



Report of the Assistant Technical Director Scott D. J. Craig

In a year and half of operations as the Assistant Technical Director I have managed to make a huge impact within the NYSWYSA footprint, connecting with many of our clubs, coaches, players and parents on many levels. The original initiative was to service the recreational community and support their needs and requirements.

I expanded this to all our clubs on all levels and will continue to grow as we understand the needs and requirements of each club, which differs from club to club. The idea is to get away from the term Recreational and focus more on stages of development. Early stage of development to

Reviewing the ongoing effort to grow the game of soccer and expand the awareness of services and resource that we offer, we will continue to run programs with clubs directly and within areas of the state.

NYSWYSA Recreational Festivals

This year we ran 5 festival days, two with the Rochester Lancers, Syracuse Silver Knights, Binghamton Thunder and Rochester Rhinos. Once again we had a huge turnout with over 140 teams participate, 220 coaches and over 1450 players in attendance. It was great to see that the parents came out and support all the players and be part of the events too.

Coaching Education

The initiative to expand our 101 Series and get more contact with our member clubs was well received by the clubs. We ran 24 “101 coaching educational events”, but connected with well over 55 clubs, and had over 525 coaches attend. The thirst for knowledge and better understanding of how these coaches can impact our current players was fantastic to see and be part of. The “102 coaching education / special topics” were started and we ran 3 events impacting once again 5 clubs, and over 25 coaches. This is something that has been of great service to our clubs and coaches through feedback that we have received. This is very evident as 2016-2017 season opens we have had many clubs calling and booking these events for their clubs and coaches.

We looked to continue the opportunities for our coaches to be educated and therefore hosted

1 “Youth Module” with 13 coaches attend.

9 “E license” with over 200 coaches in attendance

2 “D license” with over 65 coaches in attendance



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Youth Developmental Day

This was something new that we started this year. The thought was to get local coaches interacting with our staff and have them, and the players interacting all together on the field in their local environment.

We hosted 10 YDD, with over 140 coaches in attendance and well over 2500 players participate.

Looking back at the year my team and I managed to impact clubs coaches and players in every district. We made big inroads in the Southern Tier and Twin Tiers with many of the clubs.

A great success to share is with the Club Randolph. Bara Sage and her husband Chris have embraced change and the new concepts that have been implemented with the aid of NYSWYSA are clearly been seen. We start, were this club was held together with only a few teams two years ago. We now have a club with a direction that has multiple teams, education for it coaches, connecting with neighboring clubs to run events and just getting kids playing the game at all levels. They embraced the Youth Developmental Days and have grown it within two years, to a local event were they have parades, local team are traveling in to participate and this is something that players, parents are talking about already for next year. Well done Randolph.

TOPSoccer

TOPSoccer once again has managed to surpass any and all expectations. We currently have one of the best programs across the country and are continuing to lead by example. I (Scott Craig) attended the Region 1 TopSoccer symposium and was eager to see how our programing and structure was compared to other state associations. It was great to see that we are ahead in a lot that we do and was happy share ideas and concepts. It was great to learn some new ideas and see how we can expand on what we already deliver.

We currently have the following districts with programming:

Buffalo 4
Rochester 2
Binghamton 1
Southern Tier 1
Coming back for 2015-2016 Syracuse
New Twin Tiers for 2015-2016

We ran 7 programs, with 57 weeks of action, impacting over 335 players and having over 475 volunteer coaches and buddies participate.

We managed to educate 12 lead coordinators / coaches and over 75 buddies.

For more details please refer to the TOPSoccer Report.



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Summary of Events																			
NYSWYSA REC Festivals Coaches		Youth Dev Day Developmental Days		101 Course		102 Course		Youth Module		E License		D License		TOPSoccer Certificate		Totals		Players at Events	
Events	Coaches	Events	Coaches	Events	Coaches	Events	Coaches	Events	Coaches	Events	Coaches	Events	Coaches	Events	Coaches	Events	Coaches	Events	Players
5	217	10	141	23	477	3	23	1	13	9	202	2	65	5	16	53	1139	20	+/- 7500
				101 Course										TOPSoccer Buddies					
				Clubs Coaches										Events Buddies					
				51	477									4	50				

In conclusion it has been a fantastic year for soccer on all aspects. The clubs and the coaches have seen huge changes within the last year with education initiatives and the recreational programming. It continues to follow the trend set by US Soccer and US Youth Soccer and we will continue to make strides in that direction to succeed to creating a better for our players at all levels of development.

Respectfully submitted
 Scott Craig
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