



YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Committee is a standing committee designed to monitor the programs and services provided to youth members. All associations are required to have a Youth Committee.

The Youth Committee's responsibilities are defined in the *USBC Bylaws* and *USBC Association Policy Manual*. Should the board give additional responsibilities to the Youth Committee, they would be defined in the association's operations manual, if applicable.

The Youth Committee is appointed by the President (including the Chairperson) with board approval.

Authority

The Youth Committee monitors, promotes, reviews, and recommends youth programs and services to the board of directors. The board uses that information to make final decisions.

While the Youth Committee is not a decision-making body, its work can have a significant impact. Each member of the Youth Committee has a responsibility to the youth members they represent. To ensure the interests of youth members are recognized, the Youth Committee should be proactive in presenting its recommendations to the board.

Because members of the Youth Committee will have a great deal of knowledge and experience regarding youth activities, the board is encouraged to seek the expertise of the Youth Committee whenever decisions are to be made which will affect youth members. For instance, the board could ask the Youth Committee to develop:

- Youth fundraisers
- Programs and services for youth members (scholarships, etc.)
- A budget to run youth-related activities
- Youth tournament ideas, formats, and rules
- Scholarship events and programs

The Youth Committee may not:

- Operate independently from the association
- Establish a separate bank account from the association
- Have a president or vice president. The Youth Committee is not a board and therefore does not have officers
- Change board decisions
- Implement programs without the board's permission or approval
- Conduct fundraisers without board approval
- Hold separate youth representative/youth delegate meetings
- Run the association's youth championship tournament, unless assigned by the association manager
- Run other tournaments without board approval

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