



The Game for All Kids!

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Central New York State Youth Soccer League

Cosmopolitan Junior Soccer League

East Hudson Youth Soccer League

Long Island Junior Soccer League

Metrokids Youth Soccer League

Mid State New York Soccer League

Staten Island Youth Soccer League

**Eastern NY Youth Soccer Association** is composed of member leagues throughout the eastern part of the state.

In June of 2020, Cosmopolitan Junior Soccer League (CJSL), informed ENYISA of their plan to expand their league to have more clubs, teams and players competing in US Youth Soccer by taking over NYCSL league programming and operating as CJSL.

To be clear, there was never any agreement between ENYISA and NYCSL. NYCSL is not and has not ever been a member league of ENYISA. If NYCSL wanted to be a member league of ENYISA in June of 2020, they could have applied to become a member league, but they did not.

As things unfolded in July and August of 2020, the CJSL and NYClub merger was not being implemented as originally presented. ENYISA repeatedly tried to work with CJSL and give them time to bring everything under CJSL. Coming out of the COVID shutdown, ENYISA's focus has been on getting players on the field, the last thing we wanted to do was stop kids from playing.

Over the past year and especially the last few months, ENYISA has tried to work with CJSL to get them to comply with their originally stated plans. However, it has become clear that NYCSL operations will not be folded into CJSL in the manner presented to ENYISA a year ago. NYCSL continues to operate as an independent league justifying it by saying CJSL gave them permission.

ENYISA has given CJSL and NYCSL ample opportunities to remedy this situation. Earlier this week, the ENYISA Executive Board took the drastic but necessary action to inform CJSL that ENYISA no longer recognizes NYCSL to be part of CJSL and thus are not sanctioned by ENYISA and that ENYISA player passes are not valid for any NYCSL competition.

ENYISA is committed to making sure every player has appropriate competition available under US Youth Soccer for all level of players and teams within our boundaries. We are reaching out to our member leagues to ensure that there are quality options and pathways available to all.

