

# NATIONAL BENEFITS

# Financial/Equipment Assistance:

**Recreation Grants:** awarded annually to grow recreation programs.

**Soccer Across America Grants:** assist programs in underserved communities.

**TOPSoccer Grants:** awarded annually to grow TOPSoccer programs.

**Goaziou Scholarships:** Awarded to one male and one female player.

Young Referee of the Year: Scholarship awarded to a male and female referee.

Visit http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/grants.asp for more.

### **Education:**

US Youth Soccer offers a number of educational opportunities both on the field and online for coaches of all age groups and abilities. Contact the national office or visit our website for publications, videos and more.

### Information Resource:

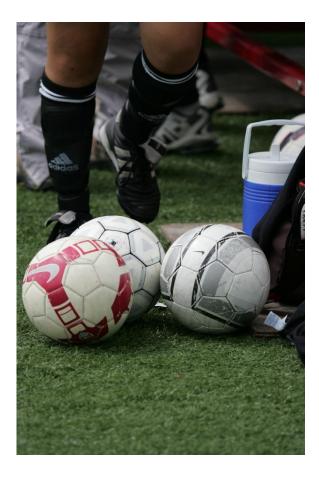
**Website:** USYouthSoccer.org is THE source for administrators, coaches, players and parents.

**Online Store:** Pick up gear, event t-shirts, educational videos, manuals and books.

**Newswire:** Get the latest soccer news on your site FREE from USYouthSoccer.org.

#### eNewsletters:

Kwik Kicks - Monthly e-Newsletter provides an overview of current and future initiatives.



The Quarterly e-Newsletter focuses on upcoming programs and sponsor benefits. For more information about these member benefits, call 800-4-SOCCER or visit <a href="https://www.usyouthSoccer.org">www.usyouthSoccer.org</a>.

Check the site for additional benefits throughout the year from US Youth Soccer partners.

In cooperation with your state program we provide uniform rules and guidelines, which facilitate intra-state, inter-state and international play; a structured appeals process; and marketing and licensing programs to help reduce player costs and provide revenue for increased services.

## NYSW MEMBER BENEFITS

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- Registration & Rostering Services
- Insurance
  - Secondary medical and liability for players and coaches
  - o Liability for field use
  - Liability to host approved tournaments
  - Director & Officer Insurance for your board
  - Travel Assistance Services
- US Youth Soccer and USSF membership
- Sanctioning of travel and tournaments
- Risk Management of adults for \$10.00
- Comprehensive electronic access
- Daily business hours & support from office
- Parent Education Program
- On-line Courses for parents and coaches
- On the field courses
- Customized training to meet special needs
- Help with volunteer management, club operations and accounting issues.

With one touch from the Home Page, NYSWYSA offers state-of-the-art electronic access to all of the common administrative functions:

- Registration
- Travel permission
- Risk management disclosures
- · Guest player permission and certification
- Coaching education registration
- ODP and NYSW academy registration

### **Automated Permission to Travel**

Attending an event in Region 1 or a tournament offered by another USSF affiliate? No Problem! Just fill out the on-line form and you are instantly approved to travel. Actually you don't need permission to travel within most states in Region I for a US Youth Soccer event.

### Education

# Internationally Recognized Coaching Education

NYSWYSA's coaching education program is affiliated with both US Youth Soccer and US Soccer. We offer age appropriate National Level licensing courses ranging from a 6 hour U6/U8 Youth Module course to an 8 day National C License course and many others in between.

Customized training or coach mentoring is also available at a low cost consulting basis.

# Parent Education and Member Codes of Conduct

Our program is designed to get everyone on the same page about the fun and safety aspects of youth sports. A safety DVD is available to all clubs and 24/7 on-line.

There is a free **on-line parent education** program available for member clubs to recommend to parents new to the game.

<u>Our Zero Tolerance Policy</u> gives member clubs the tools and support from the state office to keep coach, player and parent behavior in check.

We will underwrite costs for "rules of the game" seminar for club parents and new coaches. This class is taught by a referee instructor and provides basic knowledge of the game to help those new to soccer understand and enjoy the game with their kids.

### **College Nights**

Dean Foti was the men's coach at Syracuse University for 19 years. These seminars are for parents and players who are interested in learning about navigating the college application process with an eye toward playing in college. Joining Coach Foti is usually a couple of college coaches, a compliance officer, a college recruiter or scout. This presents a unique opportunity for parents and players to ask questions and get answers from the experts.

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### **Publication and Other Products**

The US Youth Soccer bookstore of youth soccer oriented administrative, parenting and coaching guides and videos is available at a discount (or free) only through us.

NYSW's monthly E-zine "Striker West" has training tips, program information and special information for members.

Member discounts and deals with corporate partners:

- SCORE, American Soccer Company
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- MSA official camp company
- Western NY Flash Women's Pro team
- Rochester Rhinos Men Professional Team

### Insurance

### **Secondary Medical Coverage**

Covers players and coaches after the limits of their private policies are reached, and protects the uninsured from catastrophic medical expenses.

### **Liability Coverage**

Standard youth sports liability coverage, for coaches, administrators, and registered premises — rental facilities, practice fields, schools and public parks.

### **Directors and Officers Coverage**

Errors and omissions coverage for state, league and club officials operating in their normal capacity as soccer administrators, again aggregated locally.

### **Recognized Portability of Insurance**

With proper notifications and permissions (where required) NYSWYSA's insurance follows members around the world and from event to event!

# Bi-Annual Disclosure Requirements for Adults (\$10.00 every 2 years)

Our risk management program requires all coaches, administrators and program directors to have a current NYSWYSA registration in the program. This protects the children and the club from allowing persons with known felony or other issues from interacting with the kids.

### **Travel Assistance Services**

Travel related benefits are provided under our player excess accident medical policy and are available to member clubs that are participating in a sanctioned covered activity of your state association 100 miles or more away from their residence. Travel Assist provides your clubs with a range of travel related services when emergencies arise anywhere in the world.

### **Player Programs**

### **Olympic Development Program**

Outstanding players can try out for the NYSW ODP program – the first step for national team hopefuls. ODP players practice with the best coaches and players in the state, honing skills in an effort to be selected to the Regional and eventually National teams. This program has been enhanced to offer the additional benefit of training with many area college coaches who are on the state ODP staff. This benefits players who may want to play in college as their ODP coach will likely be able to steer them to a college program where they can be successful.

### **NEW ODP SHOWCASE**

NYSW ODP 95's & 96's will have an opportunity to participate in a special ODP College showcase in Lake George, NY. This is incorporated into the training plan for the groups and represents added value for our athletes looking for collegiate opportunities after high school.

### **ODP Academy**

Any player can participate in the training Academies held around the state each fall. This open admission program concentrates primarily on skill development and is a great complement to any club training program for both the recreational and competitive player.



### **TOPSoccer**

NYSW sponsors this national program in communities around the state. TOPSoccer is a growing program designed to provide a soccer experience for children

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with mental or physical disabilities. NYSW provides logistical, financial, and training support for volunteers interested in running a TOPS program in their community. Five programs currently operate in NYSW.

### **Soccer across America**

NYSW currently sponsors this national program in Buffalo and Rochester. Soccer across America (formerly known as Soccer Start) is designed to introduce the sport of soccer to youngsters living in communities not yet served by existing clubs and leagues. Focused on making soccer available to lower-income children in underserved communities, Soccer across America provides soccer training and administrative guidance to players and organizations that might otherwise not be exposed to the sport. Soccer across America also helps new programs find the funding and equipment to begin and then to expand their activities.

### **Club Investment Programs**

### **Member Grants**

**\$40,000** in grant funds is available to member clubs in 2012 as well as an additional \$20,000 in restricted funds to invest in club development according to NYSW Board directives.

### **Summer State Camp Program**

A turnkey summer camp program designed to bring a summer recreational camp to rural and underserved communities. This is a great way to provide your club with a summer experience. Grants are available to cover fixed costs for camp set up.

### **State Cup or National Championship Series**

This long standing tournament allows member clubs to compete for a chance to advance to the Region I tournament and vie for a spot in the National Tournament.

### President's Cup

Another National Championship opportunity, we invite classic recreation teams to represent NYSW at the regional tournament. If they win they advance to the national tournament.

### Thru-way League

New York State's premier league is managed by NYSW and allows for challenging play at the next level beyond a local district league. Teams in the league include those from Eastern NY and this is a great stepping stone to Regional League play.

### **NEW Recreation Initiative**

The NYSW Board of Directors has set forth a key goal for the next three years of enhancement of the recreation game. We value competition however; we want to invest in the game at the foundation. The effort includes \$20,000 per year in dedicated resources, a director of recreation to develop the plan, and creation of new quick and easy educational programs to help the parent/coach get on the field and be successful.

### **NEW Club Member Recruitment/Enrollment Kits**

NYSW members can take advantage of professionally designed materials – yard signs, brochures, posters and newspaper ads as well as TV and radio commercials you can use to support your club membership drives. NYSW pays for the design time, you buy the quantity of items you need for your local campaign.

