

## Membership RELEASE

### Washington Youth Soccer Regional Club Subcommittee

***The Regional Club Subcommittee of Washington Youth Soccer is pleased to announce the formal ratification of the roles, responsibilities and operating procedures of the committee and league.***

In March of this year, club Presidents from the Player Development League voted to proceed with integrating the PDL into the Washington Youth Soccer's Seamless Soccer System, starting with the formation of the Regional Club Subcommittee. This is a subcommittee of the Soccer Operations Committee of the Washington Youth Soccer Board of Directors. The PDL-Leadership Committee's members were selected by the members to take similar positions on the subcommittee and begin work on defining the operating procedures for the committee and league. Washington Youth Soccer appointed Board Member Tom Ament and Technical Director Gary White as members of the subcommittee.

The Regional Club Subcommittee has held over 10 hours of meetings and conference calls since April 30, 2010. As part of the ongoing work, the following documents have been prepared and released:

- **Regional Club Application.** The application process consists of an evaluation of the club's practices and performance in key areas that are considered fundamental to driving a quality, club-based developmental experience. This review will be performed by coaching and administrative leaders from Washington Youth Soccer and the chartered Regional Clubs. The application document is complete and available on the Washington Youth Soccer website for download. The deadline for applying as a Regional Club is June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Clubs will be notified of the first stage of the process no later than Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, and review/notification of the Club/Association's status will occur no later than Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Regional Club League Team Application.** Teams that are not a member of a grandfathered PDL club and demonstrate a high level of competitive ability are able to apply to compete in the RCL leagues at U15 and above. Currently teams that have finished the 2010 US Youth Soccer Washington State Championships as a Quarterfinalist or better are automatically considered for the Fall 2010 RCL Season. Applications will be available on the Washington Youth Soccer website Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Teams will be considered applying for the State League (as a default) upon submission of their application.

Additionally, the Regional Club Subcommittee has voted to move forward with the launch of the Regional Club League for the 2010-2011 seasonal year. Details of this first phase of implementation are being developed with the Select/Developmental Subcommittees as it moves into operation and the groups work together to improve the overall Washington Youth Soccer league system.

The launch of the Regional Club Subcommittee is the culmination of nine months of intense work by members of the Washington Youth Soccer Board of Directors, the Washington Youth Soccer staff, our member associations, and the leaders of the PDL clubs. The PDL Leadership Committee has been instrumental in our ability to move forward with this critical element of Seamless Soccer and the Washington Youth Soccer strategic plan.

Questions can be directed to Tim Sekerak and Tom Ament of the Regional Club Subcommittee.