



SEATTLE YOUTH SOCCER
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SYSA Newsletter

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Spring Soccer Registration

SYSA Spring Soccer registration is in full swing. Interest in playing in spring remains high again this year. Because of the number of teams registering, our SYSA registrar Paige has been swamped. If you are contacting her for team ID numbers, help with your roster, or other questions, please have patience. Paige will get back to you as soon as she can.

Complete information about Spring Soccer can be found on the [SYSA Spring Soccer page on the SYSA web site](#). Please check there first for answers to your questions before contacting us. **Remember that registration closes on Wednesday, February 22nd**. Teams registering after that will pay an additional \$100 fee. No teams can be registered after February 29th, when we will start scheduling games.

Becoming a licensed USSF Referee

A new, simplified approach to Entry Level Clinics

Being a referee is a great way to support youth soccer, get the 'best seat in the house' to a game and to develop a new appreciation of soccer as a sport. Although I never expected it, I have never met a group of people who love soccer more than the referees I work with. The USSF Referee Program has re-structured its approach to entry level courses. Candidates now can complete the majority of their Entry Level Clinic (ELC) on-line and need only attend a reduced number of classroom and field sessions to complete the course and take the necessary exams. The intent of this re-structuring is to make it easier to become a referee. ELCs are coordinated and made available via the Washington State Referee Committee (WASRC) website. Go to www.wasrc.org and click Instruction and then Clinics. There are upcoming clinics in Everett, Redmond and at Starfire and there will be clinics in Seattle itself later in the year.

Whether you are a player, coach or parent it would be great to have you join the referee family!!

Many thanks,
Duncan Munro, SYSA President

Attention Coaches: E License Course March 23 - 25

SYSA will be hosting a USSF 'E' Certificate course in Seattle during the weekend of March 23-25. Although details for this course are still being confirmed, we wanted to give interested coaches a heads up to mark their calendars. (Note that this course is not listed yet as an option on the WYS web site.) Once we have final information, we'll post them on the [SYSA website](#), so check there for full details.

Seattle United Tryouts Begin in March

SYSA's advanced development club Seattle United begins the 2012 tryout season in March with tryouts for high school age boys. If your child has the desire and competitiveness to play with the best in the region, Seattle United may be right for you. Tryout information and a description of Seattle United's many programs are available on the [Seattle United web site](#).

Soccer camps, events, and more

Play Futsal

Washington Youth Soccer, in conjunction with Seattle United, has organized a Futsal Tournament. Futsal is a small-sided, indoor field version of soccer that is fast, exciting, and fun. For information and registration about the tournament and Futsal opportunities in the area, visit the [Washington Youth Soccer Futsal web page](#).

Spring Soccer Camps

SYSA keeps a list of soccer camp providers on our [Player Development page](#). Two spring break camps that have come to our attention are the [Roosevelt High School soccer camp](#) and the [Peter Fewing soccer camp](#).

College Coaching Course

Washington Youth Soccer Development Coordinator Dave Griffiths will be the instructor for this first-of-its-kind course at South Seattle Community College. Students earn course credits and will also acquire a USSF E License Certificate. For more information, contact Dave at david@washingtonyouthsoccer.org.

Youth Soccer Night with Seattle University

Seattle University is hosting a special event before the Seattle U basketball game against Portland State University at Key Arena. Both men's and women's coaches will be on hand for a pre-game "chalk talk" about soccer. [For details and tickets, contact Seattle U's Jeremy Hansen.](#)

SYSA Board Officer Positions

The SYSA Board of Commissioners comprises representatives from each of our 15 member clubs and seven officers who form the executive board. Board officer positions offer an opportunity to contribute to the success of SYSA programs and are for two years. At our annual meeting in April 2012, SYSA will be holding elections for four officer positions: President, VP Administration, Secretary and VP of Recreational Development. SYSA Board work is challenging but vital, and a great way to help fulfill our mission of ***The World's Sport for Seattle's Kids***. There really are no 'qualifications' for these posts, but if you have a passion for youth soccer and would enjoy working with folks who share that passion, then we'd love to have you join us. To learn more about board officer duties, please contact the SYSA Board president, Duncan Munro, at president@sysa.org, or the SYSA Executive Director at execdir@sysa.org.

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As a registered 501c3 nonprofit organization, SYSA is eligible for matching gifts from your company of your volunteer time. If you volunteer as a coach or other volunteer for one of SYSA's teams, you should ask your company if they support a matching gift for volunteer hours. These hours are valued and a cash donation is given to SYSA to support its operations and programs. Contact SYSA at seattelyouthsoccer@yahoo.com or your company for more information.

Founded in 1969, SYSA comprises 15 local clubs serving over 13,000 soccer players in Seattle and Shoreline, made possible through the incredible efforts of our volunteers. Visit our web site www.sysa.org.

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