



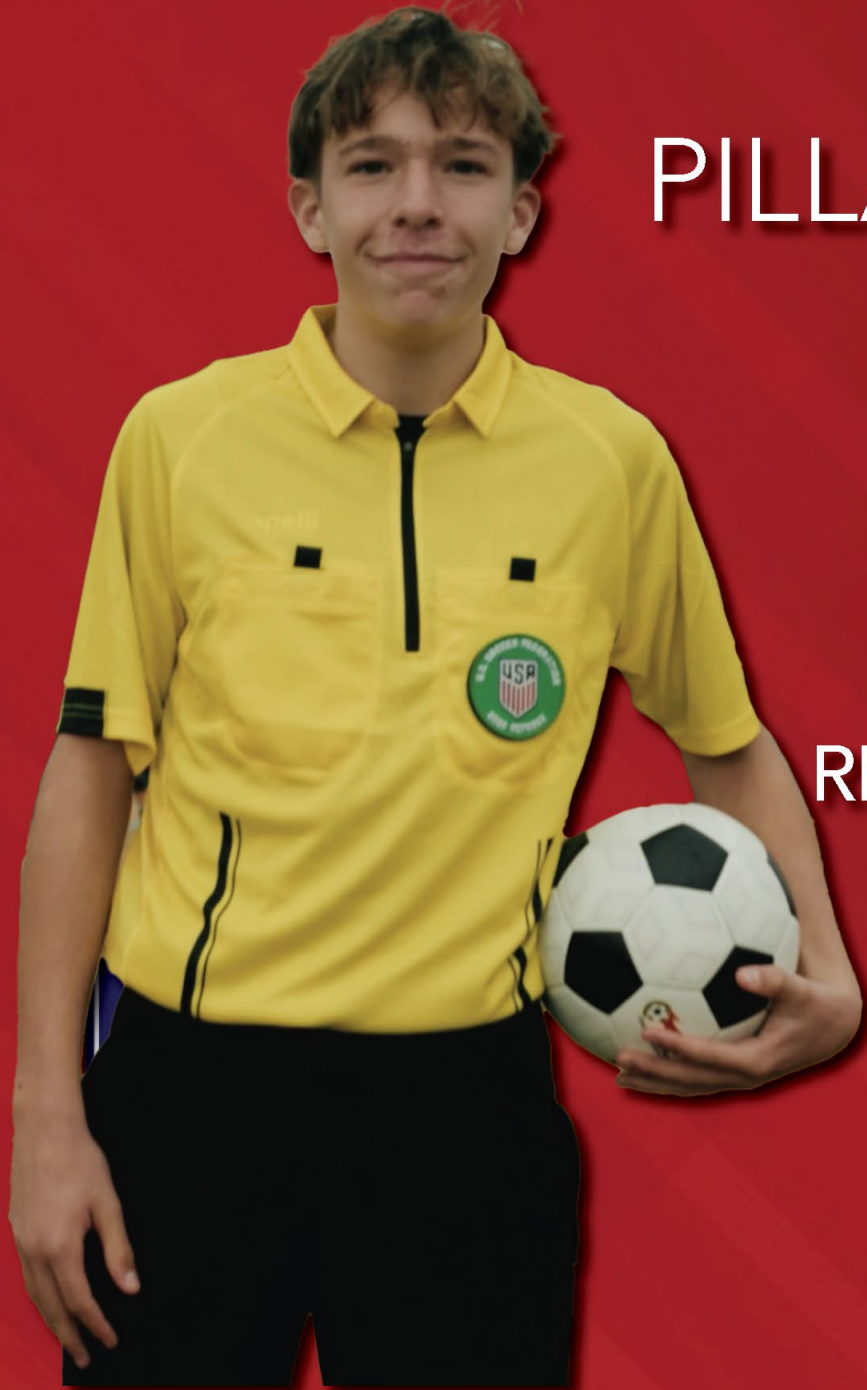
# Welcome to the 2026 NCYSA AGM



**2025-26 NCYSA**

# **STRATEGIC GROWTH**





PILLAR: **MEMBER EXPERIENCE**  
**MENTORING &**  
**COLLABORATION**

REFEREE MENTOR PROGRAM

**\$10,000**

ODP, State Cups,  
Academy Girls Showcase



# PILLAR: ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & PERFORMANCE OPERATIONS



## Compliance

Align & empower staff



# PILLAR: MEMBER EXPERIENCE TECHNOLOGY



## PlayMetrics

Risk management;  
60% cost savings



PILLARS: **OUTREACH & GROWTH**  
**REACH UNDERSERVED; SCHOOLS**  
**STRATEGY & INNOVATION**  
**GRANTS**



US SOCCER ITG GRANT

**\$102,040**

N.C. Rush Triad  
Waughtown Soccer Center



PILLAR: **OUTREACH & GROWTH**  
**MARKETING**



Brand  
Campaign

SEM, World Cup, Spanish

# Economic Impact of Youth Soccer in NC



Youth soccer in North Carolina creates jobs, brings players and their families to visit our state, and improves the mental and physical health of our kids.

**Example: COMPETITIONS:**

Over 50 NC clubs and our ODP programs invite players from other states to tournaments in NC. **\$15M/yr**

**Examples: JOBS AND COMMERCE:**

NCYSA, our associations, and supporting roles employ several hundred staff to manage our youth sports programs **\$12M/yr**

Soccer referees, trainers, security, and other roles provide pay for over a thousand part-time staff **\$2.0M/yr**

Visitors come for matches, training, and recreation, and they bring their spending to NC businesses **\$1.0M/yr**

Kit: Uniform, Cleats, Shin Guards, Balls -> \$200/player x 50K players = \$10M **\$10M/yr**

**Other Examples:**

Field Construction & Maintenance; Engagements with Pro Teams & Colleges **\$8M/yr**

The Big Numbers

<b>\$1M</b> Each time a club hosts a tournament		<b>\$10M</b> When NCYSA hosts a major tournament
	<b>\$7M</b> NCYS players' retail sales: uniforms, cleats, balls, ...	
<b>\$12M</b> For full-time and part-time salaries, referee fees, etc.		<b>\$1M/Field</b> To install/replace a turf field used by the community

2025 data and estimates of annual or event economic impact

# Community Impact of Youth Soccer in NC



Data supports the value of youth sports at all ages. As the third leading sport in the US (and growing), the impact goes beyond financials.

**A SAFE PLACE TO PLAY:**

**SAFE PLAY:** a network of referees, trainers, and facilities focused on safe fields, weather safety, and safe play. SafeSport and compliance engaged across the state.  
**INSURANCE:** Coverage for our participants and volunteers in NCYSA soccer.

**EXPERIENCES**

**FAIR COMPETITION:** Rules, policies, processes to monitor conduct, respect for gender and race, and fairness, which support other sports and youth experiences  
**BROADENED HORIZONS:** National and International opportunities to play and travel.  
**ENGAGEMENT:** Scholarships to include more kids in more activities; levels of play to match abilities. Special programs to include disabled players.

**OTHER EXAMPLES:**

**FUTSOL FIELDS and FACILITY UPGRADES:**  
 Major population centers and smaller communities are adding new facilities and upgrading for soccer, Futsal, flag football, plus community play grounds, etc.  
**GLOBAL SPORT ADVANTAGES:**  
 Players playing overseas (a potential source of funds for clubs who provided training) Worldwide interest in World Cup, Olympics, Premier League, etc. drives growth

The Big Numbers

<b>&gt;75,000</b> REGISTERED PLAYERS		<b>95</b> ASSOCIATIONS	
	<b>7</b> LEVELS OF PLAY	<b>&gt;900</b> NEW INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS In 2025	<b>12</b> STATES SENT COACHES TO BE TRAINED IN NC
<b>2200</b> REFEREES	<b>54%</b> Recreation <b>46%</b> Competitive		<b>THOUSANDS</b> OF VOLUNTEERS AT STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS

2025 Estimates of annual or event economic impact

From the NCYSA Team



# FUTSAL



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## WHY

Further development of youth soccer players in a safe age-appropriate environment

## HOW

Using indoor spaces to place the players where they will need to increase their technical and tactical decision-making process - that will translate to the outdoor game

## WHAT

Create an established **optional program** that will enhance the overall soccer experience in our children's clubs' environment



# Futsal – More Information



# Futsal – Round Table Discussions

- Would you participate and How would you do it in your structure?
- What age groups would you target and Why?
- When would you conduct the Futsal Season?



# Dribbling Across North Carolina



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Dribbling Across North Carolina is a developmental program for children aged 2–6 that prioritizes a "love for the ball" through soccer **FUNdamentals** and active parent participation. It moves beyond traditional competition to focus on the holistic growth of a child's physical, social, and cognitive skills during their most formative years.



# Dribbling Across North Carolina

## Why

A love for the game starts with a love for the ball

## Mission

To inspire a lifelong love for the ball by providing North Carolina families with a play-based pathway for early childhood development. We combine the science of motor skills with the joy of soccer **FUNdamentals** to nurture every child's physical, cognitive, and social growth.

## VISION

To lead a movement across North Carolina where every child's first athletic experience is defined by the **joy of discovery, the science of play, and the strength of family connection.**



# 9 Clubs Participating Spring 2026

Curriculum Shared Weekly

Each Week has a Theme





# Passing Across North Carolina

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Passing Across North Carolina is a collaborative program for 7 and 8-year-olds that builds on individual mastery to introduce the art of **sharing.**

By transitioning from falling in love with the ball to falling in love with sharing, we help children develop the spatial awareness, communication, and technical accuracy needed to thrive with **friends.**



# Passing Across North Carolina

## Why

The most important move a child can make is toward a friend

## Mission

To provide a collaborative pathway for 7 and 8-year-olds to transition from individual mastery to the power of teamwork.

## VISION

To lead a movement across North Carolina where every 7 and 8-year-old discovers the **power of "we,"** transforming the mastery of the ball into the joy of the team.



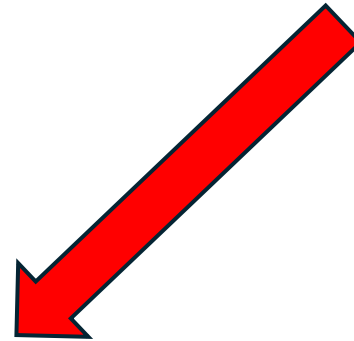
# Risk Management



## 2025-26 RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE – BY THE NUMBERS

- 11,147 Risk Management Applications
- 10,292 have been approved
- 6,658 needed a Background Check
  - 14 – Denied
  - 13 – On Probation
  - 15 – On Restriction/s
  - 9 – On Hold or Suspended

**WHY WE DO  
WHAT WE DO!**



- **12 Individuals reported to SafeSport**
  - 6 of those the US Center for SafeSport accepted jurisdiction – meaning they involved child abuse and/or sexual abuse.



## RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATES:

- NCYSA will no longer be using Injure Free for SafeSport violations of bullying and/or emotional misconduct.
  - Link to a new reporting form will be on our website soon.
- Risk Management processes will be different in PlayMetrics – Wendy will work with every Member Club to ensure a smooth transition.
- RM and D&A working together to form a Compliance Department to ensure better intaking, tracking, responses, and closing of reports and appeals. More information soon!



PlayMetrics



## PLAYMETRICS – COMING SOON!

- Effective for the 2026-27 season, NCYSA will be moving Registration, Risk Management, and Scheduling systems to PlayMetrics.
- NCYSA staff are in the on-boarding process. A timeline for roll out and club training will be announced soon.
- PlayMetrics will assist our Member Clubs during the onboarding process with virtual training sessions and online video tutorials.



## PLAYMETRICS – COMING SOON!

- This is a positive move for the future of North Carolina Youth Soccer.
- NCYSA will support our Member Clubs throughout the process.





# COMPETITION PATHWAYS

## WHAT IS NEWCOMP?

- US Youth Soccer & US Club Soccer aligning to create a unified, team-based competition structure.
- Integrating the US Youth Soccer National League (NL) & US Club Soccer National Premier League (NPL) starting with the 2026-27 season.



## WHO DOES IT IMPACT?

- Teams & Clubs currently participating in the
  - US Youth Soccer National League (NL)
  - US Club National Premier League (NPL)
- In the 2025-26 season, 25 NCYSA Member Club teams participated in the US Youth Soccer National League competition.  
(Total NCYSA Classic teams for 2025-26: 1025)



## ON THE HORIZON...

- Future Workshop: US Youth Soccer Member Meetings – March 2026
  - ❑ NewComp: Structure & Involvement
  - ❑ 2026 National Championships / Presidents Cup Pathway
- NCYSA will continue to support participating clubs through this transition to NewComp (Working Group to come)
- Questions pertaining to NewComp: Bill Furjanic  
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Budget

**North Carolina Youth Soccer Association Inc**  
**Budget Update - January 26 Close**

	23-24 Final	24-25 Final	25-26 Budget Approved	25-26 Budget Update	change
<b>Main Revenue Sources</b>					
Intent to Play	179,370	199,260	212,230	192,330	(19,900)
Player Fees	1,688,343	1,854,993	1,873,567	1,653,013	(220,554)
ODP	316,389	313,253	395,120	246,936	(148,184)
Tournament Entry Fees	378,000	362,100	405,150	93,025	(312,125)
Coaching Education Fees	214,104	328,374	349,440	304,008	(45,433)
Interest Income	9,935	52,373	22,900	45,681	22,781
Dividend Income	41,462	44,885	44,600	26,690	(17,910)
Other - All other & Misc	320,855	389,768	440,522	287,644	(152,878)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,148,458</b>	<b>3,545,006</b>	<b>3,743,529</b>	<b>2,849,327</b>	<b>(894,202)</b>
<b>Main Expenditures</b>					
Payroll Expenses	884,657	878,799	1,111,319	546,145	(565,174)
Contract Labor	112,845	74,643	230,240	102,588	(127,652)
Computer and IT Expenses	117,877	143,502	131,955	57,400	(74,555)
Field Rental	66,425	63,235	69,125	42,625	(26,500)
Referees	268,759	299,713	251,910	97,547	(154,363)
Travel	231,845	220,786	241,051	102,112	(138,939)
Bank Charges	19,523	24,556	28,336	16,714	(11,622)
Other - All other & Misc*	1,408,178	1,110,325	1,430,289	724,224	(706,065)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,110,108</b>	<b>2,815,558</b>	<b>3,494,225</b>	<b>1,689,355</b>	<b>(1,804,870)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>38,349</b>	<b>729,448</b>	<b>249,304</b>	<b>1,159,972</b>	

\*'23-24 includes an expense of \$286,363.14 for the Employee Retention Tax Credits



# Pathway Strategy Update – from U.S. Soccer AGM

## What This Competition Architecture Is And Is Not

### WHAT THIS IS

- A national organizing framework that brings clarity to how we believe competitions should be structured across local, regional, and national levels
- A system that aligns competition environments to participant goals, from broad-based play through pre-professional pathways
- A shared language and set of expectations that helps reduce disconnection while preserving diversity of models
- A framework that supports member-led competition delivery with clearer relationships between tiers and segments
- A foundation for alignment and accountability, designed and expected to reduce, and not add, cost, complexity, or administrative burden

### WHAT THIS IS NOT

- Not an attempt to dictate where any specific organization sits within the current structure
- Not a change to present-day governance, sanctioning authority, or member responsibilities
- Not a mandated pathway, ranking system, or promise of advancement
- Not a one-size-fits-all model that ignores local or regional realities
- Not a mandate that requires organizations to participate above the level they are ready or resourced to support





