

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



UTAH SOCCER FEDERATION

Our Mission

Utah Soccer Federation is the leader in promoting, developing and governing soccer in Utah; providing quality educational and developmental opportunities for all members.

What is the Utah Soccer Federation?

USF is a non-profit corporation established January 9, 1978 and holds tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The organization is also considered a charitable institution under the Utah State Tax Commission code. As a result, the Association is not operated for personal or corporate gain; rather, it is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors solely for the benefit of Utah's children.

USF is sanctioned by the U.S. Soccer Federation and US Youth Soccer to be the governing body of soccer in Utah. We are also recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee as the governing body for youth soccer in our state.

Personnel

With educated and licensed U.S. Soccer coaches, USSF certified referees, insured players, organized leagues, and sanctioned member organizations, UYSA is the largest and most dynamic youth sports organization in Utah.

Reach

Reaching over 50,000 players across the state, USF is the only soccer organization in Utah that offers a diverse range of services and innovative programs to meet the needs of a membership with varied abilities, backgrounds, and financial means.

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Annual Meeting Rules

TITLE

STANDING RULES FOR STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

MOTION

Be it resolved that, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, the following Standing Rules are adopted for meetings of the State Council of the Utah Soccer Federation.

- 1.No Report shall exceed ten minutes without consent from the Chair.
- 2.Consideration of each proposal to change the Association's constitution, bylaws, or rules shall not exceed twenty minutes without consent from the Chair.
- 3.No statement from the floor regarding a proposed change to the Association's constitution, bylaws, or rules may exceed three minutes without permission from the Chair.
- 4.Upon the expiration of the time permitted for the consideration of a proposed change to the dispositive motion on the pending motion.
- 5.Consideration of each item of new business shall not exceed fifteen minutes without the consent from the Chair.
- 6.Each candidate nominated for election as an officer of the Association shall be granted an opportunity to address the state Council for a time not to exceed five minutes.
- 7.No comment under Good of the Game may exceed three minutes without permission from the Chair.

Compliance with Existing Bylaws and Rules

Bylaw 711 states that UYSA meetings shall be conducted in accordance with latest version of Robert's Rules of Order, except as modified herein.

Rational for Motion

This motion is intended to promote the orderly conduct of business during State Council meetings of the Utah Youth Soccer Association.



2024 Annual General Meeting Agenda **March 2, 2024 | Salt Lake City, UT**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Credentials Report
4. Acceptance of Previous AGM's Minutes
5. Reports
6. Vote on Proposed Bylaw Amendments
7. New Business
8. At-large Director Election
9. Region Caucuses
 - a. Region Director Elections
 - b. Competition and Recreation Committee Member Elections
 - c. Other Region Business
10. Good of the Game
11. Adjournment

301 Rights

Youth Voting

1. Voting

- a. Associate Members shall have no individual voting rights.
- b. On the State Council, each Organizational Member is entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), Special State Council Meetings, and AGM Regional Caucuses. The Organizational Member shall have the following number of votes:

# Registered Players	# of Votes
100-250	1
251-500	2
501-1000	3
1001-2000	4
2001-3000	5
3001 or more	6

1. The Organizational Member's number of registered players is determined by looking at the total registered membership with UYSA through such Organizational Member as of the last day of the month preceding the date of the vote.
 2. In Regional Caucuses, for purposes of voting for recreational, competitive, and adult positions, an Organizational Member's Player membership shall be divided into a recreational number of players, a competitive number of players, and an adult number of players and votes will be determined for each using the chart above. The Organization Member may vote its recreational votes for recreational positions, its competitive votes for competitive positions, and its adult votes for adult positions.
 3. Members must vote through an Organization Representative.
- c. Partner Members shall have no voting rights in UYSA.
 - d. A suspended Member or a Member in bad standing may not vote or otherwise exercise its UYSA rights.
 - e. An Organizational Member may only vote in a Seasonal Year in which it is sanctioned.

2024 Credentials Report

Board of Directors

Position	Name	General Vote
President	Brian Babcock	1
First Vice President	Matt Rader	1
Second Vice President	Kendra Halterman	1
Region 1 Director	Wes McGuire	1
Region 2 Director	Tim Wheelwright	1
Region 3 Director	Skyler Bell	1
Region 4 Director	Renata Lawson	1
Region 5 Director	Jamie Okey	1
Region 6 Director	Kyle Pasley	1
Total Executive Board		9

Region 1

Organizational Member	Player Count	General Vote	Competition Vote	Recreation Vote
Aggies Futbol Club	691	3	3	0
Box Elder United	355	2	2	0
Northern Utah United	1492	4	4	2
South Cache Soccer League	1641	4	2	4
<i>Independent</i>	161			
Total Region 1	4,340	13	11	6

Region 2

Organizational Member	Player Count	General Vote	Competition Vote	Recreation Vote
Avalanche	3,623	6	4	4
AYSO United	878	3	3	0
Club American Nido Aguila Soccer Academy	275	1	1	0
Gremio Soccer Club	190	1	1	0
Ogden Soccer	843	3	2	3
Rampage Soccer Club	1,344	4	3	3
Strikers	538	3	3	0
Summit FC	5,016	6	5	5
Utah Surf Soccer Club	1,434	4	4	0
Wasatch Soccer Club	1,076	4	3	1
<i>Independent</i>	75			
Total Region 2	15,292	35	29	16

Region 3

Organizational Member	Player Count	General Vote	Competition Vote	Recreation Vote
Blast Soccer Club	233	1	1	0
Blue Knights Soccer Club	325	2	2	0
Cottonwood Futbol Club	623	3	3	0
Impact United	4,147	6	4	6
Murray Soccer Club	418	2	2	0
Park City Soccer Club	640	3	3	1
Sparta United	725	3	3	0
<i>Independent</i>	467			
Total Region 3	7,578	20	18	7

2024 Credentials Report

Region 4

Organizational Member	Player Count	General Vote	Competition Vote	Recreation Vote
Ajax Utah	202	2	2	0
Copper Mountain Soccer Club	1,120	4	4	0
Elite Futbol Club	1,295	4	3	3
Razzia Futbol Club	189	1	1	0
Salt Lake City Futbol Club	185	1	1	0
Salt Lake Futbol Club	319	2	2	0
TC United	1,179	4	1	4
Utah Development Academy	369	2	2	0
Utah Glory	239	2	2	0
Utah Soccer Alliance	1,174	4	4	0
VKCOBRAS Futbol Club	89	0	0	0
West Jordan Youth Soccer	1,701	4	0	4
West United	217	1	0	1
<i>Independent</i>	350			
Total Region 4	8,628	31	22	12

Region 5

Organizational Member	Player Count	General Vote	Competition Vote	Recreation Vote
Heber Valley United	530	3	3	0
La Roca Futbol Club	3,026	6	5	3
Nebo United	499	2	2	0
North Utah County Soccer	4,783	6	4	5
Octane FC	225	1	1	0
Orem Youth Soccer	3,152	6	4	4
Price Youth Soccer	339	2	1	1
Provo Athletic Club	325	2	2	0
Roosevelt Soccer Club	372	2	1	1
Saratoga Springs Soccer Club	746	3	3	0
Shooters Soccer Club	1,110	4	4	0
Utah Celtic Futbol Club	1,311	4	4	0
Xolos	74	0	0	0
<i>Independent</i>	786			
Total Region 5	17,278	41	34	14

Region 6

Organizational Member	Player Count	General Vote	Competition Vote	Recreation Vote
7 Elite Academy	802	3	3	0
Color Country Futbol Club	1,212	4	3	3
FC Mesquite	261	2	0	2
Fire Futbol Club	718	3	3	0
Ignite Futbol Club	420	2	2	0
Southern Utah Soccer Association	1,436	4	0	4
St. George Futbol Club	207	1	1	0
<i>Independent</i>	225			
Total Region 6	5,281	19	12	9

	Player Count	General Vote	Competition Vote	Recreation Vote
TOTAL	58,397	168	126	64



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2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes March 11, 2023 | Layton, UT

Call to Order 1:07 pm

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Credentials Report

- a. 146 Votes Present at meeting
 - i. 98 Votes equals 2/3 majority

4. Acceptance of 2023 AGM Minutes

- a. Motion to Accept - *Strikers*
- b. *Second Motion - Orem Youth Soccer*

5. Reports

- a. Bryan Attridge – Brian Smith last day of Presidency. Brian Smith loves to build people and cares about them and cares about the player. Gave a plaque to Brian Smith and thanked him.

6. Business

- a. John Gygi - parliamentarian

- b. Bylaw Amendments – Adult Programming

- i. Begin to offer adult soccer programming. Providing the next phase of soccer for our current participants. This is in conjunction with the ongoing discussions with the adult soccer association. Change name to Utah Soccer Federation. Each program will be delineated as Utah Youth Soccer and Utah Adult Soccer.

1. *Motion to Accept - Club America*

2. *Second Motion - Park City Soccer*

- ii. Open discussion. Shelly Gillwald asked if the Adult Association called an AGM with their membership. Bryan Attridge attended the Adult Association AGM and presented UYSA's organization and the benefits of consolidation. The adult membership voted in favor of the merge. The Youth association has been working with the adult association for years on how the merge will operate. Nothing in the bylaws today reflects a merge. The change today is only a name change and that USF can have adult soccer programming. Brian Smith states the importance for the next step for pathways for players to continue to play.

- *Motion to approve - Brian Babcock*
- *Second motion to approve - Sparta United*
- *All in favor to previous motion*
- *All in favor no opposed*
- *Amendment - passes*

- c. Bylaw 421 – Eligibility

- i. At large board of director VPs and President cannot be a president or executive director of an Organizational Member. The purpose is to eliminate any conflicts of interest.

- *Motion to Accept - South Cache Soccer League*
- *Second Motion - Fire FC*
- *All in favor to previous motion*
- *All in favor no opposed*



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8. At Large Director Elections

- President
- Brian Babcock has been nominated for president and has been voted by acclimation.

9. Region Caucuses

a. Region Director Elections

- Region 1 - Wes McGuire
- Region 3 - Skyler Bell
- Region 5 - Jamie Okey

b. Competition Committee Elections

- Region 1 - Sharon Cox
- Region 2 - Heidi Wheelwright
- Region 3 - Paal Tviet
- Region 4 - Azar McMaster
- Region 5 - Jonas Hartman
- Region 6 - Nick Nield

c. Tournament Sanctioning Committee Elections

- Region 2 - Ryan Oakes
- Region 4 - Rick Scardina
- Region 6 - Kariann Atkin

10. Good of the Game

- Steven Van Wagoner (Ogden Soccer) discusses his andparks.org whose initiative is to incorporate more opportunities for open spaces in Utah. The focus point currently is in the city of Ogden.

Motion to adjourn

- Motion - Brian Smith
- Second Motion - Steve Van Wagoner



2023 Role Call March 11, 2023 | Layton, UT

Board of Directors			
Position	Name	Attendance	General Vote
President	Brian Smith	Present	1
First Vice President	Matt Rader	Present	1
Second Vice President	Brian Babcock	Present	1
Region 1 Director	Wes McGuire	Present	1
Region 2 Director	Tim Wheelwright	Present	1
Region 3 Director	Justin Harryman	Absent	0
Region 4 Director	Renata Lawson	Present	1
Region 5 Director	Jamie Okey	Present	1
Region 6 Director	Kyle Pasley	Absent	0
Total Executive Board			7
Region 1			
Organizational Member	President/Proxy	Attendance	General Vote
Aggies Futbol Club	Dan Cox	Present	3
Box Elder United	Danielle Car	Present	2
Northern Utah United	Chris Guyman	Present	4
South Cache Soccer League	Brandon Hulse	Present	5
Total Region 1			14
Region 2			
Organizational Member	President/Proxy	Attendance	General Vote
Avalanche	Joanna Barney	Present	6
AYSO United	Kaitlin Hunt	Present	3
Club American Nido Aguila Soccer Academy	Michael Trent	Present	1
Gremio Soccer Club	Eduardo Mendenz	Absent	0
La Roca Futbol Club	Tim Wheelwright	Present	5
Ogden Soccer	Steven Van Wagoner	Present	3
Rampage Soccer Club	Rhett Bonham	Present	4
Strikers	Matthew Pack	Present	3
Summit FC	Darrin Rumsey	Present	6
Utah Surf Soccer Club	Brady Wycherly	Present	4
Wasatch Soccer Club	Tom Morse	Present	3
Total Region 2			38



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Region 3			
Organizational Member	President/Proxy	Attendance	General Vote
Blast Soccer Club	Shawn Kennedy	Absent	0
Blue Knights Soccer Club	Eric Stephens	Present	2
Cottonwood Futbol Club	Azar McMaster	Present	3
Impact United	Yamil Castillo	Present	6
Murray Soccer Club	Jim McKenna	Present	2
Park City Soccer Club	Michelle Oxtan	Present	3
Sparta United	Ben Vandenhazel	Present	3
Total Region 3			19
Region 4			
Organizational Member	President/Proxy	Attendance	General Vote
Ajax Utah	Troy Stroud	Absent	0
Copper Mountain Soccer Club	Matt Speckman	Absent	0
Elite Futbol Club	Mandy Phillips	Present	4
Razzia Futbol Club	Rick Scardina	Present	1
Salt Lake City Futbol Club	Mark Davis	Absent	0
Salt Lake Futbol Club	Roberto Maturana	Present	2
TC United	Kim Ornela	Present	4
Utah Development Academy	David Sapertein	Present	2
Utah Glory	Kevin King	Present	2
Utah Soccer Alliance	Brandon Lund	Present	4
VKCOBRAS Futbol Club	Victor Galindo	Present	0
West Jordan Youth Soccer	Colton Spencer	Absent	0
West United	Jennifer Callister	Present	1
Total Region 4			20



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Region 5			
Organizational Member	President/Proxy	Attendance	General Vote
Cougar FC	Dustin McGee	Absent	0
Heber Valley United	Phil Bondurant	Absent	0
Nebo United	Ryan Jensen	Present	2
North Utah County Soccer	David Josse	Present	6
Octane FC	Crystal Oldaker	Absent	0
Orem Youth Soccer	Steve Bowler	Present	6
Price Youth Soccer	Greg Dart	Absent	0
Provo Athletic Club	Varney Quiroz	Present	2
Saratoga Springs Soccer Club	Jonpaul Seivane	Present	3
Shooters Soccer Club	Mike Parker	Present	4
Utah Celtic Futbol Club	James Worthington	Present	3
Utah Storm Soccer Club	Janet Aram	Present	3
Xolos	Jon Baker	Absent	0
Total Region 5			29
Region 6			
Organizational Member	President/Proxy	Attendance	General Vote
7 Elite Academy	David Hubbard	Present	3
Color Country Futbol Club	Steven Nelson	Present	4
FC Mesquite	John Schippert	Present	1
Fire Futbol Club	Nathan Bundy	Present	3
Ignite Futbol Club	Steve Beckstrom	Present	1
Southern Utah Soccer Association	Jared Atkin	Present	4
St. George Futbol Club	Jose Gaona	Present	1
United Futbol Club	David Hunter	Present	2
Total Region 6			19
TOTAL VOTES			146

2024 Bylaw Amendments

441 Standing Committees

CURRENT POLICY / BYLAW: Bylaw 441 STANDING COMMITTEES

e. Tournament Committee^{xiii} The Tournament Committee shall have two (2) subcommittees – UYSA Events and Tournament Sanctioning. Each subcommittee shall have at least three (3) members. Not more than one (1) individual may serve on more than one (1) subcommittee.

(1) The UYSA Events subcommittee shall oversee the planning and operation of events/tournaments hosted and operated by UYSA, including State Cup and Presidents Cup.

(2) The Tournament Sanctioning subcommittee shall oversee the sanctioning and operation of tournaments hosted and operated by Members

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

e. Tournament Committee^{xiii} The Tournament Committee shall have two (2) subcommittees – UYSA State Cup and Tournament Sanctioning. Each subcommittee shall have at least three (3) members. Not more than one (1) individual may serve on more than one (1) subcommittee.

(1) The UYSA State Cup subcommittee shall oversee the planning and operation of State Cup.

(2) The Tournament Sanctioning subcommittee shall oversee the sanctioning and operation of tournaments hosted and operated by Members

(3) The UYSA State Office will be responsible for the planning and operation of all other tournaments and events hosted and operated by UYSA including but not limited to: Presidents Cup, Coyote Cup, and AGM.

2024 Bylaw Amendments

Incorporation of Adult Soccer

- Voting Strengths
 - Any AGM votes that involve both Adults and Youth
 - Youth 85% of vote
 - Adult 15% of vote
- 1st Vice President - only voted by Youth membership
- 2nd Vice President - only voted by Adult membership
- Adult Council oversees the Adult programming.

[Link to full policy.](#)

2024 Election Update

The nominees for the Utah Soccer Federation Board of Directors positions up for election have been announced.

The nominations are:

2nd Vice President	Kendra Halterman, Steve Parkinson
Region 2	Tim Wheelwright, Martin Jensen
Region 4	Renata Lawson
Region 6	Steven Beckstrom

The State Competition Sub Committee and Tournament Sanctioning Committee elections will also take place at the AGM during the Region Caucus meetings. Nominations will be made from the floor, in those meetings.

The following individual's position on the Competition Sub Committee are up for reelection or nominations to be made from the floor.

Region 1 Mariann Hulse
Region 2 Emily Frandsen
Region 3 Azar McMaster
Region 4 Dave Overfelt
Region 5 Heather Karns
Region 6 Jason Hendrix

Adult Committee:

Vice Chair Men: Ryan Wolcott
Vice Chair Women: Heidi

The following individual's position on the Tournament Sanctioning Committee are up for reelection or nominations to be made from the floor.

Region 1 Ashlee Bair
Region 3 Cora Lucero
Region 5 Burton Karns



A YEAR IN REVIEW

2024 AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Parent of the Year	Kristi Thompson
Admin of the Year	Trisha Nelson
Top Soccer Buddy of the Year	Kenny Naegle
Female Referee of the Year	Erin Cate
Male Referee of the Year	Tyler Shumaker
Matthew Conrad Award	Blitz FC
Region 1 UYSA Scholarship	
Female	Chloe Cammack
Male	Andrew Pan
Region 2 UYSA Scholarship	
Female	Maya Robinson
Male	Thomas Thorne
Region 3 UYSA Scholarship	
Female	Daphne Collette
Male	Aspen Ames
Region 4 UYSA Scholarship	
Female	Ashley Cordozo
Male	Cayden Gillis
Region 5 UYSA Scholarship	
Female	Ashleigh Gardner
Male	Spencer Whatcott
Region 6 UYSA Scholarship	
Female	Kenedee Richey
Male	Teancum Forbes
Girls Competitive Coach of the Year	Zach Burton
Boys Competitive Coach of the Year	Matt Bradley
Female Athlete of the Year	Macy Reed
Male Athlete of the Year	Peyton Clark
Intermountain Phoenix Award	Jett Beckstrom
Susan K. Madsen Scholarship	
Female	Lydia McCulloch
Male	Caden Morris
UYSA Legacy Award	Danny Rennie
Kirk Hoerchel Hall of Fame	Richard Yoder

2022-23 TOURNAMENT REPORT



- 229 Teams (128 Boys; 101 Girls)
- 26 Regional Qualifiers; 7 Champions
- 10 National Qualifiers; 4 Champions



- 114 Teams (72 Boys; 42 Girls)
- 21 Regional Qualifiers; 3 Champions
- 8 National Qualifiers; 2 Champions



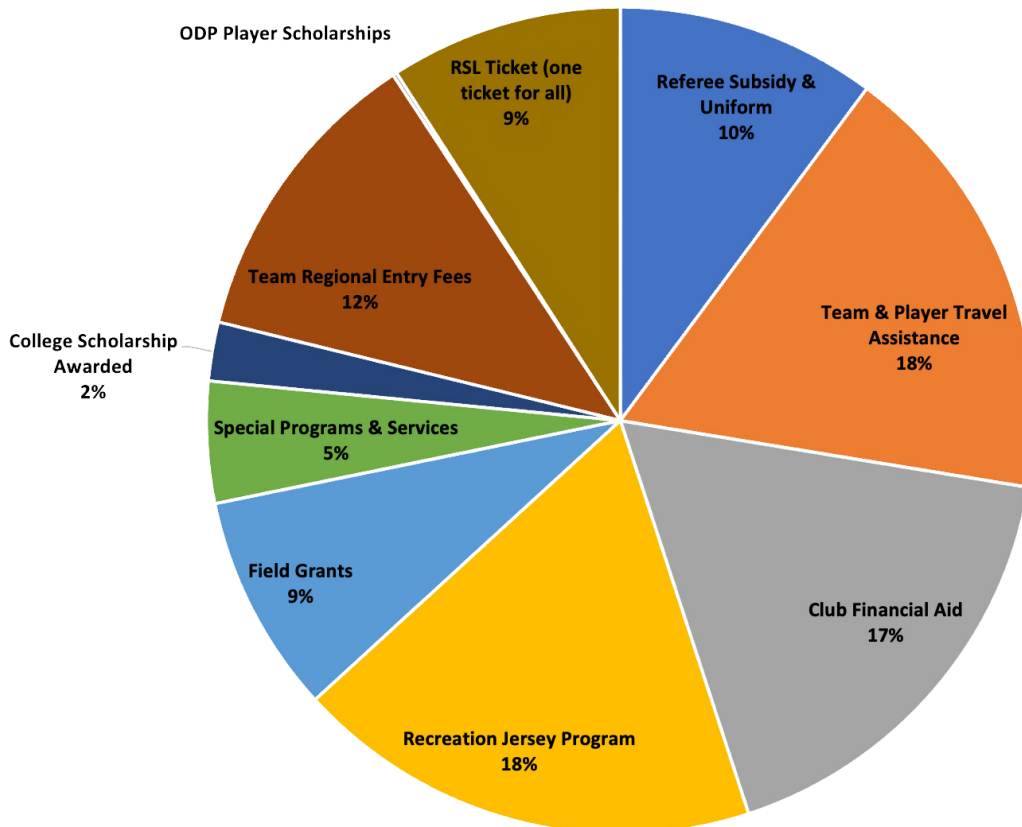
- 145 Teams (88 Boys; 57 Girls)
- 30 Divisions and Champions
- 4500 Sunglasses Given Away

CHARITABLE GIVING 2022-2023

Over the course of the 2022-2023 fiscal year, UYSA gave over \$600k to membership through different grant and scholarship opportunities.

\$641,434.00

- Referee Subsidy & Uniform
- Team & Player Travel Assistance
- Club Financial Aid
- Recreation Jersey Program
- Field Grants
- Special Programs & Services
- College Scholarship Awarded
- Team Regional Entry Fees
- ODP Player Scholarships
- RSL Ticket (one ticket for all)



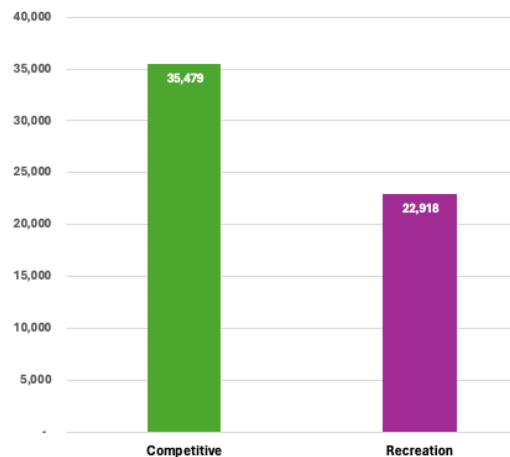
MEMBERSHIP ANALYTICS

58,397

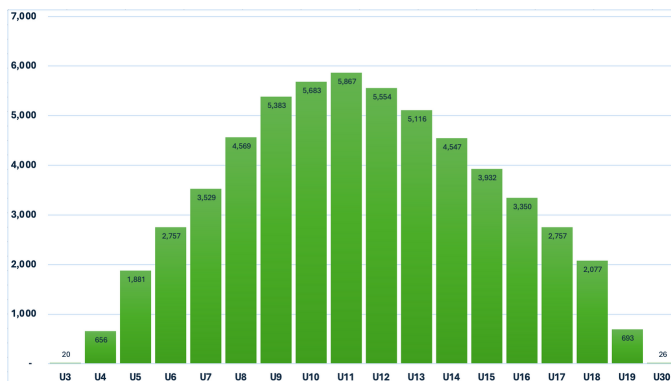
INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

Youth membership has grown 2.8% since our 2022-2023 AGM reporting.

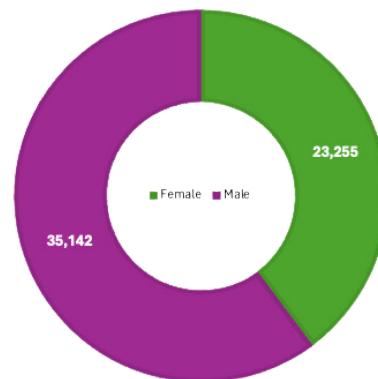
PLAYERS BY PLAY TYPE



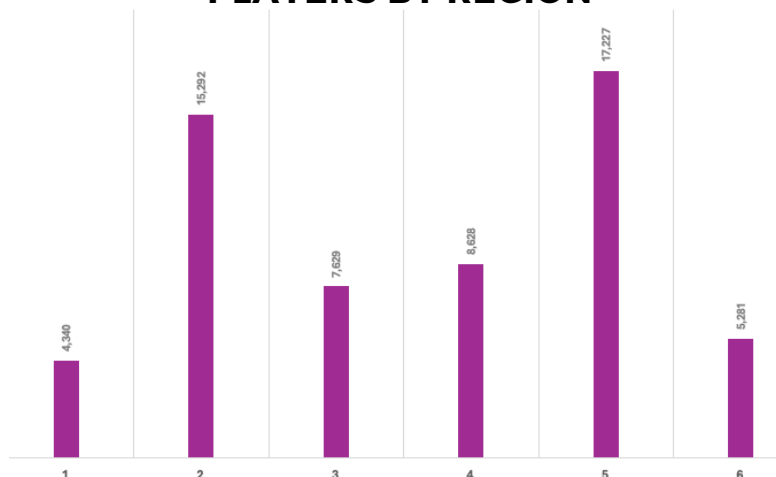
PLAYERS BY AGE

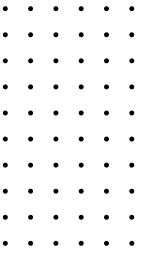


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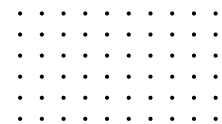


PLAYERS BY REGION





BOOK OF REPORTS





Brian Babcock

President

This past year I became President of this great association. I had the opportunity in the past to work with the staff, but in my new role, I have been able to work more closely with these talented people. My main objective was to stay out of the way of the office so they can continue to serve the member organizations. I can truly say we are in good hands.

We want to make sure that there is a place for players of all ages and abilities to play this beautiful game. 2023 was another year of growth and success, both on and off the pitch. Our youth membership continues to grow. As you will recall, the name of the association was changed last year to Utah Soccer Federation as we expanded our programming to include adult soccer. And after some years of discussions, we are glad that we have reached an agreement to consolidate the prior Utah Adult Soccer league under the Utah Soccer Federation umbrella. This consolidation (which includes bringing on their staff) will significantly strengthen our adult programming and provide a coordinated path from youth soccer into adult soccer. We are excited to see the organizational members from the youth groups assist as their players “graduate” and continue to play soccer within the adult leagues.

Utah has continued to show on the field that it is a powerhouse when it comes to regional and national events. In the USYS National Championship Series, Utah dominated at Regionals and was the most successful organization at Nationals bringing home 4 national championships and another finalist. The tournament representatives commented at the awards ceremonies “another Utah team? What is going on in Utah?” What is going on in Utah is that we have an incredible number of dedicated players, coaches, and parents who worked so hard to have successful soccer programs. I continue to enjoy watching these teams as they participate in tournaments and leagues, both in and out of the state. We as an association are extremely proud of each of our member organizations and the players and how they represent Utah.

I am also proud to see collaboration between the organizational members in making soccer better within Utah. While it is still a competitive environment, I have seen times where members have been able to set aside some of those differences for the betterment of the group. This was demonstrated by the creation of the Utah Platform League which allows teams that are playing in different national leagues to also play against each other along with teams that are playing in our local league here in Utah. We further appreciate the organizational membership supporting ODP. Utah was very successful at the ODP regionals. Our region is at the forefront of ODP nationally and looking to improve and expand the program. In talking with the regional directors, they praise Utah for its dedication, leadership and success.

In the coming years, there are significant soccer events that will be coming to the United States culminating in the World Cup in 2026. The great sport of soccer will only get bigger in the United States. And it is our responsibility to do our part and make it better. With the collaboration of the membership of USF, we can do it. Congratulations to all and the incredible success in 2023 and looking forward to another successful year in 2024.



Matt Rader

1st Vice President

Another extremely successful year in the books for Utah Youth Soccer Association and I couldn't be more excited or prouder to be a part of it. Huge congrats to the clubs, coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, and players that won Regional and National Championships along with those that contributed to another fantastic showing at ODP Championships - further cementing Utah's dominance in the West Region. Without your sacrifice and dedication to the sport none of this is possible! The growth and innovation at the club level is truly inspiring to watch, paving the way for an incredibly bright future for all.

Congrats to the office staff who work tirelessly around the clock, nights, and weekends to provide a positive experience for the players and coaches. UYSA continues to be one of the most progressive soccer states in the country and that's a direct result of the amazing front office staff under Bryan Attridge's leadership.

As I reflect on the year that was, there are so many highlights to write about but the opportunity to align the youth soccer community with the adult soccer community is truly remarkable and an incredible accomplishment for the two organizations. Creating a pathway for youth players to transition into the adult leagues with their friends, teammates, and coaches under the same club banner is something the entire community should be proud of and embrace wholeheartedly. Historically, youth players age out of club soccer, go their own paths, and the vast majority never play soccer again. Now, the State Association and clubs will partner together to create leagues that inspire young adults to continue their playing careers which leads to healthier lifestyles, continuing relationships, and enhanced mental health. As a Member Organization, I urge you to create adult teams and provide an outlet for players of all skill levels.

Lastly, we were able to secure another year long partnership with Real Salt Lake and Utah Royals FC that will allow every registered player in the state to attend three matches completely free during the 2024 campaigns (one RSL match of their choice, the Utah Royals Home Opener, and a Utah Royals match of their choice). The opportunity for youth players to experience a pro game and see their heroes in action is invaluable and we hope every youth player takes advantage of this unique opportunity.

Cheers to a fantastic 2023 and an even better 2024



Kendra Halterman

2nd Vice President

It brings me immense joy to reflect on my first year as the Vice President of the Utah Soccer Federation. Over the past twelve months, I have had the privilege of getting to know the dedicated board, our hardworking staff, and witnessing the inner workings of our operations. It has been a journey filled with learning, growth, and collaboration, and I am incredibly grateful for the warm welcome and support I have received.

One of the major milestones achieved during this time is the successful closure of the adult and youth merger, a process that spanned three years. This significant achievement would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of both boards. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to every individual who played a role in this merger, demonstrating unwavering commitment and resilience to see it through to the finish line. The merger now provides a smoother transition for our players, ensuring a more cohesive and unified soccer experience for all.

Congratulations to all our teams and coaches for their outstanding performances throughout the year. Your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and I am proud to see the success that each one of you has achieved. A special shout-out goes to our Regional and National champions, as well as those who competed in the ODP Championships. Your achievements have not only brought pride to your respective clubs but have also showcased the high caliber of talent and commitment present in Utah soccer.

Looking ahead, I am excited to share our general vision for the Utah Soccer Federation's future. Our goal is to continue promoting the growth of soccer at all levels, from grassroots to elite competition. We aim to create an inclusive and supportive environment that encourages the development of players, coaches, and officials. Through strategic partnerships and community engagement, we will work towards making soccer more accessible and enjoyable for everyone in Utah.

As we embark on the promising year of 2024, I extend my best wishes to all our members, teams, coaches, and officials. May this year be filled with success, camaraderie, and memorable moments on and off the pitch.

Thank you for your dedication and passion for the beautiful game.



Bryan Attridge

Chief Executive Officer

Another successful year in the Utah soccer community is in the books and I'm excited to see our club leadership at this Annual General Meeting. I look forward to this each year as we come together, network, conduct business and connect through soccer.

After three years of negotiations, the adult soccer association has finally merged into our organization, and we now start a new chapter in the life of Utah soccer in the state. I want to welcome our new adult members, teams, and staff. We are excited to be able to work together and offer soccer to our entire membership, from cradle to grave. We have a vision of players growing up in this organization, watching their parents and coaches play, and knowing that there will always be a place for them, no matter what stage of life they find themselves.

With this merger, our already stellar office staff has expanded. I want to welcome Blaine Burnett and Agustin Pinon to the organization and hope every gets a chance to meet them soon. Blaine's responsibilities will mainly revolve around the adult league and programming, and while Agustin will assist Blaine, we will also get to see him at many of our other youth events. In addition, our office hours have expanded, opening at 9:00am and closing at 6:00pm, offering more flexibility and service to our membership.

Though the landscape of soccer continues to change and evolve, Utah finds itself well-positioned to remain thriving in the sport. We have successful recreation programs, competitive leagues for players of all levels, and top-level teams gaining recognition at the regional and national levels. Four of our teams brought home the national championship trophy this past July and we had 5 TOSH State Select teams win the trophy at ODP Championships in Arizona in January. Our clubs and coaches continue to develop and improve and because of that Utah is recognized around the country as a premier soccer state. And as mentioned above, we now have a growing and support adult program for our more seasoned members to continue to play the game they love.

I want to take the chance to thank our board of directors, who volunteer their time and talents to help guide this organization each year. I would like to specifically thank our long time Region 6 Chair, Kyle Pasley, who has held that post since 2009. We will miss Kyle's intelligence, witty humor, and perspective as a board member in the Saint George area.

Lastly, thank you all for what you do for soccer in the state. We could not do what we do here without our wonderful clubs, teams, players, coaches, referees, and volunteers.



Eric Landon

Technical Director

It's a privilege to lead Utah Youth Soccer as State Technical Director. Our association keeps improving in various areas, providing the best value and opportunities for player and coach development across the state, region, and nation. My goal is to implement the most dynamic and progressive methods our resources allow. With our qualified staff and dedicated volunteers, I'm confident Utah Youth Soccer will remain a model for US Youth Soccer's West Region and the rest of the organization.

Our Technical Department welcomed Erin Lindley as Programs and Education Coordinator. Her 10+ years of experience, U.S. Soccer B and Coach Educator licenses, and leadership at Utah Celtic Football Club make her a valuable asset. She also leads the Utah Women's Soccer Network, securing a \$150,000 grant to support Utah women throughout their soccer journey. We strive to be the premier youth sports organization in Utah and the country, and Erin's expertise will be crucial.

The Coaching Education department delivered over 60 Grassroots courses, from Cache Valley to St. George. We conducted four D Licenses and plan four more in 2024. Additionally, we hosted a U.S. Soccer C License and aim to host two C Licenses and one DOC License annually. We were also chosen to host the U.S. Soccer B License starting Fall 2024. Alongside these, numerous clinics for various levels will continue. While Grassroots Development Coordinator Lorin Palmer stepped down due to his mayoral duties, he remains passionate about supporting the community.

To the coaches attending our courses, thank you for your commitment to player and coach development. A huge thank you also goes to our State Instructional Staff for providing excellent training to our coaches and players. Better environments truly lead to better players.

The TOSH State Select Program (ODP) continued to grow at all levels – ODP's continued success on the field was demonstrated with many of our players representing Utah in the ODP West Region Pools for their respective age groups. Southern Utah TOSH Select continued to grow with ten (10) teams competing at ODP Championships. At the 2022/2023 ODP Championships, Utah again proved to be one of the top states having five (5) teams crowned champions: 2009 SU Boys, 2009 SU Girls, 2007 SU Girls, 2007 Boys and 2008 Boys. I would like to recognize and thank our Players, Coaching Staff and ODP Administrators. and more importantly the

Jenni Breckenridge continues to be the cornerstone of the Technical Department. She has taken on many responsibilities with our Coaching Education and TOSH State Select programs, her personality and effectiveness are unmatched. None of this is possible without her, she has been nothing but outstanding for the department and I can't thank her enough for all she does. Thank you, Jenni!!

I approach 2024 with optimism. I trust we will continue fostering a professional soccer environment and achieving growth, knowledge, experience, and excitement within our association. I wish everyone continued success and luck in all your soccer endeavors!



Scot Boyd

League Commissioner

Hi All! Our competitive Spring season will begin this month with the largest group of players and teams in UYSA's history – over 2000 competitive teams State-wide. Our leagues are the backbone for State Champions, ODP Championships, Regional and National Leagues, and National Championships. The collective league-wide efforts of our players, coaches and clubs continue to make our teams and leagues preeminent in the soccer community and recognized across Utah, the Region and the U.S. After years of tireless service, Cindy Baron retired as League Commissioner right after the Spring 2023 season. I am honored to have stepped into her shoes as the League Commissioner alongside Michelle Wixom as the Assistant League Commissioner (one of many hats). We deeply appreciate how much all of you have inspired us to be better today than yesterday in making soccer the healthiest youth sport in Utah and across the U.S.

We recognize the talents of the athletes on the field and their desire to improve and perform at the highest level; we also acknowledge your passion for the game and your devotion towards your club and community. Each one of UYSA's leagues are structured with unique characteristics allowing players and families to determine where to play that best fits each player's/family's unique needs and allow players to play at the level they desire and best fits their skills and future aspirations. Education and awareness are critical components to creating a safe and respectful sporting environment free of abuse and harassment. UYSA is committed to ensuring that all coaches and administrators have the training that will help to protect the youth from all forms of abuse that can occur in organized sports.

For this season, UYSA is working with IRef and the Utah Soccer Referees to supplement referee education through the IRef program. Our goal is to have all of our referees attend a free session to learn about additional refereeing tools to help them be the best refs they can be.

We still need additional seasoned and quality referees! Each of us shares the responsibility to recruit new referees and to encourage the ones who are at your games and events. Positive comments today will lead to more referees in the future. There is no excuse for any type of referee abuse - verbal or physical - by players, coaches or sidelines. Our Zero Tolerance program regarding referee abuse is still, unfortunately, in place and necessary. Without question sideline behavior has improved – but we aren't there yet.

It's an honor to serve you and the soccer community. As your League Commissioners we are here to serve the players, coaches, Organizational Members, independent teams and parents of UYSA. Please feel free to reach out with your ideas, feedback and suggestions and we will do our best to assist you.



Michelle Wixom

Legacy Fields Executive Secretary

Shivwits Leading the Way

The Legacy Fields Project has made substantial progress towards our milestones, most notably in Region 6. Nearing completion, the Shivwits property, located just outside of Ivins, UT will boast five fullsize fields, four of which will include lighting. Completion of construction on the project is scheduled for this summer and our aim is for the fields to be open near mid-October. We want to thank our members and the Shivwits Band for making this possible. This will further our goal of growing and sustaining our sport for many generations to come.

The budget and status of each of the regions is included below.

In Region 1, the allocated budget stands at \$61,508. The initial steps are being completed to secure permits and undertake necessary procedures for upcoming projects.

Region 2, the allocated budget stands at \$2,075,547. This region is actively engaged in scouting potential land acquisitions in the northern sector of its boundary.

Region 3, with a budget totaling \$1,505,422. Opportunities in this region need to be identified and assessed. Conversations with local government programs are taking place.

Region 4, with a budget amounting to \$1,330,855. This region is focusing its efforts on assessing land parcels in Herriman and South Jordan for potential projects.

Region 5, holding a budget of \$2,124,952, is in the process of assigning roles and tasks to committee members.

Region 6, with a budget of \$181,721, is seeing progress in the installation of lights. The completion of irrigation lines, weather permitting, and grass seeding is scheduled between February 19 and March 9 and parking should be completed soon.

The Shivwits property shows us what is possible if we are diligent and persistent in planning, identifying and assessing projects in each region. We still need help from members and partners to work towards completed projects in each region. As the cost of land and construction continue to rise, it is imperative that we act urgently. We welcome any help or contributions and hope that we can work together to make each of these projects a reality.



Jodene Smith

Tournament Committee Chair

This past summer our Sanctioned Tournaments were all very busy. With the growth of our association, it's been a wonderful thing to see the opportunity's our Tournaments provide in the ability for clubs around the state to be able to participate in tournaments that accommodate and suit their playing needs.

It's a wonderful thing to see so many of our players experiencing a fun and challenging tournament and jelling as a new team or improving on a well-formed existing team. And most importantly to have fun.

In looking over our Sanctioned Tournament policies it was decided to spend some time in updating our current policies to reflect our current practices. We met as a Tournament Committee this past Fall and spent some time updating those policies.

Our regional representatives are always willing and ready to help any Tournament. Please reach out to them anytime. Our Representatives are Reg.1 Ashlee Blair, Reg. 2. Ryan Oaks, Reg. 3. Cora Lucero, Reg. 4 Rick Scardina, Reg. 5 Burton Karns, Reg. 6 Kariann Atkin

We wish you a fun and exciting summer tournament season!

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Thank you for joining us in this year's Annual General Meeting.

We look forward to another exciting year working with the Utah soccer community.