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WYSA Updates | August 9, 2021

Hard to believe it is already August and we are getting into gear for the fall season. Here are a few important reminders to clubs, and some information we ask that you pass along to your membership.

COVID Protocols

Clubs are strongly encouraged to continue with COVID mitigation protocols during the fall season. [CDC guidance](#) should be observed in the event of a positive case and/or close contact exposure, and clubs must adhere to local health orders related to masking, capacity limits, permitted use of space, etc.

Certificates of Insurance

Certificates of Insurance for program year 2021/2022 will be available toward the end of August. Current certificates are valid through September 1. Instructions for requesting new certificates will be sent to clubs when the new policy is live later this month.

Referee Certification

There are still opportunities for new Grassroots Referees to obtain certification in the month of August. New Grassroots courses are for first time referees, or previously registered referees who have had a lapse in registration. WYSA will provide a full reimbursement of registration and background check fees, plus a 10-piece referee uniform starter kit to candidates who successfully complete the Grassroots certification. [WisRef Registration Instructions](#)

Coaching Education

The next [National D License course](#) is taking registrations and filling fast! There are also a number of [Grassroots](#) and [Youth Module](#) certification opportunities in the month of August. Encourage club coaches to get these completed before the start of the fall season.

Risk Management

All [Covered Personnel](#) must have completed a Risk Management Disclosure (authorizing a background check) as well as Concussion and Safe Sport Training in order to meet WYSA Risk Management requirements and obtain a WYSA issued Pass Card. Team approval in the State Registration system is contingent upon coaches' compliance with the Background Screening, and Training & Education Policies. Individuals with a current background check, but SafeSport that was completed more than one year ago are required to complete a SafeSport Refresher course. For Risk Management questions, contact [Katie Schauer](#).

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Player Passes in 2021/2022

Beginning in the 2021/2022 program year, the WYSA Official Roster will replace the use of player pass cards, where approved by the Competition Authority. (Refer to competition rules for league and game day requirements.) It is strongly recommended that Official Rosters be printed in color. All WYSA administered leagues (State League, SECL, SWCL, NWCL) no longer require player passes. Teams participating in US Youth Soccer National Leagues including the Midwest Conference will require player passes. The workflow for Grassroots and Competitive team approvals remains the same.

2021 Awards Nominations

Each year WYSA honors outstanding contributors to youth soccer in our state based on recommendations from our members. The entire membership is encouraged to submit nominations of those deserving of recognition for their efforts in coaching, volunteering, or administration. Awards will be presented at the WYSA AGM in March 2022. State recipients are eligible to be named Midwest Region winners. Midwest Region winners will be recognized at the US Youth Soccer Workshop in January 2022 where a National winner is honored. [2021 Awards Nominations](#) close September 3.

Club Promotional Grant

WYSA is accepting [Promotional Grant](#) applications through September 17. This grant program is focused on assisting clubs in the growth and promotion of local soccer by reimbursing expenses related to marketing of programs within their community. Each club is eligible for up to \$250 of promotional expense reimbursement.

Thank you for your continued support of youth soccer in Wisconsin!

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