PA West Soccer Association is proud to announce our “Club Development Program” (CDP). This program was created to further strengthen the relationship between PA West Soccer Association and our member organizations, especially the Community and Travel Clubs.

Using PA West Soccer Technical Department, we will thrive to work in partnership and build rapport with our member clubs in order to adequately meet their needs, especially at this current environment of COVID-19 pandemic.

Furthermore, this program will serve as a very important resource, referral adviser, and a general support system for local soccer clubs to share new ideas and global best practices.

For more information or to nominate a manager from your club, click here.

ATTENTION CLUB REGISTRARS!

Just in time for the spring season! As part of our ongoing Town Hall Webinar Series, join the state office staff as we offer a crash course for club registrars on the following topics:

- Opening a season for registration
- Running a risk management administrator report
- Ensuring your coaches and administrators are ready to be added to a roster
- And more!

These webinars will take place February 12, 17, and 19 at 7:00 PM. We’ll see you there!
US Soccer Connect has been working continuously to improve our registration system. They have recently unveiled some of the improvements and will unveil others in the near future. Pa West Soccer members can look forward to:

- Exclusive Mobile-First Registration – only platform on the market built for mobile. Register your players with ease via your mobile device.

PA West Soccer clubs can look forward to:

- Improved Club-State Data Integration – Reduce time and stress each season.
- Real-time data reports – make accessing and evaluating registration/participation data easy.
- Access to Contactless Fundraising Options – Increase revenue and funding more critical than ever.
- Exclusive STATE Pricing – Best services at the best price, only for member clubs.
- Best in class Scheduling, Invoice Management, and League Management tools.

Look for more information about these benefits in more detail in the coming weeks.

STATE OFFICE STAFFING UPDATE

To ensure the health of our employees and organization members, the state office building will remain closed until further notice. Our staff will continue to be available via the email addresses listed below:

- Executive Director, Tim McCoy – tim@pawest-soccer.org
- Director of Coaching, Terry Eguaoje – doc@pawest-soccer.org
- Office Administrator, Cheryl Mignogna – cheryl@pawest-soccer.org
- Digital Communications Coordinator, Dean Ferraro – dean@pawest-soccer.org
- ODP Director, Paul Halford – odp@pawest-soccer.org
- Coaching Administrative Asst., Amy Fogle – afogle@pawest-soccer.org
- Administrative Asst., Gwen Missouri – gwen@pawest-soccer.org

PA WEST SOCCER'S REDUCE THE SPREAD POSTER IS AVAILABLE TO PRINT OUR COVID-19 RESOURCE PAGE

To access a color or black and white version, as well as several other club resources, click here.
Bill of Rights for Young Athletes

- Right to participate in sports
- Right to participate at a level commensurate with each child’s maturity and ability
- Right to have qualified adult leadership
- Right to play as a child and not as an adult
- Right of children to share in the leadership and decision-making of their sport participation
- Right to participate in safe and healthy environments
- Right to proper preparation for participation in sports
- Right to an equal opportunity to strive for success
- Right to be treated with dignity
- Right to have fun in sports

For a PDF version of the Youth Player Bill of Rights, click here.

NEED A MID-WINTER WARM-UP?

US Youth Soccer has compiled a collection of useful resources that can help you and your players begin to engage in physical soccer activity. These activities are designed to limit contact, and you can select which are most appropriate for you based on your local return to activity guidelines. These activities are good examples to follow while taking proper physical distancing into consideration. Physical activity plays a huge part in the development of a child. Exercise, along with a balanced diet, can provide the foundation for a healthy, active life.

To access a PDF of the USYS Activity Guide, click here.
Upcoming Blended Grassroots Courses

PA West Soccer will be offering three new Blended Grassroots courses.

- Wednesday, February 24, 2021 - Blended 9 v 9 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 25, 2021 – Blended 11 v 11 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 1, 2021 - Blended 7v7 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Field sessions for the courses will be on Saturday, March 6th in Monroeville, PA at All American Fieldhouse. Times will be announced during the course webinar.

For more information, [click here](#).

Preventing and Managing Blow-Outs

Recently PA West Soccer's Director of Coaching, Terry Eguaoge, created a document with the aim to increase the enjoyment and limit frustration associated with blow-outs during a soccer game.

This resource has been made available on our website. To view, [click here](#).

We Are Excited to Announce the Start Date for our Blended C License Course!

Virtual Start Date: May 18, 2021

In-Person Sessions will take place Sept. 9–12, 2021 in Bethel Park, PA.

Anyone with questions about the course format, registration or other information, please contact Director of Coaching Terry Eguaoge via e-mail at doc@pawest-soccer.org.

Registration will open on January 29 at 8:00 a.m. The registration link will be posted on our [Scheduled Courses](#) page.
US YOUTH SOCCER NEWS

• National League North Carolina Rescheduled for February 26 Through March 1.
• Great Lakes Conference Spring 2021 Scheduling Update (12-15-20)

For all information on US Youth Soccer, visit usyouthsoccer.org.

US SOCCER NEWS

• US Soccer will be hosting the sixth annual SheBelieves Cup from Feb. 18-24, 2021.
  o Three of the top teams in the world – Brazil, Canada and Japan -- join the USA for the most elite four-team international tournament in women’s soccer. The SheBelieves Cup Presented by Visa is part of U.S. Soccer’s SheBelieves initiative to inspire and empower women and girls to achieve their goals in sport and beyond.

• Berhalter Names 25-Player Roster Ahead of USA-Trinidad and Tobago on Jan. 31 in Orlando
  o USMNT head coach Gregg Berhalter has chosen a 25-player roster in advance of USA-Trinidad & Tobago on Jan. 31 in Orlando. Coverage from Exploria Stadium for the USA’s first match of 2021 begins at 7p.m. ET on FS1, UniMás and TUDN.

For all information on US Soccer, visit ussoccer.com.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME

Thank You to All of the Participants in Our Strategic Planning Meeting

On January 16, 2021, PA West Soccer staff, board members, volunteers, and district representatives convened for a virtual retreat with the Bayer Center for Non-Profit Management. Our goal was to review the findings of the member surveys we sent out over the summer and further develop a strategic plan to make soccer the predominant sport in Western Pennsylvania.

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One of our biggest takeaways from this session was to take our mission statement to heart—to inspire a lifetime passion for the game of soccer for kids of all ages developing them as people and players. Now, to inspire a lifetime of passion in anything is quite the endeavor, let alone for this game. It’s often easy to get lost in the minutia of practices, the calls we disagree with, the investment in time it takes to volunteer.

And yet...

We all have experienced the virtues of our sport at some point. For some, it’s the thrill of seeing tangible improvement in your skills, others it’s watching your kids branch out and make lifelong friends with their team mates. We relish in our wins and commiserate in our losses; from our in-house programs to ODP and beyond. We are soccer folks. The passion is an indelible part of the game; we just need to lead our future fans there.

Our retreat with the Bayer Center highlighted many ways we can continue to serve our community and inspire those kids of all ages. We hope you are as excited as we are about what’s to come in this new year.