

# North Carolina Youth Soccer Association

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Dear NCYSA Member Associations,

By now I'm sure all are aware of the new Calendar Year registration mandate from U S Soccer. NCYSA has been acutely aware of the concerns you have regarding the impact of these required changes in the registration and formation of teams beginning with the 2016-17 year. In an attempt to help sort it all out, NCYSA formed a Focus Group (GROUP) to work through the mandate and provide recommendations to the NCYSA Executive Board to endorse.

The Mandate is just that, a Mandate. Much of the Mandate is locked in. Nothing we can do. There are however, some parts that NCYSA can influence how we implement. The GROUP addressed those. Attached you will find a 2 part recommendation from the GROUP. The first part has been distributed previously. It addresses adding 19U, identifying 1<sup>st</sup> division and premier slots, how NCYSA will address Recreation among other concerns. Most, if not all of you should have received this previously. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part addresses how tryouts will take place. Many of you requested and NCYSA committed to having this out to you prior to the end of the year. These are the recommendations of the GROUP. These have been endorsed by the NCYSA Executive Board. This will be the plan for the 2016/17 year subject to ratification at the NCYSA AGM in January 2016.

The GROUP was composed of 7 local association DOCs from across the state, members of the NCYSA Executive Board and members of the NCYSA Staff. The GROUP accepted the fact they would not be able to satisfy everyone's wishes. Some made decisions that may not have been in the best interest of their local organizations but did so because it was believed to be the best option for North Carolina Youth Soccer and its members. The GROUP does believe, and the Executive Board agrees, that the plan prepared by the GROUP will get us all through this year of transition.

It's important for the Group to be clear, this plan is for the 2016-2017 year only. After this 1<sup>st</sup> year of transition, after all players fall into the Birth Year registration, the process will revert back to the NCYSA Standards, but applied to Birth Year Registration. North Carolina Youth Soccer understands the transition will not be easy but we want you to know that our Staff and Board is with you as we all make this transition. We hope, we count on you, to call us for assistance.

On behalf of the Staff and Executive Board at NCYSA,

We wish you a,

**MERRY CHRISTMAS,**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**AND, HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!**

**M. Keith Price**

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