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Q1 2022 TOPSoccer Quarterly Zoom

February 3, 2022

National TOPSoccer Committee



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| Chair – Dave Robinson (FL/CO) | East – Pete Bussa (NY-E/DE) |
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| At-Large (Marketing/Communications) – Shannon Hartinger (IL) | South – Jenn DiTillio (FL) |
| BOD Representative – Thomas Sowinski (NE) | West – Sandy Castillo (Cal So) |
| USYS Office/Staff Liaison – Tom Condone (AL) | |

Contact info: <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/programs/topsoccer/>



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Zoom Expectations

1. Participate!
 1. Mute your microphones (until end session)
 2. Type questions in chat
 3. Ping other attendees directly if interested
 4. Slides, reference documents will be emailed
2. Respect (perspectives and opinions of others)!
3. Have fun!

(Launch Attendee Census Poll – 2 questions)



Agenda

1. Recognition – Regional, National Award Recipients (DR)
2. Fall 2021 Grant Program – Awardees, Next Steps (DR)
3. Symposium Dates, Locations (JD/PB, SC/SD)
4. Small Program Activities – Breakouts, Report-Outs
5. USYS TOPSoccer Website Changes (SH)
6. DSSA April Event (DR) - poll
7. Hot Topics/Open Mic
 1. Registration of Players, Buddies (DR) - poll
 2. Zoom Coaching Course – Interest? (DR) - poll
 3. Zoom ‘Train the Trainer’ course – (RF)

Recognition: Coach, Buddy of the Year Winners



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Coach:

Miya Carmichael - New York West

Steve McCollum – Ohio

Colleen Hiltonen – Florida

Brian Longbottom – Wyoming

Buddy

Molly Jendryka - New Jersey

George Hageage IV – Michigan

Matt Shelton - North Texas

Keegan Donaca – Washington



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2021 Grant Program

Funded by action of the USYS BOD and part of the annual budget

Two primary goals/recipients:

Local Clubs: Help cover the costs associated with capital equipment required to start or maintain a local TOPSoccer program. Examples of appropriate grant requests include general and specialized equipment, including goals, parachutes and rattle/sounding and oversized balls.

State Associations: Help cover the costs associated with marketing activities designed to grow the number of programs and participants in TOPS programs. Examples of appropriate Grant requests include the development of new promotional brochures and videos, and participation in state-level trade and awareness events (OT, PT, education, medical, disability-specific).

You don't get what you don't ask for! But stay within the guidelines!

Google Form (fillable) will be completed and link distributed to everyone no later than November 15; **Grant requests will be due by December 15**

Will be evaluated by Committee, awarded after 2022 USYS Workshop



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2021 Grant Program Results

\$192,799.26 was requested by 83 applicants

\$99,033.91 was awarded to 65 applicants

- 51 local programs
- 14 state associations

Formal letters (which must be signed and returned) go out next week

Awardees have until June 1 to spend the award and report back to USYS with details, copies of expense receipts

Please thank the USYS Board of Directors for funding the grant program!

Symposium Updates



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Midwest/West

Date: April 1-3 (Fri-Sun)

Location: Albuquerque, NM

Host: New Mexico Youth Soccer

Register: TBD

Questions? Contact Shawn or Sandy

East/South

Date: April 1-3 (Fri-Sun)

Location: Wilmington, DE

Host: Delaware Youth Soccer

Register: TBD

Questions? Contact Pete or Jenn



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Small Program Activities

Are you a local TOPSoccer program, with maybe 20-30 players (or less)?

What are some of your favorite soccer activities/drills, which kids enjoy and allow your coaching skills to shine through?

Share your best practices!

BREAKOUT ROOMS

5 minutes long; let everyone contribute!

Appoint a spokesperson to report back to the group

TOPSoccer Website Changes



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- New look and feel (to mimic other newer USYS pages/sections)
- Focus on resources for coaches/administrators, parents and buddies
- Link to programs
- Information about events outside of local program (Festivals, State Cups)
- Want to continue to build a bank of activities that would be readily available for coaches and volunteers

Do you have any additional ideas? Contact Shannon

(Launch Down Syndrome Player poll)

Down Syndrome Soccer Event



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- 3rd Futsal Down World Cup, April 1-10, Lima Peru
 - 5 aside
 - 2 @ 15 minute halves
- US-based Down Syndrome Sports of America (DSSA) looking for players
- Does your local TOPSoccer program have players with Down syndrome who are over 14? Spread the word!
- Contact Kelly Trevor - dssasports21@gmail.com
- www.dssasports.org

(Launch Registrations Questions poll)



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Hot Topics/ Open Mic



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Player and Buddy/Coach Registration

It is critically important for us to show leadership our numbers, how they have grown over time

- Clubs offering the program
- Number of players
- Number of Buddies/Coaches (if possible)

Registering these participants 'should' make this accounting easier (and ensure they have secondary insurance as a risk management measure)

Hot Topics/ Open Mic (cont.)



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ZOOM TOPSoccer Coaching Course

(Launch Zoom Coaching Course Interest poll)

Authorized instructors, notes for Coach, Buddy courses

Recommendation to provide written guidance to state Technical Directors and TOPS Chairs about minimum requirements and process for authorizing additional instructors – will be drafted by Rick Flores

Further recommendation to provide ‘Train the Trainer’ education to interested instructors, possibly via Zoom

- Take the time to go through each slide slowly
- Point out coaching points, add to the (existing) Notes section in PPT
- Follow-up by watching students teach the following day (if possible)

Looking for several interested volunteers for an imminent class (Scott Craig - ENY, others?)



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Next Zoom Meeting

Early May 2020 (depends on poll)

Symposium Recaps

Other topics - volunteers to present?

Email me or contact your regional Chair with ideas, suggestions, volunteers!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!



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