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Risk Management

Please have your coaches and parents watch the general safety video on the NYSW website before the start of each season. Managing risk includes preventing injuries and travel safety as well as the usual connotation of background checks. Let's all work to keep kids safe.

Concussion is a potential injury all active children face. Club and league officers are urged to review the USYS Concussion information on the USYS website.

We recommend having all coaches complete the free CDC on-line training on concussion www.cdc.gov/Concussion

In 2013 NYSW enacted the referee RM policy which now requires referees to carry and produce passes before the start of a youth game this applies to both recreation and travel. All adults on the field – coaches, managers, and referees must have a pass.

Reminder: NYSW will only defend and insure the club officials listed in Rosterpro if legal action is taken against a member club. It is critical that clubs keep officer records up-to-date. You should always do background checks on your officers, especially any that handle money or have high contact with children.

State Cup

Merchandise will again be available on-line for all teams that enter state cup.

Housing in Cortland will be coordinated by GameTime Travel. Housing is prioritized by game times and travel distance. This year GameTime is working closely with area hotels to give parents some choice in accommodations as is possible in a small town. It is anticipated that while not everyone will be happy, many should be satisfied with their housing again this year.



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President's Cup

NYSW sent a team to the national tournament for the very first time. Congratulations to Soaring Capitals the home of that team.

Grants Program

NYSW reinvested \$ \$30,050 in member club grants in 2014. The four years total for grants to members is just over \$120,000. Grants have help renew existing fields with seed, drainage, and fertilizer. The funds have bought equipment and technology for clubs including everything from lawn tractors to websites. Grants have funded club enrichment and enlargement activities with new goals, new programming choices and creation of new fields. Keep all your good ideas coming.

Corporate Sponsorships

NYSW continues our partnerships with companies that provide benefits to our members. In 2014 NYSW realized \$70,000 from merchandize sales and corporate sponsorships.

Admiral Sportswear: Continues to provide our members with deep discounts on team kits and other merchandise players and coaches need. Jersey/sock kits start at just \$13.00

Dicks Sporting Goods: Provides our members with discount coupons they can use any time and special discount shopping days just for our members.

Pearup: Is a new partner who pairs consumers with national companies in a social networking space. A club encourages family and friends to interact with the company's website and each interaction earns the club funds. Several NYSW have raise money this way including Doug Miller,

Pullen Insurance: Our insurance partner.

Demosphere: NYSW registration and website partner



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Rhinos: Supporting the youth/professional connection in soccer

WNY Flash: Our region's premier soccer team

Rochester Rhinos: Top level of play for the men

General Issues

Office and Grounds: No issues to report

Personnel: The office resources are being reconfigured. Terri Raeder is no longer with the Association.