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The USASA National Cups Committee requests that the USASA Executive Committee consider the following amendment to the USASA National Cups Policies. This policy change would take affect immediately.

Policy #309 Protests - section 5. delete in it's entirety.

currently reads:

309 PROTESTS

5. The National Cups Committee shall not entertain any protest based upon an issue that a player has not obtained an international clearance, nor shall this issue be the reason for disqualification of a player by the National Cups Committee, Regional Cups Commissioner, or State Cups Commissioner, except for the U.S. Men's Open Cup competition.

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Rationale:

Current policy of USSF is outlined in policy 202 Player Eligibility section 2. and reads as follows:

202 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

*2. Current USSF Policy 601-6 Section 2 reads as follows:
For a player who comes to the United States on or after the player is 12 years of age, the player must request and receive an international clearance from the Federation. A player shall not, under any circumstances, be authorized to play in official matches for his or her club/team without obtaining an international clearance from the registrar of the US Soccer Federation. It is the responsibility of the player, team official, and the respective state association to obtain international clearances, if required.*

The current policy of 309 Protests 5. is in complete violation of USSF Registration Policies, and therefore also USASA registration policies.

The current policy also places the National Cups Committee in a position forced to ignore and violate Federation policy.

While the Committee understands the intent of this policy as introduced and approved, as well as the displeasure of the membership in complying with International Clearance Policies, we cannot continue to permit these violations and the potential repercussions from such violations of USSF and FIFA Policy.