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Washington Youth Soccer Unveils New U11-U14 Spring League

FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON (Wednesday, October 8) – In an effort to provide players with more opportunities to remain competitive throughout the entire soccer season, Washington Youth Soccer recently announced the establishment of a U11-U14 Spring League for Boys and Girls. Scheduled to run throughout February and March, the Spring League was developed to coincide with the recent changes to the soccer calendar that were approved last fall.

Under the new calendar, the Challenge Cup and US Youth Soccer Washington State Championships for these age groups will take place at end of March and April and beginning of May. The U11-U14 Spring League will provide an avenue for teams that want to participate in these tournaments to remain in top form after the regular season has wrapped up.

Games for the new Spring League will begin on the first weekend of February and continue each Saturday and Sunday through March 21-22, 2009. Teams will play a five to seven game schedule within the eight week timeframe, providing flexibility to adapt the schedule around conflicting yearly and seasonal events that may impact players. Each division will be formatted such that each team plays every other team once.

All age-appropriate teams are eligible to participate in this league except for those who have participated in the Dairy Farmers of Washington President's Cup or teams who will be competing in the Fred Meyer Commissioners' Cup during the same timeframe.

Applications for the Spring League can be found at wsysa.com and will be accepted from October 15 – December 15, 2008.

About Washington Youth Soccer

Washington Youth Soccer is the largest youth soccer organization in Washington. Washington Youth Soccer is the state's affiliate for US Youth Soccer, which is the largest sports organization in the United States and the most populous member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body for soccer in the United States. The Washington Youth Soccer is the sixth largest membership in the nation; our organization represents over 128,000 players (ages 4-19) and their families, 15,000 coaches on 12,000 teams and 6,500 referees in the state of Washington. Washington Youth Soccer's mission is to foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of the State of Washington's youth through the sport of soccer at all levels of age and competition.