



Date: December 21, 2010  
To: All WYSA member clubs  
WYSA Board of Directors  
From: Peter Mariahazy, President, WYSA  
Re: Recreational Accreditation



Historically, we have worked to promote all levels of competition for youth soccer throughout Wisconsin. It may seem that there is a greater emphasis placed on competitive/select players than the recreational players that represent a majority of our participants. In reality, for the past few years, the Recreational Committee of the Midwest Region (Region II) of US Youth Soccer has been working on a way to recognize member clubs that aspire to provide the best recreational program for their players.

From that effort came the Region II Recreational Accreditation Program. By establishing recognized minimum levels in the areas of coaching education, referee development, risk management, safety and parental behavior, this accreditation is a testament and statement of quality for the member club that achieves it.

Attached is the list of required criteria for your club to receive this accreditation. Some or all of the criteria, you are already fulfilling. For example, in the area of coaching education, WYSA has required licensing for all coaches for years. In addition, we have provided free Youth coaching courses to member clubs. KidSafe (background checks) have been performed on all pass carrying coaches for years, as well. As coaches are required to have a pass to coach teams, clubs have compliance in this area (or are getting there with new coaches). Practicing goal safety, by anchoring goals has been in place for some time. In essence, most clubs are in or very close to compliance to the accreditation requirements.



Recreationally accredited clubs will be listed on the WYSA website. In addition, the clubs can use the term "WYSA Accredited Recreational Program" on their website and other printed material. All accredited clubs will be recognized at the WYSA AGM, 3/19/11 at Lambeau.

Finally, there is no cost to clubs that apply for this accreditation. We feel it is very important to support and recognize our member clubs that are taking the steps possible to make the recreational player experience as positive as possible.

If you have questions, contact Melissa in the WYSA office for more information. The form to apply for accreditation is attached, as well.



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