

**POLICY AMENDMENTS PASSED BY USSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS SINCE LAST  
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

*The following policy amendments were passed at the February 15, 2019 Board meeting.*

**Policy 102(4)-1—Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup**

Section 202. Team eligibility

- (a) To enter the Open Cup, a team must be an outdoor soccer team based in the United States and a **regular playing member in good standing competing in an ongoing** of a club or league **competition** of an Organization Member of the Federation, **with said league competition and Organization Member also in good standing with the Federation. Such league competition must be regularly scheduled (i.e. not infrequent) each year and formatted such that member teams play games against fellow members, with only these results (i.e. league matches) used to determine a set of standings or ranking table.** The team must be playing in a regular club or league competition **must consist** of at least four (4) teams and the competition must consist of, **with each playing** at least ten (10) **league matches (excluding any pre-season and/or post-season playoff or cup matches)** for each team in the competition each fiscal **calendar** year.

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- (d) **For the purpose of this Policy, any team having not played in its league's regular competition for the full season ending immediately prior to the entry deadline for its respective competition division (e.g. Open Division, Outdoor Professional League) shall be considered a team starting its first season, whether in an existing or new league.**
- (e) Any Outdoor Professional League Team that is majority owned by a higher-level Outdoor Professional League Team, any Outdoor Professional League Team whose player roster is materially managed by a higher-level Outdoor Professional League Team, or any team that is (1) majority owned by an Outdoor Professional League team, (2) registered with any Open Division League, and (3) registered as a professional team, shall be ineligible to participate in the Open Cup. The Open Cup Commissioner shall circulate a list of proposed ineligible teams for review by the Open Cup Committee. The Open Cup Committee shall review and determine team eligibility annually pursuant to this provision and report its decisions to the National Board of Directors.