



MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

MSYSA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association's (MSYSA) monthly newsletter! Stay in the loop with the latest game updates, major announcements from US Youth Soccer, and highlights you won't want to miss. Whether it's big news or key recaps, we've got you covered! Stay informed. Stay inspired. Stay in the game!

WAGS TOURNAMENT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF EMPOWERING GIRLS IN SOCCER

Since its founding in 1975, the WAGS Tournament has grown from a groundbreaking 25-team competition into a premier national showcase for elite female athletes, hosting over 600 teams annually. As the flagship event for Women and Girls in Soccer (WAGS), the tournament has played a vital role in developing confidence, leadership, and opportunities for generations of girls and women in sport. This year marks a monumental milestone - 50 years of breaking barriers and building futures through the beautiful game.



To commemorate this golden anniversary, WAGS is launching a yearlong celebration leading up to the 2025 WAGS Tournament, set to take place October 11-13 in Northern Virginia. Expect a dynamic lineup of community events, recognition campaigns, and fundraising initiatives - all designed to honor WAGS' enduring legacy and fuel its impactful programs, including scholarships, coaching education, and global outreach. Join the celebration and learn more [here](#).

MSYSA RULE CHANGES

MSYSA recently adopted rule changes effective July 31, 2025, subject to membership approval at the 2026 AGM (Annual General Meeting). [Click here](#) to see or view the rule changes. Be sure to monitor our website and/or social media platforms for updates.



MIDWEST PRESIDENT'S CUP & MIDWEST REGIONALS

After a thrilling run in this year's State Cup, several Michigan teams have earned the opportunity to represent the state on a larger stage! We're proud to announce the clubs advancing to the Midwest President's Cup, which will feature strong competition June 13-18 in St. Louis, MO, and showcase some of the top talent in the region. Representing Michigan are Monroe United, Farmington Fury SC, DCFC South Oakland, DCFC City, MI Jaguars Lansing, Nationals Macomb, Warriors SC, USA, MFA Revolution, MI Rangers, and AYSO. Best of luck to all these clubs as they compete for regional honors!

In addition, a separate group of elite teams will move on to the Midwest Regionals following State Cup play in Overland, Kansas, June 20-26. Congratulations to Portage SC, MFA Revolution, Michigan Wolves, MI Stars, Liverpool FC-IA North Oakland, MI Tigers, Nationals Union, MI Rangers, and Plymouth Reign for earning their place in this prestigious competition. We wish all the advancing teams continued success as they proudly represent Michigan on the regional stage!

STATE CUP & JR STATE CUP RECAP

From May 31 to June 1, Saginaw, Michigan, was the center of the action as teams from across the state battled it out in the State Cup Finals and Junior State Cup Semifinals & Finals. While the winds whipped through the fields all weekend long, they couldn't shake the determination, passion, and competitive spirit of the players. From thrilling goals to nail-biting finishes, the atmosphere was electric as champions were crowned and lifelong memories were made.



As we celebrate the incredible performances and sportsmanship shown on the pitch, we're already looking ahead - applications are now open for the 2025 Fall State Cup! Don't miss your chance to be part of the next exciting chapter of Michigan's top youth soccer competition. Visit the [MSYSA website](#) for more details and secure your spot in the tournament that brings out the best in every team!

FALL STATE CUP APPLICATIONS OPEN

MSYSA is now accepting applications for the 2025 Fall State Cup, open to all U14-U19 girls teams! The State Cup features two competitive divisions - Elite & Premier - each offering a pathway to prestigious US Youth Soccer competitions. Elite division winners will advance to the 2026 US Youth Soccer National Championships, while Premier division champions will compete in the 2026 President's Cup, with a chance to continue on to the National President's Cup. Teams may request a preferred division during the application process, but final placement will be determined by MSYSA.



Preliminary games will run from August 9 through September 21, 2025, followed by Quarterfinals and Semifinals on October 4-5, and Finals on October 18-19. The cost to participate is \$795 for affiliated teams and \$945 for non-affiliated teams. All applications and payments must be submitted by 12:00 noon on July 2, 2025 - no exceptions. To apply and find more information, visit [MSYSA State Cup](#). Don't miss the opportunity to compete against some of the top talent in the state and beyond - we look forward to hosting your team!



ODP TRYOUTS FOR THE 2025/2026 SEASON

The Michigan ODP registration cycle is now open for talented players born 2009-2015! Athletes can register online for \$175 from June 1 to July 15. Late registration begins July 16 and costs \$200. Tryouts will take place July 25-27, 2025, at Independence Park, where players will participate in three sessions (90-120 minutes each) over 1.5 days. If a player cannot attend their assigned session, they may request an alternate 2-hour indoor tryout - limited to 10 slots per age/gender group and filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participation offers elite training, development, and community engagement all summer long. For younger players, the Pre-ODP session for the incoming U10 group (born 2015) is scheduled for June 21 and includes two 90-minute sessions - an excellent intro into the program. ODP is also partnering with community organizations during tryouts: Gleaners will host a food drive supporting southeastern Michigan families, while Kona Ice, Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck, and Más + by Messi hydration drinks will be on-site to keep things fun and refreshing. Plus, Pryde Athletics will be setting up a Recovery

Zone tent to help players feel their best and play their best throughout the weekend. Join us to sharpen your game, connect with your soccer community, and experience everything ODP has to offer!

[Click here to register!](#)

ITC INFORMATION

As your club gears up for the new season, don't forget that International Transfer Clearance (ITC) is required for all competitive players aged 10 and older. If a player already has an approved ITC (look for the blue ITC designation in their GotSport profile) and has not played soccer outside of the U.S. since approval, no new application is needed. If you're unsure whether a player has an approved ITC, simply email their name and date of birth to [ITC](#).

For full details on the ITC process, please visit the [ITC page](#) on the MSYSA website.

A big thank-you to the leagues and clubs that have submitted Spring 2025 registration payments! Some clubs still have outstanding balances due to late roster additions - please check your Registration Billing and submit any remaining payments promptly. All 24/25 MSYSA registration events will close on July 31, 2025, and payments should be completed by July 15 to ensure bank processing before the deadline. Looking ahead, 25/26 registration opens August 1, 2025. For any registration-related questions, contact [Elizabeth Satterley](#).

MSPSP

Planning for the MSPSP Fall 2025 - Spring 2026 season is underway, with key dates and details not available for participating teams and those interested in joining the league. Fall 2025 registrations open Tuesday, May 20, 2025, and teams must be registered by Wednesday, July 2, 2025.

Player registration and roster submissions are due by Saturday, July 12, 2025. Clubs and teams should ensure they complete all steps in GotSport, including submitting their registration fee (\$475/team), an affiliation form, and the Club Code of Conduct. Teams must also have completed rosters and ensure all coaches, managers, and players meet risk management and contract requirements. While rosters can be adjusted throughout the late season, late-addition fees apply after the July 12 deadline (\$25/player before the season, \$50/player once the season begins).



The Fall 2025 season will include Girls U13-U19 and Boys U13-U15 Supplemental age groups. Referee fees are shared between teams per match, with the total cost depending on age group, ranging from \$85 per match for U13/U14 to \$105 for U17-U19. In cases where referees do not show, teams

will be refunded those fees. Clubs interested in joining MSPSP for the first time can explore entry options via Direct Membership, Affiliate Membership, or affiliation through a select league. More information about joining, as well as registration guides and FAQs, can be found at [MSPSP](#). Stay tuned for more updates on MSPSP and GLPL in the coming weeks!

Soccer Parenting Blog: Parent Behavior at Youth Sports Events: A Call for Change



In "Parent Behavior at Youth Sports: A Call for Change," guest author Martin Brown highlights a concerning trend: the sideline behavior of a small but disruptive group of parents is overshadowing the positive values of youth sports. While events are meant to foster teamwork, respect, and personal growth, incidents - from verbal abuse to physical violence - are increasing and event prompting calls for stiffer legal penalties, such as New Jersey's "Penalty Box Act." Nearly 40% of youth sports officials report parental misconduct as a top issue, and more than 64% have had to eject parents from games.

Brown emphasizes that parental behavior directly shapes a child's sporting experience. A healthier sideline culture can be built through clear expectations, parent-education programs, respectful sideline initiatives, and consistent enforcement of conduct codes. By working together - parents, coaches, and organizations - to uphold respect and positivity, we can protect the integrity of youth sports and ensure that children have a safe, encouraging environment in which to thrive. To read more about this article, [click here](#).



Soccer Parenting Blog: Patience and Perspective for Parents Who Played

As the number of soccer-playing parents continues to rise in the U.S., it's important to remember that our peak understanding of the game came years after development - not overnight. In her April 23, 2025, article "Patience and Perspective for Parents Who Played," Sarah Dwyer-Shick reminds us that expecting children to instantly match the skills or decision-making

that now seem natural to us ignores the steps we once took ourselves. Instead of shouting tactical directions or solutions during games, she suggests treating youth soccer like any other learning process - celebrating progress and supporting gradual growth.

Dwyer-Shick offers practical guidance for parents: before the game, talk about

what your child practiced; during the match, cheer them on for attempting new skills; afterward, review what they tried and highlight positives. This compassionate, development-focused approach helps kids learn not just how to play, but how to love the game, and builds confidence through recognizing effort and incremental improvement. To read more about this article, [click here](#).



MSYSA PARTICIPANT SAFETY

All MSYSA members must adhere to the [MSYSA Athlete and Participant Safety Program](#). If you become aware of any alleged violations by an MSYSA participant, you can use this [reporting form](#). Additionally, any allegation of child abuse, sexual misconduct, or retaliation must be reported to the U.S. Center for

SafeSport [here](#) or by phone at (833) 587-7233 within 24 hours. Allegations of child abuse must also be reported to law enforcement.

All respective Adult Members, including Adult Athletes (18+), are required to take the SafeSport training each year and receive a background check clearance. The process for Adult Athletes is different than what is required for Adult Team Officials. Instructions for both groups can be found on the [Risk Management Resources](#) page of our website.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The ball is round, the game lasts 90 minutes, and everything else is just theory."

-Sepp Herberger

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