

# Omaha United Soccer Club eNewsletter

**United As One.  
One Team, One Heart.  
We Are United.**



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## What's New at Omaha United?

Our website! Omaha United Soccer Club has recently launched a new website. The new site features streamlined navigation and an easier way to find the information families and players want to see. Check out the latest news, frequently updated pictures, club documents, announcements, and more!

The screenshot shows the Omaha United Soccer Club website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, CLUB NEWSLETTER, COACHING STAFF, PROGRAMS, REGISTRATION 2020/2021, FACILITIES, UNIFORMS, SPONSORS, STORE, and CLUB DOCUMENTS. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image of a group photo of the club members, with the text "CELEBRATING OMAHA UNITED SC PREMIER Oz AND Big G.". To the left of the banner is the club's logo and name "OMAHA UNITED SOCCER CLUB". Below the logo are social media links for Twitter (@OmahaUnitedSC) and Facebook. The main content area is divided into two columns: "LATEST NEWS" and "ABOUT OMAHA UNITED". The "LATEST NEWS" column features articles such as "TEAM FORMATION PROCESS" (May 20, 2020), "MCKENNA BAILIFF COMMITTS" (March 5, 2020), "DORDT UNIVERSITY" (February 27, 2020), "DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY" (February 20, 2020), and "CHICAGO INTER SOCCER-10TH ANNUAL" (February 07, 2020). The "ABOUT OMAHA UNITED" column is currently empty. At the bottom of the website, there are logos for sponsors like SMART STRIKER, SCOOTERS COFFEE, and TACK Architects, along with a "SITE LINKS" section containing "CLUB NEWSLETTER" and "LOCATIONS", and a "CONTACT US" section with the contact information: "CONTACT: Jose Vargas, 402-740-9977, OmahaUnitedSoccer@gmail.com".



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## Nebraska State Soccer Association Mandates a Modified Team Formation Process

As of May 20, 2020, Nebraska State Soccer Association (NSSA) has revised its temporary team formation process for the 2020/2021 seasonal year. This change is due to the impact of COVID-19 on youth soccer in the State of Nebraska and throughout the US.

This temporary policy applies only to teams competing in the 11U age division (2010 birth year) and older who were planning team formation events. As such, Omaha United Soccer Club has readjusted our team formation process for the upcoming soccer season to reflect these changes.

### SUMMARY

- **Re-registration.** Eligible existing Omaha United Soccer Club Select and Premier players (from 2019/2020) will be offered the opportunity to re-register for the same Select or Premier team for the 2020/2021 soccer season beginning June 1, 2020.
  - Players/families will have until June 30 to accept the formal offer via email and re-register, unless a specific deadline is indicated in the offer. Those who accept the offer and register will be part of Omaha United Soccer Club for the 2020/2021 season and will not be eligible to participate in the offer/acceptance process with other clubs.
- **New players.** There will not be a traditional tryout process for those who are ineligible for re-registration. Offers for eligible players who express interest will begin July 2, 2020. This includes:
  - New players to Omaha United who wish to participate in Select or Premier team formation for Omaha United.
  - Existing Select and Premier Omaha United players who wish to participate in team formation for other clubs (provided they did not already re-register for Omaha United).
  - Existing non-Select Omaha United players who wish to participate in Select or Premier team formation for Omaha United.

### EXISTING (2019/2020) 11U-19U OMAHA UNITED SOCCER CLUB PREMIER AND SELECT PLAYERS (JUNE 1-JUNE 30, 2020)

- Between June 1 and June 30, 2020, offers will be extended to eligible players with birth years from 2010- 2002 who were registered with an Omaha United Soccer Club Select or Premier team during the 2019-2020 soccer year. These offers will be for the same Select or Premier team for the 2020-2021 soccer year.
- The re-registration offer will be provided to each player/family via email using official NSSA format, and a registration link will be provided.
- Those re-registering must first submit the required NSSA form to Danka Vargas by email at [OmahaUnitedSoccer@gmail.com](mailto:OmahaUnitedSoccer@gmail.com) on or before the assigned deadline or June 30, whichever is earlier. Families must copy their current coach on this email.
  - Families must also register their player online (using the registration link provided with the offer).
  - Once the player/family accepts the re-registration offer, the player is committed to Omaha United Soccer Club for the entire 2020/2021 soccer year and may not join another club or participate in team formation events for other clubs.
  - Families can respond to these offers any time before the date indicated in the offer, or June 30, whichever is earlier. After this time, the offers will expire.
- Omaha United Select and Premier coaches will use the first three to six weeks of the new season (July 6-August 16) to evaluate their players and teams. If, after these initial weeks, coaches feel players would benefit from moving up or down a team, they will hold a meeting with the player and parents, and discuss potential roster changes, as approved by the Director.
- Players who do not want to re-register with their Select or Premier team and want to try out with another club may reach out to that club with questions. Offers may be received on or after July 2, 2020.

### NEW 11U-19U PLAYERS TO OMAHA UNITED SOCCER CLUB PREMIER AND SELECT PROGRAMS (BEGINNING JULY 2, 2020)

- Formal tryouts for 11U-19U Select and Premier teams are not allowed per Nebraska State Soccer Association. Individual or small group player assessments, in accordance with the current Directed Health Measures (DHM) from the Governor and the State of Nebraska, may be requested and/or offered. Format will be dictated by DHM, and will be communicated closer to the start date.
- Interest may be expressed by parents or players before July 2, 2020, and Club Directors and Coaches may respond accordingly.
- Offers will be made on or after July 2, 2020 and must be responded to by the provided deadline. At that time, the offers will expire.



# Hot Off the Presses! Nebraska State Soccer Begins to Loosen Restrictions on Club Training

Effective June 1, 2020, Nebraska State Soccer Association (NSSA) will begin allowing a phase 1 return to play. **Read more!**

## Return to Play - Phase 1 (Small Group Training).

- Before proceeding, clubs should research and be fully informed on, and ensure that any and all trainings are conducted in compliance with, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, requirements and other guidelines, whether federal, state, local or otherwise.
- Applicable local, state or federal requirements supersede the guidelines in this Return to Play guidance.
- Any participants for small group training must be registered members of the club for the current soccer year.
- Membership must also ensure that trainings do not violate any existing NSS policies, including the Temporary Team Formation policy for 2020-2021.

## General.

- If a player/coach thinks they are sick, stay home! Specifically: symptoms of acute respiratory disease (i.e. cough, sore throat, shortness of breath), fever, sudden loss of smell or taste, OR been diagnosed with COVID-19 (which would follow state-mandated quarantine requirements).
- If a coach, administrator, or official has a concern about a player's health, they have the ability to send the player home.

## Social Distancing.

- Trainings will consist of no more than 10 people. For example, 9 players and 1 coach or trainer, 8 players and 2 coaches or trainers, etc.
- Trainings will have proper social distancing for each player and coach at all times.
- Trainings limited to non-contact activities i.e. individual skills, fitness, etc.
- No physical contact including huddles, handshakes, and high-fives.
- Only 1 training session per field.

## People.

- Only players scheduled for a specific training window and group may be present. No scrimmages or “walk-in “guest players at trainings.
- Parents and spectators must follow government social distancing guidelines, i.e. parents to remain in vehicle, stay at least 6 ft from the training area and other spectators.

## Equipment.

- Equipment should not be shared between players whenever possible. Shared equipment of any kind should be disinfected before and after trainings. Where possible, communal equipment should only be handled by the coach.
- “Pinnies” shall be used only if: the pinnies are individually distributed to each player and used by that player for the season, or the pinnies are washed and disinfected in between each training/individual contact.
- When possible, players should use their own equipment at training only (balls, goalie gloves, etc.).
- Balls should not be handled with their hands, by any player, with the exception of the goalkeeper with gloves on.
- Player’s water and personal equipment should not be shared, and should be placed at least 6 feet apart to ensure breaks are also properly distanced.
- Hand sanitizer should be used by each player before, during, and after trainings, supplied by the player.
- Masks may be worn, if desired, by participants at the fields as long as they do not inhibit respiratory function while training.

## Training Schedule.

- Groups entering fields for trainings should wait until all players from previous training have left. Clubs should stagger trainings to allow ample time or in/out flow of traffic.



## Promote Your Business Here!

Omaha United Soccer Club still has sponsorship opportunities available!

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about sponsorship availability, please contact José Vargas at [OmahaUnitedSoccer@gmail.com](mailto:OmahaUnitedSoccer@gmail.com) or 402.740.9977.

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## Coaches' Corner: Find Out More about Our Coaches

**Name:** Erik Monson

**Which Omaha United Soccer Club teams do you coach?** Assistant Coach for the 2005 Girls' team

**Where are you from?** I was born in Indiana.

**Why do you coach?** I coach to help kids experience learning; the best part is when they look back after a season or a year and realize how the training made them better, more confident.



**What's your favorite soccer team?** I watch too much soccer to have a true favorite. Barca is up there because my son loves them.

**What's your favorite experience as a soccer coach?** My favorite experience as a coach with Omaha United was competing in the finals - up to the last OT minute - in St. Louis at the SG college showcase.

**What's your favorite memory as a soccer player?** I only played one season of rec in 3rd grade. My dad was a former pro basketball player so that was my sport growing up. Fell in love with soccer after my kids started playing in Nebraska. I've been coaching for 15 years now.

**What do you enjoy most about Omaha United?** This club is special. The focus is solely on the players. There's a passion here to develop kids, to compete and to do it as a family.



**Name:** Jovan Sudar

**Which Omaha United Soccer Club teams do you coach?** 2002 Girls', 2008 Girls', and 2006 Boys' teams.

**Where are you from?** From the former Yugoslavia

**Why do you coach?** For love of the game and wanting to help players become the best they can be on and off the field.

**What's your favorite soccer team?** Red Star Serbia

**What's your favorite experience as a soccer coach?** It's hard to pick just one!

**What's your favorite memory as a soccer player?** I remember being a young soccer player and scoring bicycle goal while playing in an adult Lincoln league.

**What do you enjoy most about being part of Omaha United Soccer Club?** It's all about the kids and there are no soccer politics here!

## Questions?

The COVID-19 crisis has affected each of us in different ways. But one thing's for certain, the regulations on soccer's return to play and the modified team formation processes will certainly lead to a number of questions.

Please reach out to one of the Directors with specific questions, and they will gladly answer to the best of their abilities.

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