

Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Press Release



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MSYSA Director's Academy Kicks Off Seventh Year in Fall 2019!

Plymouth, Michigan (January 9, 2019) –The seventh year of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association's Director's Academy program will begin in the fall of 2019. The Director's Academy is a statewide program that specifically focuses on club, team, parent and player development through continuing education. With this focus in mind, Director Academy clubs & coaches are held to a higher-than-average standard. Coaches must meet minimum coaching license requirements, attend coaching education events, and submit seasonal training updates for review by MSYSA. The result is the individual player is provided a developmentally appropriate platform in which to enjoy the game and be given the tools for long-term success.

Clubs interested in participating in the MSYSA Director's Academy must submit their club application and payment to the MSYSA State Office no later than 12:00pm (noon) on March 29, 2019. Acceptance into the Director's Academy is highly selective. Clubs will be evaluated based on their structure, player programming, player development, coaching development, and history of participation in MSYSA.

Age Groups – The age groups for the 2019-2020 seasonal year of the Director's Academy are U11 and U12 boys and girls.

Roster Sizes & US Soccer PDIs – MSYSA Director Academy clubs will comply with the maximum team roster sizes for 11 and 12 year olds commencing fall 2019 (maximum size of 16). Additionally, teams may not schedule to play any more than one Director's Academy match per day.

Jr. State Cup – Director Academy teams are expected to participate in the MSYSA Junior State Cup in the 2020 spring season.

APPLICATIONS ARE POSTED! - **(NEW CLUBS)** Applications are due no later than 12:00pm (noon) on March 29, 2019. Apply now at: <http://www.michiganyouthsoccer.org/AssetFactory.aspx?did=5469>.

EXISTING CLUBS IN THE MSYSA DIRECTOR'S ACADEMY PROGRAM APPLY RE-APPLY [HERE](#) OR VISIT, <https://www.gotSPORT.com/forms/open/?FormID=2456> by 12:00pm (noon) on March 29, 2019 (application & payments are due).

About Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

The Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (MSYSA) is a nonprofit organization that represents over 88,000+ youth soccer players, 10,000+ coaches, and 6,000+ 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 www.michiganyouthsoccer.org.

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