

BHYSC Task Force on United States Soccer Federation Initiatives

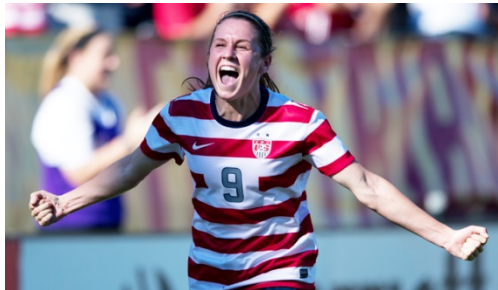
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Overview

- What is US Soccer
- Relationship between US Soccer and BHYSC
- US Soccer Initiatives
 - Age Registration
 - Small-sided
- BHYSC Task Force
- Tryout Process

US Soccer Federation



US Soccer

- US Soccer
 - Governs rules of play and development/training of soccer players in all leagues and all clubs in the United States
- What we are discussing tonight is not a BHYSC issue
- It is a US Soccer issue that all clubs in every state are addressing.

US Soccer Initiatives

- Purpose: develop players to the best of their ability by improving the training of youth soccer player
- Increased focus on skill development and less focus on winning at young ages
- More technical rather than tactical work at young ages
- More touches!!!!!!
- Long-term approach to help the player succeed.
- Two-pronged initiative:
 - Age registration by year of birth
 - Small-sided field changes

US Soccer Initiatives

- Two-pronged initiative:
 - Birth Age registration
 - Small-sided field changes
- Rationale:
 - Develop individual skill and intelligence, which impacts creativity and intelligence
 - Aligns with individual capabilities
 - National standard (other countries follow the approach)
- See Exhibits B and C—US Soccer PPT and FAQs.

Birth Age Registration

- Objective: roster teams with players born between January 1 and December 31
- Current: August 1 to July 31—school year
- Why?
 - Align with international standard
 - Combat relative age effect
- Applies to all age groups (U19 and below)
- Eliminates the “U” system as we know it.
 - Instead of U14B, will have 2002B

Birth Age Registration

- Year of Birth alignment—Exhibit D
 - Outlines how teams will be registered and identified
- Mandatory starting in Fall 2017 for Fall 2017- Spring 2018 season
- Clubs are encouraged to align themselves with birth year registration in Fall 2016 for Fall 2016- Spring 2017 season