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The latest news from Delaware Youth Soccer

DYSA RECOGNIZES AWARD WINNERS AT THE ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION AT THEIR ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON THAT TOOK PLACE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, AT THE WILD QUAIL COUNTRY CLUB IN WYOMING, DELAWARE RECOGNIZED AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR THEIR DEDICATION, COMMITMENT AND WORK WITHIN THE SOCCER COMMUNITY IN THE FIRST STATE. NOT ABLE TO ATTEND WERE: BRENT FELDMAN, DYSA, SERVICE AWARD, AND KEVIN BROWER, RAYADOS, VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

NEWEST INDUCTEES IN THE HALL OF FAME FOR THE LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR YOUTH SOCCER PLAYERS OVER THE YEARS WERE:

ANDREW (RUDY) RUDAWSKY, GEORGE WAY, AND PAUL WELLBORN. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GAME OF SOCCER AND THEIR VISION IMPACTED THE LANDSCAPE OF SOCCER IN THE FIRST STATE. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE AWARD WINNERS!



DANIEL SMITH, DEFC HOCKESSIN, BOYS COMPETITIVE COACH OF THE YEAR



STEVE & PAM GREEN, RIVER SC, TOPSOCCER COACHES OF THE YEAR

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TERRY REED, DYSA, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR
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CLASS OF 2023 HALL OF FAME

ANDREW (RUDY) RUDAWSKY
GEORGE WAY
PAUL WELLBORN



PAST AND PRESENT HALL OF FAMERS

BOB BUSSIERE, RUDY RUDAWSKY, GEORGE WAY, PAUL WELLBORN, CHATTY REED



2023 DYSA AWARD WINNERS

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DYSA MEMBERS,

DYSA HOSTED OUR ANNUAL AWARDS RECOGNITION EVENT THIS PAST SUNDAY. WHAT AN ENJOYABLE DAY WE HAD HONORING ALL OUR WINNERS FROM 2023. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS AND THE CLUBS THAT THEY REPRESENT. WE ALSO RECOGNIZED OUR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES. DYSA HAS A LONG HISTORY, AND IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CURRENT AND PAST INDUCTEES. WITH THE CURRENT STATE OF SOCCER IN OUR COUNTRY AND THE MAJOR EVENTS COMING TO OUR SOIL OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, WE ARE GOING TO BE BLESSED WITH SEEING SOCCER FIRSTHAND GROW!!!

THANKS,

CHAD REED
DYSA PRESIDENT

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING STATEWIDE:

FEB. 9 - 11, 2024	BEST OF THE BEST TOURNAMENT, CHASE F IELDFHOUSE, WILM., DE
FEB. 25 , 2024	DYSA AWARDS BANQUET, WILD QUAIL CC, DOVER, DE
MAR. 23-24, 2024	DE FC SPRING CLASSIC, HOCKESSIN, DE
APRIL 20-21, 2024	COASTAL SHOOTOUT, THE TURF COMPLEX, DOVER, DE
MAY 4 - 5, 2024	DYSA REC. TOURNAMENT, DOVER, DE
JUNE 24-28, 2024	RSC SUMMER CAMP, FRANKFORD, DE
JUNE 26- 7/3, 2024	NCS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT, CHARLESTON, WV
7/23 -7/28/2024	NCS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT, ORLANDO, FL



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, UAFI, 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.



U.S. SOCCER ANNOUNCED THAT ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED OVER \$3 MILLION IN INNOVATE TO GROW GRANTS TO FUND 27 PROGRAMS BY 25 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL BENEFIT 762,398 PLAYERS, COACHES AND REFEREES ACROSS THE U.S. SOCCER ECOSYSTEM. THE ANNOUNCEMENT COMES AHEAD OF U.S. SOCCER'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN DALLAS FROM FEB. 8-11.

THIS MARKS THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR THAT U.S. SOCCER APPROVES ALL BUDGETED FUNDS FOR GRANTS. IN LINE WITH U.S. SOCCER'S STRATEGIC VISION AND ACCELERATED INITIATIVES, THE GRANTS WILL HELP GROW THE GAME AND FOSTER THE BEST PLAYING ENVIRONMENTS BY FUNDING PROGRAMMING FOCUSED ON INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION FOR SOCCER IN ALL ITS FORMS AS WELL AS PROVIDING RESOURCES TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF REFEREE AND COACHING EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR SEVERAL MEMBERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

U.S. SOCCER APPROVED \$3,000,165 TO SUPPORT 27 PROJECTS, EIGHT OF WHICH WILL BE FIRST-TIME INNOVATE TO GROW FUND RECIPIENTS.

THE INNOVATE TO GROW GRANTS WILL DIRECTLY FUND PROGRAMMING TO INCREASE EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR YOUTH COACHES AND REFEREES, REMOVE FINANCIAL BARRIERS OF ENTRY FOR PARTICIPANTS IN MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES, INCREASE PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN, AND PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR AN ARRAY OF DISABLED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE SOCCER MORE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL.

RECOGNIZING THE VITAL ROLE THAT FEDERATION MEMBERS PLAY IN THE GROWTH OF SOCCER IN THE U.S., THE INNOVATE TO GROW FUND WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2017 TO HELP U.S. SOCCER MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS LAUNCH NEW AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO GROW PARTICIPATION IN THEIR MARKETS. TO BE CONSIDERED FOR GRANT FUNDING, MEMBERS' PROPOSED PROGRAMS MUST MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE APPLICATION PROCESS, INCLUDING:

MUST BE U.S. SOCCER ORGANIZATION MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

ONE (1) TO (3) YEAR GRANT DURATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS OR PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN PILOTTED WITHIN THE LAST THREE (3) YEARS AND WOULD USE ITG FUNDS TO SCALE UP AND EXPAND

MEMBER MUST SHOW FINANCIAL INVESTMENT INTO PROGRAM, INCLUDING THEIR OWN FUNDS, OTHER DONOR OR SPONSORSHIP FUNDING, REINVESTING PROGRAM REVENUE, OR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

PROGRAM MUST ALIGN WITH U.S. SOCCER PHILOSOPHIES ON PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, COACHING, AND PLAYER SAFETY

MAXIMUM GRANT OF \$200,000, SUBJECT TO EXCEPTIONS APPROVED BY THE U.S. SOCCER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AFFILIATED, NON-PRO LEAGUE MEMBERS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT INNOVATE TO GROW GRANT FUNDING CAN LEARN MORE BY EMAILING ITGFUND@USSOCCER.ORG.

DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION WAS ONE OF THEM!!!
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CHARNON

YOUTH SPORTS RECREATION ADMIN MANAGER

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- THE U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION COACH-MENTOR TEAM CAN WORK WITH YOU TO CUSTOMIZE THE TRAINING AS NEEDED
- TRAINING VALUED AT \$5,000 - GRANT IN-KIND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

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CONCORD SOCCER COACH EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM
22ND & 23RD MARCH 2024
ABESSINIO STADIUM, WILMINGTON, DE

COST: SINGLE COACH PASS - \$300

CLUB PASS - 10 COACH PASSES - \$2,500

CONCORD SOCCER, COACHFX AND ADIDAS INVITE YOU TO OUR COACHING SYMPOSIUM "CELTIC FC ACADEMY: DEVELOPING PLAYERS & COACHES USING A PHILOSOPHY, GAME MODEL AND ANALYSIS", AN IN-DEPTH LOOK INTO HOW CELTIC FC'S ACADEMY DEVELOP YOUTH PLAYERS AND COACHING STAFF TO PERFORM AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

COME AND IMMERSIVE YOURSELF IN A 2-DAY HOLISTIC COACHING EDUCATION EXPERIENCE DELIVERED BY RENOWNED CLINICIAN WILLIE MCNAB, CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB'S HEAD OF CHILDREN'S ACADEMY. YOU WILL DIVE INTO THE CELTIC WAY OF PREPARING YOUTH PLAYERS TO PERFORM AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE GAME AND LEARN HOW TO USE THEIR APPROACH AT YOUR OWN TEAM OR CLUB.

THE COURSE WILL WALK YOU THROUGH:

- HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN SOCCER PHILOSOPHY.
- BUILDING A GAME MODEL & INCORPORATING INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS.
- COACH PERFORMANCE REVIEW
- STAFF SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT.

WHETHER YOU ARE A TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, YOUTH COACH, OR HIGH SCHOOL COACH, OUR GOAL IS TO HELP EXPAND YOUR MINDSET SO THAT YOU BECOME A BETTER VERSION OF YOU. THIS EVENT WILL HELP YOU DEVELOP YOUR OWN BEST PRACTICES AND METHODOLOGY TO DEVELOP AN ENVIRONMENT THAT YOUR PLAYERS WILL LEARN, DEVELOP, AND THRIVE!

PRESENTER:

WILLIE MCNAB HEAD OF CHILDREN'S ACADEMY CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB

WILLIE STARTED HIS CAREER AS A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLER IN SCOTLAND BEFORE MAKING THE TRANSITION TO COACHING AT YOUTH AND FIRST TEAM LEVEL FOR ALBION ROVERS FC.

WILLIE THEN MOVED TO COACH AT BOTH HIBERNIAN FC AND HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN FC BEFORE MOVING TO THE SCOTTISH FA AS A FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER. IN 2007, WILLIE WAS ASKED TO JOIN CELTIC FC WHERE HE HAS COACHED ACROSS ALL ACADEMY AGE GROUPS FROM U12 TO U18. IN ADDITION, WILLIE WAS HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY FOR NORTH AMERICA BUILDING ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL CLUB PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS IN WORLD FOOTBALL. WILLIE NOW HEADS UP THE CHILDREN'S ACADEMY AT CELTIC FC MANAGING ALL ASPECTS OF PLAYER AND COACH DEVELOPMENT.

WILLIE HAS AN EXTENSIVE COACH EDUCATION BACKGROUND IN THE UK AND US HAVING BEEN A REGULAR CLINICIAN AT THE UNITED SOCCER COACHES CONVENTIONS IN 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 AND 2024. WILLIE HOLDS HIS UEFA A LICENCE, SCOTTISH FA CHILDREN'S LICENCE, SCOTTISH FA ADVANCED YOUTH LICENCE AND HAS A MASTERS IN SPORTS COACHING.

FOR INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS ON HOW TO REGISTER CONTACT:

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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](#)

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



DE Turf is hosting the Coastal Shootout on April 20-21, 2024. This tournament is open to U9 - U19 boys and girls teams. This is a great local option for Zone 1 and Zone 2 teams this spring. Please use the link below to register or for more information [click here](#)

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@SOCCERDE.COM IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP

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

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