TENNESSEE SOCCER

US YOUTH SOCCER®

The Game for All Kids!®

What is US Youth Soccer?

US Youth Soccer is non-profit educational organization whose mission is to foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of America's youth through the sport of soccer at all levels of age and competition. US Youth Soccer is made up of 55 member State Associations and registers 3.2 million players from 5 – 19. **Tennessee State Soccer Association is a proud member of US Youth Soccer.**

What is Tennessee State Soccer Association?

Tennessee State Soccer Association is a Tennessee non-profit educational organization devoted to promoting youth soccer in the state of Tennessee. Tennessee State Soccer Association represents over 41,000 registered players, primarily youth, and approximately 5,000 active coaches, referees, and administrators through our network of over 105 local member organizations across the state.

Financial Benefits

Through a wide array of grants and scholarships, both US Youth Soccer and Tennessee State Soccer Association offer financial assistance to help organizations grow.

National Assistance

Goaziou Scholarships - awarded annually to one male and one female player for post secondary education.

Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports Community Grants
Type: Cash (20 Responsible Sports Grants at $2,500 each)
Intended for: US Youth Soccer member clubs
Available: Spring/Fall
Tool Kit available to help you promote the program

Coaching Education National Benefits

- Sam Snow, Director of Coaching Education
  - Coach's Blog
- National Youth License (NYL)
- Online Coaching Education
- US Youth Soccer Workshop
- TOPSoccer Coaching Course and Symposium
- Coaches Connection
- Online Store - Pick-up gear, event t-shirts, educational videos, manuals and books.

Coaching Education
State Benefits

Coaching Education Program

Tennessee Soccer is one of only two state associations that provide training **free** of charge. We are committed to increasing the quantity and improving the quality of education for coaches, parents and everyone who works with children in our sport. Ongoing education allows the coach to be current, promote the game, and develop relationships by exchanging ideas with other coaches.

Tennessee Soccer has established minimum coaching standards for select coaches. The State Coaching School offers graduated levels of instructional courses. This progressive format enables coaches to identify their level and choose courses that meet their specific needs.

Courses include:

USSF Youth Module Course- (5 Hour Course)

USSF E Certificate Course- (18 Hour Course)

USSF D License Course- (38 Hour Course)

Tennessee Soccer will also host the USSF National Youth License and USSF C License Courses periodically as approved by US Youth Soccer and the US Soccer Federation.

Parent Education
National Benefits

- Online Parent Education
- Parent Education DVD
- Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports Parent Content
- Parent Blogger – Susan Boyd on USYouthSoccer.org
- Online Store

Communications Benefits

US Youth Soccer and Tennessee State Soccer Association provide the following communications benefits:

National Communications

Website - USYouthSoccer.org is THE source for administrators, coaches, players and parents including a FREE online Membership Directory.

Newswire - Get the latest soccer news on your site FREE from USYouthSoccer.org

eNewsletters -

Kwik Kicks – monthly eNewsletter provides an overview of current and future initiatives

The Quarterly – eNewsletter focuses on upcoming programs and sponsor benefits

State Communications

Website – www.tnsoccer.org provides the latest in Tennessee soccer and news

Facebook - Social networking tool to connect with membership

Newsletters – Distribution of monthly newsletters on general soccer information, coaching tools, parent education and administrative issues

Coaches Handbook – a guide to provide membership with detailed information on programs, events, policies, and coaching resources

National Sponsor Resources

US Youth Soccer Degree Jersey Giveaway

- Type: Co-branded Jerseys
- Intended for: US Youth Soccer member clubs/teams

Degree Cool and Confident Kid Award

- Type: MLS Player conducted clinic/$500 gift card
- Intended for: US Youth Soccer clubs/teams (1 boy/1 girl)

Baymont Inn & Suites

- Type: 20% off their Best Available Rate – visit baymontinns.com.
- A sports desk agent will help negotiate group hotel rates of 5+ rooms for FREE.

Sports Authority Discount Card

- Type: $10 off any purchase of $50 or more
- Intended for: US Youth Soccer members
- Available: Now
- Use by: December 31, 2011

Backgroundchecks.com - Members receive a standard, set price for that instantly scans over 350 million criminal and sex offender records from across the U.S.

Programs

ODP (Olympic Development Program)

The US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program was formed to identify and develop a pool of players to represent their State, Region and Country in each age group from which a National Team will be selected for international competition.

In Tennessee, there are three phases of the selection process, state trial, state pool, and state team. These training sessions are conducted by high level, licensed college and/or club coaches, who are committed to give elite players opportunities to play against the best and to provide them exposure at the regional, national, and international level.

Players are evaluated on the four components that make up a soccer player:

1. Technique
2. Tactics
3. Fitness and Athletic Ability
4. Psychological Component (attitude)

Programs

Soccer Across America

Designed to introduce the sport of soccer to youngsters living in communities not yet served by existing clubs and leagues. Focused on making soccer available to children of lower-income families in underserved communities, Soccer Across America provides soccer training and administrative guidance to players and organizations who might otherwise not be exposed to the sport. Soccer Across America also helps new programs find the funding and equipment to begin and then to expand their activities. In the past several years, US Youth Soccer has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars in financial and material support to programs across the United States.

Chattanooga Outreach Camp is a piece of programming that allows 250 + boys and girls from the city of Chattanooga to participate in the game of soccer.

Programs

TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer)

Community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association volunteers. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl who has a mental or physical disability.

Through a group of dedicated volunteers and leaders, Tennessee Soccer has local programs in the following areas:

- Collierville Lobos
- Redoubt Soccer Club
- Holston Valley
- Knoxville Futbol Club

Annual Awards Program

Recognizes outstanding achievements by Coaches, Players, Referees and Administrators in advancing youth soccer in the state of Tennessee. Nominations are received in the late summer/early fall and the winners are announced annually at the January Awards Luncheon held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in January. Winners are sent for consideration for Regional and National recognition.

The following awards are presented and the entire membership is eligible:

- Boys and Girls Competitive Coach of the Year
- Boys and Girls Recreational Coach of the Year
- Male and Female Young Referee of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year

Programs

Hall of Fame

Purpose

- To honor the outstanding achievements and contributions of individuals merit the highest recognition
- To promote the sport of soccer to both the soccer community and to the general public
- To honor those who contributed to the growth of soccer in the State of Tennessee
- To provide future generations with exemplary citizenship role models
- To build and bring public attention to the sport of soccer

Programs

Referees

In 2008, Tennessee State Soccer Association (TSSA) approved the incorporation of The Soccer Officials of Tennessee (SOT). We are a non-profit corporation with over 2600 members. Members include all referees, assessors, instructors, and assignors licensed with the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and registered in Tennessee.

SOT is composed of a board of directors, called the State Referee Council (SRC). The SRC consist of a State Referee Administrator (SRA), Assistant State Referee Administrator (ASRA), State Director of Referee Instruction (SDI), State Director of Referee Assessment (SDA), State Director of Referee Assignment (SDRA), and six District Referee Administrators (DRAs). The SRA is appointed by the board of directors of TSSA with all other administrative positions on the SRC appointed by the SRA.

All soccer officials registered in Tennessee -- referees, assessors, instructors, and assignors -- are members of SOT.

As a non-stop resource, SOT has a dedicated website **www.socceroffi cialstn.org** for referee tools and educational resources

State Benefits

Insurance Coverage

The General Liability policy covers: the Association, its member teams and leagues, all registered players, all players participating in try-outs, coaches, officials, managers, sponsors, volunteers, and any other members affiliated with the Association. Tennessee Soccer also obtains coverage for the Directors' and Officers' of its member associations

The Accident Policy covers: all registered players and players participating in try-outs, coaches, managers, volunteers and other participants affiliated with the Association.

Insurance coverage provided by Bollinger Insurance and R.A.D. Insurance Group.

Policy Limits

Accident Medical/Dental Maximum	$100,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	$5,000
Deductible per claim	$500
Therapy/Chiropractic benefit	$2,000/$50 per visit
Benefit Period	104 weeks from date of injury

Events

US Youth Soccer National Championship Series

The country's most prestigious national youth soccer tournament, providing approximately 185,000 players on over 10,000 teams from US Youth Soccer State Associations the opportunity to showcase their soccer skills against the best competition in the nation.

The US Youth Soccer National Championships cap a yearlong series of competitions for boys and girls teams in multiple age brackets as teams earn their way from the top teams in their state to the regional championship tournaments. US Youth Soccer State Champions and selected wildcard teams one of four US Youth Soccer Regional Championships. The champions in the Under-13 through Under-19 age brackets from each regional event advance to the US Youth Soccer National Championship held each July.

The Tennessee State Championships is open to any properly register team aged U12 – U19. Qualification is through our Division 1 State League or Region 3 Premier League. Boys are held in the fall, while the girls are held in the spring.

Events

Kohl’s American Cup

The Kohl's US Youth Soccer American Cup provides recreational youth soccer players an opportunity to experience a consistent and high quality statewide tournament in a fun, family-like atmosphere.

The Kohl's American Cup provides recreational players with the opportunity to participate in an original event outside of their normal league play. Nationwide, more than 60 Kohl's American Cup events are scheduled, and one thing each of them have in common is the goal of providing all players the opportunity to participate in competition where they can develop and exhibit their skills while enjoying themselves.

The Tennessee Soccer Kohl’s American Cup is held twice a year, during the fall and spring seasons.

Events

US Youth Soccer President Cup Series

The Presidents Cup provides a progressive, competitive experience to US Youth Soccer teams from the state to regional to national level. The Presidents Cup gives players an additional opportunity to compete against teams from across the country.

Regional qualifiers, known as US Youth Soccer Regional Presidents Cup events, will determine the teams competing in the US Youth Soccer National President Cup, which feature boys and girls teams in the Under-14 through Under-17 age groups.

Additional State Hosted Tournaments

Division 2 Championships

Intermediate level tournament held each fall and spring to enhance the accomplishments of competitive players. The age divisions are u13 -18 and qualification is through the Division 2 State League.

Division 3 Championships

Entry level open tournament held each fall and spring that caters to age divisions u12-16. As an entry-level tournament, the philosophy is centered on player participation and a fun-filled environment is promoted.

Support

Administrative Support

Tennessee Soccer has a dedicated Full-time office staff based in Hendersonville that manages the day to day operations. The associations Board of Directors sets long term strategic plan and goals. Each member can request organizational assistance through promotional and training materials, instructional videos, visual aids and manuals.

We provide each member with a structured appeals process through guidelines established through US Soccer and US Youth Soccer. Throughout the year, we will help members identify state and national grants in addition to providing comprehensive Risk Management guidelines to prevent participation for those who have been convicted of felonies and crimes of violence.

Registration

Tennessee Soccer currently uses the registration management program LeagueOne to compile over 45,000 Players, Coaches, and Administrators annually, provided free of cost to members associations.

Through our partnership with LeagueOne, each member has the ability to utilize a customized online registration program for a reduced cost.

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