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An open letter to all Coaches, Directors of Coaching, Team Administrators, parents and / or team supporters, who either have teams participating in the Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League or are thinking about participating in the Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League for the 2009 – 2010 seasonal year.

Please be advised of the following Buckeye Premier league rules regarding Recruiting and the holding of Tryouts for the coming seasonal year.

IX. Recruiting Players and Holding Tryouts

U-11 thru U-14 teams (includes coaches, players, parents and team supporters) that will be applying to participate in the Buckeye Premier League and current Buckeye Premier teams may NOT contact any player registered to another team participating in Buckeye Premier.

U-15 or older team (includes coaches, players, parents and team supporters) that will be applying to participate in the Buckeye Premier league and current Buckeye Premier teams may NOT contact players from another team or teams, (for the purpose of inviting players to a team's tryout) except during the period of June 1st through June 30th of each seasonal year.

No team that will be applying to participate in the Buckeye Premier League in the U-11 and U-12 age groups for the coming seasonal year may hold tryouts until after Memorial Day. No team, (including coaches, players, parents and team supporters) may make an offer to be a member of that team until after 8:00 AM on the first Saturday after Memorial Day.

No team that will be applying to participate in the Buckeye Premier League in the U-13 and older age groups for the coming seasonal year may hold tryouts until after May 31st. No team, (including coaches, players, parents and team supporters) may make an offer to be a member of that team until after 8:00 AM on the first Saturday after May 31st.

*Failure to comply with this section **IX.**, before, during or after the formation of a team will result in penalties up to and including suspension of the person or the team involved from Buckeye Premier. In addition, whether or not the team or club involved is a current member of Buckeye Premier, failure to comply with any portion of this Section IX, may result in the rejection of the team or club involved from participation in the Buckeye Premier league during the subsequent seasonal year.*

It has come to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League that during the next several weeks, a few coaches and/or their surrogates are planning on holding “**Informational Meetings**” for the purpose of letting prospective players “learn about their club” and to invite them to their tryouts.

All Coaches, Directors of Coaching, Team Administrators, parents and or team supporters are hereby informed that the holding of such meetings will be considered to be recruiting and as such a violation of Article IX of the Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League Constitution.

Violations of that section will be handled as outlined above. This includes up to and including denial of participation in the Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League for the 2009 – 2010 seasonal year.

Parents should be made aware that if they attend such “Informational Meetings”, regarding the formation of team in violation of the above listed section, that team will NOT be participating the Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League.

Sincerely,

James Sturm

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Buckeye Premier Youth Soccer League