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MEMO

To: All Club Presidents and Registrars
From: Bob Abbott, President
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Over the last several months, LSA Board members have been analyzing and reviewing online registration programs for state associations. At the LSA Board meeting Saturday night, the Board unanimously agreed to contract with The Active Network, Inc.'s League One program. This upgrade will replace League Organizer with an internet based registration and risk management service that will simplify administration at both the state office level and your club level. Many factors were considered in making our decision including the fact that Active Network has a 7 year track record with state soccer associations, is currently used by about a dozen LSA affiliated clubs representing almost 40% of our membership, the price to LSA and the price to our members.

The conversion to Active/League One will begin immediately so that it will be available for your use by July 1st. Sometime in the next few weeks, you will be contacted by Active/League One to introduce you to the product. Prior to July 1st, there will be multiple training sessions to introduce your registrars to the system. Use of the Active/League One system will be mandatory for all clubs to register their players, coaches and other volunteers.

The core of the new system will be a centralized database maintained by Active/League One at a remote secure site. Your club and LSA will have access to this database 24/7/365 from any computer that has internet access. Based on our Bylaws and Policies and your system, Active/League One will develop differing levels of access. This may range from your parents registering and paying online, coaches and volunteers registering online, age group coordinators forming teams and assigning coaches, your club registrar inputting mail in registration, checking team formation and releasing registration info to LSA. During the soccer year drops, adds and transfers will be instantly filed with LSA as will any other updated information you change. This will mean that rosters will always be accurate.

As part of the new system, LSA will require all coaches, team managers, board members and other volunteers that work directly with youth players to register on the system and fill out adult registration and team management disclosure forms, consenting to a background check. Clubs will no longer be required to conduct background checks, issue coaching passes or volunteer clearances. While there will be a fee associated with this registration, we are in the process of searching for the best and most economical background check service to use. We will have the service selected and the fee set before the July 1st activation date. Coaching passes and background check clearances will be issued from the state office.

LSA is paying the base fee for this service. Your club will be eligible to use the Active/League One ClubReg service. The fee for this service is passed on to parents who elect to use online registration in the form of convenience fees which are based on a sliding scale. Based on our understanding of most club fees, this fee will probably be \$1.00 plus 6.5%. If your registration fee is \$100.00, the convenience fee for your parents would be \$7.50.

The advantages to LSA and your club are many. Since we are all pulling from the same database, your rosters and player passes are always accurate and up to date. No more nasty letters asking you to transfer your files, send a disk or send an update. All of our state regulations will be incorporated into the registration process which will prevent inadvertent mistakes and insure players are properly placed. Paperless player transfers, drops, adds, guest player and travel notification. It can also reduce your registrar workload by allowing multiple registrars/volunteers to input data at the same time. Parents also help reduce the workload by using online registration and inputting most of the data themselves. We truly believe that this step forward will help us provide you better service and you provide better service to your members.