



***WE ARE NORTH DAKOTA SOCCER***

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## Who we are

The North Dakota Soccer Association (NDSA) is a member of **US Youth Soccer (USYS)** and the official representative of the **United States Soccer Federation (USSF)** for the State of North Dakota.

As the primary advocate for you for youth soccer in the state of North Dakota, the NDSA is **committed to growing and developing the game by supporting its member clubs** and coming together as **one and inseparable soccer community**.



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## Mission / vision

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From the moment our members enter the youth sport ecosystem, we are there to cheer them on in their triumphs and **help guide them through their challenges**.

We are committed to **providing world-class support, resources and leadership** - helping every member fulfill their goals on and off the field of play.

Every step of the way, we work to **bring communities together** through the power of soccer, making lifelong fans of the sport.

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# ***WHY NDSA: MEMBER CLUB BENEFITS***

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# A USYS STATE ASSOCIATION

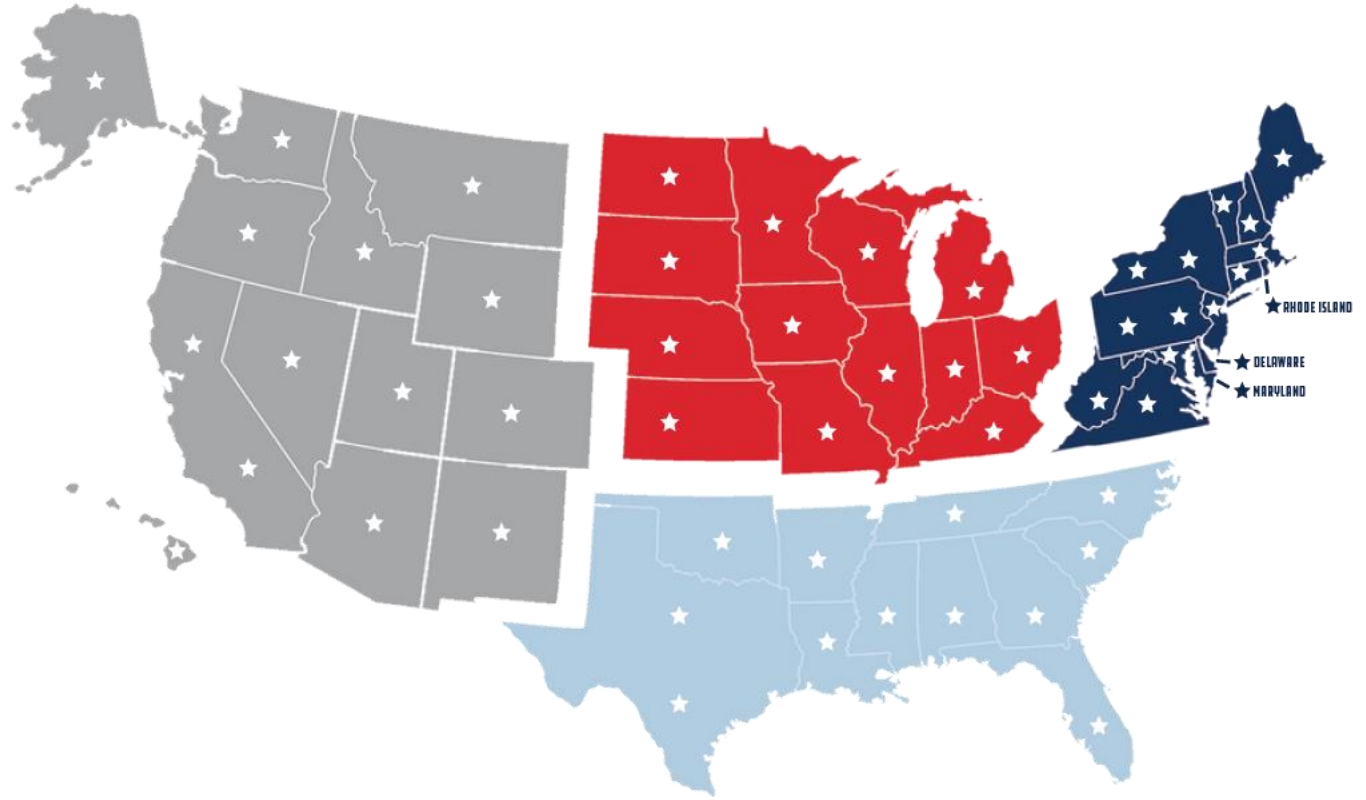
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**50**  
ALL STATES



**2.5M+**  
REGISTERED PLAYERS



**54**  
STATE ASSOCIATIONS



**6M+**  
OUR ENTIRE FAMILY  
(2.5 MULTIPLIER)

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# DEVELOPMENT: PLAYERS, COACHES, AND REFEREES

Members have access to these North Dakota Soccer-led development opportunities:

## PLAYERS

- Small-sided soccer, by age group (full 11v11 begins at 13U age group)
- Olympic Development Program (Dakota ODP)
- A State League in development

## COACHES

- U.S. Soccer coaching courses
- United Soccer Coaches courses
- USYS University courses
- Coach development plans
- Three-year calendar for coaches training and advancement:
  - Grassroots Modules
  - “D” License
  - “C” License
  - “B” License
  - National Youth Diploma
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## REFEREES

- North Dakota Soccer Referee Development Program
- Referee workshops



# A PATHWAY TO REGIONAL AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

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## MANAGING RISK: NORTH DAKOTA SAFE SOCCER

Ensuring member and participant safety is a role North Dakota Soccer takes seriously. Our number one risk-management objective is to provide a safe environment for players, and with that comes a lot of heavy lifting for club coaches and administrative personnel in the form of required training and education, passing a background check, and tracking/ensuring compliance.

As much as these steps help ensure the player is free from emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, they also serve to better equip and protect the adults working with youth players, as well as the club as an entity.

### NORTH DAKOTA SAFE SOCCER INITIATIVES:

- Monitor and ensure member compliance with the SafeSport Act
- Abuse Policy and reporting procedures easily accessible
- Background check protocols enacted annually, with disqualifying issues assessed and then enforced per organization policy.
- Concussion management.
- Access to the most updated U.S. Soccer health and safety initiatives, resources, and protocols.





## MANAGING RISK: INSURANCE COVERAGE

We believe that every child should have a safe place to play soccer. Education and awareness are critical components to creating safe and respectful sporting environments, free of abuse and harassment. North Dakota Soccer Association is committed to ensuring everyone has the proper training to protect athletes from all forms of abuse that can occur in sports.

North Dakota Soccer provides its member players insurance coverage for their safety. But member players aren't the only ones covered by an insurance product. At the management level, coverage protects – from putting their personal assets at risk.



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## WE ARE OUR MEMBER CLUBS

North Dakota Soccer Association is its member clubs. When a club participates, they have a say in the state organization, a say in its direction and a voice at the national level. NDSA exists to make soccer better in North Dakota and to help each soccer club's experience be better. We believe that soccer is the game for all kids and that by striving to reach, develop, and serve all communities throughout our state, we work to ensure that our belief becomes a reality.



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