

Massachusetts Youth Soccer



MEMBER BENEFITS
2021/22

Our Culture

VISION

Mass Youth Soccer supports US Soccer's efforts to make soccer the preeminent sport for all children, creating a lifelong passion and love for the game.

WE BELIEVE IN:

- Leadership driven by fair play and sportsmanship
- Affordable and inclusive player development
- Commitment to education of coaches, referees and clubs
- Promoting a fun, safe and healthy soccer environment

MISSION

Mass Youth Soccer, a nonprofit educational and service organization, is dedicated to the ongoing development of youth soccer players, coaches, referees, clubs and leagues in an inclusive, safe, affordable and fun environment.



Putting Children First

How We Serve

Mass Youth Soccer is a nationwide leader in Player Safety, Education, Advocacy and Governance.

By managing the required protocols and infrastructure to ensure children can play soccer safely and in accordance with state, federal and governing body requirements, Mass Youth Soccer saves our members time, money and resources to ensure they can focus on what matters most.

Providing Safe, Fun, Inclusive and Affordable playing environments for CHILDREN

Getting on to fields Safely

Prior to players, coaches, referees and administrators stepping on to the fields to begin their season, Mass Youth Soccer ensures that:

- Adult participants have met required training and screening
- Organization leaders and volunteers have industry leading insurance
- Member organizations are informed, educated and advocated for.



Culture of Service

To serve our members, Mass Youth Soccer's nationally renowned Technical and Administrative Staff provide the highest levels of support, consultation and mentorship to continually improve the environments we provide for children.

Mass Youth Soccer has developed best in class Tools, Resources and Education in collaboration with expert partners to share expertise with members on player safety, organization governance and coach education.

Governance

We recognize that our member organizations need to manage a wide range of functions and without good programs many players and coaches may leave or perhaps never consider even playing the sport.

The Member Toolkit helps organizations meet the challenges of starting and/or operating their soccer organizations in Massachusetts including Governance Principles, Managing Boards of Directors, Financial Requirements and recommended or required Policy and Waiver language. The toolkit is found at mayouthsoccer.org/member-toolkit

Mass Youth Soccer is proud to provide free training, education and workshops for governance and administration on a regular basis and consults with member organizations and leagues on an individual basis to review and redevelop Articles of Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures.

Formal Complaints and Appeals

Mass Youth Soccer provides impartial training, support and consultation to both individuals and member organizations during formal complaints and appeals processes, a difficult but necessary component of soccer administration. The Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association Appeals Committee provides services when the appeals process at the Local / League level has been exhausted.

Advocacy

Mass Youth Soccer represents the best interests of players at the State, Regional and National level. Considerable resources are allocated to ensuring our members can continue to thrive. Recent examples of Mass Youth Soccer successfully advocating in the best interest of players include.

- Lobbying State officials to recategorize Soccer to a Moderate Risk Sport during Covid-19 Restrictions, providing opportunity for children to play.
- Mass Youth Soccer retaining grade based groupings despite US Soccer Birth Year Mandates, so players can participate with classmates and peers at the recreational levels
- Successfully working with State legislature to permit youth referees aged 14 and older to continue refereeing games.

Coach Education

COACH EDUCATION COURSES

Mass Youth Soccer is proud to offer coaching education opportunities from nationally recognized coaching education leaders: US Soccer and United Soccer Coaches. Mass Youth Soccer's nationally renowned Technical Staff deliver a full compliment of Grass Roots Coaching courses, as well as the US Soccer National D and C License. The pathway your coaches choose is ultimately a personal preference, based on your level of experience, the age groups you are currently coaching, and the age groups you plan to coach in the future.

AGE GROUP PRACTICE PLANS

We publish a wide variety of Practice Plans on our website for coaches of players of all ages and stages of development. These complimentary Practice Plans are updated frequently and they reflect the latest training methods and practices in youth soccer today. These practice plans receive thousands of hits each week from coaches around the world!

PLAYER / CLUB DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION

At any point you are welcome to contact our professional coaching or administrative staff for consult about any issues facing your soccer organization. We are nationally respected leaders who are happy to share best practices and help you through any challenges.



Programs

OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ODP)

Players playing for member organizations are encouraged to participate in ODP. ODP is the original and most proven feeder program to the U.S. National team. Massachusetts ODP teams are coached by our fulltime professional coaching staff as well as local college and East Region coaches.



TOWN SELECT LEAGUE (TSL)

TSL works in cooperation with our town based member organizations, providing an opportunity for players to experience a higher level of development and competition through participation. Players who are registered to play for their respective towns are eligible to try out for the Town Select League. Which is managed entirely by Mass Youth Soccer and our Technical Staff.

DISTRICT SELECT PROGRAM (DISTRICTS or DSP)

The District Select Program is designed to be a development opportunity for players affiliated with Mass Youth Soccer over the summer. The goal of the program is to provide a pressure free, yet competitive soccer environment in which players can focus entirely on their development.



TOPSOCCER

We help organize and provide support for local TOPSoccer programs across the state. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to every child, who has a mental or physical disability.



URBAN AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

At Mass Youth Soccer we believe that all children should have equal access to the game. Our GOALS program provides free summer soccer programs to players in these targeted areas. In 2019 Mass Youth Soccer purchased a Mobile Soccer Pitch through Mettle Sports, the pitch is available to our members as a tool to build organized soccer programs in their communities. If you are interested in reserving the pitch please contact a member of our Member Services Staff.



FUTSAL

We believe players develop more quickly when they are playing the game in a fun, affordable and supportive environment. Players grow when they are comfortable taking chances, experimenting with new skills, making mistakes, and learning during the flow of the game. We endorse Futsal as the state's off-season, soccer alternative for partner towns/prgs, clubs and participating players.



SUMMER TRAINING CENTERS

Our Summer Training Centers are designed to help players of all levels improve their technical skills and increase their efficiency and proficiency with the ball. Players get the opportunity to improve in an intense, fun and memorable soccer environment.



GENESIS REFEREE PROGRAM

Mass Youth Soccer and the Massachusetts State Referee Committee are looking for towns/clubs to partner with us in the growth of our sport by helping recruit, develop, train, and retain referees in parallel with intown/intramural Player Development and Coach Education programs.

Events

MASSACHUSETTS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (MTOC)

Every year town-based league champions play at the Mass Youth Soccer field complex for their town-based state championship. MTOC provides a festival atmosphere for town-based soccer organizations to showcase how well they are developing players.



APPRECIATION NIGHT

Every year we celebrate our Members and their achievements at a celebratory appreciation night. Awards are handed out in various categories of youth soccer. The appreciation night presents a wonderful opportunity for our entire Membership to celebrate excellence and our continued commitment to all of our players. Award winners can also be recognized at the Regional and National level.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS / STATE CUP

Each year Mass Youth Soccer hosts and runs the US Youth Soccer state championships, where most of the best teams in the state compete to earn the right to be state champion. Winners move on to represent Massachusetts at the US Youth Soccer East Regional Championships with the goal of advancing to the US Youth Soccer National Championship.



MASS YOUTH SOCCER WORKSHOP

Mass Youth Soccer Workshops hosted in 2017, 2018 and 2019 have been attended by over 400 coaches, parents and administrators. In 2023 Mass Youth Soccer will host its yearly workshop. Attendees are able to take advantage of both field and classroom sessions in addition to United Soccer Coaches education courses opportunities.

Insurance

Mass Youth Soccer maintains comprehensive insurance for its Membership by working with Marsh & McLennan Agency. Insurance coverage through Massachusetts Youth Soccer, both general liability and medical, extends only to soccer-related events and activities that are fully recognized and sanctioned by Mass Youth Soccer.

Member organizations receive the following levels of coverage:

- General Liability - \$15m (Primary \$5m, Secondary \$10m)
- Sexual Abuse and Molestation - \$4m (Primary \$2m, Secondary \$2m)
- Employment Practices - \$1m (Includes Directors and Officers, Theft, etc.)
- Cyber Liability - \$2m

As members of Mass Youth Soccer, individual players and registered adults also receive up to \$100,000 in coverage for Excess Accident Medical and Dental Coverage. This coverage removes a significant barrier to entry for participation for families who may be concerned that an on-field injury would lead to significant medical bills.



For a complete overview of the insurance coverages provided by Mass Youth Soccer to our membership, please visit mayouthsoccer.org/about/insurance

Risk Management

Mass Youth Soccer has taken an active stance regarding Risk Management, in accordance with the SafeSport Act and Policies and Procedures required by U.S. Soccer, all Mass Youth Soccer adult members and member organization's adult members will have to meet the Risk Management requirements below.

1. Commonwealth of Massachusetts CORI Check submitted, report reviewed and approved by Mass Youth Soccer.
2. National Background Check (NBGC) submitted, report reviewed and approved by Mass Youth Soccer; the NBGC status will only be approved if, the NBGC is clear, and State and National Sex Offender Registry Searches are clear.
3. SafeSport Abuse Prevention Training
4. Concussion / Safe and Healthy Playing Envrionments Training

Risk Management requirements are monitored in U.S. Soccer Connect and must be met prior to adults receiving their required Mass Youth Soccer Adult Credential.

All background checks, including extended background checks if required and trainings are included in Adult Registration fees at no additional cost to members. In addition our dedicated member support staff assist over 20,000 Adults to complete their Adult Registrations each year providing the highest levels of service and support.



Besides insurance and background checks we work with all member organizations on helping them make sure all risk management aspects of running a club or town program can be done with ease and efficiency. This includes training, education, consultations and personal visits.

Partner Discounts

Mass Youth Soccer have negotiated corporate partnerships with a wide variety of businesses in an attempt to procure savings for all of our Member Organizations. Current discounts for Mass Youth Soccer members include:

SOCCER PARENTING



The Soccer Parenting Association provides all parents and coaches affiliated with Mass Youth Soccer a Free Membership to the Soccer Parent Resource Center. At the Soccer Parent Resource Center you will find monthly webinars for parents, articles and interviews with tips and advice, guidance and support, and much more to help you support your child in soccer.

DICKS SPORTING GOODS **Official Sporting Goods Store** **Partner**

20% discount off in store purchases on promotional weekends.



NCSA **Official Recruiting Partner**

To help our athletes navigate the complicating recruiting process, we've partnered with NCSA, the world's largest and most successful college athletic recruiting network.



DINN BROTHERS **TROPHY** **Official Awards Partner**

20% off all trophies, medals and awards for affiliated members



NEPA BLUE HERON **Official Embroidery** **Partner**

30% off all T-Shirt orders for Mass Youth Soccer members



APEX ENTERTAINMENT **Official Entertainment** **Partner**

Use discount code mysa10 for 10% off any party or event.



Coach Education Discounts

UNITED SOCCER COACHES

Mass Youth Soccer members can register for United Soccer Coaches membership at the discounted rate of \$99 per year for Standard Membership! At registration check out enter the code MAYOUTH22 to get the discount! United Soccer coaches is also offering a free 1 month trial to new members.



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THE COACHING MANUAL

The Coaching Manual is a unique online resource packed full of activities and expert advice that will help you deliver better coaching sessions. The Coaching Manual have provided a bespoke platform for Mass Youth Soccer members to take advantage of the deeply discounted Annual Premium Offer. Mass Youth Soccer member coaches can get the Annual Premium Offer for only \$54.



MOJO

MOJO's app makes coaching easy and fun with expert-backed practices you plan in seconds. Mass Youth Soccer affiliates have access to Free Grassroots Coaching App.



VEO

Mass Youth Soccer clubs, coaches, teams, and members are entitled to claim a \$150 discount on the purchase of a Veo camera. This offer is eligible with the purchase of any annual subscription and by using the following discount code: MYSA150

