



## MARCH 2018 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We know for many of you, March is when spring seasons begin to take off as we head into the warmer months of the year, so as you move in to some of the busier months of the year, please don't hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of assistance.

The March Membership Call to discuss the information in this newsletter and answer any additional questions you may have will be held on Thursday, March 15 at 1 p.m. CT. You can find call-in information [here](#).

### **REMINDER: Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017**

On February 24, we sent an email out to all Presidents and Executive Directors with an update on some significant legislation that was passed by Congress on February 14, 2018. You can read the full email via [this link](#).

We encourage all members (Youth and Adult) to read the email and linked resources in full, and want to reinforce a few items:

- The bill amends the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 **to extend the duty to report suspected child abuse, including sexual abuse, within 24 hours to all adults who are authorized to interact with minor or amateur athletes** by a national governing body, a member of a national governing body, or an amateur sports organization that participates in interstate or international amateur athletic competition. These individuals are called "covered individuals" in the new legislation.
- Child abuse is defined as physical or mental injury, sexual abuse or exploitation, or negligent treatment of a child.
- Per current federal regulations, reports of child abuse should be made to the local law enforcement agency or local child protective services agency that has jurisdiction to investigate reports of child abuse or to protect child abuse victims or to the FBI. These regulations have not yet been updated to reflect the recent change in the law. Until such time as the regulations are updated, U.S. Soccer will make reports to (1) local law enforcement where any alleged incident took place to the extent it can be determined and the incident occurred in the United States, (2) local law enforcement where the victim resides if different than (1), and (3) the FBI.
- An individual who is required, but fails, to report suspected child sexual abuse is subject to criminal penalties including fines and up to one (1) year in jail.
- These obligations are in addition to any State law requirements that an individual may have in a particular jurisdiction.

Additionally, the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) distributed a PSA about the SafeSport Center to all National Governing Bodies, and you are welcome to [download](#) and distribute the video to your members.

### **2018 Member Meetings**

Last Tuesday, we sent out an email to all Executive Directors or Presidents (for those who do not have an Executive Director) with information regarding the 2018 Member Meetings.

Thanks to all who responded and confirmed your attendance at a Member Meeting. Later this week, we will be informing all attendees which meeting they have been confirmed to attend and will provide information on booking flights through Anthony Travel.

As a reminder, meetings will take place in Kansas City, KS at the National Development Center and potential dates are April 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19 and 21, 2018.



### **Grassroots Coaching Update: 4v4 Online Course is now Available!**

U.S. Soccer's Coaching Education Department is pleased to announce the latest development of its [Grassroots Initiative](#), the Grassroots 4v4 Online Course. Hosted in the Digital Coaching Center (DCC), this educational course spans 2-hours in length and results in an official U.S. Soccer Coaching License upon completion.

We are proud and appreciative of the collaboration by all members to help drive this Grassroots Initiative, most notably with the successful launch of the In-Person Courses. A very special thanks to the following individuals who have been a part of the Grassroots Study Group:

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### **National Data Center Launch Planned for June 1**

An email regarding the latest development for the National Data Center was sent to Members on March 5, and the full text of the email is available [here](#).

To cover all of our bases, the quick recap is:

- We have chosen to push back the production release of the NDC from April 1 to June 1.
- We would like for you to continue to work with your members to make sure they are planning to collect the data elements necessary to facilitate the transfer of data to the National Data Center.
- In response to the requests of many members, the NDC will accept a third gender option that is neither male nor female.
- U.S. Soccer will create guiding language around some of the complex registration questions that Members can share with their members AND Technology Providers can use to increase understanding within their platforms.
- We are making a few changes to the API to support the changes noted above
- U. S. Soccer Privacy Policy and Terms of Use are being finalized.

We also plan to discuss the National Data Center and data collection during the Member Meetings next month.

### **U.S. WNT Wins 2018 SheBelieves Cup**

The U.S. WNT clinched their second SheBelieves Cup title via a 1-0 victor over England last Wednesday, March 7 in Orlando.

The United States had previously defeated Germany 1-0 in Columbus, Ohio on March 1 and tied France 1-1 in Harrison, New Jersey on March 4 to set the stage for claiming their second SheBelieves Cup title in three years.

Both England and France finished with 1-1-1 records, but England took second place based on goal differential, and Germany finished fourth with a record of 0-2-1.

Next up for the WNT are two friendlies against rival Mexico on April 5 at EverBank Field in Jacksonville, Fla. and April 8 at BBVA Compass Stadium in Houston. Tickets for both matches are available at [ussoccer.com](http://ussoccer.com)

### **Other Information/Reminders:**

- The April Membership Update will come out April 17, 2018.
- A recap of the February Membership Webinar is available
- The next currently scheduled meeting for the U.S. Soccer Board of Directors is May 18, 2018 in a location to be determined. You can view the most recent minutes from BOD meetings
- Information on the NDC and required data fields is archived
- The Training Center Schedule is available [here](#).
- All upcoming International Games scheduled in the United States are available via [links on ussoccer.com](#) under "International Games-Weekly Schedule." The pdf is updated when any new game is scheduled.
- Additional comments, suggestions, or questions are always welcome, so feel free to call 312-528-1300 or [email](#) us.

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