

US Youth Soccer at a Glance

- 3.2 million members, ages 5-19.
- The largest youth sports organization in the United States
- A national association, comprised of 55 member State Associations
- The largest member association in the United States Soccer Federation
- 75% of all registered players in the United States are US Youth Soccer members
- More than 500,000 volunteers and administrators
- More than 300,000 coaches, the majority of which are volunteers
- Players: male 55%, female 45%, median age 11.5 years old; Annual fees - \$1.00 per player
- Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2004; incorporated in 1974 in Tennessee
- A 501(3)(C), nonprofit corporation

US Youth Soccer National Championship Series begins at the grassroots level, with state winners advancing to regional tournaments and ultimately the National Championships.

US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program identifies and develops elite-level players, while providing elite and international competition.

Kohl's American Cup provides recreational players the opportunity to compete in a large scale, championship format event.

US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer - The Outreach Program for Soccer – is a community-based program for young athletes with disabilities.

Soccer Start is designed to introduce soccer to children and communities not yet served by an existing club or league, focusing on low income and under-served communities.

US Youth Soccer/adidas® Workshop and Coaches Convention is an annual gathering of youth soccer volunteers and professionals working to learn from one another.

Coaching Education trains coaches to improve the methods of teaching the game, while providing coaching development resources for member associations and individuals.

Coaches Connection is an outgrowth of the Coaching Education program, developed to bring educational opportunities to the grassroots level and beyond.

USYouthSoccer.org is THE destination for soccer information. USYouthSoccer.org holds information for everyone involved in the game and offers a number of resources

KIDSAFE/VolunteerSelect educates on the necessity to protect the players and organization as a whole, via background checks for volunteers.



US Youth Soccer by the Numbers

US Youth Soccer is the recognized leader for youth soccer in the United States, with registration numbers swelling to an all-time high in 2003. Dating back to its inception in 1974, US Youth Soccer registration numbers have continued to rise to its present mark of over 3.2 million players making it the largest youth sports organization in the United States.

US Youth Soccer

- **3,200,00** - Registered players
- **6000** - US Youth Soccer participating clubs
- **1200-1500** - Sanctioned tournaments per year
- **300,000** - Registered coaches
- **95,000** - Registered referees
- **100,000** - Olympic Development Program players

Breakdown of US Youth Soccer's 3.2 million registered players:

18 to 19	3%
15 to 17	12%
10 to 14	48%
Under 10	37%

- 85% are under the age of 14
- 55/45 male/female ratio

Comparison of US Youth Soccer's registration to other youth organizations in the United States:

US Youth Soccer	3,200,000
Boy Scouts	2,832,203
Girls Scouts	2,794,447
Little League	2,200,000
AYSO	650,000
Pop Warner	350,000

