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# Q3 TOPSoccer Quarterly Zoom

## August 16, 2022

# National TOPSoccer Committee



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Chair – Dave Robinson	East – Pete Bussa
At-Large (Coaching) – Rick Flores (NM)	South – Jenn DiTillio
At-Large (Marketing/Communications) – Shannon Hartinger	Midwest – Roni Andrew (WI)
BOD Representative – Thomas Sowinski (NE)	West – Sandy Castillo (Cal So)
USYS Office/Staff Liaison – Tom Condone	

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



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# Zoom Expectations

1. Participate!
  1. PLEASE 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. Suggest (ideas and speakers for future Zoom calls)



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# Agenda

1. Belonging – special guest speaker Dayne Law
2. 2023 National Symposium – update, poll
3. 2022-23 Grant Program – high-level overview
4. Regional Updates
  1. West – Sandy Castillo
  2. East – Pete Bussa
  3. South – Jenn DiTillio
5. Coaching Education – updates
6. Marketing & Awareness – updates

**But first a few poll questions!**

# Initial Poll Questions!



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# 2023 National Symposium

Great opportunity to bring the TOPS family together

Subject matter experts on a variety of topics

Likely split into several tracks to afford preferred choice

One attendee per state gets airfare, hotel paid

Location – see poll question #1

Month, Date – see poll question #2



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# Grant Program 2022-23

- Similar overall funding level (\$100,000)
- Lower ceiling on grant amount (\$1,500)
- Multiple grant payout dates (to match season)
- Looking for cost-share from applicant
  
- NOTE: 2021-22 Grant awardees who have NOT sent an email with how funds were spend are NOT eligible to apply
  
- Committee will finalize program, distribute application by September 15



# West Update: Sandy Castillo



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# East Update:

# Pete Bussa



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# South Update: Jenn DiTillio



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# Coaching Update (from Rick Flores):



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- Save The Date/ Register! September 13, 9 Eastern/ 6 Pacific
- For Current and Future Coach Educators
- Topics:
  - Collaborate on Slides and Field Sessions
  - Lessons Learned in Courses
  - How could we improve effective delivery
  - Share ideas on Programs or Resources
- Registration link for Zoom session will be included in follow-up email



# Coaching Update (continued):



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- Ideally: schedule TOPSoccer Courses in each Region so that we can publish, get folks to register, and collaborate with Coach Educators to teach them
- Working with Stuart of Cal North to plan a weekend to do some video of coaching activities to get started
  - We are partnering with a video company and getting some freebie stuff and plan to do use our TOPSoccer Program and also video some activities.



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# Hot Topics/ Open Mic:

1. TOPSoccer athlete certificate program
  - Engagement with older players
  - Recognition of their interest and commitment to the program
  - An activity that they could use to build community with other athletes
  - Are there any volunteers to lead this effort?
  
2. Other Ideas or Topics?

# Next Quarterly Zoom – December



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Other topics - volunteers to present?

Feedback from spring and summer seasons, events

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

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!**



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