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The latest news from Delaware Youth Soccer

DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER AWARD WINNERS AND HALL OF FAME

DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR 2023 ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS. ALL WINNERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT OUR ANNUAL RECOGNITION LUNCHEON IN FEBRUARY

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

DYSA AND EAST REGION

TERRY REED

DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

KEVIN BROWER

RAYADOS DELAWARE

TOPSOCCER COACHES OF THE YEAR

STEVE AND PAM GREEN

RIVER SOCCER CLUB

COMPETITIVE COACH OF THE YEAR-BOYS

DANIEL SMITH

DELAWARE FOOTBALL CLUB

CLASS OF 2023 HALL OF FAME

RUDY RUDAWSKY

GEORGE WAY

PAUL WELLBORN

SERVICE AWARD

BRENT FELDMAN

DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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DYSA MEMBERS,

HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED THEIR HOLIDAY SEASON WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. I ATTENDED THE ODP EVENT OVER THE HOLIDAYS AND WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE LEVEL OF PLAY AND THE NUMBER OF CLUBS REPRESENTED. THIS IS A GREAT SIGN OF THE IMPROVEMENTS AND COMMITMENT THAT OUR CLUBS ARE MAKING TO FURTHER THE GAME OF SOCCER WITHIN OUR COUNTRY AND STATE. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION!!!

THANKS,

CHAD REED
DYSA PRESIDENT

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING STATEWIDE:

- JAN. 6, 2024 DE UNION WINTER REC. PROG, SLIM SPORTS CTR., MIDDLETOWN
- JAN. 10-14, 2024 UNITED SOCCER COACHES CONVENTION, ANAHEIM, CA
- FEB. 9-11, 2024 BEST OF THE BEST TOURNAMENT, CHASE FIELDHOUSE, WILM., DE
- FEB. 25, 2024 DYSA AWARDS BANQUET, WILD QUAIL CC, DOVER, DE
- MAR. 23-24, 2024 DE FC SPRING CLASSIC, HOCKESSIN, DE
- MAY 4-5, 2024 DYSA REC. TOURNAMENT, DOVER, DE



DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES WINNING THE INNOVATE TO ELEVATE GRANT AWARD FOR 2024 THRU 2026!

BY: TERRY REED, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, DYSA

THE U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION ANNOUNCED IN THE FALL OF 2023 THAT THE INNOVATE TO ELEVATE GRANT RFP (REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS) WOULD BE RETURNING WITH THE POTENTIAL OF AWARDS UP TO \$100,000. APPLICATION DEADLINES WERE RIGHT BEFORE THE END OF THE FALL SOCCER SEASON. THE FOCUS AGAIN WAS ON NEW OR EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT WERE FOR OUR AT-RISK, INNER-CITY POPULATIONS THAT HAVE LIMITATIONS TO SOCCER PROGRAMS.

AS MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE DYSA WAS A RECIPIENT OF 1 OUT OF 20 AWARDS THAT TOOK PLACE DURING THE FALL OF 2020. THE GRANT OF \$5,000 OPENED THE DOOR FOR DYSA TO TEST INNOVATIVE APPROACHES FOR CREATING A SOCCER ENVIRONMENT FOR AT RISK GIRLS THAT WAS TRULY INCLUSIVE AND SHOWED THAT THERE IS A SAFE PLACE FOR THEM IN THE PERFECT GAME . . . SOCCER. AFTER AN UNSUCCESSFUL SPRING SEASON, WE AT DYSA REALIZED THE PROGRAM NEEDED TO BE DONE DURING AFTER SCHOOL HOURS AND RUN AS AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM.

DYSA FORMED A PARTNERSHIP WITH STANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THEIR PRINCIPAL, MATTHEW ROBINSON AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, ROBERT BOYD WHO FELT THAT THE DELAWARE GIRLS' SOCCER INITIATIVE BROUGHT MORE TO THE TABLE THAN JUST SOCCER. ROBERT BOYD STATED "THE DELAWARE GIRLS' SOCCER INITIATIVE STRENGTHENS THE GIRLS FOCUS ON BEING PART OF A TEAM, THUS BECOMING A BETTER STUDENT. IMRAN KHAN, COACH OF THE DELAWARE GIRLS' INITIATIVE PROVIDES A STRONG FOCUS ON BEING A TEAM PLAYER, EACH PLAYER GIVING 100% AND TRYING THEIR BEST. WHILE PRACTICES MAY APPEAR TOUGH, THE GIRLS NEVER COMPLAIN AND HOLD COACH K IN HIGH REGARD.

2024 IS BRINGING EVEN MORE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE GIRL'S SOCCER INITIATIVE. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN TALKS WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ELKS TO BRING THIS PROGRAM TO TWO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY. WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH DICK'S SPORTING GOODS TO PROVIDE SOCCER BALLS TO EVERY PLAYER WHO ENROLLS IN THE INITIATIVE. NEW BALANCE IS WORKING WITH US TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FOOTWEAR FOR OUR GIRLS.

IN ADDITION, DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, DYSA, WILL BE CONTINUING TO COLLABORATE WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, UAFL, AND OUR AREA SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO SOCCER FOR YOUNG GIRLS INTERESTED IN PLAYING THE BEAUTIFUL GAME WHO OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO. WE AT DYSA RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR MORE WOMEN COACHES IN THE GAME.

DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION AGREES WITH THE U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CHANGE. THE UNITED FOR GIRLS INITIATIVE . . . "INNOVATE TO ELEVATE" GRANT IS PAVING THE WAY OF CHANGE FOR GIRLS IN THE FIRST STATE, AND OPENING THE DOORS FOR MORE YOUNG WOMEN TO HAVE THE EXPOSURE TO PLAY SOCCER IN DELAWARE.

FAWCETT, GREGG, AND LARABA SELECTED INTO US YOUTH SOCCER HALL OF FAME

US YOUTH SOCCER (USYS) IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THREE NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED INTO ITS HALL OF FAME. FORMER UNITED STATES WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM STAR JOY FAWCETT, STORIED COACH DR. LAUREN GREGG, AND LONG-TIME WEST VIRGINIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DAVE LARABA MAKE UP THIS YEAR'S CLASS. THE THREE-MEMBER GROUP WILL BE ENSHRINED DURING US YOUTH SOCCER'S ANNUAL AWARDS GALA IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, NEXT MONTH, CELEBRATING A LIFETIME OF DEDICATION TO THE SPORT.

FAWCETT'S LEGENDARY CAREER BEGAN IN HER EARLY TEENAGE YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER CLUB. SHE QUICKLY STOOD OUT AMONGST HER PEERS, AND AT JUST 14 YEARS OLD, FAWCETT WAS SELECTED TO BOTH THE OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND THE UNITED STATES YOUTH NATIONAL TEAM. HAVING CONTINUED TO MAKE A NAME FOR HERSELF AGAINST THE BEST PLAYERS IN THE COUNTRY, FAWCETT HAD HER PICK OF COLLEGES WHEN IT CAME TIME TO DECIDE WHERE SHE WANTED TO FURTHER HER CAREER. FAWCETT CHOSE TO STAY CLOSE TO HOME, ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, AND WENT ON TO HAVE AN ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER FOR THE GOLDEN BEARS. DURING HER FOUR YEARS IN BERKELEY, FAWCETT WAS A TWO-TIME NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR, THREE-TIME FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN, AND STILL HOLDS THE PROGRAM RECORD FOR MOST GOALS IN A SINGLE SEASON (23). FAWCETT GRADUATED FROM UC BERKELEY IN 1989 AND BEGAN HER PROFESSIONAL CAREER WITH AJAX, THE MANHATTAN BEACH CLUB'S TEAM. TWO SHORT YEARS LATER, FAWCETT HAD REACHED THE PINNACLE OF THE SPORT AS A WORLD CUP WINNER IN THE FIRST-EVER WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT. THROUGHOUT THE NEXT DECADE PLUS OF HER CAREER, FAWCETT, WHO APPEARED IN A TOTAL OF 239 GAMES FOR HER COUNTRY, WENT ON TO WIN TWO OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALS AND A SECOND WORLD CUP. FAWCETT CEMENTED AN OFF-FIELD LEGACY TO GO ALONG WITH HER RECORD-SETTING CAREER AS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE WOMEN'S UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION IN 2001, JUST THREE YEARS BEFORE SHE HUNG UP HER CLEATS FOR GOOD.

DR. LAUREN GREGG ENTERS THE US YOUTH SOCCER HALL OF FAME HAVING BEEN A TRAILBLAZER HER WHOLE CAREER. FROM HER EARLY DAYS AS A MEMBER OF BOTH THE MASSACHUSETTS AND NORTH CAROLINA OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, OR WHEN SHE WAS NAMED AN ALL-AMERICAN WITH WELLESLEY HIGH SCHOOL, GREGG WAS PAVING THE WAY FOR YOUNGER GENERATIONS. SHE STARTED HER COLLEGE CAREER AT LEHIGH UNIVERSITY – ON THE MEN'S JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM. GREGG SPENT TWO YEARS WITH THE MOUNTAIN HAWKS BEFORE TRANSFERRING TO HARVARD UNIVERSITY, WHERE SHE NAMED A FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN IN 1981. GREGG THEN TRANSFERRED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL, WHERE SHE WON AN AIAW CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE FIRST-EVER NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1982. ONCE GREGG'S PLAYING DAYS WERE OVER, SHE QUICKLY TRANSITIONED TO THE NEXT PHASE OF HER CAREER – COACHING. SHE RETURNED TO BOTH NORTH CAROLINA AND HARVARD AS AN ASSISTANT COACH AND WENT ON TO WIN ANOTHER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WITH THE TAR HEELS ONE YEAR AFTER GRADUATING. GREGG ALSO COACHED THE VIRGINIA CAVALIERS FOR NEARLY A DECADE, EARNING NUMEROUS COACHING ACCOLADES AND LEADING THEM TO THE FIRST FINAL FOUR IN PROGRAM HISTORY ALONG THE WAY. IN ADDITION TO GREGG'S COLLEGIATE-LEVEL COACHING CAREER, SHE HAS LONG BEEN A COACH AT THE PROFESSIONAL LEVEL. GREGG WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM STAFF DURING TWO WORLD CUP WINNING CAMPAIGNS (1991 AND 1996) AND AN OLYMPIC TRIUMPH (1996), AND WAS MOST RECENTLY AN ASSISTANT FOR THE NIGERIAN WOMEN'S NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM THAT MADE A STORYBOOK RUN IN THE 2023 FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP. GREGG'S INSPIRING CAREER HAS SEEN HER APPOINTED TO NUMEROUS COMMITTEES, EARN MULTIPLE AWARDS, AND EVEN RECEIVE INDUCTION INTO THE UNITED STATES SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME.

FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES, DAVE LARABA HAS TRANSFORMED THE SPORT OF SOCCER IN HIS STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA. LARABA HAS ALWAYS FOUND A WAY TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE GAME AS A MEMBER OF NUMEROUS U.S. SOCCER, US YOUTH SOCCER, AND WEST VIRGINIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES/COUNCILS. LARABA IS A CHAMPIONSHIP-WINNING COACH, TOO, HAVING WON THREE REGION I CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH THE NOW-WEST VIRGINIA RAPIDS, A CLUB HE FOUNDED, AS WELL THREE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH THE PARK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN ONLY FIVE YEARS ON THE SCHOOL'S SIDELINES. FROM HIS FIRST DAY AS THE PRESIDENT OF BECKLEY RALEIGH COUNTY YMCA SOCCER ASSOCIATION TO NOW, MORE THAN THREE DECADES IN AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WEST VIRGINIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION, THE MOUNTAIN STATE AND US YOUTH SOCCER OWE MANY THANKS TO LARABA FOR HIS CONTINUED EFFORTS IN GROWING THE GAME. THE US YOUTH SOCCER HALL OF FAME WAS CREATED IN 2008, LED BY DONALD GREER, A FOUNDING MEMBER OF USYS. IN THE 15 YEARS SINCE, 46 MEMBERS – FAWCETT, GREGG, AND LARABA AMONG THEM – HAVE BEEN INDUCTED.

US YOUTH SOCCER TO OFFER U.S. SOCCER 'B' LICENSE EDUCATION

US Youth Soccer (USYS) and its State Associations are set to host U.S. Soccer 'B' coach licensing courses for the first time in 2024. Twenty-three 'B' courses were approved by U.S. Soccer and will be held in person by multiple State Associations across four U.S. time zones throughout the year, beginning in March.

The U.S. Soccer 'B' License is part of the Pro Pathway of U.S. Soccer's coach licensing system, with the courses' purpose to prepare coaches to work with youth or senior teams in a performance environment. Some course objectives include the implementation and optimization of designed training sessions to facilitate player learning, preparing an age-appropriate game plan aligned to the game model, and creating a positive and safe environment that encourages respect, inclusivity and belonging.

"We are thrilled for our State Associations to host these 'B' courses next year," said US Youth Soccer Director of Sport Development Tom Condone. "This is a monumental step in continuing the effort from our State Technical Directors as they work to deliver courses at all levels and provide continued development opportunities for coaches. We are thankful to U.S. Soccer for allowing us to provide these courses to our membership."

Below are the courses that will be held during the first half of the year.

Host	City, State	Class #1	Class #2
Colorado Soccer Association	Commerce City, CO	March 14-17	May 2-5
Florida Youth Soccer Association	Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, FL	March 4-7	May 13-16
Illinois Youth Soccer	Loves Park, IL	March 4-7	May 6-9
Illinois Youth Soccer & Chicago Fire FC	Chicago, IL	March 11-14	May 13-16
Massachusetts Youth Soccer	Lancaster, MA	March 15-18	May 6-8
North Carolina Youth Soccer Association	Charlotte, NC	March 11-14	May 13-16
Ohio Soccer Association	Columbus, OH	March 14-17	May 7-10
Tennessee State Soccer Association	Murfreesboro, TN	March 7-10	May 3-6

MULTIPLE 'B' COURSES WILL ALSO BE OFFERED DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE COURSES VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.USYOUTHSOCCER.ORG/NEWS/2023/11/15/US-YOUTH-SOCCER-TO-OFFER-U-S-SOCCER-B-LICENSE-EDUCATION/](https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/news/2023/11/15/us-youth-soccer-to-offer-u-s-soccer-b-license-education/)



BY: TYLER BASTIANELLI, DYSA DIRECTOR OF ODP & TALENT IDENTIFICATION

DELAWARE ODP DECEMBER WINTER CAMP SUCCESS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE PLAYERS SELECTED TO ATTEND AN EXCELLENT DELAWARE ODP WINTER CAMP ON DECEMBER 27-28 2023!

THE DE ODP WINTER CAMP IS AN INVITE-ONLY EVENT BASED ON THE AUGUST ODP TRYOUT PERFORMANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ODP COACHES AND SCOUTING NETWORK.

“I WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE OVERALL LEVEL OF THE PLAYERS AND THE FOCUS AND PROFESSIONALISM OF THE STAFF OVER THE TWO DAYS OF HOSTING SOME OF THE BEST PLAYERS IN THE STATE AND LOCAL AREA. WE’RE CONTINUING TO BUILD A VERY STRONG ODP PROGRAM WHICH WORKS WELL TO SUPPLEMENT THE CLUB TEAMS’ SCHEDULES THROUGH OUR WINTER CAMP AND THE POSSIBILITY FOR SOME OF THESE PLAYERS TO BE SELECTED TO REPRESENT DELAWARE IN THE EAST REGION ODP TOURNAMENT ON THE JUNE 7-9, 2024 WEEKEND. THE ODP PROGRAM SERVES THE PLAYERS THAT WANT TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND IMPROVE IN THE GAME, WORK WITH NEW AND HIGHLY EXPERIENCED COACHES, GET IN FRONT OF COLLEGE COACHES FOR EXPOSURE, AND BE IN A PLATFORM WITH THE OPTION OF BEING IDENTIFIED TO REPRESENT THE EAST REGION AGAINST OTHER REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY AND TO POTENTIALLY REPRESENT THE ODP NATIONAL TEAM.”

THE DE ODP PROGRAM IS GROWING YEAR AFTER YEAR IN TERMS OF QUALITY OF PLAYERS, STAFFING, AND OVERALL EXPOSURE TO COLLEGE COACHES AND REGIONAL SCOUTS.

THE PLAYER SELECTIONS TO REPRESENT DELAWARE IN THE EAST REGION TOURNAMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY 2024.

ONCE THE INITIAL ROSTER COMMITMENTS ARE IN, WE WILL REVIEW OPENINGS TO EXPAND ANOTHER ROUND OF INVITATIONS IF NECESSARY.

DECEMBER 27-28, 2023- DELAWARE ODP WINTER CAMP (BIRTH YEARS: 2012-2006) - [PHOTO ALBUM](#)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE DE ODP WINTER CAMP & PARTICIPATING IN DELAWARE ODP BUT DID NOT ATTEND TRYOUTS OR THE WINTER CAMP, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING [DE ODP PLAYER INTEREST FORM](#).

DELAWARE PRE-ODP SESSIONS, BIRTH YEARS: 2012, 2013, 2014

THIS SPRING 2024 WE WILL HOST ANOTHER PRE-ODP TRAINING SESSION IN SOUTHERN DELAWARE, LIKELY AT RIVER SOCCER CLUB OR DELMARVA RUSH SOCCER CLUB FIELDS! PLEASE COMPLETE THE PLAYER INTEREST FORM ABOVE IF YOU’RE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING AND BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN FEBRUARY WITH THE DETAILS.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PRE-ODP SESSIONS IS TO ASSIST THE PLAYERS IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND ALLOW THE PLAYERS TO BE INTRODUCED TO SOME OF THE DELAWARE ODP PROFESSIONAL STAFF COACHES, AND FOR OUR STAFF TO BEGIN THE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS FOR NEXT YEAR’S U12 (2013) AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR’S U12 (2014) ODP JOURNEY (AND TO WORK WITH SOME CURRENT U12 (2012) PLAYERS THAT MISSED THE ODP EVENTS THIS YEAR SO FAR.).

THE SESSION STRUCTURE WILL INCLUDE:

- ACTIVATION PHASE TO GET THE PLAYERS PHYSICALLY READY TO PLAY.
- TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT PHASE TO DEMONSTRATE AND TEACH TECHNICAL SKILLS.
- SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY + SMALL SIDED GAMES.
- COOL DOWN PHASE.

OBJECTIVE OF DELAWARE ODP

THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR DE ODP TRYOUTS IS FOR OUR STAFF TO IDENTIFY THE TOP PLAYERS IN DELAWARE TO BE SELECTED FOR OUR WINTER CAMP AND FUTURE ODP EVENTS! THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR PLAYERS TO SHOWCASE THEIR ABILITY IN FRONT OF OUR DELAWARE ODP STAFF.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS WITH A STRONG TECHNICAL BASE, TACTICAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE GAME, THE ABILITY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS ON THE FIELD, CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH THE STRESSES OF THE GAME THROUGH MENTAL STRENGTH, AND HIGH LEVELS OF PHYSICAL FITNESS.

THE MISSION OF THE ODP PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE A FIRST-CLASS EXPERIENCE AND ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAYERS, PROVIDE EXPERIENCES TO WORK WITH OUR ELITE STAFF, HELP THE PLAYERS LEARN TO PERFORM IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT OUTSIDE OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE AT THEIR CLUBS, AND PROVIDE A PLATFORM TO BE IDENTIFIED BY EAST REGION SCOUTS AND COLLEGE COACHES.

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BECOME A REFEREE TODAY

- EARN AT LEAST \$20 AN HOUR
- FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING
- GIVE BACK TO THE GAME
- MEET NEW PEOPLE
- LEARN AND DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS
- STAY ACTIVE
- UPHOLD THE LAWS OF THE GAME IN THE COMMUNITY
- PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE EMAIL INFO@SOCREFDE.COM IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP

NEW REFEREES CAN GET REIMBURSED FOR US SOCCER REGISTRATION COST THROUGH DYSA


WITH THE NEW YEAR AND THE SPRING SEASON GETTING UNDERWAY, REMEMBER THAT DICK'S SPORTING GOODS IS THERE FOR YOU AND YOUR PLAYERS WITH MONEY SAVINGS DISCOUNTS ALL YEAR LONG! BELOW IS YOUR LINK TO MONEY SAVINGS COUPONS! REMEMBER EVERY SEASON STARTS AT DICK'S!

[CLICK HERE FOR DICK'S SPORTING GOODS COUPON](#)



TOPSOCCER

DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER AWARDED 2024 TOPSOCCER GRANT FROM USYS

DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, DYSA, RECEIVED A GRANT FOR TOPSOCCER FROM USYS TO BE USED TO HELP OUR CLUBS STATEWIDE ENCOURAGE PLAYERS WITH DISABILITIES TO JOIN THE TOPS PROGRAM. DYSA'S TOPSOCCER PROGRAM IS AN INNOVATIVE OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR SOCCER, COMMUNITY-BASED TRAINING AND TEAM PLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES, BOTH DEVELOPMENTALLY AND MENTALLY. THE PROGRAM IS ORGANIZED BY STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS. THE TOPS PROGRAM CENTERS AROUND AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE ALL CHILDREN REGARDLESS OF PHYSICAL AND COGNITIVE ABILITIES CAN ENJOY THE GAME OF SOCCER, IMPROVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND HAVE FUN. THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN OUR YOUNG ATHLETES IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, WHILE PROVIDING AN ENJOYABLE RESPITE EXPERIENCE FOR THE PARENTS. OUR TOPS STAFF ARE WELL TRAINED IN THIS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A POSITIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR TOPS PLAYERS.

THIS GRANT WILL ENABLE OUR VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS TO HAVE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR OUR TOPS PLAYERS. CLUBS THAT HAVE THE TOPS PROGRAM WILL HAVE BROCHURES TAILORED TO THEIR PROGRAM, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL MARKETING MATERIALS TAILORED TO THEIR CLUB. WHAT AN EXCELLENT WAY FOR OUR CLUBS TO SHOWCASE THEIR TOPS PROGRAM, AS WELL AS THEIR CLUB. PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONTACT DYSA FOR MARKETING BROCHURES ON THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM. FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR IN NEED OF MATERIALS FOR YOUR CLUB, PLEASE CONTACT TREED@DYSA.ORG.

US YOUTH SOCCER TOPSOCCER (THE OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR SOCCER) IS A RECREATIONAL SPORTS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL, EMOTIONAL, OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES THAT IS OFFERED ONLY THROUGH LOCAL USYS-AFFILIATED SOCCER CLUBS. TOPSOCCER PROVIDES OUR MEMBERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY SOCCER IN A UNIQUELY STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT THAT IS SAFE, FUN, SUPPORTIVE, AND INCLUSIVE.

2024 RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENT



**BOYS AND GIRLS
AGE GROUPS**



SAVE THE DATE

MAY 4 & 5, 2024

Kent county Parks and Rec Center

**For more information contact
recreation@dysa.org**



DYSA IS PLEASED TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THESE SPONSORS FOR THE 23/24 SOCCER SEASON:



DELAWARE ORTHOPAEDIC SPECIALISTS



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPONSOR OR PARTNERING WITH DYSA?

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER (DYSA) IS A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT CORPORATION SO SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS ARE 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE. YOUR SUPPORT HELPS CHILDREN BECOME SUCCESSFUL IN DEVELOPING THEIR SOCCER SKILLS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HELPING THEM LEARN TEAMWORK, HARD WORK, AND SPORTSMANSHIP.

ALSO, IT ALLOWS US TO IMPROVE OUR SOCCER PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES, PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WORTHY PLAYERS AND OFFSET THE COST OF PARTICIPATION. SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF SPONSORSHIP FOR BUSINESSES ARE EXPOSURE TO A BROAD CUSTOMER BASE, COMPANY AND PRODUCT EXPOSURE; AND, SHOWING COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

AS A SPONSOR YOUR LOGO WILL BE INCLUDED ON OUR WEBSITE. DYSA HAS MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU OR YOUR COMPANY TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT OF OUR YOUTH PLAYERS FROM SCHOLARSHIPS, TO BUSINESS LISTINGS, OR INTERESTED IN CREATING YOUR OWN GIVING LEVEL, DYSA IS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU CHOOSE THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU! FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO BECOME A SPONSOR OR PARTNER WITH DYSA, PLEASE CONTACT TREED@DYSA.ORG