



Alaska Youth Soccer Annual General Meeting

Saturday November 21, 2020

Message From AYSA

Welcome to the Alaska Youth Soccer Association Annual General Meeting. I hope you and your family are doing well during what has continued to be a highly unusual and challenging year. Despite the many hardships, it has been inspiring to see how the soccer community has come together.

During these times, it has been an honor to work alongside our amazing clubs' staff and members to see the tremendous work that everyone puts in every day to grow the game and ensure that soccer continues to inspire us all. What utterly amazes me day in and day out is seeing the youth players around the state showing up with smiles on their faces, with enthusiasm and dedication to their sport as they step on the pitch. This truly is a sport for all to love!

Alaska Youth Soccer will continue to grow the game even during these challenging times, to take action to strengthen our organizational culture, align our goals to ensure our purpose brings value to our communities through the power of soccer. We are appreciative of the dedication and countless volunteers who continue to promote and develop youth players in their communities. Alaska Youth Soccer and our affiliates operate as non-profit organizations, we will need your continued support to remain united for the future sustainability emphasizing the importance of youth soccer in our local communities throughout Alaska.

As we look forward to a time together that we can step out onto the pitch without restrictions AYSA is confident clubs, leagues, teams and athletes will adapt with grace to the continuing challenge within the current soccer landscape by striving to exhibit responsible and safe behaviors within their programming. Through unity is strength as we support one another and unite as one in Soccer.

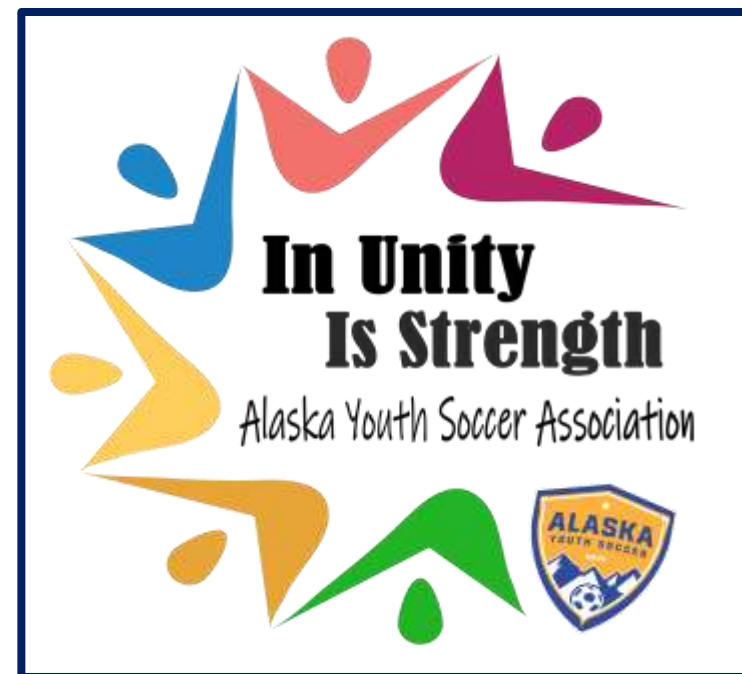
Alaska Strong!

Thank you for your support as we move forward TOGETHER. We Are Alaska Youth Soccer!

Linda Burke

Executive Director

Alaska Youth Soccer



ALASKA YOUTH SOCCER



Strong on our own

UNSTOPPABLE TOGETHER





AYSA Agenda

AYSA Annual General Meeting Agenda

November 21, 2020

The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:

Call to order

- I. Roll call
- II. Credential report
- III. Good of the Game
- IV. Introduction of Guests
- V. Annual Award Selections Announced
- VI. Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- VII. Reports:
 - a. President
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Executive Director
 - d. State Cup Update
 - e. District Commissioners
 - f. State Youth Referee Administrator
 - g. ADP Director
- VIII. Unfinished business
- IX. Election of Officers (Vice President) * Special Election President (remainder of two-year)
- X. Appointment of Committees
- XI. New Business
 - a. 2020 Budget
- XII. Open forum
- XIII. Adjournment



"No matter what life throws at you, or how unfair you think it is, never give up. Pick yourself up and go on." –

Megan Rapinoe

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2020-2021

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OUR Core Values

The Alaska State Youth Soccer Association is a member of the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) team. We believe in the Mission of USYS and agree to work within USYS national rules to accomplish our purpose.

Soccer is fun and should remain that way; Soccer is a lifetime family sport; Every youth in Alaska who wants to play soccer is our concern. Well organized youth sports help develop good character and sportsmanship; Positive physical, mental and emotional growth and character development of our players is of prime importance. Kids are our first priority; Youth soccer helps develop all around athletic skills; There should be a continuum of development and participation of all members; Athleticism is valuable as an individual accomplishment. We enjoy and encourage soccer at its highest level of play.



Education and communication are our best tools; Safety and Fair Play are among our highest priorities. Equal opportunity should be available to all players regardless of race, color or creed. Youth soccer programs should include the full spectrum of social, economic and cultural diversity within Alaska;

We should be financially responsible; We believe in the value of positive role models; We believe that all adult volunteers should be held accountable to exhibit good sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and positive behavior in the presence of our players. Volunteers are important assets and should be encouraged and cultivated.



OUR Mission

Purpose, Mission, and Core Values and Beliefs

Purpose: Our purpose is to develop youth soccer in the State of Alaska to its maximum possible potential. "Youth" means boys and girls under twenty (20) years of age.

Mission: Our mission is to provide leadership, administrate state level programs, educate our members and the public about the game of soccer, and coordinate youth soccer in the State of Alaska to accomplish the following measurable objectives:

Maximize the number of youth soccer players in Alaska at all ages and skill levels to expand opportunity for participation and promote the visibility of the sport.



Maximize the number of USSF licensed youth soccer coaches at each coaching level to advance the level of player skill and competition.

Maximize the number of USSF licensed youth soccer referees at each licensed level to promote fair play and amplify knowledge of the rules.

Maximize the number and quality of playing fields and indoor facilities available for youth play to improve opportunities for play.

Provide an effective forum and central point for communication with the public and between all soccer players, coaches, referees, clubs, and leagues in Alaska.



OUR Statement

Diversity & Inclusion Position Statement

The Alaska State Youth Soccer Association a member of the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) team.
AYSA Diversity & Inclusion Position Statement.

At Alaska Youth Soccer Association, we embrace diversity and inclusion and strive to be the sport of choice for players, officials, coaches and administrators of all backgrounds. We encourage participation of individuals of all ethnicities, gender, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, age, ability, or disability, realizing that diversity and inclusion makes us stronger. We further encourage the advancement of diverse individuals throughout our organization and we seek to provide a culture where all individuals feel safe, respected, and are treated fairly.

Alaska Youth Soccer respects the diversity of individuals throughout our organization. It helps us achieve our mission of being a part of the preeminent youth sports organization in the United States.



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**AYSA
OUTREACH
INITIATIVES
2019-2021**



Outreach Initiatives

Veterans Camp in Alaska: VA Adaptive Soccer Camps by Clemson Paralympic Soccer will be hosting 10 veterans' camps throughout the U.S. in 2021, helping participants learn the rules of the game, how to play the sport, and coaching skills. Veterans who participate will earn their coaching and Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) certifications. Great opportunities to involve veterans in youth soccer programs throughout Alaska! More information to come on registering and volunteering for the August 2021 camp which will be held in Anchorage. clemsonparalympicsoccer.org

Alaska TOPSoccer Goals: The Alaska TOPSoccer Partnership Program is the recipient of the 2020 US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer Grant with the focus of helping grow the game of soccer at the grassroots level! **Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic this program will be offered in 2021.** The Alaska TOPSoccer Partnership Program objective is to provide opportunities and resources for affiliate clubs while encouraging current growth within the program and support for affiliates who wish to start a TOPSoccer program. The program will develop a working multi club partnerships while encouraging participation in sponsored community wide outreach events called TOPSoccer Goals. The program will promote a hands-on approach for the participants and their families providing support and resources within our Alaska affiliate clubs and their communities.

The Alaska TOPSoccer Partnership program under Alaska Youth Soccer Association will promote resources that focus on the common barriers affiliate member clubs face within our Alaska communities. The following resources include coaching and buddy support and certification opportunities, youth participant scholarships, uniforms, and granting the affiliate TOPSoccer programs with adaptable equipment. The program will directly benefit the youth participant's, families, buddies and coaches while providing a supportive and learning environment at no cost to the clubs.

Alaska United Cup 2021; Alaska Youth Soccer will be hosting the Alaska United Cup 2021 to create a memorable statewide event for each recreational player, and attendee through top-notch managed event. This will be a first time AYSA has hosted a statewide recreational tournament for our affiliate members.

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Outreach Initiatives

Passing the Ball Program Initiative: The Passing the Ball Program is the recipient of the 2020 US Soccer Innovate to Grow Grant. The Passing the Ball Program under Alaska Youth Soccer Association will provide pop-up outreach programs to remote communities developing grassroots soccer opportunities including life lessons, player, coaching and referee education. The Passing the Ball Program will directly address unique barriers to sports participation such as cost, equipment, uniforms, and travel within Alaska. Alaska Youth Soccer will work directly with local organizations, agencies, programs, and schools to provide opportunities and resources for youth who otherwise might be left on the bench. AYSA's goal is to help relieve any barriers by providing youth an opportunity to play soccer directly in their community. **Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic this program will be offered in 2021.**

By rewriting the norm on how youth soccer should be programmed in the communities, meeting youth where they are, and making sports accessible in Alaska, the Passing the Ball Program offers a unique experience that focuses on process over outcome and player achievements over goals scored. They say, a win is a win. "Helping kids win on the scoreboard of life .and making the community better through soccer is pure joy."

Grassroots initiative program goals will focus on the promotion of the game (sportsmanship, leadership, healthy choices), offering inclusive affordable programs, providing onsite instruction and activity, offering onsite grassroots coaching and referee certifications (recruitment and retention), provide administrative support and training resources, promoting female retention (player/coach), expansion of the statewide AFL Futsal Program along with offering new opportunities for statewide camps and leagues.

Alaska Grassroots Referee Initiative: The Alaska Grassroots Referee Initiative is an excellent promotion for affiliate clubs and leagues as they recruit and mentor new youth officials. The Initiative will sponsor youth 19 years of age and younger who would like to become an entry level soccer referee. Alaska Youth Soccer is in need of youth players who would like to be certified and coaches, parents and community members to support the ambitions of these players through the Alaska Grassroots Referee Initiative. The Alaska Grassroots Referee initiative goals are to offer multiple trainings and mentorship opportunities throughout the year while the new referee gains experience officiating, working with a team, and game management at the local, state, and regional levels.

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Annual General Meeting Reports

Alaska BOD President

Since the last AGM, so much has happened. We ended 2019 with a great Futsal State Cup, teams from all districts participated, and numbers on an upward trend. January started a very promising year for us, with ADP/ODP participation numbers increasing and achieving more on the pitch than in previous years.

We attended the USYS Leadership Development Seminar at the United Soccer Coaches Conference and the USSF AGM, increasing our knowledge of the business of soccer. Set the course to transition to GOT Soccer, obtained grants from ITF to grow the sport, and Veterans Affairs for Adaptive Coaching. Then as we all know, our world was turned upside down.

Since the initial lockdowns and cancelation of events, not only locally but nationally as well. Our Executive Director secured an SBA loan and Cares Grant to keep us operating and providing our members' services. She worked hand in hand with local and state agencies and with USYS and USSF to ensure our players could play in a safe environment both in the outdoor and now indoor seasons.

With this being my last AGM as your President, I can say I am honored that I can say I worked with each of you to better the game for the players, coaches, and referees.

Larry Burke
AYSA President

BOD Sec/Treasurer

AYSA Treasurer's Report Highlights: Received the SBA Loan in spring for \$59,300; we have used some; will start paying back June 1, 2021 at \$254/ month. Received the CARES Grant \$17,777.46 in November (check deposited after reports pulled)

AYSA Notes: ADP loss is due to collection of funds for major Jan 2020 trip in Dec 2019; normally would even out after fall 2020 travel cycle - but since travel is not occurring, it's not.

Overall, we have a loss for 2020. This is not unexpected given the current pandemic and its effects on youth sports in particular, especially during shutdowns and limited participation. The cancellation of State Cup and limited participation in futsal, which historically have been profitable programs affected our bottom line as well. Our overall membership is down and can be directly attributed to covid-related restrictions to youth sports. Despite this, Linda has been very conscious about spending little and cutting back wherever and whenever possible. Since most mandatory USYS conferences and events were virtual, AYSA was able to save on travel expenses in this area.

Jane Nelson
AYSA Sec/Treasurer
Review: Budget & PNL



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AYSA Executive Director

Inspiring Goals for Life

The year that the COVID-19 pandemic halted soccer across the globe, even though soccer in Alaska was stopped in March of 2020. Alaska Youth Soccer and our affiliate clubs have adapted to the ever-changing environment to ensure that the youth in Alaska have the opportunity when presented to play the game they love. We remain dedicated to diligently work on providing a clear path moving forward for our clubs and teams as they transitioned from outdoor to indoor programming. AYSA worked directly with the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), with local municipalities, our insurance program director and attorney to ensure that our Mitigation Operations and Guidelines follow all safety requirements. We are confident that our programs will remain safe for our participants as we proceed through the ongoing challenges with the pandemic.

Continued focus for 2021 will provide the upmost supportive environment for our clubs ensuring the daily functions of the organization remains collaborative, productive, and efficient in manner. AYSA was unable to conduct our annual site visits with affiliate clubs this year, but we were able to attend many club board meetings by virtual format, which provided a positive experience for all involved. The expanded communication with the affiliate clubs and membership will continue as we navigate the current challenging environment. Even with the restrictions of COVID-19 AYSA will continue to work on expanding AYSA's profile and presence in the state through media outlets and community outreach. We look forward to continuing to lead the way to INSPIRE a lifelong passion for soccer through development, education, and promotion of the game.

The **Outreach Initiatives** detailed in the Annual AGM Report show a clear outline that Alaska Youth Soccer's Strategic Plan remains in the forefront of our everyday business. With AYSA receiving grants through US Soccer and US Youth Soccer, we will have the opportunity to offer outreach programs statewide. The "Passing the Ball Program" will plan on providing onsite programming late spring of 2021 and the "TOPSoccer Partnership Program" in the summer of 2021.

The postponement of the 2020 State Cup tournament was very disheartening. AYSA will be moving forward in qualifying our 2019 State Cup winners and finalists. We have received permission from US Youth Soccer to designate our previous year's 2019 State Cup winners as our FWR/ PC qualifiers. Since there was no regional tournament in 2020, AYSA will offer the teams an opportunity to remain eligible to attend as our State Cup qualifiers for the June 2021 Tournaments.

*New- The Alaska Player Scholarship Fund ensures that AYSA provides the resource for youth who otherwise might be left on the bench. We will be expanding the player scholarship fund for the 2020-21 year in the hopes we can assist families who have been affected by the pandemic and provide opportunities for players to participate in soccer within their community.

AYSA Annual Program Calendar continues to streamline statewide programs to ensure that information is available to our membership and aligned with AYSA, US Youth Soccer and US Soccer policies and guidelines.

The AYSA Risk Management and Adult Verification requirements are ongoing; ensuring affiliate clubs have qualified individuals participating within our programs. The requirements for all adults 1) Complete background check 2) Read AYSA Code of Conduct 3) Within the first 35 days complete the Safe Sports Certification.

Linda Burke * AYSA Executive Director



Alaska Development Program

The ADP program had many great events in the **2019-20 Seasonal Year**. ADP sent teams to showcases in Seattle and Portland where many of our players were scouted by various colleges; leading to commitments from 2020 graduates. The ADP program sent 10 Alaska teams to the ODP Championships in January of 2020 with several players invited to the US Youth Soccer Regional ODP Camps for the summer of 2020. Though due to the COVID-19 pandemic the regional camps were not held.

The ADP site visits were held in Juneau, Ketchikan, Kenai, and Fairbanks. We had great participation from areas all around the state (more than 50% of players in the younger age groups were from non-Anchorage areas). The program was set to follow up our biggest team camp ever in 2019 again for 2020 but unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were unable able to hold a residential team camp. Instead, we held day camps in Fairbanks and Anchorage to provide as many opportunities for the players as we could. This year 248 players and 15 coaches participated.

For the **2020-21 Seasonal Year** ADP will not travel to any tournaments due to ODP cancellations and travel restrictions. ADP will be planning to hold team camps in the spring and are hoping to travel again this coming summer. Details will be released in 2021 as they become available. We are hoping for a safe & prosperous cycle next year!

Brian Lux

ADP Director

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State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA)

TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

The number of certified officials continues to decline statewide. We were only able to certify 180 officials, including 28 futsal. Covid-19 was a major factor this year. When it appeared to be easing around early summer, we made a big push and were able to certify 60 referees in June alone. We do not know what the impact of Covid-19 is going to be at this point. We are grateful to US Soccer for recognizing the challenges we will face post Covid-19, they will allow states to extend 2020 registration to 2021 free of charge. We hope that this would help our retention efforts. We are continuing to discuss and evaluate safe ways to offer certification clinics and will be ready to go when we can do so in a safe manner.

CHANGES TO LAWS OF THE GAME

FIFA initiated its annual changes to the laws of the game. Please visit the link below if you are interested in learning more. Please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us on the state referee committee if you have questions or need us to interpret these changes for you or your programs. These laws became effective June 1. In Alaska, they will become effective January 1, 2021.

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Alaska Youth Soccer AGM



FUTSAL

2019-2020

Highlights



FUTSAL

ALASKA FUTSAL LEAGUE

We are excited to announce that US Youth Soccer has gone FUTSAL! They released the [USYS Futsal Toolkit](#) and will be offering the first ever US Youth Soccer National Championships in February of 2022.

Alaska Futsal League (AFL): The Futsal Statewide League has adapted to all health-and-safety measures to ensure that we provide a safe indoor program while operating under our Indoor Mitigation & Safety Guidelines.

The current modified league follows local emergency order guidelines that are outlined for teams, players, and referees. Spectator have not been able to be in attendance during the league games, but each club representative has lived streamed the games.

The league was delayed in starting due to municipality guidelines. Games started on October 24 and will conclude on December 5, 2020. There will be no Futsal State Cup due to the current municipality EO. We have thirty-two teams registered in the league.

The 2020 season was AYSA's fourth year providing the AFL program. Districts including Southeast and Kenai Peninsula will be offering a formation of a futsal league this winter.

Alaska Youth Soccer is confident in the continued growth of the program for next year, the 2020 bump in the road because of the pandemic has only delayed the expansion of the futsal league. AYSA will continue to plan and organize new opportunities for our membership including offering an expansion of the Alaska Futsal League AFL program to include additional participation by clubs for the 2021 seasonal year.

The AFL league has seen over the past seasonal years a steady increase and was on target to hit 100 team's participation based off the 2019 statewide total of eighty-one teams. The continued growth will revolve as we ensure we meet the clubs and participant needs along with reaching new outlining areas to start futsal programs within their communities.

Alaska Futsal State Cup 2019

U10B Division

Champions- Winter Kings FC 10/11B
Finalist- CISC 2010B

U10-12G Division

Champions- CISC 2010G
Finalist- Arsenal 08G

U11B Division

Champions- Arsenal 09B
Finalist- CISC 2009B

U12B Division

Champions- CISC 2008B
Finalist- Defenders FC 08/09B

U13B Division

Champions- CISC 07B Blue
Finalist- Rush Premier 07B

U13G Division

Champions- CISC 07G Elite
Finalist- Arsenal 07G

U14B Division

Champions- Rush Premier 06B
Finalist- CSC Eagles 06B

U14G Division

Champions- CISC 2007G Premiere
Finalist- CSC Tsunami 06G

U15B Division

Champions- Arsenal 05B
Finalist- KYSL Cedar 05B

U16B Division

Champions- CISC 2004B
Finalist- Arsenal 04B

U19B Division

Champions- Rush Premier 01/02B
Finalist- Arsenal 02/03B

U19G Division

Champions- CISC 04/05G
Finalist- Bayview United 01-05G

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ADP

2019-2020

Highlights



ALASKA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

US Youth Soccer Regional ODP Camp: The Alaska Development Program would like to recognize each player that were invited to the 2020 Camp.

Jack Nelson	Boys	2003
Sam Snider	Boys	2003
Anderson Vincent	Boys	2003
Tayson McKenzie	Boys	2004
Connor Musik	Boys	2004
Reese Schrage	Boys	2004
Matt Gordon	Boys	2005
Alex Emers	Boys	2006
Chase Nagel	Boys	2006
Omero Ramos	Boys	2006
Parker Sullivan	Girls	2006

Kai Ciambor	Boys	2007
Camdon Corbett	Boys	2007
Shibiru Hoffman	Boys	2007
Brooke Brown	Girls	2007
Makenna Harris	Girls	2007
Isabella Schuld	Girls	2007
Nora Simon	Girls	2007

Joshua Bloom	Boys	2008
Tyson Crane	Boys	2008
Luca Driscoll	Boys	2008
Richard Evison	Boys	2008
Brayden Fett	Boys	2008
Norton Gamache	Boys	2008
Liam Hipszer	Boys	2008
Noah Robbins	Boys	2008
Abad Vargas	Boys	2008
Rocco Von Marees	Boys	2008



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AFFILIATE MEMBERS

2020-2021



Anchorage



Alaska Rush



Anchorage Youth Soccer



Cook Inlet Soccer Club



Southcentral Soccer Alliance Alaska

Interior



Eclipse Soccer Club

Kenai Peninsula



Homer United F.C.



Kenai Peninsula Soccer Club

Mat-Su



Crossfire- MSC



Palmer Soccer Club

Southeast



Juneau Soccer Club



Ketchikan Youth Soccer Club



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