New Hampshire Soccer Association Newsletter

March 2022

NH Soccer has seen a great deal of change this year. I am excited to see our New Hampshire Soccer membership grow as we welcome new and old organizations back and begin the collective conversations needed to grow and improve the game. I am excited to continue these important discussions and include all who wish to share their expectations and vision for our Granite State.

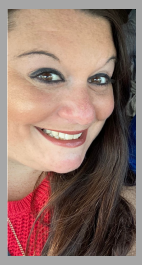
Our adult soccer community continues to grow. We welcomed the NH Soccer Conference into our membership joining LHIFA as our member outdoor leagues. International Soccer Club offers a highly competitive futsal league and LHIFA brought their league indoors as well for some competitive indoor fun.

We are proud to support our Indoor Facility partnerships. Fieldhouse Sports has been a long time staple for winter touches and quality leagues and we welcome the NH Sportsdome as the new home for our Olympic Development Program and the Winter 9V9 Soccer League. These partnerships will ensure our clubs and members have opportunities to play and train during the winter months and prepare for their spring seasons.

I would like to thank all those who are NH Soccer. Our executive board that dedicates so much to preserve this great association, our talented staff and our entire membership community. It has been my pleasure to work with so many that have given so much time and talent to help foster and grow the sport we love, to those who create fun and safe environments for our youth and adults to develop into players, coaches and referees, and provide the best atmosphere for our fans. Our success can only be attributed to the fact we all come together to work out issues and differences and reap the benefits of watching this beautiful game grow in the great state of New Hampshire and these United States of America.

-William "Rusty" Wightman
President
NHSA

NHSA News - Welcome New Vice President of Recreation!



An introduction from our newest Board Member Teresa Vigneault:

I am honored to join the New Hampshire Soccer Association and to be entrusted in the role as Vice President of Recreational Soccer. For many years, I have served in several roles on the Manchester North Soccer Leagues' Board of Directors. I would also consider myself a "professional" soccer-mom to my ten-year-old son, Cooper, who has played soccer since the tender age of four years old. Cooper, my husband and I all share the same passion and love for the game. I remain involved in soccer year round, in one capacity or another. During the Spring, my son plays for the Manchester Angels Soccer League, in the Fall- Manchester North Soccer League, and during the Winter, he plays indoors at the NH Sportsplex, in Bedford. The soccer turfs are truly like our second home. (cont. p.5)

Important Dates

NHSL Calendar

March

- **March 1st, 2022 – State Affiliation Fee Due –**
- **March 15th 2022- Location Manager Contact Info due**
- **March 23rd 2022- League Registrations Closes**
- **March 25th 2022- Team Drops Due by noon**
- **March 25th, 2022 - Preliminary Divisions released to Clubs**
- **March 28th, 2022 - Final Divisions Released – any changes submitted by noon on this day**
- **March 28th, 2022 – Schedule to Location Managers for scheduling of home games –**
- **March 29th, 2022 – Final remaining league fee balance due**

April

- **April 1st, 2022 - Schedule due back from location managers**
- **April 3rd, 2022 - Schedule given to the Assignor for Referee assignments.**
- **April 4th, 2022 - Final schedule released to the public.**
- **April 8th, 2022 - Rosters Due to the state –**
- **April 8th, 2022 – Clubs invoiced State Fee**
- **April 16th, 2022 - Start of season**

May

- **May 18th, 2022 - Roster Freeze-**
- **May 28th-29th, 2022 – No games in observance of Memorial Day weekend**
- **June**
- **June 5th, 2022 – Last Regular Season Games**
- **June 11th-12th, 2022 - Playoffs**

NHSA Night at the Revs!

NHSA teams and families,

NHSA Night is back for 2022! Join us at Gillette Stadium on Saturday, April 2nd for NHSA Night when MLS MVP, Carles Gil, and the New England Revolution take on the New York Red Bulls at 7:30pm!

Is your team interested in playing on the Gillette Stadium field before the pros? IF YES, contact Richard Powell directly for details- (508) 384-9285 or (774) 406-0484 or RichardP@Revolutionsoccer.net or lock in your team spot using the QR Code below.

If you are looking for a family fun Saturday night, come down to Gillette to watch The NE Revs take on RBNY!

Scan this QR to reserve your team's spot, or to purchase additional tickets!!!

A Look Forward

2022 Summer Camp Series

Scan This Code to get right to our camps page!

State Cup

Would your team like to compete for the State Cup title and move on to represent NHSA at regionals?
Please contact Ryan Joy
Director@nhsoccerleague.com / 603-626-9686 ext. 1
OR
Sign up today

2022 CURRENT CAMP DETAILS:

HOST: Elite UK Soccer Traning

Week #1: June 20th-24th

Week #2: July 25th-29th
You can also sign up for BOTH WEEKS at a discount.
Ages/Times:

TOTS program: Ages 6 to 8 – 9:00am-10:30am
Half Day Program: Ages 9 to 16 – 9:00am-12:00pm
Full Day Program: Ages 9 to 16 – 9:00am-3:00pm
An 8:30am early drop off is offered. No late pickups.

Cost:
TOTS: $105
Half Day: $165
Full Day: $215
BOTH WEEKS: $400

Location: NHSA State Fields – 326 Buck Street, Pembroke, NH 03275
Players DO NOT need to be affiliated with a club to attend these camps.

Coaching Education

Coaching Education page has a wide variety of resources, including upcoming class schedule!

Coaches be sure to check the NHSA website for updates regarding Recreation/NHSL League/and much more!

TOPSoccer

TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community-based training program for all athletes with intellectual, emotional, and or physical disabilities. The program strives to provide soccer opportunities (the opportunity of soccer) for players to develop at their own pace in a safe, fun, and supportive/inclusive environment.

Contact Tammy & Ara Tamzarian your NH Topsoccer Coordinators at Topsoccer@soccernh.org or NH State Association office 603-626-9686 ext 0 to find out more about getting a program started in your area. If have a player that is looking to play or be a buddy or coach please feel free to reach out. There are many existing programs that we can put you in contact with.

Around The Association

AGM 2022 Items

NHSA members voted to enact a fine for organizations failing to attend the AGM in the future. A representative must be sent from your club and does not NEED to be a board member, but you must notify who is attending in the future and a 100$ fine will be assessed to clubs who fail to attend.

Restated Articles of Agreement
6.7 Member Organization Attendance

Can Find more info on this under the BYLAWS tab on our website!

Olympic Development Program (ODP)

Latest Coaching News
The New Hampshire Olympic Development Program (ODP) is excited to announce our partnership with St. Anselm's Women's Soccer and University of New Hampshire Men's Soccer programs to provide an overnight soccer camp experience for our ODP players. As a coaching staff, we strongly encourage developing youth players to attend a residential soccer experience, preferably at a university, to support their growth as a soccer player and individual. Fortunately, we have two local college programs that are offering exceptional overnight camps in which youth players will be instructed by high-level college coaches and current players.
"I would like to thank Coach Joel Bancroft of St. A's and Coach Marc Hubbard of UNH for creating an outstanding opportunity for our ODP players to attend a residential soccer camp and learn from the top coaches and players within our state, region, and country. I recommend all ODP families to take advantage of these camps because the overnight experience is incredibly beneficial for a young player's personal growth and development. We look forward to building on these partnerships in the future including our ODP players attending St. A's and UNH soccer games, hosting training sessions run by college coaches and players, and receiving educational information for our ODP players interested in the college game," stated NH ODP Program Director, Brad Campion.

Brad Campion- Director of ODP

Ed Royer- ODP Administrative Director

If you want to learn more about ODP and their updates, check out their tab on our website!

New Board Member

Introduction Cont.

In addition to my involvement in soccer organizations, I held the role President of Polaris Educational Foundation until the Fall of 2021, where I also served in several positions on their Executive Board, before I became President. I am also the proud founder and owner of "Your One Stop Lemon Shop", an event lemonade with a business foundation built on raising money for celebrations, with a touch of zest! Over the past several years, I have discovered that my true passion is within the Non-Profit sector and thus, have made a shift to my career path. After years of working with national medical laboratories and smaller community hospitals, I decided to switch gears and am now back in school, working towards a BS in Business Administration, with a concentration in Non-Profit Management. My anticipated graduation will commence in the winter of 2023.

A couple of years ago, my husband and I were blessed with the incredible privilege of becoming homecare providers for two wonderful individuals with developmental disabilities. These beautiful souls have become a permanent extension to our family and have enriched our lives so much. They love attending soccer practices and games with us, cheering on the players, and have even been known to kick the ball past the goalie a few times! I look forward to running into you with my girl, Sandy, when you see us at a game or out and about in the community. To me, Recreational Soccer is the foundation of a child's relationship with sports, who they will become as they grow- not only as players, but also as productive members of society. This is where children learn how important it is to be a team player in life, because there is no "I" in word "TEAM". Recreational sports are not defined by the final score. "Winning" is being able to celebrate when you have collaboratively worked with your team to encourage each other, live in the moment, and most importantly, have FUN with the same GOAL in mind! In my eyes, "If you had FUN, you WON!"

I am truly excited to be the newest member of the New Hampshire Soccer Association, especially in a role that I will be working with all of the recreational leagues that I have established relationships already. I am eager to start building relationships and working with new leagues that I hope will join us in the near future.

I look forward to providing the members of this organization with league updates, answers to questions you may have, and to offer support and resources as the need arises. Although my role is not a full-time position, I am committed to fulfilling all of my duties as VP, in a timely manner. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly as needed.

NHSA Staff

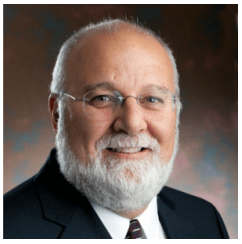
Not Pictured: Ara Tamzarian and Tamara Morris : Top Soccer Coordinators, Michael Keane (Full time Intern for Spring 22)

Anne Fichera - Executive Director and Registrar

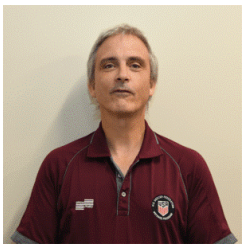
Jeff Cousineau- State Director of Coaching

Ryan Joy- NHSA Director of Operations

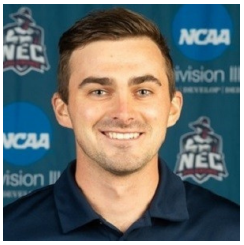
Mark Sadler- State Ref. Administrator



John Ferreira - Bookkeeper



Frank Scarito- State Youth Ref. Administrator



Brad Campion- Director of ODP

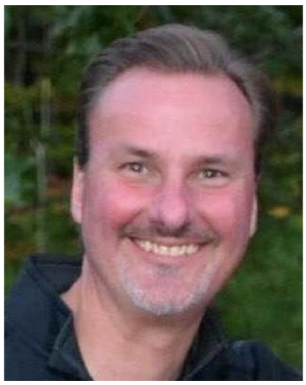
John Breda-State Director of Referee Assessment & Instruction

Ed Royer- ODP Administrative Director

Cullen Madden- Webmaster and Social Media Coordinator

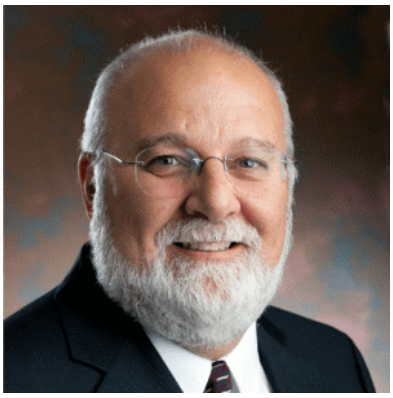
Board Members

Rusty Wightman- President



Trevor Fox- Executive Vice President

Lisa Davidson- Treasurer



John Ferreira - Secretary

Mark Chagnon- Vice President of Indoor

Cullen Madden- Vice President of Youth Competitive

Teresa Vigneault- Vice President of Recreation

Candia Campbell- Past President

Steven Hepburn-Vice President of Adult

2021 Award Winners

Referee of The Year Adult- John “Chip” Geisler

Referee of The Year Youth- William Jones

Volunteer of the Year Rec.- Kristin White.

Volunteer of the Year Comp.- Keena Corriveau

Coach of the Year Girls Rec.- Bill Pick

Coach of the Year Boys Rec.- Alex Casale

Coach of the Year Boys Comp.- John Price

Coach of the Year Girls Comp.- Mario Soares