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WHO IS DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION?

WE ARE THE GOVERNING BODY OF SOCCER (STATE ASSOCIATION) THAT OVERSEES OUR MEMBER CLUBS IN DELAWARE. WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH US YOUTH SOCCER (NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY) AND US SOCCER. CURRENTLY, WE HAVE 12 CLUBS AND 8000 PLAYERS STATEWIDE THAT ARE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF DYSA. OUR CLUBS RANGE FROM 200 PLAYERS TO 1600 PLAYERS, MANY WITH A TRAVEL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAM AS WELL AS TOPSOCCER, CAMPS, AND TOURNAMENTS. DYSA OFFERS COACHING EDUCATION COURSES FOR PARENTS AND COACHES, ANNUAL MICKEY WHERRY 3 V 3 TOURNAMENT, OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TRAINING (ODP), SCHOLARSHIPS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS AND MORE.

AS 2021 ENDS AND WE WELCOME IN 2022, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SOCCER SEASON! WE OPEN THE YEAR HOSTING THE ANNUAL MICKEY WHERRY 3 V 3 TOURNAMENT AT CHASE FIELD HOUSE ON JANUARY 8. REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY OPEN. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER A TEAM](#). WE HOLD THIS ANNUAL TOURNAMENT IN MEMORY OF MICKEY WHERRY, FORMER DYSA BOARD MEMBER AND KIRKWOOD SOCCER CLUB BOARD MEMBER. PROCEEDS FROM THE TOURNAMENT BENEFIT A SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF MICKEY, THAT IS AWARDED TO A MALE AND FEMALE RECREATIONAL PLAYER ATTENDING COLLEGE.

IN ADDITION TO OUR PROGRAMS, WE ALSO REQUIRE ALL COACHES, BOARD MEMBERS OF CLUBS, DYSA STAFF AND DYSA BOARD MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS OF OUR MEMBER CLUBS, TO COMPLETE SAFESPORT TRAINING, CONCUSSION TRAINING AND A BACKGROUND CHECK ANNUALLY. IN SEPTEMBER 2020, THE US CENTER FOR SAFESPORT PUBLISHED THE MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICIES WITH MANDATORY COMPONENTS FOR NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES AND THEIR AFFILIATES TO ADOPT. CLUBS MAY GO BEYOND THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND SET STANDARDS THAT ARE STRICTER. (CHECK WITH YOUR CLUB FOR THEIR POLICIES) IN ADDITION, PARTICIPANTS MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH THE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF DYSA AS WELL AS THEIR CLUB. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT DYSA.ORG.

AS 2021 COMES TO A CLOSE, WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL FAMILIES, COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS A HAPPY HOLIDAY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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WHY DYSA MANDATES THAT COACHES, PARENTS, AND PLAYERS NEED TO TAKE CONCUSSION TRAINING SERIOUSLY... PLUS THE COURSES ARE FREE!

MANY OF YOU MAY ASK, "SERIOUSLY, WHY IS SAM COMING OUT OF THE GAME. HE ONLY BUMPED HIS HEAD?" DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, DYSA, MANDATES THAT ALL COACHES, ADMINISTRATORS, AND REFEREES TAKE CONCUSSION TRAINING SERIOUSLY. WHILE YOU MAY THINK SAM ONLY BUMPED HIS HEAD, THE COACH NEEDS TO MAKE SURE THAT SAM IS NOT:

- DAZED AND CONFUSED
- MOVING SLOWLY/CLUMSILY
- HAVING TROUBLE REMEMBERING HOW HE BUMPED HIS HEAD
- LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

WHEN IN DOUBT, COACHES ARE ALWAYS ADVISED TO REMOVE PLAYERS FROM A GAME. IF YOUR CHILD IS PULLED BECAUSE A COACH SUSPECTS A CONCUSSION, RESPECT THAT DECISION AND TELL YOUR CHILD TO DO THE SAME. IT IS JUST ONE GAME AND IT IS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY SINCE GOING BACK INTO A GAME AFTER A CONCUSSION CAN CAUSE SEVERE PROBLEMS.

IF YOUR CHILD IS DIAGNOSED WITH A CONCUSSION, IT'S IMPORTANT TO TAKE IT SLOW. LISTEN TO THE DOCTOR'S ADVICE ABOUT WHAT ACTIVITIES HE CAN PARTICIPATE IN. EVEN AFTER YOUR CHILD STARTS FEELING BETTER, HE/SHE CANNOT RETURN TO REGULAR ACTIVITIES UNTIL A DOCTOR GIVES THEIR CLEARANCE. IF AN ATHLETE GOES BACK TOO SOON, HE/SHE IS AT RISK OF SUFFERING A MORE SEVERE INJURY.

ONCE AN ATHLETE IS CLEARED TO BEGIN WORKING OUT AGAIN, HERE IS THE PROGRESSION TRAINERS/COACHES USUALLY FOLLOW TO HELP GET A PLAYER UP TO SPEED:

DAY 1: LIGHT EXERCISE ON BIKE OR ELLIPTICAL

DAY 2: HIGHER INTENSITY EXERCISE

DAY 3: NON-CONTACT PRACTICE

DAY 4: CONTACT PRACTICE

DAY 5: GAME

CONCUSSIONS ARE A SERIOUS ISSUE AND IT IS IMPORTANT ATHLETES TAKE THE TIME THEY NEED TO RECOVER FROM ANY HEAD INJURY BEFORE RETURNING TO PLAY. SO, YOU SEE WE AT DYSA WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT SAM IS OKAY AND DID NOT SUFFER ANY LASTING DAMAGE THAT WOULD AFFECT HIS CONTINUED PERFORMANCE ON THE FIELD!

CONCUSSION TRAINING IS OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE FOR ALL COACHES, VOLUNTEERS, OFFICIALS AND PARENTS, ANYONE IN LEARNING MORE INFORMATION ON CONCUSSION TRAINING. WE AT DYSA ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE THE HEADS UP TRAINING COURSE AT [HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV/HEADSUP/YOUTHSPORTS/TRAINING/INDEX.HTML](https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html)

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DYSA MEMBERS,

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!! THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL FALL SEASON. WE HAD A GREAT FIRST ODP EVENT AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MINI CAMPS AND THE 2022 EVENTS. THE SPRING SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, SO IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO KEEP YOUR SKILLS SHARP THIS WINTER TAKE A LOOK AT THE MICKEY WHERRY 3 V 3 FOR SOME FUN AND COMPETITIVE SOCCER. AS WE LOOK INTO 2022, DYSA IS CONTINUING TO LOOK AT AVENUES TO GROW THE GAME. WE HAVE A LOT OF GREAT INITIATIVES THAT WE WILL BE ROLLING OUT IN 2022. STAY TUNED.

THANKS,

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DYSA PRESIDENT



THE NJ YOUTH SOCCER IS OFFERING DYSA PLAYERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR GROWING THE GIRLS GAME (G3) WEBINAR SERIES WITH FORMER YOUTH AND COLLEGIATE ALL-AMERICAN AND PROFESSIONAL SOCCER PLAYERS.

SKYE EDDY: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AT 8:00 PM TO REGISTER FOR THIS WEBINAR, [CLICK HERE](#).

AS SKYE REFLECTED UPON HER EXPERIENCES IN THE GAME, SHE DETERMINED THAT THE BEST WAY TO INSPIRE PLAYERS WAS BY EMPOWERING PARENTS. IN ADDITION TO WORKING AS AN ACTIVE YOUTH COACH AND SERVING ON THE BOARD FOR RICHMOND STRIKERS SC, SKYE IS ALSO THE FOUNDER OF THE SOCCER PARENTING ASSOCIATION.

THIS WINTER WEBINAR SERIES IS ONE OF THE MANY EXPERIENCES BEING OFFERED BY NJ YOUTH SOCCER TO SUPPORT THE G3 INITIATIVE, WHICH FOCUSES ON EMPOWERING FEMALES ON AND OFF THE FIELD AT ALL AGES AND STAGES OF THEIR SOCCER CAREER. THE WEBINARS LAST APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES AND ARE AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST 500 NJYS AND DYSA PLAYERS WHO COMPLETE THE ONLINE REGISTRATION.

AMANDA VANDERVORT: TUESDAY, JANUARY 11TH AT 8:00PM [CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER

CURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE USL SUPER LEAGUE, AMANDA PREVIOUSLY WORKED AS THE CHIEF WOMEN'S FOOTBALL OFFICER AT FIFPRO AND AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF FAN ENGAGEMENT AT MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER. SHE ALSO BECAME THE FIFTH FEMALE PRESIDENT OF UNITED SOCCER COACHES FOLLOWING HER ELECTION TO THE POSITION IN 2016. AMANDA IS A SOCCER COACH, PLAYER, AND SPORTS BUSINESS EXECUTIVE WITH A 20-YEAR TRACK RECORD OF SOCCER LEADERSHIP STRETCHING ACROSS THE YOUTH, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND PROFESSIONAL GAME. TO READ MORE ABOUT AMANDA AND HER JOURNEY, [CLICK HERE](#)

HEATHER MITTS: TUESDAY, JANUARY 25TH AT 8:00PM TO REGISTER ([CLICK HERE](#)).

A FORMER DEFENDER FOR THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM AND A WINNER OF THREE OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALS, HEATHER NOW AIMS TO ASSIST OTHERS IN LIVING THEIR FULLEST LIFE THROUGH SPORT, HEALTH AND MINDSET WITH HER WORK AT GOLD MEDAL MINDSET. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GMM AND HEATHER, [CLICK HERE](#)

NJ YOUTH SOCCER RECENTLY HOSTED ITS FIRST-EVER GROWING THE GIRLS GAME (G3) WEBINAR FEATURING Yael Averbuch West, who is the general manager and head of soccer operations at Gotham FC and owner of Techne Futbol. The discussion with Averbuch West was moderated by accomplished journalist Renee Washington, who currently works with ESPN and Fox Sports covering the NBA, WNBA and college athletics.

TO WATCH THE G3 WEBINAR RECORDING WITH Yael Averbuch West, [CLICK HERE](#).

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING STATEWIDE:

- DEC. 19, 2021** ODP WINTER CAMP, CHASE FIELD HOUSE (10,09,08 BOYS/GIRLS)
- DEC. 20, 2021** DE UNION DIAMONDS TRYOUTS, MIDDLETOWN VILLAGE 6-8 PM
- DEC. 27, 2021** ODP WINTER CAMP, CHASE FIELD HOUSE (07,06,05/04 BOYS/GIRLS)
- JANUARY 8, 2022** ANNUAL MICKEY WHERRY 3 V 3 TOURNAMENT
- JANUARY 19-23, 2022** UNITED SOCCER COACHES CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY
- TBD 2022** ANNUAL DYSA AWARDS LUNCHEON DATE TBD



MICKEY WHERRY 3 V 3 TOURNAMENT
JANUARY 8, 2022 – REGISTER NOW!

THE WAIT IS OVER, AFTER MANY POSTPONEMENTS DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT DYSA WILL BE HOSTING THE ANNUAL MICKEY WHERRY 3 V 3 SOCCER TOURNAMENT ON JANUARY 8, 2022. AT THE CHASE (76'ERS) FIELDHOUSE LOCATED AT 401 GARASCHE LANE, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

PLEASE COME OUT AND JOIN DYSA FOR A FUN FILLED DAY OF SOCCER! REGISTRATION IS \$125 DONATION PER TEAM (MAXIMUM 8 PLAYERS PER TEAM), MINIMUM OF 3 GAMES PER TEAM, TOP 2 TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION WILL PLAY A CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. THE DONATION WILL HELP US CONTINUE OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN MEMORY OF MICKEY. EACH YEAR DYSA AWARDS A SCHOLARSHIP TO ONE FEMALE AND ONE MALE RECREATIONAL PLAYER HEADING TO COLLEGE. INTERESTED IN REGISTERING YOUR TEAM FOR THIS EVENT ([CLICK HERE](#))

T-SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE, DYSA WILL HAVE GIVEAWAYS AND RAFFLE ITEMS TO BENEFIT THE MICKEY WHERRY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ELITE PT AND RALPH G DEGLI OBIZZI & SONS FOR HELPING SPONSOR THIS TOURNAMENT!



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AS A SOCCER BUDDY?

"TOPSOCCER BUDDIES VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO WORK WITH TOPSOCCER PLAYERS WITH DIFFERENT ABILITIES AND DISABILITIES. TOPSOCCER BUDDIES ARE DIRECTED BY OUR TOPSOCCER COACHES. TOPSOCCER BUDDIES NEED TO HAVE PATIENCE, FLEXIBILITY, AND A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AS THEY GUIDE AND ENCOURAGE PLAYERS TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS SOCCER DRILLS AND GAMES. WHILE SOCCER EXPERIENCE IS HELPFUL, IT IS NOT REQUIRED. WHILE ANYONE CAN BE A TOPSOCCER BUDDY, SOME OF OUR MOST EFFECTIVE BUDDIES ARE OLDER ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL KIDS FROM OUR SOCCER CLUB AND ALSO LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM SERVICE FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES. MANY TOPSOCCER PLAYERS COME NOT ONLY TO PLAY SOCCER BUT ALSO FOR SOCIAL INTERACTIONS WORKING ALONGSIDE OUR PEER BUDDIES. TOPSOCCER CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT SOCCER BUDDIES. WHILE THE TOPSOCCER PROGRAM FOCUSES ON THE TOPSOCCER PLAYERS, MOST BUDDIES FIND THIS A VERY FUN, ENJOYABLE AND GROWTH EXPERIENCE."

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TOP SOCCER TRAINING ([CLICK HERE](#)) TO VIEW A SHORT VIDEO ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BUDDY PROGRAM. "THIS VIDEO WAS CREATED BY JULIA BULGARELLI, TOPSOCCER BUDDY, WHO COMPLETED THIS FOR HER MASTERS' DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE."



LOOKING FOR THAT LAST MINUTE HOLIDAY GIFT? LOOK NO FURTHER, DYSA HAS ADDED (3) HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS FOR YOUR LAST MINUTE GIFT GIVING IDEAS. PROCEEDS FROM THE GIFT BASKETS BENEFIT THE MICKEY WHERRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND. VIEW THE BASKETS AT ([CLICK HERE](#)).

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PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT - CHRIS LOPEZ (GOLDEY), IREPAN TOVAR (WILMINGTON) AND DIEGO MONTES (ARCADIA)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE URBAN ATHLETIC FUTBOL 04 PLAYERS!

DYSA IS EXCITED FOR TYKIEM BOOKER, COACH OF THE 04 BOYS URBAN ATHLETIC FUTBOL TEAM. FIVE OF HIS PLAYERS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, GOLDEY BEACOM, WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY, AND ARCADIA. CHRIS LOPEZ ACCEPTED AND COMMITTED TO GOLDEY BEACOM, IREPAN TOVAR (3.6 GPA) COMMITTED TO WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY, DIEGO MONTES (4.0 GPA) NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBER COMMITTED TO ARCADIA UNIVERSITY, YTZACK GBANE (NO PICTURE) COMMITTED TO UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE. THREE OF THE FIVE ARE EXCITED TO PLAY SOCCER AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL. CONGRATULATIONS GENTLEMEN, DYSA LOOKS FORWARD TO HEARING ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE CAREERS!



HALL OF FAMERS 2020 NEAL BARCH, PETER MAIS, CATLIN FORTE



HALL OF FAMERS 2021 BRANDT MAIS, GREG FORTE, GREG GERKEN, (CATLIN ACCEPTING FOR HER DECEASED BROTHER, GREG & (2) SONS JONAS AND LIAM, ACCEPTING FOR THEIR DAD (IN CA) GREG GERKE

INDIAN RIVER SOCCER INDUCTS HALL OF FAMERS!

ON SATURDAY NIGHT NOV. 27 INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER INDUCTED TWO CLASSES OF HALL OF FAMERS. 2020 NEAL BARCH, PETER MAIS, CATLIN FORTE. 2021 BRANDT MAIS, GREG FORTE, GREG GERKEN. (SECOND PHOTO CATLIN ACCEPTING FOR HER DECEASED BROTHER, GREG AND TWO SONS JONAS AND LIAM, ACCEPTING FOR THEIR DAD (IN CA) GREG GERKEN. ALL THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY ALL HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AT RIVER SOCCER. NEAL BARCH IS ONE OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS AT INDIAN RIVER. GREG GERKEN RAN THE SUMMER SOCCER CAMP FOR NUMEROUS YEARS. AND FINALLY, BRANDT MAIS IS OUR TECHNICAL DIRECTOR AND 08 BOY'S COACH. PETER AND BOTH FORTE'S EITHER PLAYED AND/OR COACHED OVER THE YEARS AT INDIAN RIVER. WE AT IRS ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF THESE INDUCTEES' CONNECTION WITH THE CLUB AND THE SCHOOL! CONGRATULATIONS INDUCTEES FOR YOUR SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO YOUR COMMUNITY.



DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, DYSA, WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING (3) TEAMS FROM CONCORD SOCCER FROM TOURNAMENTS IN NOVEMBER:

- 2010 BOYS RED - 1ST PLACE AT BOYERTOWN BLAST
- 2012 BOYS RED - 1ST PLACE AT BOYERTOWN BLAST
- 2008 BOYS RED - 2ND PLACE AT MONTGOMERY UNITED TOURNAMENT

CONGRATULATIONS GENTLEMEN!



DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE GRIFFIN AMENDUM (DELAWARE FC 2009 BOYS). GRIFFIN WAS THE ONLY PLAYER SELECTED FROM DELAWARE, IN ANY AGE GROUP, TO THE USYS ODP INTERREGIONAL ROSTER.

GRIFFIN PARTICIPATED IN THE ODP INTERREGIONAL CAMP/COMPETITION IN ORLANDO, FL NOVEMBER 16TH-20TH. DYSA IS LOOKING TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THE COMPETITION AND GRIFFIN'S PERFORMANCE!

DYSA IS PLEASED TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THESE SPONSORS FOR THE 21/22 SOCCER SEASON:



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OTHER NEWS



THE DELAWARE UNION DIAMONDS WILL BE PLAYING IN UWS LEAGUE TWO ONCE AGAIN THIS COMING SUMMER. THE DE UNION DIAMONDS ARE LOOKING FOR CURRENT OR FORMER COLLEGE PLAYERS, RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THEIR DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE CALLING IT A U23 WOMEN'S TEAM BUT WE WELCOME PLAYERS 23 AND OLDER TO REGISTER. IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE TEAM YOU HAVE TO BE AT LEAST A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL.

UNITED WOMEN'S SOCCER (UWS) ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCH OF LEAGUE TWO FOR THE SUMMER 2020: A NEW DEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAY FOR PLAYERS IN THE U20-U23 AGE GROUP. UWS LEAGUE TWO IS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE NATIONAL PRO-AM LEAGUE. IT IS ALSO THE OFFICIAL LEAGUE FOR UWS RESERVE TEAMS.

UWS LEAGUE TWO GIVES ADDITIONAL COMPETITIVE EXPERIENCE ON THE PITCH FOR PLAYERS IN CURRENT UWS CLUBS BECAUSE OF THE RESERVE TEAM OPTION. IT PROVIDES ADDED VALUE TO SPONSORS AND ESTABLISHES A LARGER PROSPECTIVE PLAYER POOL FOR TEAMS. FOR NEW CLUBS, IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO THE STANDARDS-DRIVEN PRO-AM LEAGUE AND A LAUNCH POINT FOR A POTENTIAL UWS FIRST TEAM.

THE FIRST TRYOUT WILL BE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 FROM 6-8 PM IN MIDDLETOWN, DE. TO REGISTER AND FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION VISIT - [HTTP://WWW.DELAWAREUNION.COM/REP/23W/](http://WWW.DELAWAREUNION.COM/REP/23W/)

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