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VIA TELECOPY & REGULAR MAIL

Mr. Scott Mapes
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Re: USSF Membership

Dear Scott:

This letter addresses Vermont State Soccer Association's (VSSA's) application to USSF. The USSF Rules Committee has reviewed VSSA's bylaws and is prepared to advise the USSF Board of Directors that VSSA complies with the bylaws, policies, and requirements of U.S. Soccer for the membership category for which it has applied. Under Bylaw 211, the Board may grant provisional membership. The final approval for membership must come from the National Council at USSF's annual meeting in the summer of 2002.

In the meantime, there are a couple of minor changes that must be made to VSSA's bylaws to ensure that they contain all of the requirements set forth under USSF Bylaw 213, Section 2. First, Section 4.5 of the VSSA bylaws should state that notice of VSSA's annual meeting and an agenda for the meeting will be provided to members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. Also, Section 3.1 on appeals and grievances should state that grievances at the state level may be appealed to the Federation's Appeals Committee pursuant to USSF bylaws and policies and that the USSF Appeals Committee shall have jurisdiction to approve, modify, or reverse a decision.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Marypat Bell, Chair, USSF Rules Committee
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