



# TOPSOCCER

# Welcome!

March 8, 2023

# Q1 2023 Quarterly Zoom

# National TOPSoccer Committee

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

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	

# 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)

# Tonight's Agenda

1. Fall 2022 Grant Program – Recap
2. 2023 National Symposium – Update
3. TOPS Courses on eTrainU (Online Learning Center) – Update
4. Special Events – National Championships, others
5. Guest Speaker: Risk Management – Mike Borislow
6. Regional Updates
  1. West – Sandy Castillo
  2. Midwest – Roni Andrew
  3. East – Pete Bussa
  4. South – Jenn DiTillio



**But first...**

**Happy International Women's Day!**

**Thank you to all of the wonderful women  
who give so much to TOPSoccer!**

# Initial Poll Questions

Grant



# Fall 2022 Grant Program Recap

## Dave Robinson

- \$100,000 awarded; initial approvals were lower, so pro-rated
- Awardees: 16 state, 50 local
- 32 different states were represented
- Breakdown of awardees:
  - East: 20
  - Midwest: 14
  - South: 13
  - West: 19



# Second Poll Questions

Symposium

# 2023 National Symposium Update

Jenn Ditillio, Roni Andrew

April 14-16, 2023

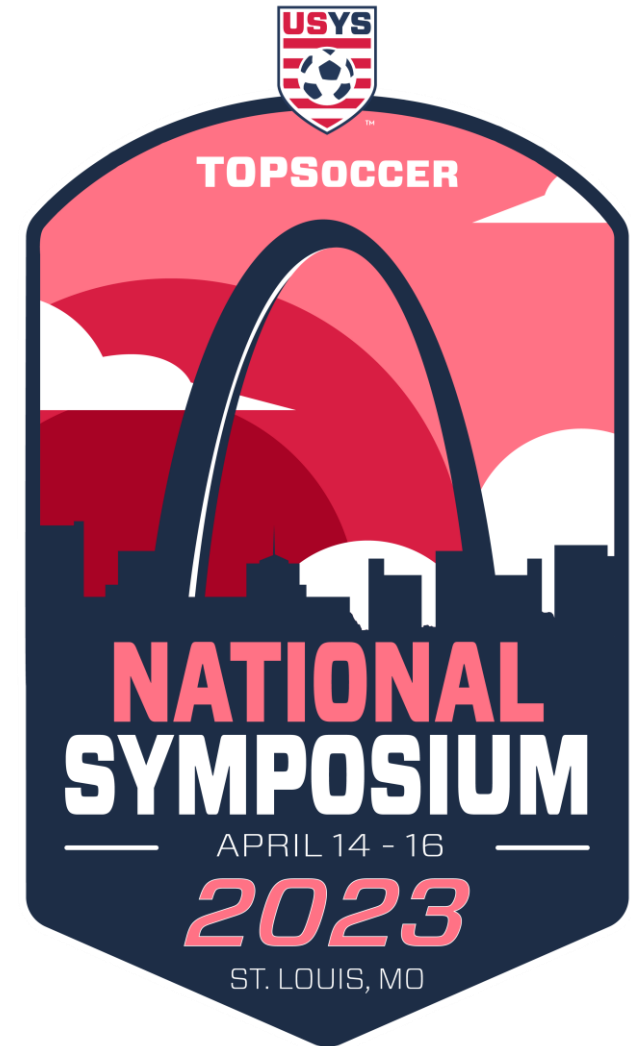
Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis

Friday evening: intros, USYS' CEO

Saturday: mix of plenary, breakouts

- Evening event: USA Hockey Disabled Hockey Festival - sled hockey matches

Sunday morning: region breakouts, pep rally



# Third Poll Questions

**TOPSoccer Coaching Certificate, Buddy Courses**

# eTrainu Online Learning Center Update

Rick Flores



# 2023 Special Events

May 20:

Connecticut TOPSoccer Fest

Josh Krusewski - [Executivedirector@cjsa.org](mailto:Executivedirector@cjsa.org)

June 3:

Long Island Jr. Soccer

Pete Bussa – [pbussa27@gmail.com](mailto:pbussa27@gmail.com)

July 27:

Disney TOPSoccer Showcase at USYS National Championships

Jenn DiTillio - [jditillio@usyouthsoccer.org](mailto:jditillio@usyouthsoccer.org)

October 7:

Cincinnati TOPSoccer Fall Classic

Randy Corey - [randy@cincytopsoccer.com](mailto:randy@cincytopsoccer.com)

# Fourth Poll Questions

Player, Volunteer Registration; Risk Management

# Risk Management for TOPSoccer

**Mike Borislow, Executive Director,  
Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association**



# West Region Update





# South Region Update



# Midwest Region Update



# East Region Update



# USSF DSO ‘Modern Language Document’

- Language guidelines for players with disabilities
- *“focus on athletic accomplishments at all times and incorporate disability-related content if it is essential to the story, topic, or context”*
- *“avoid describing successes of an athlete with a disability as “overcoming” their impairment or disability”*

AVOID	DO SAY
Able-bodied	Athlete without a disability
Afflicted with; suffering from; victim of	Has a/with a disability
Amputee	Athlete with limb difference
Autistic	Has autism spectrum disorder
Birth defect	Congenital disability
Brain damage	Traumatic Brain Injury
Challenged	Athlete with a disability
Confined to a wheelchair	Athlete who uses a wheelchair/mobility device
Crippled; defective; feeble	Has a disability
Developmentally delayed	Has a developmental disability
Disabled athlete	Athlete with a disability
Disabled soccer	Disability Soccer; Adaptive Soccer
Down’s (they’re Down’s)	Has Down syndrome
Dumb; mute	Non-verbal
Epileptic	Athlete with epilepsy; with seizure disorder
Handicap	Disability
The handicapped	Athletes with disabilities
Handicapped parking/seating/entrance	Accessible parking/seating/entrance
Hearing impaired	d/Deaf and/or hard of hearing
The insane	Athletes with a mental health disability
Learning disabled	Has a learning disability
Mentally ill	Athlete with a mental health disability
Midget	Athlete of short stature; little person; person with dwarfism
Needs (relating to assistive devices equipment)	Uses
Normal; regular; typical	Simply use the phrase without the adjective
Paraplegic/quadruplegic	Athlete who has paraplegia/quadruplegia
Retarded; slow; special	Has a disability
Wheelchair user/bound	Athlete who uses a wheelchair/mobility device

THANKS FOR ALL  
YOU DO!



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