

RULE 009. LITIGATION - Updated 7/13/19

No IYSA member including but not limited to league officials, leagues, clubs, teams, players, coaches, parents of players, administrators or referees may invoke the aid of the courts in the United States or of a State without first exhausting all available remedies including hearings and appeals within the appropriate member association, league, or the IYSA as provided within the Federation. The offending party shall be subject to suspension and fines, and shall be liable to the IYSA for all expenses incurred by the IYSA and its officers in defending each court action. Any person participating in the IYSA or its Local Affiliated Organization's program who becomes involved as a defendant in litigation detrimental to the welfare of youth players or litigation based on activities detrimental to the welfare of youth players, including pending dispositions of any of the criminal offenses noted in The Criteria of the National Council of Youth Sports, shall be suspended from all soccer-related activities until completion of the litigation. The status of the person shall be reviewed by the suspending body at the completion of the litigation. Suspensions under this rule shall be determined by the IYSA.