

## YDSSCA Middle School Community-Based Feeder Program Outline

**Reason:** To gain access to incoming/potential players in the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Soccer has been hindered by the absence of school-sponsored middle school programs. This has given the other Fall sports such as Cross Country and Volleyball an advantage in recruiting and retention. We are losing programs as varsities due to lack of JV programs; this is contributed to lack of community play and HS coach involvement in the youth development.

**Solution:** Establish a vehicle to involve student-athletes (5th-8th Grade) that is affordable and not burdensome to families financially or geographically.

**Proposal:** Organize a YDSSCA program of limited games and development that runs 3 times in a calendar year.

**Format:**

- Five 5-7 Spring games
- Five 5-7 Fall Games
- Each set of 5 Games may be followed by a tournament/playoff (\*optional\*)
- 9v9/11v11 (Depending on available players)
- Depending on interest, Co-ed/All Girls/All Boys
- Communities with low numbers can combine with another community
- This is a total of 15-18 days annually.
- Each community can train as much or as little as they desire.

**Coaching Committee (6 coaches, total):**

- One in each division (3 Coaches)
- One in each gender (3 Coaches)

**YDSSCA/High School Program/Community Sponsorship and Collaboration:**

- Sponsorship through YDSSCA- YDSSCA Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, YDSSCA Alumni will lead through training, organization and communication.
- Registration through OSA/GotSport- Players/Teams will register as rec plus to access insurance, required protocols (Lindsey Law, etc.) as well as field insurance. Cost would be \$10-\$15 a player.
- Scheduling date set by YDSSCA representative, and scheduling done by middle school coaches to ensure ease of field availability, referees, etc.
- Collaborate within represented communities- Costs would be reduced if carried out alongside High School programs, community resources and local supporting networks.

**Google Form Team Declaration Link:**

- Released prior to each season.