

**WYOMING YOUTH SOCCER BOARD MEETING
PRESIDENTS REPORT
NOVEMBER 8, 2009**

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **RIV October Workshop in Jackson Hole, WY – October 15-18, 2010**
 - **Dorvan, Anne, Sandy, Wendy and Kay attended various DOC, ODP, ED and Presidents meetings throughout the weekend.**
 - **Meetings went well. Lots of rave reviews on Jackson and Wyoming hospitality.**
 - **US Youth Soccer contributed at least \$3500 and maybe \$5000 to help offset some of WYS costs.**
 - **RIV Budget Approved**
 - **Draft policy on RIV fines deferred until February meeting.**
 - **RIV policy on age documents (Birth Certificates) deferred until Feb. meeting.**
 - **ODP proposed change to holdover camp. Holdover camp will now be held for all 5 age groups during the same week at a different site. Cost neutral proposal - no additional cost to ODP players. Proposed for August 4-8, 2010 in LA area.**
 - **Washington Youth Soccer in conjunction with Seattle Sounders has set up regional training centers. They do not plan to send players to Region IV camp next summer.**
- **US Youth Soccer AGM – February 5-6, 2010 in New Orleans, LA**
- **US Youth Soccer Workshop and Coach Convention – February 25-27, 2010 in Fort Worth, TX**
- **RIV ODP Championships – January 15-19, 2010 in Phoenix, AZ**
- **US Youth Soccer National ODP Championships – March 11-14, 2010 in Phoenix, AZ**

RIV TOURNAMENTS

- **RIV Presidents Cup will be held June 16-20, 2010 in Medford, OR.**
- **FWR 2010 will be held June 21-27, 2010 in Albuquerque, NM**
 - **Stay and Play tournament. Lodging website is up and running. Information flyer attached.**
- **FWR 2011 will be in Boise, ID – June 20-26, 2011**

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

- **WYS registered 4,841 player for 2008/2009. This is down from ~5,400 players the prior year.**
- **Through September 30th, WYS has registered 3,911 players.**

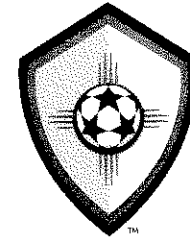
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GENERAL INFORMATION FROM USYS BOARD PRESIDENT LARRY MONACO

- **Grievance filed by AYSO and US Club Soccer against US Youth Soccer, Minnesota Youth Soccer, North Dakota Youth Soccer Association, South Carolina Youth Soccer Association and Wisconsin Youth Soccer. Have agreed to fight the grievance on a unified front and have hired legal council. No date has been set to hear the grievance but Larry is anticipating January 2010.**
- **US Youth Soccer is urging all state associations to double their efforts to recruit and register players with the state associations. Trying to reach objective of 3.25M registered players by August 2010. If achieved, that in conjunction with functional regional and national leagues would automatically trigger a renewal of the Adidas Sponsorship Contract. Adidas makes up about 58% of the sponsor revenue to US Youth Soccer.**
- **There are some new grant opportunities for clubs and states. See US Youth Soccer website for more information.**
- **Small State Grant cycle for 2009/2010 has commenced.**
- **Established new annual award – TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year Award.**



2010 FARWEST
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
ALBUQUERQUE, NM



NEW MEXICO
YOUTH SOCCER

July 31, 2009

To: All State Cup Reps
From: New Mexico Youth Soccer

Re: Stay-to-play housing policy for FWR 2010

At the Regional Council meeting on July 26, 2009, the Regional Council unanimously passed the following policy:

To the extent teams participating in Far West Regionals for 2010 and 2011 utilize hotel rooms for their lodging, those teams must book their hotel rooms through the hosting state association or its designated housing bureau. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a \$500 fine to the team. Demonstrated compliance with the policy, or payment of the fine, will be required before certification of rosters on the Sunday before play begins.

New Mexico Youth Soccer will use the ABQ Housing for our booking agent for this event. We are currently redefining and refining the procedures we will use to book hotel rooms, track compliance with the policy and provide excellent service for teams that will be unaccustomed to the new policy. Much more information will follow in the next few days. We hope to have full booking capability available by August 11, 2009.

In the meantime, please review the following and determine which category you want your state association to be in. As part of this policy, New Mexico Youth Soccer will offer two methods of booking rooms:

- 1) The teams will book hotel reservations on their own and will comply with all reservation requirements through ABQ Housing. NMYSA will assist on a team-by-team basis. The state association will exert no control over the reservations.
- 2) The state association will book a block of rooms with ABQ Housing and will be responsible for dividing those rooms between the teams that they are sending to FWR. Reservation information will be provided by the state association to ABQ Housing. Individual credit card and room assignments will ultimately be handled by the teams but must be coordinated through the state association. ABQ Housing will not accept reservations by individual teams from states that choose this option. They will be referred to the state cup representative (or designee) for their hotel information.

To alleviate any concerns about either of the options, please be assured that NMYSA has committed to the RIV Council that we will have a Housing Committee in place to handle all concerns, to make sure that teams are treated fairly, and that the housing function at FWR 2010 is the least of anyone's worries. Teams booking directly or state associations booking in blocks will have full access to the same systems and to the services of the Housing Committee.

The procedures for team booking are already in place. We expect to finalize the procedures for state association booking by early next week. Those procedures will be available to you as soon as we have them. Please be prepared to indicate your booking preference to ABQ Housing and the NMYSA Housing Committee by August 7.

More to follow.