



**Alaska Youth Soccer Association
President of the Board of Directors**

2017 AGM Report

As a state association we have been focusing our efforts over the last year on making soccer the preeminent youth sport in Alaska. We do this by making soccer the most beloved, most played, and most respected. In doing this we need to ensure we are not focusing too much on the elite/comp players, after all they all do come from our grassroots programs.

Most Beloved:	Most Played:	Most Respected:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pride in the team and sport • Favorite sport in Alaska • Alaska Youth Soccer Badge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase statewide registration numbers • More appropriate competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop world class players, coaches, referees • Safe places to play • Provide professional training and education • Host professional events

How do we achieve this? First, we serve the Athlete, the Athlete is the player, referee, and coach at any level. In turn, we serve the members, the members are the clubs, leagues, and families.

What have we done to focus on the Athlete and member?

- Highest number of teams in years at State Cup
- Started the Futsal League, provided coaching and referee training
- Aligning with USSF and USYS. PDI, Referees and coaching education
- Instituted a new Code of Conduct and Abuse Prevention training
- Conducted Board Development Training and Strategic Planning

How are we going to focus on the Athlete and member over the next year?

- Focus more resources on grassroots level soccer
- Provide more coaching education opportunities
- Scholarship opportunities for coaching education
- Further educational and training opportunities for the referees
- Provide a leadership development symposium to the members
- Provide an integrated platforms and systems

With continued focus on the Athlete and member we will be able to make soccer the preeminent sport in Alaska. With our grassroots players accounting for 79% of the registered players in Alaska Youth Soccer, I feel we need to put an emphasis on the development of the grassroots coaches and referees. This in turn will develop those young players with the proper skills needed to move up to the competitive teams or just give them a better understanding of the game. With either path I hope our players develop the lifelong love of the game.

Respectfully,

Larry Burke

President

Alaska Youth Soccer Association



Alaska Youth Soccer Association State Cup 2017 Review 2017 AGM Report

The 2017 State Cup was a huge success for Alaska as fifty-one teams took to the fields in Fairbanks in early August; the outcome was one of the best experiences I have had in the last ten years in participating in State Cup. The enthusiasm from the player, parents, coaches, and referees made for a great environment where the youth could enjoy the spirit of competition and the love of the game. Looking back on the multiple months of planning, and coordinating the event, the results were priceless. I look forward to another great year in 2018; as the champions prepare to compete in the 2018 National Championship Series at Far West Regionals, and President Cup along with the 2018 State Cup to Kick Off in early August in Fairbanks, Alaska.

2017 Champion Girls	2017 Champion Boys
Valley Revolution 99G- Far West Regionals	Alaska Rush 01B- Far West Regionals
Cook Inlet S.C. 00G- Far West Regionals	Cook Inlet S.C. 02B- President Cup
Cook Inlet S.C. 01G- President Cup	AYSC Arsenal 03B- Far West Regionals
Cook Inlet S.C. 02G- Far West Regionals	Cook Inlet S.C. 04B- President Cup
Cook Inlet S.C. 03G- President Cup	AYSC Arsenal 05B- President Cup
Cook Inlet S.C. 04G- President Cup	Chugiak S.C. 06B- President Cup
Valley Revolution 05G- Far West Regionals	
Valley Revolution 06G- President Cup	

State Cup Review: The 2017 Alaska State Cup shows growth in quantity and quality; fifty-one teams registered with fourteen teams from five clubs winning the 2017 Alaska State Cup Championships last weekend. The fourteen teams have earned slots to the Region IV Championship Series in June of 2018. Alaska Youth Soccer could not be happier with the growth, and increased level of competition exhibited in the 2017 Alaska State Cup; your participation makes this the premier event of the year. Our goal for next year is to broaden our participation statewide even further and to build on the quality of tournament that grows excitement throughout all participants. The Alaska State Juggling Championships has doubled in participation. The state record was broken with 1939 juggles by Skyler Parks from AYSC Arsenal 03B; who is the 2017 State Juggling Champion. The first Alaska State Cup Kick-Off Breakfast was a wonderful addition to the tournament, and will be included in the 2018 Alaska State Cup opening events for all participants.

The Alaska State Cup was hosted at the FYSA Soccer Complex in Fairbanks. The venue was great to host so many competitive teams from around Alaska in one central location that offered a festive tournament environment experience. We would like to give a heartfelt thanks to the FYSA Host Committee, Staff, Field Crew, Board of Directors, the Eclipse Soccer Club who did a fabulous job providing meals to the referee crew, the outstanding food vendors, and the multiple volunteers that made the tournament a successful one.

Alaska Youth Soccer would like to acknowledge each affiliate club, player, parent, coach, manager, trainer, and administrator for their dedication to the sport which enables soccer to develop across the state of Alaska. We realize that quite a lot of effort has gone into preparing your players and team for the competition of the tournament. AYSA appreciates your time, energy, and dedication spent thus far; we hope that you had an enjoyable soccer experience during the Alaska State Cup.

We would like to thank our many generous sponsors; Fox Hollow, Water Wagon, Denali Marketing Group, Rebound Sports and Orthopedic Physical Therapy, Peter D. Lawrason, MD, Eagle River Counseling, Hot Licks Homemade Ice Cream, Tanana Valley State Fair Association, and Bagels & Brew.

We would like to acknowledge our field marshals, community members, board members, volunteers, and referees who represent the spirit of our association, and we give them our heartfelt thanks. A special thank you goes to the Tournament Host Committee: Crystal Stordahl, State Cup Host Committee Chair; Karen Anderson, President, FYSA Board of Directors; Colt Chase, FYSA Executive Director; Ernie Moore, Eclipse Soccer Club; Wendy Clark, Cook Inlet S.C.; and Missy Odsather, Photographer Services, who all have played an integral role in supporting this tournament.

Finally, we would like to thank the following who worked throughout the year to make the Alaska State Cup Tournament possible for the players; their dedication, and efforts are greatly appreciated. Moctar Diouf, Alaska State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA); Roland Stock, State Cup Chair; Larry Burke, AYSA Board President; Jane Nelson, AYSA Board Sec/Treasurer; Colby Smith, AYSA Anchorage DC; Joe Wentworth, Director of Coaching/ODP Director; Northwest Designs for quality tournament gear, and US Youth Soccer for their support, and for providing their video production services during the event.

We look forward to your continued support and an even more exciting 2018 Alaska State Cup.



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Alaska Director of Coaching Report:

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Created by: Joe Wentworth Director of Coaching

Alaska ODP/ADP Report:

Program Overview:

The Alaska Development Program (ADP) is a State Run program encompassing several soccer development programs and opportunities for players in the state of Alaska. ADP is made up of three parts, the Olympic Development Program (ODP 2004-2000 Birthyears), the Pre-ODP (2006 and 2005 Birthyears) and the Alaska Development Program (1999-2000 Birthyears). Alaska Youth Soccer's (AYS) programming will offer, trainings, tournaments and identification events for players over nine age groups (1999-2007 Birthyears) to participate in, PRE-ODP, ODP and ADP Events.

2016/2017 Final Report:

Region 4 Events Attended:

Alaska Sub-Regional: 04-00 Age Groups 8 teams

ODP Championships: 04-00 Age Groups 10 teams

Portland Timbers Friendship Cup: 05-02 Age Groups 7 teams

Far West Regional League: 6 teams

Region 4 Camp Invites:

05B-0 players 05G-3 players
 04B-14 players 04G-13 players
 03B-6 players 03G-3 players
 02B-6 players 02G-2 players
 01B-4 players 01G-3 players
 00B-3 players 00G-3 players

Total: 60 players

Region 4 Pool Players:

2004B: Seth Phillips; Matthew Van Horn	2004G: 0
2003B: Francisco Alvarado; Connor Friesen; Josh Hieber	2003G: Erin Wilbanks
2002B: 0	2002G: 0
2001B: Joey Van Horn; Drew Rizk	2001G: 0
2000B: Japheth Taylor	2000G: Kiara Simpson

Total: 10 Players

Region 4 Inter-Regional Team Players:

2004B: Matthew Van Horn
 2003B: Josh Hieber
 2003G: Erin Wilbanks
 2001B: Drew Rizk
 2000G: Kiara Simpson

Final Assessment 2016/2017:

2016/2017 ODP year was a massive undertaking with the addition of events, dual age teams planning, additional travel, additional training and addition of quality to all teams. I believe this to be a very successful season, based on the growth of Regional Camp invites that we received, feedback from the Region and interest in our players from the USSF DA and ECNL programs. Almost all goals were met except for getting the player evaluations out to players

Goals Met from 2015/2016:

1. Moving to Nike and Tursi's to handle our uniforms.
2. Tryouts moving to June, allowed for more training, giving us the ability to choose teams early for events.
3. Addition of Sub-Regional Camp, giving players access to the staff.
4. FWRL gave us an option to not compete with in State clubs for travel.
5. Addition of Assistant to all teams.
6. Girls side grew, especially in the 2003, 2004 age groups.
7. Limited to two dates indoor, created a huge savings on facility costs.

Upon conclusion of the 2016/2017 ODP year, work began on the cycle. We have taken the steps to address these weaknesses and created new goals heading into the new year.

Goals for 2017/2018:

- Add teams instead of dual age groups to FWRL
- Ensure that the inter-regional event occurs
- Add younger age groups to Sub-Regional event
- Bring in a Girls Director for ODP
- Create a player evaluation form in line with Region 4
- Add Staff for Region 4 for Sub-Regional
- Find a Shirt Sponsor
- Connect with a trainer for events
- Scouting of Club and High School Games

Events Calendar for 2017/2018:

Tryouts: June 5/6th Anchorage; Fairbanks/Juneau June 10/11th
UAF Sub-Regional: August 6-9th
FWRL Weekend 1: October 6-8th
FWRL Weekend 2: November 10-12th
FWRL Weekend 3, Timbers Alliance Showcase: December 8-10th
ODP Championships: January 5-8th
FWRL Weekend 4, PacNW Showcase: January 19-21st
FWRL Weekend 5: March 2-4th
Inter-Regional: April 28-29th
Portland Timbers Friendship Cup: May 24-27th
Region 4 Camp Boys: June 30-July 11th
Region 4 Camp Girls: July 5-11th

Alaska Director of Coaching Report:

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Coaching Education:

E Course in Anchorage, Instructor Eli Ulvi
E Course in Juneau, Instructor Pete Showler
D Course in Anchorage, Instructor Eli Ulvi & Jason Leonardis
Youth Module in Fairbanks, Instructor Robert Devassie

As of 2018 all USSF State Ran Course's will switch format to coincide with PDI implementation. All F and E course will no longer be offered.

New Course Structure:

Grass Roots Coaching Course (Play, Practice, Play)

Mission: To make Soccer the preeminent sport in the US

Implementation: Better environments=better players/athletes. Better education leads to better environments.

Intent: To have 300,000 Licensed coaches by 2022

Focus: Create low barrier, short hour course to encourage participation.

Benefits: 4-hour course will be one day instead of 3-day Course. Less expensive to remove barrier of cost. Multiple entry points, can enter which ever age group currently coaching at. No wait for the state to offer your course as the course is offered online. In person courses will no longer involve candidate as players.

USSF would like to have a qualified instructor at all clubs and are creating an Instructor Certification Course which all Instructors will be required to have obtained instructor license within two years.

Prerequisites: Create a DCC coach profile and complete online Pre- Course

Course Format:

All Courses offered, Online (OL) or In Person (IP)

4v4=4 Hour Course

7v7=4 Hour Course

9v9=4 Hour Course

11v11=4 Hour Course

To obtain a Grass Roots License, Coaches must complete 2 modules in person, and must be the 11v11 Course (IP) and 1 online course.

D License: Developmental License Prerequisites:

D License is now an 11v11 License and potential candidate must have obtained a Grass Roots License or E License and have a current DCC profile.

C License: Now should be where most coaches stop unless involved as a TD, DOC of a club or coach working with "Elite Players" (ODP, DA, ECNL Coaches)

B License will be screened to ensure you are working with "Elite Players"

A License split into two parts

A Youth

A Senior

A Pro License

Instructor License

Director License

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State Cup 2017

- In terms of referee performance, 2017 State Cup was by far the most successful. We had 31 referees help ensure 100% coverage of games. The break down was: 18 from Fairbanks and 13 from Anchorage. Overall, only 9 referees were female.
- DRAs continue to select referees for State Cup.
- We were fortunate to have two national referees/mentors attend the tournament: Will Nicholls of Washington and Steve Skille of Cal South. They helped raise the quality of officiating through game-by-game developmental assessment and mentoring of all referees. We hope to increase the number of referee coaches attending State Cup in the future.

Alaska Referees at Regional/National Events.

- 7 referees attended the ODP championships in Phoenix
- 7 referees attended President's Cup in Salt Lake City
- 7 referees attended Far West Regionals in Seattle
- Colby Freel of Fairbanks was selected to officiate at Presidents Cup Nationals
- 5 Referees have been accepted into the November US Soccer Development Academy games
- Anika Gerken is Alaska and Region 4 Female Youth Referee of the year – She will be honored in Philadelphia in January 2018 as one of 4 recipients for the National Youth Referee of the year award.

Training & Certification

- Same number of Referees (194) as last year. We did not grow, but did not shrink either!
- First year of running referee registration using our own platform, including background checks
- We have been using Game Officials (GO) as the official assigning software for the entire state. Most leagues are in GO except for FYSA
- Hosted a Futsal Clinic taught by National Referee Instructor and professional Referee Phillippe Dor of WA
- Hosted an Assessor Clinic taught by National Referee Instructor Robert Sabella of Cal North – Increased number of assessors by 9
- Hosted a training for referees, instructors and assessors in early December 2016 in Anchorage by National Referee Coach JP Spicer

Outlook

- Looking to have 2 more District Referee Administrators (DRA) in Kenai and Homer
- Maximize the number of leagues using GO to assign games
- Request clubs to host/sponsor a referee clinic at no cost. The goal is to educate coaches, parents, players and recruit more referees. This will help our efforts towards improving the relationship between coaches/players and referees; and mitigate referee turnover with improved coaches/players education about the laws of the game. The SYRA may come back to AYS board for review/enforcement of existing disciplinary guidelines.
- Increase the overall referee pool statewide, especially the female pool, to maximize game coverage and support the development of futsal.
- Continue to promote a culture of excellence and professionalism.
- Continue to pursue more ideas for recruitment, training and retention of referees
- Will have 11 total assessors in 2018, an increase from 2 previously

Alaska Youth Soccer TOPSoccer



Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2017 Report

By Robert J DeVassie, former TOPSoccer Chair

Overview

TOPSoccer "The Outreach Program for Soccer" is a community base program providing soccer for kids with disabilities from ages 4 on up. This year's participation has increased across the state. Alaska Youth Soccer participated and received a grant from the national organization called "I can do it, you can do it!" advocate program. The highlight this year was the US Youth Soccer Region IV TOPSoccer Symposium hosted here in Anchorage Alaska. The symposium was a huge success with more than 30 participants and 11 speakers. This included classroom and field sessions, and special guest from US Paralympic National Team Goalkeeper and US Youth Soccer CEO. During the symposium, 13 coaches completed the US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer Coaching Certificate course. Wasilla Youth Soccer Association has re-joined their special needs program with Alaska Youth Soccer. Programs this summer were offered by Alaska Rush Soccer Club, Anchorage Youth Soccer Club, Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association, and Wasilla Youth Soccer Association.

Past

- US Youth Soccer Region IV TOPSoccer Symposium hosted by Alaska Youth Soccer, April 28-30, 2017
- Alaska Rush Thunder program, May 2017
- Alaska Airlines Cup TOPSoccer Showcase in Anchorage, June 3, 2017
- Anchorage Youth Soccer TOPSoccer program, June-July 2017
- Wasilla Youth Soccer SOLE TOPSoccer program, June-July 2017
- Fairbanks Tundra TOPSoccer program, July 2017
- Alaska State Cup TOPSoccer Showcase in Fairbanks, August 2017

Current and Upcoming

- Tundra TOPSoccer program in Fairbanks, October 2017
- Alaska Airlines Cup TOPSoccer Showcase in Anchorage, June 2018

More programs to be added to the webpage as information comes available

Goals

- Recruit and find a TOPSoccer Chairperson volunteer
- Raise awareness and grow existing and new programs in Alaska.