MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH SOCCER

MEMBER BENEFITS 2019/20
MISSION
Massachusetts 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.

VISION
Massachusetts 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.
MEMBER BENEFITS
Massachusetts Youth Soccer provides an extensive array of benefits to all of our members. The goal of all services and programs we offer is to help our member organizations provide the best possible environment for their players, coaches and administrators to be successful.

Our mission, vision and belief statements stress that our youth participants’ health, safety and wellbeing are driving factors in all that we do and in the services we provide to our members. From the day a young child first registers to play through their final years as a teenager, Massachusetts Youth Soccer is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants.

*Benefits denoted by an asterisk are included in player and coach registration fees and provided to members at no additional cost.

ADMINISTRATION

INSURANCE*
As an affiliate of US Youth Soccer, Massachusetts Youth Soccer maintains insurance for its Membership. Your membership includes Liability, Directors & Officers, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Excess Soccer Accident Medical Expense Benefits, and Crime Insurance. Massachusetts Youth Soccer is proud to provide the most comprehensive and robust insurance policy coverages to our members. For a complete overview of the insurance coverages provided by Mass Youth Soccer to our membership, please visit mayouthsoccer.org/about/insurance

BACKGROUND CHECKS*
Massachusetts Youth Soccer has taken an active stance regarding risk management and in accordance with MA CORI policies requires all adults with unfettered access to children to complete an Adult Registration. Additionally, all registered adults will be required to maintain a copy of their Mass Youth Soccer credentials in all youth soccer environments.

RISK MANAGEMENT*
Mass Youth Soccer takes our players safety be one of our most important concerns. Besides insurance and background checks we work with all member organizations on helping them make sure all aspects of running a club or town program can be done with ease and efficiency. This includes training, education, consultations and personal visits. To ensure the safety of all participants, Mass Youth Soccer provides all adult members with abuse prevention training through the US Center for SafeSport. (Click here for link)
The Director of Soccer Development program designates and develops an individual within each member organization to work with and support their Board of Directors (and Director of Coaching, if organization has one) to help improve and enhance the soccer environment for all players, parents, coaches, administrators and referees.

Directors of Soccer Development (DSDs) support their organizations alignment with the Mission, Philosophy, and Values of US Soccer and Massachusetts Youth Soccer as well as ensuring that members of their own organization are informed with important coaching education and soccer development updates provided by Mass Youth Soccer Technical Director Ian Mulliner and the Mass Youth Soccer Technical staff.

As an important resource consultant, referral advisor, and general support system for their youth soccer organizations and membership, DSDs help retain volunteers within the organization by offering support and resources. DSDs assist their organization by making available resources that help grow and retain youth soccer participation and supporting players in their organization to move through the Player Development Pathway.

In addition, Directors of Soccer Development connect with fellow organizations in the state to share information and best practices in order to reach the goal of providing the best possible learning environment for all participants in youth soccer.

Mass Youth Soccer’s Technical Staff leads the DSD program by providing technical direction, a library of online resources for Directors of Soccer Development, in addition to scheduling Regional and State-Wide Meetings on a regular basis. There are no fees associated with the Director of Soccer Development Program.
COACH EDUCATION COURSES
Massachusetts Youth Soccer is proud to offer coaching education opportunities from nationally recognized coaching education leaders: US Soccer and United Soccer Coaches. Mass Youth Soccer Technical Staff deliver a full compliment of Grass Roots Coaching courses, as well as the US Soccer National 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 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 on 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)
Member Organizations players are encouraged to participate in ODP which is the original and most proven feeder program to the U.S. National team. Massachusetts ODP teams are coached by our full-time professional coaching staff as well as local college and East Region Coaches. Our ODP alumni have gone on to play for Regional and National teams, NCAA National Championship teams and in professional leagues both in the U.S. and abroad.

DISTRICT SELECT PROGRAM (DISTRICTS or DSP)
Each summer we run a select competitive soccer league for players who would like to play a bit more and represent their “district” for the summer. This is a very low cost league that is both fun and developmental and includes an end of season tournament and college showcase.

TOPSOCCER*
We help organize and provide support for local TOPSoccer programs across the state that bring the opportunity to play soccer to every child regardless of mental or physical disability.

INNER CITY INITIATIVES*
Our GOALS Program provides over 30 sites of free summer soccer camp to underserved children in Massachusetts each year. We serve over 4,000 children each year and run over 130 weeks of free soccer camp. In addition, we support inner city soccer organizations with both administrative and coaching guidance and support. In 2019, Mass Youth Soccer also purchased a Mettle Sports portable soccer pitch which will be utilized to promote playing opportunities in urban and underserved communities. Free use of the portable playing field can be reserved through the Mass Youth Soccer Technical Staff.

WINTER TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT CENTERS
Each winter, we operate Technical Development Centers at numerous sites across the state. We provide players from 8 to 14 years of age with intense training in dynamic and fast paced sessions focused on the development of technical skills.

VACATION CAMPS AND CLINICS
Mass Youth Soccer, in collaboration with our camp partners Challenger Sports provides camp opportunities during April and Summer Vacations.
EVENTS

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS / STATE CUP
Each year Mass Youth Soccer hosts and runs the US Youth Soccer state championships, where some 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 Championships.

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 festive atmosphere for town-based soccer organizations to showcase how well they are developing players.

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 2020 Mass Youth Soccer will host its yearly workshop at the Boston Marriott in Quincy. Attendees are able to take advantage of both field and classroom sessions in addition to United Soccer Coaches education courses opportunities.

BREAKING BARRIERS: FORUM FOR URBAN/UNDERSERVED SOCCER
Breaking Barriers runs in alignment with Mass Youth Soccer’s Inner City Initiatives and represents an opportunity for member organizations and partner programs to connect and collaborate to provide playing and development opportunities for at risk communities.

TARGET UNITED CUP
Recreational teams are invited to our complex each year for a one day tourney to give recreational players a chance to have fun and enjoy a taste of competitive soccer in a stress-free, festive setting. The Target United Cup provides a unique experience for recreational soccer players of all ages!

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.
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 Massachusetts Youth Soccer members include:

**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

**BOSTON CHILDRENS HOSPITAL - Official Health Partner**
Free Concussion Baseline Testing for ODP Players, free resources for all members from the Sports Medicine department.

**DICKS SPORTING GOODS - Official Sporting Goods Store Partner**
20% discount off in store purchases on promotional weekends.

COACH EDUCATION DISCOUNTS

**UNITED SOCCER COACHES**
Mass Youth Soccer members can register for United Soccer Coaches membership at the discounted rate of $75 per year for Standard Membership! At registration check out enter the code MASSYOUTH19 to get the discount!

**FOCUS X2i / PERFORMANCE INNOVATIONS**
Video tagging/editing application that is typically $1295 will only be $150 for our members! This is a phenomenal tool for coaches! Visit PerformanceInnovation.net for details.

**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 deeply discounted membership. Mass Youth Soccer member programs can provide access to The Coaching Manual for ALL coaches in their organization for only $995.