



**U.S. Soccer Federation
Youth Council
Organization Charter**



INTRODUCTION

The youth membership of the U.S. Soccer Federation (“U.S. Soccer” or the “Federation”) has formed a council to represent “youth” interests at U.S. Soccer. The founding precepts for the Youth Council are:

- They are required to do so according to U.S. Soccer Bylaw 311 & 312 and applicable law, inclusive of U.S. Soccer Bylaw 212.
- The term “Youth” will encompass all individuals who have not reached the age 20 years old as of January 1st and are members in good standing of one or more of the following U.S. Soccer youth organizations:
 - “National Association” means an amateur sports organization that conducts soccer programs in which players register and compete in each of at least 26 states of the United States, with at least 1,000 players in each of 26 states of the United States and at least 200,000 players in the United States and is a member of the Youth Council established under Bylaw 312.
 - “State Association” means the administrative body within a territory determined by the National Council to carry out the Federation’s programs for amateur youth players.
 - The Commissioners of the Youth Council are elected by the State and National Associations (AYSO, USClub Soccer, US Youth Soccer that are admitted directly as members of the Youth Council of U.S. Soccer.
- Subject to the foregoing, this Council will operate in accordance with definitions, purpose, structure, and policies established by the members of the Youth Council.

MEMBERSHIP

State Associations and National Associations that have been admitted as members of the Youth Council as outlined in U.S. Soccer Federation Bylaw 312.

PURPOSE

The U.S. Soccer Youth Council has been established to represent the interests of youth soccer athletes playing within the United States of America and Internationally.

GOALS

- Develop a healthy working relationship between Youth Council Members within the United States to advance soccer participation at all levels.
- Collaborate between Youth Council Members to improve communication and improve programs for the benefit of membership.
- Advocate for the health and safety of youth athletes and Adult Participants (adults assisting youth athletes playing youth soccer) while creating an environment of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for all members.
- Address issues and concerns within the youth soccer environment.
- Represent the best interest of youth athletes and Adult Participants, including, but not limited to coaches, referees, and administrators at the U.S. Soccer Federation.
- Promote the growth of soccer through all Organization Members actively involved in youth soccer.
- Develop one unified competitive tournament to allow youth athletes to compete against all Organization Members.



OPERATING GUIDELINES

- The U.S. Soccer Youth Council shall meet at least two (2) times annually:
 - During the first quarter of each calendar year at the same location and same week as the U.S. Soccer Federation AGM in the first quarter.
 - During the third quarter of each calendar year as established by the Chairperson of the Youth Council to align generally with National Association AGMs for the purpose of electing U.S. Soccer Youth Council Commissioners and U.S. Soccer board members.
- Meetings may be held virtually upon approval of the Chairperson.
- Additional meetings of the Youth Council may be called by the Chairperson or a majority of the Commissioner.
- Members shall be notified of meetings at least 15 days in advance.

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

- Meetings of the Youth Council Commissioners representing both the State Associations and the National Associations will be held to discuss youth related topics and foster a closer working relationship between the organizations at a date and time to be named by the Chairperson of the U.S. Soccer Youth Council.
 - Members may request special meetings with leadership of the Youth Council to address topics of concern by contacting the Chairperson of the Youth Council.
 - Membership shall be notified of meetings at least 15 days in advance.



Appendix 1 – Youth Council Members

National Associations
US Youth Soccer (USYS)
US Club Soccer
American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO)

State Associations	
Alabama Soccer Association	Nevada State Youth Soccer Association
Alaska State Youth Soccer Association	Nebraska State Soccer Association
Arizona Youth Soccer Association	New Hampshire Soccer Association
Arkansas State Soccer Association	New Jersey State Youth Soccer Association
California Youth Soccer Association-North	New Mexico Youth Soccer Association
California State Soccer Association-South	Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association
Colorado Soccer Association	New York State West Youth Soccer Association
Connecticut Junior Soccer Association	North Carolina Youth Soccer Association
Delaware Youth Soccer Association	North Dakota Soccer Association
Florida Youth Soccer Association	Ohio Soccer Association
Georgia State Soccer Association	Oklahoma Soccer Association
Hawaii Youth Soccer Association	Oregon Youth Soccer Association
Idaho Youth Soccer Association	Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association
Illinois Youth Soccer Association	Pennsylvania West Soccer Association
Indiana Soccer Association	Soccer Rhode Island
Iowa Soccer Association	South Carolina Youth Soccer Association
Kansas State Youth Soccer Association	South Dakota Youth Soccer Association
Kentucky Youth Soccer Association	Tennessee State Soccer Association
Louisiana Soccer Association	North Texas Soccer Association
Soccer Maine	South Texas Youth Soccer Association
Maryland State Youth Soccer Association	Utah Youth Soccer Association
Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association	Vermont Youth Soccer Association
Michigan State Youth Soccer Association	Virginia Youth Soccer Association
Minnesota Youth Soccer Association	Washington Youth Soccer
Mississippi Soccer Association	West Virginia Soccer Association
Missouri Youth Soccer Association	Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association
Montana Youth Soccer Association	Wyoming Soccer Association