

## An Affiliated Organization of US Youth Soccer



US Youth Soccer - The Game for ALL Kids!<sup>®</sup> is the largest youth sports organization in the country and largest member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body of soccer in the United States. US Youth Soccer registers more than 3 million players annually, ages 5 to 19, and over 900,000 administrators, coaches, and volunteers in 55 member state associations. US Youth Soccer programs provide a fun, safe and healthy environment for players at every level of the game. *For more information, visit [www.USYouthSoccer.org](http://www.USYouthSoccer.org).*

### WYS's Mission and Goals:

To promote, develop, and grow the sport of soccer for Wyoming's youth players without regard to race, creed, religion, national origin, gender, or physical ability.

- Provide opportunities for members to develop their skills to a level that fits their abilities and interest.
- Govern in a fair, efficient, and exemplary fashion.
- Ensure a healthy, safe, and enjoyable soccer environment.
- Foster honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship.
- Educate youth players, coaches, referees, and the community about the sport of soccer.
- Recognize the positive contributions of volunteers, coaches, and young referees.
- Provide members with relevant administrative and technical support.
- Assure members due process and adjudication through properly established rules and procedures.
- Be a positive role model in youth sports leadership in Wyoming.
- Support and provide leadership to the associated governing bodies of youth soccer.
- Advance unity within the state, the region, and the national youth soccer community

### WYS Affiliation Provides

- On-line club member registration, tournament, and club management services
  - Official Rosters and Member Cards
  - Confidential Risk Management Services
  - Travel Notification and Approval
  - Player and Coach Soccer Profile Management
  - League Scores and Standings
  - State Tournament Registration
- State and national disciplinary and risk management database
- Vote and voice in Wyoming Youth Soccer policy development
- Participation on board advisory committees
- Access to WYS administrative, coaching and refereeing staff
- Information and influence on regional and national policy and governance issues
- Direct affiliation with the US Soccer Federation and US Youth Soccer
- Access to US Soccer Foundation grant programs, which have provided \$20 million in cash, equipment and services since 1995.

- USSF Referee Administration and Development
  - SRA and SYRA
  - Training and Assessment
  - Referee Professionalism Committee
- Access to an extensive library of soccer related videos, DVDs, and publications including
  - Risk Management
  - USYS Outreach Programs
  - Lawsuit Management
  - Club and Team Management
  - Member Skills Development
  - Parent Guidelines

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

### **Insurance**

- Primary and/or secondary medical and dental coverage:
  - \$500 deductible, up to \$100,000 per incident
  - Players, Coaches, Volunteers, and Board Members
- General Liability (acts that cause injury)
  - \$1,000,000 per incident
  - Field and facility liability
- Excess Liability
  - \$3,000,000 (National Aggregate)
- Clubs are named insured, not additional insured
- Non-owned auto liability for players injured on the way to or from a sanctioned event

### **Risk Management**

- Access to the US Soccer Federation National Risk Management Database
- Nationally recognized *Kidsafe* Program
- Nationally recognized guidelines on establishing club level risk management policies and procedures as well as governing operations.
- Criminal background checks
- Training from nationally recognized experts on child abuse and risk management issues.

### **Administrative Assistance for Affiliated Clubs** in areas such as:

- Club Formation and Obtaining 501(c)(3) Status
- Support in the Development of Bylaws and Rules and Policies
- Coaching Staff Development
- Member Code of Conduct
- Complaint and Disciplinary Procedures
- Financial Guidelines
- Member Registration, Rostering, and Risk Management Compliance
- Field Development

## **League and Tournament Sanctioning**

- Proper Insurance Coverage
- Priority for USSF Certified Referees
- Ensure Consistency in Playing Rules, per FIFA, USSF and USYS Rules and Policies
- Team Travel Endorsement

**Progressive Training Programs** for coaches and players of all ages and skill levels in recreational and competitive programs.

## **Wyoming League**

- Fall League
  - U10 – U14 teams play multiple games against opponents from around the state
  - High school aged teams play 6 v 6 games against opponents from around the state
- Spring League
  - U10 - U14 teams play multiple games against opponents from around the state

## **Wyoming Cup**

- WYS's competitive U10 - U14 teams compete for the title of Wyoming State Champion
- Kohl's American Cup – a festival style recreational tournament

## **Member Training and Education Programs**

- Coach and Player Education
- Access to State Coaching Staff
- Custom Clinics for Coach and/or Player Development
- State Coaching Certificate and National Coaching License Training
- Goalkeeper Training
- WYS Subsidized Coaching Clinics

## **US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program**

- A US Youth Soccer program for Wyoming's most dedicated 12 to 16 year old players
- Opportunities to participate in high level tournaments including the US Youth Soccer Region IV ODP Championships and Training Camp
- Chance for Consideration to Regional and National youth teams

**TOPSoccer - The Outreach Program for Soccer:** A free program designed to serve athletes with physical and mental disabilities.

## **Recognition Programs**

- Youth Referee of the Year and Coach of the Year are then considered for Region IV Referee of the Year and a possible candidate for National Referee of the Year.
- Volunteer/Parent of the Year



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