

DYSA CHRONICLES



The latest news from Delaware Youth Soccer

UPDATED DECISION ON AGE GROUP FORMATION

FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION, US YOUTH SOCCER, AYSO, AND US CLUB SOCCER HAVE COLLECTIVELY DECIDED TO MOVE TO AN AGE GROUP PLAYER FORMATION CYCLE THAT RUNS FROM AUGUST 1 TO JULY 31, STARTING WITH THE 2026-27 SEASON/REGISTRATION YEAR. THIS CHANGE WAS MADE BASED ON ADDITIONAL CRITICAL FEEDBACK, DATA, AND EXPERT INPUT TO BETTER ALIGN PLAYERS WITH THEIR SCHOOL-GRADE PEERS. OUR ASSOCIATIONS FEEL THAT THIS AGE GROUP PLAYER FORMATION WILL BE THE MOST INCLUSIVE AND HELP INCREASE PARTICIPATION. THE AUGUST 1 TO JULY 31 AGE GROUP PLAYER FORMATION CYCLE WILL BE USED FOR ALL USYS LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITIONS FOR THE 2026-27 SEASON/REGISTRATION YEAR INCLUDING: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, PRESIDENTS CUP, AND NATIONAL LEAGUE.

US YOUTH SOCCER CEO TOM CONDONE ADDRESSED THE ADJUSTMENT TO THE REGISTRATION PROCESS: "AT US YOUTH SOCCER, OUR MISSION IS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVERY PLAYER. AFTER CAREFUL COLLABORATION WITH OUR PARTNERS AND LISTENING TO OUR MEMBERSHIP, WE BELIEVE THIS SHIFT TO AN AUGUST 1 PLAYER FORMATION CYCLE BETTER ALIGNS WITH SCHOOL CALENDARS, SUPPORTS SOCIAL AND INDIVIDUAL NEEDS, AND ULTIMATELY ENHANCES THE YOUTH SOCCER EXPERIENCE FOR FAMILIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY."

AS A REMINDER, UNDER U.S. SOCCER'S NEW POLICY, EACH FEDERATION MEMBER CAN DETERMINE AGE GROUP REGISTRATION RULES FOR THE LEAGUES AND COMPETITIONS THEY OPERATE OR SANCTION. TO SUPPORT THIS TRANSITION, U.S. SOCCER HAS INTRODUCED A TOOL TO HELP PARENTS AND GUARDIANS EASILY UNDERSTAND THE AGE GROUPINGS BASED ON THEIR CHILD'S BIRTHDATE.

AGAIN, PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DECISION IS EFFECTIVE BEGINNING WITH EACH ORGANIZATION MEMBER'S 2026-27 SEASON/REGISTRATION YEAR.

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U.S. CENTER FOR
SAFESPORT

CHAMPION RESPECT. END ABUSE.

SAFEGUARDING

The Center for SafeSport is offering free live and on-demand trainings for coaches and administrators around the 2025 MAAPP. Please feel free to share [THIS RESOURCE](#) within your membership, which also includes information about addressing emotional & physical misconduct, creating positive & inclusive environments, and other abuse prevention resources.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Bria (bduvall@ussoccer.org) or Sophia (smiller@ussoccer.org).



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

DYSA MEMBERS,

WHAT A GREAT SHOWING FOR THE US THROUGHOUT THE GOLD CUP!!! IT WAS GREAT TO SEE SO MANY PLAYERS WITH LOCAL TIES BEING KEY CONTRIBUTORS TO THE TEAMS SUCCESS. WITH THE CLUB WORLD CUP AND THE GOLD CUP ON OUR SOILS, IT IS AN EXCITING TIME TO GROW THE GAME HEADING INTO THE PRESTIGIOUS FIFA WORLD CUP!!!

THANKS,

CHAD REED
DYSA PRESIDENT

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING STATEWIDE:

JULY 18-20, 2025
AUGUST 3, 2025
AUGUST 2, 2025
AUGUST 17, 2025
SEPT. 19-21, 2025
SEPT. 25-28, 2025
OCT.10-12,2025

DOVER DOWNS RACE FAN EVENT, DOVER DOWNS, DE
ODP TRYOUTS, CHASE TURF FIELDS, WILMINGTON, DE
DE FC BEACH 3V3 TOURNAMENT, MILTON, DE
ANNUAL DYSA AWARDS LUNCHEON, WILDQUAIL GOLF COURSE
COPA DELMARVA, SANDHILL FIELDS, GEORGETOWN, DE
GRASS ROOTS SYMPOSIUM, KANSAS CITY, MO
25TH ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY CLASSIC, FRANKFORD, DE



A SWEET NIGHT TO SUPPORT THE MICKEY WHERRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND!

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025 DYSA HOSTED THEIR ANNUAL SWEET FROG EVENT TO SUPPORT THE MICKEY WHERRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THE PARTICIPANTS ENJOYED "SWEET" TREATS, FREE T-SHIRTS AND A FUN FILLED EVENING. THIS YEAR, DYSA FOCUSED ON OUR TOPSOCCER PROGRAM STATEWIDE, OUR GIRL'S INITIATIVE EXPANSION AND PROVIDED GENERAL INFORMATION ON ALL OF OUR CLUBS. MORE THAN 200 INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THIS EVENT RAISING FUNDS FOR THE MICKEY WHERRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THE MICKEY WHERRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARDS TWO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS WORTH \$ 500.00 PER YEAR TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WITHIN THE STATE ASSOCIATION. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE, STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED RECREATIONAL PLAYERS, REFEREES, VOLUNTEER COACHES, OR WORK AS TOPSOCCER BUDDIES WITH DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP VISIT (CLICK HERE) A HUGE THANK YOU TO KIRKWOOD SPORTS FOR COMING OUT TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

2025 USYS Eastern Regional Championships

DYSA was proudly represented at the 2025 USYS Eastern Regional Championships by three teams from Delaware Football Academy (DFA), showcasing the talent and dedication of our state's youth soccer community. As Executive Director and State Representative, it was an incredible experience to witness these teams compete at such a high level. Each squad displayed resilience, unity, and skill as they battled against top-tier opponents, including matches against eventual Regional Champions. The players, coaches, and families exemplified what it means to represent Delaware with pride and class on a regional stage.

In addition to the strong showing at Regionals, Delaware made a deep run at the 2025 USYS East Presidents Cup. Albion SC Delaware reached the finals in the U19 division, capping off a fantastic tournament with a second-place finish. Their journey was filled with hard-fought wins and inspiring performances, reflecting the growth of competitive soccer across our state. Congratulations to all the players, coaches, and supporters who made this summer one to remember.

Thank you,

Sebastian Acosta-Nijamkin
DYSA Executive Director



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Questions

Text or call (844-628-3267)

Email Customer Care at customercare@newbalanceteam.com





**2025-2026 DE ODP TRYOUTS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025
AT CHASE TURF FIELDS, 780 A STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801
10:00AM TO 2:30PM**

REGISTER NOW

TRYOUT AGE GROUPS:

U12 (2014) (+ *2015)
U13 (2013)
U14 (2012)
U15 (2011)
U16 (2010)
U17 (2009/08)

TRYOUT SCHEDULE:

10-11:30AM

FIELD 4 - (U12) 2014 BOYS (+ *2015 BOYS)

FIELD 5 - (U13) 2013 BOYS, (U14) 2012 BOYS 11:30AM-1PM

FIELD 4 - (U12) 2014 GIRLS (+ *2015 GIRLS)

FIELD 5 - (U13) 2013 GIRLS, (U14) 2012 GIRLS 1-2:30PM

FIELD 4 - (U15) 2011 GIRLS, (U16) 2010 GIRLS, (U17) 2009/08 GIRLS

FIELD 5 - (U15) 2011 BOYS, (U16) 2010 BOYS, (U17) 2009/08 BOYS

COST: \$79

INCLUDES THE TRYOUT PLUS THE FOLLOWING JERSEY ITEMS!

JERSEYS, SOCKS AND SHORTS (JERSEY LAUNCH COMING SOON!)

FIELD PLAYER KITS: ODP JERSEY, SHORTS, SOCKS

GOALKEEPER KITS: GK SPECIFIC TOP, GK SPECIFIC SHORTS, GK SPECIFIC SOCKS

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, THE CAPABILITY 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.

DE ODP SCHEDULE 2025-2026: TENTATIVE FALL FRIENDLIES, TBD, END OF SEPT, OCT OR NOV TIMEFRAME AGAINST BORDERING STATE TEAM (U12-U13 AGE GROUPS) WORKING TOWARDS DATES & TIMES, TBD.

DE ODP WINTER CAMP, DECEMBER 26-27, 2024 AT THE CHASE FIELDHOUSE INDOOR TURF FIELD, 401 GARASCHESS LANE, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

- U12, U13, U14: ONE-DAY CAMP, DEC 26 OR 29 OR 30, 2025
- U15, U16, U17/18, ONE-DAY CAMP, DEC 26 OR 29, OR 30, 2025

EAST REGION ODP TOURNAMENT, JUNE 5, 6, 7, 2026 (TENTATIVE) *LOCATION TBD, LIKELY SIMILAR TO THIS PAST YEAR AND BE IN LANCASTER, PA AND SOUTH NJ BUT THIS IS NOT FINALIZED. REGIONAL EVENTS:

EAST REGION POOL / ID CALL BACK CAMP, JULY 2026 PLAYER SELECTIONS FOR THIS EVENT COME FROM THE EAST REGION SCOUTS.

INTERREGIONAL EVENT, DECEMBER 2026 OR JANUARY 2027 PLAYER SELECTIONS FOR THIS EVENT COME FROM THE EAST REGION SCOUTS. DELAWARE PLAYERS SELECTED WILL REPRESENT THE EAST REGION AND COMPETE AGAINST THE TEAMS SELECTED FROM THE OTHER REGIONS.

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THE PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT TYLER BASTIANELLI, DYSA DIRECTOR OF ODP & TALENT IDENTIFICATION AT TYLER@DYSA.ORG

THANK YOU,
TYLER BASTIANELLI DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR OF ODP & TALENT IDENTIFICATION





Come for the
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Stay for the **RACE!**
★ ★ JULY 18-20, 2025 ★ ★



MONSTER MILE
SUMMER
'25

DRIVER APPEARANCES



Christopher
Bell

Josh
BERRY DILLON WALLACE

Austin

BUBBA

& Many More
Appearances
to come!

FAN ATTRACTIONS ZONE

... The World's Largest Rubber Duck

Miles Beach, presented by Visit Delaware
NASCAR Kids Zone WHITE LIGHTNING
Bar + Arcade Little Farm Petting Zoo
Driver Appearances & Autograph
Sessions USO Military Village Strolling
Entertainment **and much, much more!**

LIVE MUSIC!
ALL WEEKEND LONG!



THE SPAZMATICS

MIKE HINES
& THE LOOK



SATURDAY NIGHT
FIREWORKS at 9 P.m.

Presented by Kent County Tourism

NASCAR DATES & Race Times



ARCA Menards Series Race
July 18, 5p.m., FS1



NASCAR Xfinity Series Race
July 19, 4:30p.m., CW



NASCAR Cup Series Race
July 20, 2 p.m., TNT



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boardwalk fries &
treats! More!

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DE Girl's Initiative comes to Kent County Boys & Girls Club

Wednesday, June 25th was the first skills clinic with a group of girls from the Boys & Girls Club of Delaware at Kesselring County Park. It was a HOT morning, but the girls brought incredible energy to the field and did an amazing job! They spent the session learning ball control, building confidence, and working together through the game.

A huge thank you to Delaware Youth Soccer Association (DYSA), the Boys & Girls Club of Delaware, and Coach Raul for partnering with us. Together, we're creating a space where every girl in Kent County can play, grow, and explore what soccer can mean in her life.

This initiative supports the U.S. Soccer Foundation's Innovate to Elevate vision leveraging the power of sport to build healthy habits, personal development, and long-term community impact. With trained coach-mentors and a supportive environment, we're just getting started on a summer full of growth, fun, and connection.









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- 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







KENT COUNTY FUTSAL CLASSIC *Hosted by Route 1 Sports*

Location: Kent County Parks & Recreation Dover, Delaware

Dates:

- **Boys:** Saturday, February 21, 2026
- **Girls:** Sunday, February 22, 2026

Event Highlights:

- 5v5 Indoor Soccer (4 field players + 1 Goalkeeper)
- Open to U8–U15 Teams
- Each Team Guaranteed 3 Games
- Fast-Paced 25 minute Matches
- Championship Awards for Each Division

More Info + Registration: route1sports.org/delawarefutbolacademy/tournaments



ROUTE 1 SPORTS is hosting the Coastal Shootout

- Delaware Turf Sports Complex – Frederica, DE
- April 18–19, 2026
- Open to U8–U19 Boys & Girls Teams

Join us for a competitive, fun-filled weekend on premium turf fields at one of the top facilities in the region!

More info & registration please visit: route1sports.org/delawarefutbolacademy/tournaments

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FOR THE 25/26 SOCCER SEASON:



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