### Club Model

### Neal Ellis South Texas Youth Soccer Director of Coaches







# Let's first define Clubs

# An association dedicated to a particular interest or activity

# For the purpose of this presentation our activity will be Youth Soccer

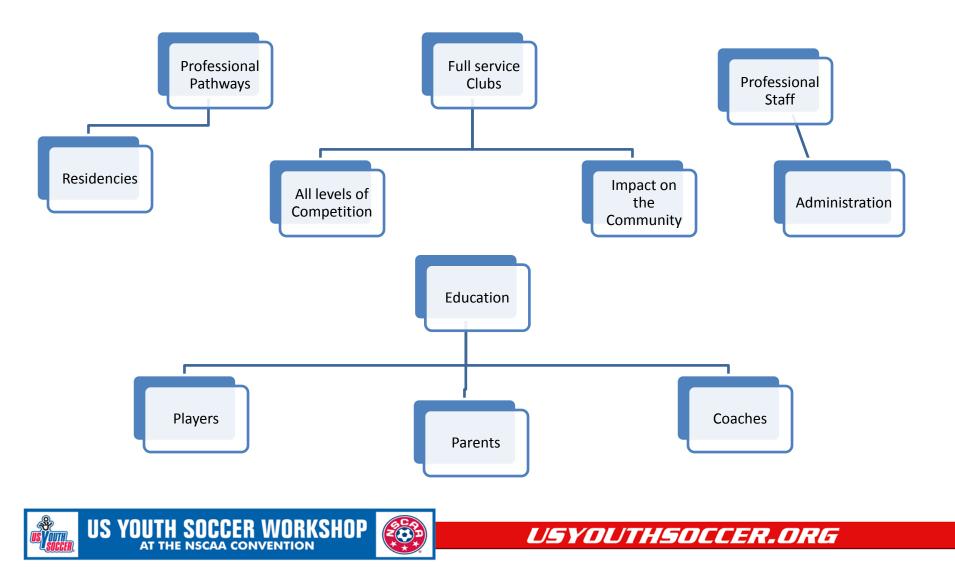








# **Evolution of the Clubs**



# What types of Clubs do we have in our Country

#### MLS Youth Clubs

- Full Service Club
- USSF academy only
- Partnerships

### "Professional" Youth Clubs

- Full service
- Competitive only
- Competitive and recreational

Recreational

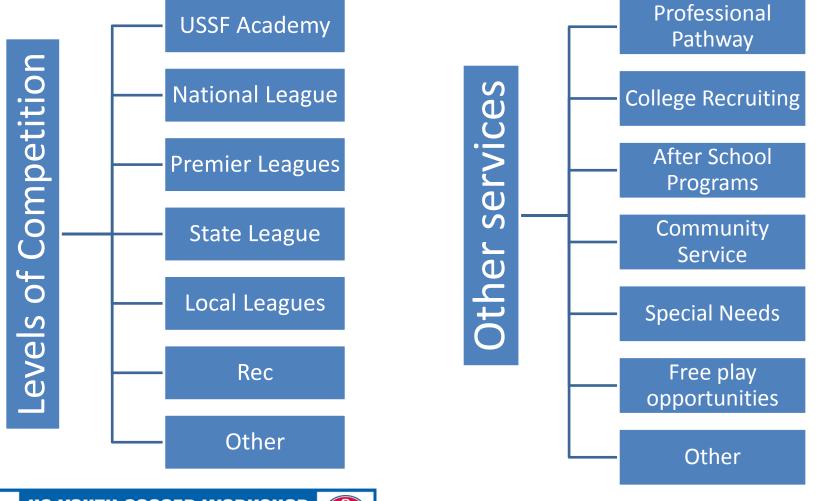
• Volunteer driven



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# Services Clubs provide



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Where is the largest emphasis currently?

Where should the largest emphasis be placed?









# Clubs Responsibilities

The first question a club should ask is how does the decision improve the environment of the player

Second the team

#### Third the club

- Coaches
- Staff

### Fourth the parents







## Club Responsibilities – cont.

Currently Clubs have the largest influence on player development

Focus of the club should be

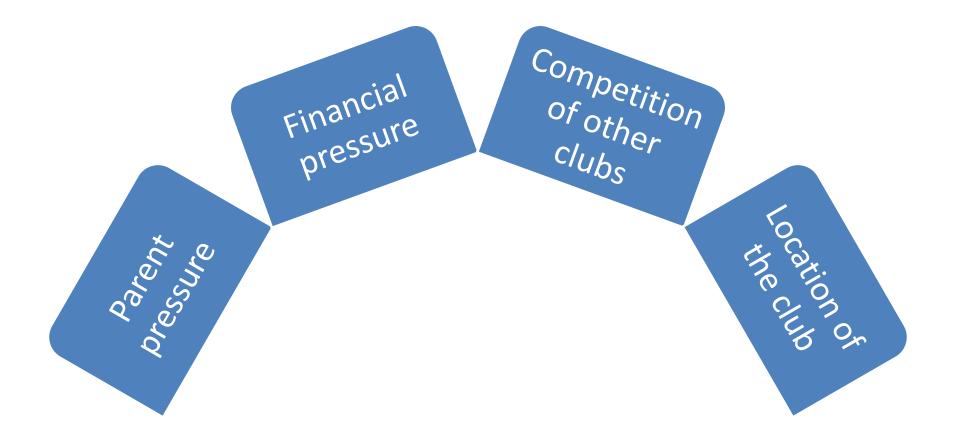
- Development and Retention of
  - Players
  - Coaches
  - Referees
  - Parents







# Why is it so difficult to follow these responsibilities



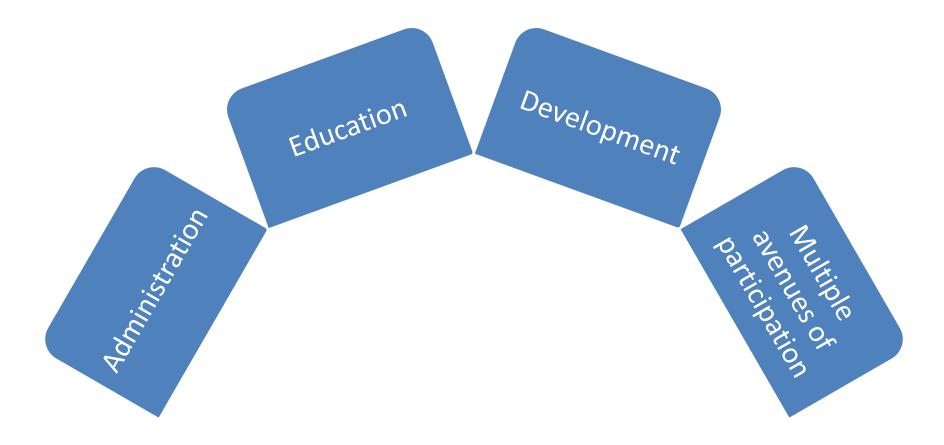
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### How does a club achieve success?









## Administration

#### Board of directors

 Establish policy and provide oversight

#### Staff

- Execute the mission of the club and the day to day operations
  - Executive Director
  - Director of Coaches
  - Program Managers
  - Marketing
  - Office Administrators
  - Coaching Staff





## Development

### Definition: to bring out the capabilities or possibilities of:

# Who is responsible for development?

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# Who should be developed?

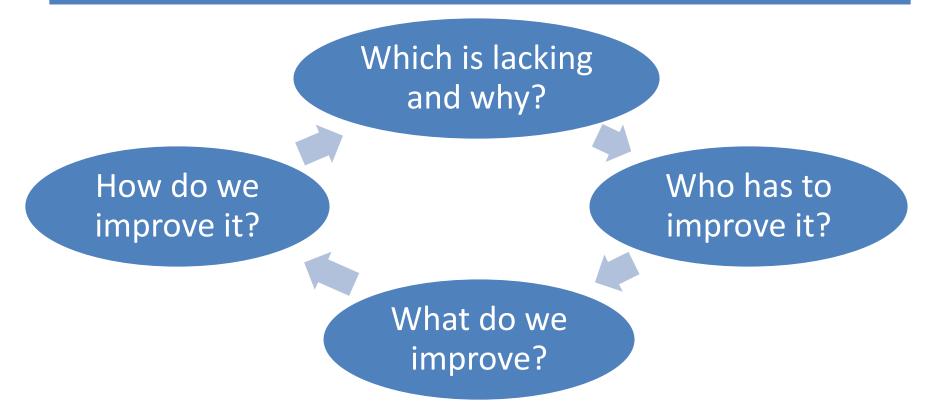


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## **Education and Retention**



"The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called "truth". Dan Rather







### Multiple avenues of participation

<ul> <li>Teacher, coach, planner, etc.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Office, marketing, planning, etc.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Coach, community, growth, etc.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Different levels, education, community, etc.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Volunteer, support, club involvement, etc.</li> </ul>

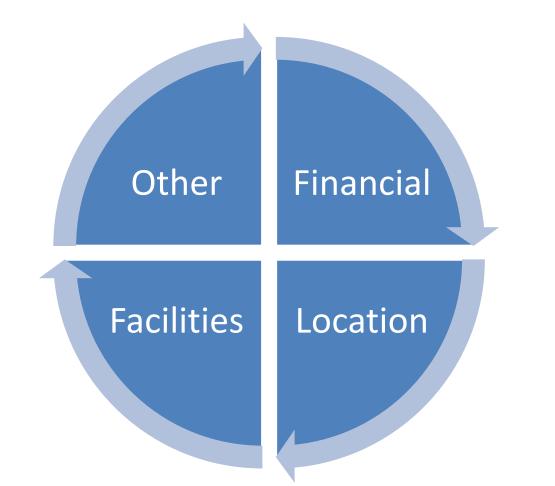
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## Obstacles









### Where do we go from here?









