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Last year we set some pretty lofty goals for Alaska Youth Soccer not only in the quality of programs offered but to improve the Athlete experience. We focused on the serving the Athlete, the player, coach, and referee. We placed more emphasis than years past on coaching development through the grassroots coaching education programs while conducting the USSF "D" License for the competitive coaches.

Most Beloved: Pride in team and sport, Alaska Youth Soccer badge.

Most Played: Increase registration numbers, appropriate competition.

Most Respected: World class players, coaches, and referees, safe places to play, professional training, host professional events.

How did we do?

- We have been instilling pride in being an Alaska Youth Soccer player; competitive teams are wearing the AYSA badge on their sleeve.
- As a state, there was an increase in soccer players, but as an association, we did see a loss due to a long-standing member change affiliation.
- The technical staff is more involved in our competitions by aligning with the PDI, and the referees are better trained.
- Continue to offer Alaska Development Program including sub-regional camps and college tours.
- Comprehensive Code of Conduct and Abuse Prevention training along with Safe Sport.
- Offered more coaching and referee education opportunities.
- AYSA hosted the first Spring Leadership Development Seminar for our member clubs.
- Showed an increase in registered teams at State Cup and expanded the Alaska Futsal League.

Where will focus our resources next year?

- Continue to focus on the grassroots soccer by establishing a Grassroots Council led by our Technical Director.
- Host a statewide Grassroots tournament.
- We will increase the coaching educational opportunities.
- Focus the Spring Leadership Development Seminar on developing the leadership at the club level boards, executives and coaches while providing opportunities for the parents.

With a continued focus on the Athlete experience by offering development opportunities to our member clubs, referees and coaches we will continue to strive to make soccer the preeminent sport in Alaska. We as a state must ensure we emphasize the grassroots experience to grow the sport which will benefit our member clubs and their Athletes.

Respectfully,

Larry Burke

President

Alaska Youth Soccer Association



Executive Director Report AYSA Annual General Meeting November 16, 2018

Alaska Youth Soccer has continued to focus on the mission through creating an environment that provides the upmost support for our members by ensuring the daily function of the organization focuses on the membership needs in a collaborative, productive and efficient manner. The continued growth of programs and services we offer have brought new opportunities to our membership including the Spring Leadership Seminar, Statewide AFL League and Futsal State Cup, (AFL) Equipment Grant, Grassroots Coaching Pathway initiative, National D Licensing, Coaching Enhancement Grant, Alaska State Patch, State Cup BBQ of Champions, and State Cup Sportsmanship Awards- Teams and Players Fair Play, and Youth Referee of the Match. Alaska Youth Soccer looks forward to another year leading the way to Inspire a life long passion for soccer through development, education, and promotion of the game.

Alaska State Cup 2018: Increased participation with total of sixty-five Alaska Affiliate Teams

AYSA Annual Program Calendar: Released to all Club Affiliates and Leagues

Futsal (AFL): 2018 Futsal Session (10-12-18 - 12-09-18) Statewide Total Registered Teams-seventy-seven. Anchorage Division (66), Fairbanks Division (4), Ketchikan Division (7)

Futsal State Cup: December 14-16, 2018; Anchorage

Alaska Spring Leadership Development Seminar: March 23- 24, 2019; Anchorage

Alaska State Cup: August 1-4, 2019; Anchorage

***New Alaska Target Cup (Recreational):** August 9-11, 2019 TBD

***New Committees:** Recreational Development and Sanctioned League

Club/Association Support: Providing support, and resources to Club Affiliates and Leagues on a regular basis through phone and email communications.

***New Administrative Services Training:** AYSA will be offering a yearly training for Club Administrators, Team Managers, and Coaches. In an effort to provide assistance, support, and guidance I will do an informative training for Affiliate Members.

Policies: Continue review of policies/guidelines; ensuring they are up to date. Informative and current website, and easily assessable for administrators, managers, coaches and parents.

Risk Management: The Adult Verification Policy which requires all adults to register for their background check, read the AYSA Code of Conduct, and complete the Abuse Prevention Training. Clubs and Referees have diligently complied with the policy set in place.

Safe Sport: November 1 of 2019 AYSA will start using the Safe Sport platform for our Affiliate Clubs/ Associations. For more information please visit <https://www.safesport.org/>

About InjureFree: Available to Alaska Affiliate Clubs/ Associations. This is a web-based technology service empowering child safety initiatives and risk management for youth sports organizations and schools. InjureFree provides an all-in-one solution that helps organizations maintain compliance with state and federal laws, reduce paperwork, and provide a communication platform during injury recovery including return to play documentation. For more information, please visit www.InjureFree.com

Thank you,

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Alaska Youth Soccer
Executive Director



Alaska State Youth Soccer Association

Director of Coaching Report

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ODP Final Report 2017/2018:

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 2005-2001 Birthyears), the Pre-ODP (2007 and 2006 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

Olympic Development Program; Events Attended:

- Alaska Sub-Regional; UAF, Fairbanks, AK 2006-2001 B&G
- Far West Regional League, Portland, OR & Seattle, WA 2005G; 2004G; 2004B; 2003B; 2001B
- Timbers Alliance Showcase, Portland, OR 2000G; 2000B; 2001B; 2003B
- ODP Championships, Phoenix, AZ 2005-2001 B&G
- PacNW Showcase, Seattle, WA 2000G; 2000B; 2001B; 2003B
- Portland Timbers Friendship Cup, Portland, OR 2005B; 2005G; 2006B; 2007B; 2006G
- ADP College Tour, Colorado High-school aged players 2004-2000 B&G

Regional Camp Invites:

2006B: 9 players	2006G: 5 players
2005B: 4 players	2005G: 3 players
2004B: 5 players	2004G: 5 players
2003B: 4 players	2003G: 3 players
2002B: 3 players	2002G: 3 players
2001B: 3 players	2001G: 3 players

Regional Pool Players:

2006B: Bennett Main AYSC; Omero Ramos CSC
 2005B: Obed Vargas CISC
 2004B: N/A
 2003B: Francisco Alvarado CISC; Josh Hieber AYSC; Connor Friensen CISC
 2002B: Jake Stone CISC
 2001B: Joey Van Horn, Drew Rizk FBX Rush
 2006G: N/A
 2005G: N/A
 2004G: Lili Singleton CSC
 2003G: Erin Wilbanks CSC
 2002G: Nicole Catlett VR, Aubrey Stacy ESC
 2001G: Madison Morgan, Gabby Liapinikis CISC

Regional Top 18:

2005B Obed Vargas
 2002B Jake Stone
 2003B Josh Hieber
 2001B Joey Van Horn
 2004G Lili Singleton
 2003G Erin Wilbanks
 2002G Brooklyn Carver & Nicole Catlett
 2001G Madison Morgan

2017/2018 Final Assessment:

The 2017/2018 proved to be a bit too overwhelming, programming increases were unable to be sustained, cost of travel was too high for families to commit to events put into the calendar forcing us to forfeit the last weekend of the FWRL for three age groups. Although my overall assessment was players benefited from experiential learning, cost of programming ran too high. Overall success for players with most Regional Camp invites, player pool and top 18 inclusion during my time with ASYSA.

Goals Met:

- Teams added to FWRL Events as true age groups
- Younger Age Groups added to sub-regional
- Girls DOC Added Mark Cascolan
- AYSA Player Evaluation Created
- Addition staff brought on for Sub-Regional
- Scouting of HS and Club Matches

Goals Not Met:

- Shirt Sponsor
- Trainer at all ODP Events and training
- Inter-regional event

Goals for 2018/2019:

- Work with leagues to prevent conflicts
- Create a new event for Small States
- Increase participation, reduce travel expenses, and calendar

2018/19 Events:

- Sub-Regional Camp; August; 2008-2001 B&G
- Small State Friendlies; November; 2006-2002 B&G
- Timbers Alliance Showcase; December; 2004-2000 B&G
- ODP Championships; January; 2006-2002 B&G
- PACNW Showcase; January; 2002-2000 B&G
- Portland Timbers Friendship Cup; May; 2008-2005 B&G
- ADP College Tour; July; 2004-2001 B&G

Coaching Education Final Report:

Grassroots Instructors License Obtained (A-Youth License ongoing)

2018 Grassroots Course Completed:

- 7v7 Anchorage
- 7v7 and 11v11 Fairbanks
- 4v4, 9v9 and 11v11 Palmer

2018 D-Course; Anchorage New Licenses Issued:

- Cory Cole PSC
- Steve Rubinstein PSC
- Damon Crutcher ESC
- Reed Thomas ESC
- Mackenzie German CISC
- Scott Hickox CISC
- Kaleb Kuehn AKGK

Recommendations Grassroots Course:

- Hosted by Clubs: candidates 8
- Instructor to candidate ratio: 1-12
- Group 9v9; 11v11 modules together
- \$175 per candidate to include 2 modules
- Clubs provide age appropriate players, classroom, and field

Recommendations D-License:

- Hosted by AYSA: one per year
- 1st Weekend July (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) and 2nd Weekend September (Saturday, Sunday)
- \$575 per candidate
- AYSA provides age appropriate players, classroom, and field

2018 AYSA Annual General Report – SYRA Report

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State Cup

- Referee performance continue to improve every year
- Number of referees went up from 28 to 44 (22 from Fairbanks, 18 from Anchorage and 4 from out-of-state).
- The referee association cannot guarantee having enough referees if the board ever decides to have state cup where a solid referee base is not available.
- US Soccer sent National Referee Coach, Retired MLS, and CONCACAF Technical Instructor Richard Heron to Fairbanks.
- Alaska Youth Soccer Supported the invitation of 4 national level referees. We hope to continue the trend of having high quality instruction/mentorship available to us at this event.
- DRAs continue to select referees for State Cup.
- Praise to the Executive Director and President for outstanding collaboration and support

Alaska Referees at Regional/National Events.

- 7 referees attended the ODP championships in Phoenix
- 7 referees attended President's Cup in Salt Lake City
- 9 referees attended Far West Regionals in Hawaii
- Alaska Referees continue to receive regional/national recognition with invitation to US Soccer Development Academy games. James Perryman has been selected to attend the girl's winter academy in Florida

Training & Certification

- We registered 246 Referees this year (compared to 194 last year). We grew by 27%!!!!
- Hosted a second Futsal Clinic taught by National Referee Coach and Professional Futsal Referee Philippe Dor of WA. US Soccer paid for all of his travel expenses per our request.
- Number of Futsal Certified officials went up from 7 to around 20+
- Every aspect of referee certification is now online. Along with that, we require all referee types to attend a certification or recertification clinic once a year to maximize education
- Classroom time has been reduced in favor of field sessions
- Number of grade 7 referees increased
- Looking into funding option to help us lower or eliminate certification fees especially in younger age's groups.

Outlook

- All State Referee Association director's positions are now filled:
 - James Perryman, State Director of Instruction
 - Bryce Melegari State Director of Assessment
 - Gregg Pralle State Director of Assignors.

All three of them have and are still District Referees Administrators. We look forward to the changes they will bring to their position as State Directors.

- Still Looking to have 2 more District Referee Administrators (DRA) in Kenai and Homer
- Maximize the number of leagues using GO to assign games, like and Ketchikan and other Recreational leagues
- 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 adoption of more stringent guidelines to help with the fight against referee abuse.
 - Looking into showing yellow and red cards to coaches and other bench personnel. Younger and less experienced referees will have more confidence to deal with abuse
- Continue to promote a culture of excellence and professionalism.
- Continue to pursue more ideas for recruitment, training and retention of referees, especially the female pool
- US Soccer Connect is here. When we are ready, we will ask the board to review the assigning policy as game official is on its way out.

US YOUTH SOCCER ALASKA STATE CUP

2018 AGM REVIEW

Alaska Youth Soccer 2018 US Youth Soccer Alaska State Cup was a success! The annual tournament brought together members from all over the state, showcased the highest level of competition, sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline, and fair play from the youth soccer players, coaches, and referees of Alaska. The 2018 Alaska State Cup showed continued growth in quantity and quality; fifty-six teams registered with fifteen teams from six clubs winning the 2018 Alaska State Cup Championships.

West Region Championship Series; Alaska Team Commitments for 2019 Far West Regionals and President's Cup:

- 📍 U12- Cook Inlet S.C. 07B, Cook Inlet S.C. 07G
- 📍 U13- CSC 06B Eagles, Valley Revolution 06G, AK Rush 06G Premier
- 📍 U14- Eclipse 05B, CSC Thunder 05G
- 📍 U15- Cook Inlet S.C. 04B, Cook Inlet S.C. 04G, Eclipse 04G
- 📍 U16- Cook Inlet S.C. 03B, Cook Inlet S.C. 03G
- 📍 U17- Cook Inlet S.C. 02B, AYSC Arsenal 02/03B, Cook Inlet S.C. 02G
- 📍 U18- AK Rush 01B, AK Rush 01G Premier
- 📍 U19- Valley Revolution 00G

Alaska Youth Soccer could not be happier with the growth, and increased level of competition exhibited in the 2018 Alaska State Cup; Alaska Affiliate club 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** participation was again a much-attended event. The 2018 State Juggling Champion with **882 juggles was Jesse Crane** from Eclipse 06B team. The annual Alaska State **Cup Kick-Off Breakfast** was well attended, and the **BBQ of Champions** was a wonderful addition to the tournament which was open to all participants. We have estimated that well over 700 players, coaches and families enjoying the event. The implementation of the **Alaska Youth Soccer Fair Play awards** along with the **Female and Male Referee Awards** was a huge success and will continue for the Alaska 2019 State Cup.

The 2018 Alaska State Cup was hosted by the Fairbanks Eclipse Soccer Club. The Fairbanks venue was an excellent location to welcome so many competitive teams from around Alaska in one central location that offered a festive tournament environment experience. AYSA would like to give a heartfelt thanks to the Eclipse S.C. Host Committee, and Eclipse Board of Directors 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. AYSA realizes that quite a lot of effort goes into preparing teams for the tournament; we appreciate the energy, time, and dedication of all involved.

A BIG Thank You to our many generous sponsors; Fox Hollow, Hot Licks Homemade Ice Cream, Bagels & Brew, Alaska Airlines, The Alaska Club, and our Title Sponsor Spirit of Alaska Federal Credit Union. A special thank you to Orthopedic Physicians Alaska (OPA) who provided an outstanding service to our players.

AYSA 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 to the State Cup Host Committee, Eclipse S.C.; Board of Directors, President Patrick Lovely; Wendy and Clay Clark, Cook Inlet S.C.; AYSA Board District Commissioner, DayLa Leffel; 06B Eclipse for hosting and preparing the Kick-Off Breakfast, Eclipse Teams who set up the BBQ of Champions, and the 04G Eclipse that organized the Referee meals.

Finally, AYSA would like to thank the following who worked throughout the year to make the Alaska State Cup Tournament possible. AYSA Referee Administrator (SYRA), Moctar Diouf; State Cup Co-Chairs, Jane Nelson and Kathie Stacy; AYSA Board President, Larry Burke; AYSA Board Vice President, Colby Smith; Technical Director/ODP Director, Joe Wentworth; Fine Designs and Sport Pins International for the quality tournament items, and US Youth Soccer for their continued support.

The Alaska Youth Soccer State Cup 2019 will be held August 1-4, in Anchorage Alaska. AYSA will be releasing the State Cup Local Hosting Organization contract in December in search of a club to assist in hosting the tournament. We look forward to your continued support and an even more exciting 2019 Alaska State Cup.

Linda Burke

Executive Director
Alaska Youth Soccer

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