylaw 601 (A) require that every player, coach, trainer, manager, administrator and official that is sponsored, financed, coached, organized or administered by an Organization Member or a member organization of an Organization Member be registered with the appropriate Organization Member; and 6 (B) register with the Federation each seasonal year the names and addresses of those players, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials registered with such Organization Member. “

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