## Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Press Release

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## U.S. Women to Face China Dec. 8 in Detroit in Fan Tribute Tour Match

**Plymouth, Michigan (November 15, 2012)** – The Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, along with the United State Soccer Federation is pleased to announce the US Soccer Women's National Team will take on China as part of the Fan Tribute Tour on December 8, 2012 at 1:30pm. The final three matches of the Fan Tribute Tour will all be played against China during an eight-day span, starting at Ford Field in Detroit!

Tickets to the game are available through Ticketmaster (<a href="www.tickemaster.com">www.tickemaster.com</a>). Tickets for the game in Detroit go on sale to the general public Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 10:00am EST through <a href="www.ussoccer.com">www.ussoccer.com</a>, by calling 1-800-745-3000, at all Metro Detroit Ticketmaster ticket centers (including Walmart stores) and the Ford Field ticket office (open Monday-Friday, 10:00am to 6:00pm). Ticket prices are as follows for the December 8, 2012 US Women's National Team Tribute Match:

\$250 | On-Field Seat \$125 | Front Row Seat \$68 | Midfield \$48 | Sideline \$36 | Corner \$28 | Endline

The visit to Ford Field will be the U.S. WNT's third trip to Michigan. The U.S. played China at Ford Field in December 2008 during its post-Olympic tour, picking up a 1-0 victory on a goal from Heather O'Reilly. The U.S. WNT's only other match in Michigan came at the Pontiac

Silverdome in 1993 in a run-through for 1994 FIFA World Cup matches.

The China matches will be the first time new U.S. head coach Tom Sermanni will watch the team play in person since taking the job. He will not coach the matches, but will attend in an observatory role as U.S. Soccer Director of Women's Development Jill Ellis will lead the team in the final five matches of the tour.

The U.S. won its third straight gold medal (and fourth goal medal overall) at the 2012 London Olympics. The USA went undefeated at 6-0-0 for the first time at an Olympic tournament, which included a thrilling come-from-behind overtime victory in the semifinal against Canada. Purchase your ticket to attend the WNT match in Detroit on December 8, 2012 at 1:30pm at Ford Field to cheer on your U.S. Women's National Team. The USA has averaged more than 18,000 fans per game while going 3-0-2 so far on the Fan Tribute Tour. Help Michigan raise the attendance and show your support this December!



## **About Michigan State Youth Soccer Association**

The Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (MSYSA) is a nonprofit organization that represents over 89,000+ youth soccer players, 12,000+ coaches, and 8,000+ referees throughout Michigan. MSYSA consists of a vast number of leagues that register players (boys and girls) from ages 4 through 19 throughout the state. MSYSA is a member of the United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation. For more information on MSYSA, visit <a href="https://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org">www.michiganyouthsoccer.org</a>.

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