

Oklahoma Soccer Association wants to help you form a team, club, or league in your community.

Since 1973, OSA has been doing just that! With over 40,000 players, soccer is Oklahoma's largest organized sport for youth and adults. Find out how you can join the fun and excitement of soccer.

OSA is a member of the United States Youth Soccer Association with over 3 million youth players nationwide and the United States Amateur Soccer Association with thousands of adult players nationwide. Oklahoma is the national state association of the United States Soccer Federation -- the national governing body for organized soccer in America and itself a member of Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) which is the governing body for soccer worldwide.

PROGRAMS

OSA offers a wide range of programs for players, coaches, and parents. Regardless of the ability level of the player or the experience of the coach, OSA has programs to further soccer development.

TOPSoccer – for the challenged player or player with physical or mental disabilities, TOPSoccer is designed to create a fun experience while teaching elements of the game.



Olympic Development Program – for the youth who wishes to compete with the best players in the state, the ODP provides an opportunity to tryout in an age specific format with players from across the state and the nation.

United States Soccer Foundation Grants – Each year, US Soccer Foundation grants are awarded to clubs and/or leagues for the development of soccer. Funded from the World Cup 1994 games held in the U.S., grants are often focused on field development and increasing enrollment in rural or urban areas.

United States Youth Soccer Grants – USYSA administers grants to youth clubs that are in need of funds to increase enrollment or to purchase equipment.

Soccer Start – A USYSA program offering funds and training available to a new soccer club or league.

Referee Development
OSA trains hundreds of referees each year at the club's choice of location. Your club can select a date, time, and location to fit your club's needs. Below are some of the other ways to develop your club's referee pool.

- Entry level courses – trains new refs at club level
- Recertification classes – in-service training
- Upgrade clinics – offered once a year at OSU
- Assessor Day Program – assess refs at the club
- New clubs receive one free referee course

Coaching Development
OSA offers coaching courses to clubs prior to each season. Coaches can receive a State Youth License which is age specific (designed to your coaches with the age group they will coach). Advanced coaching clinics are offered twice a year also.

- State Youth Licenses (Age Specific)
- D License - OSA offers D course
- National License – USSF offers C, B, and A courses
- Clinics – at individual clubs
- New clubs receive one free coaching seminar.

The Oklahoma Soccer Association recognizes the value of coaching education and its impact on player development. The OSA Coaching Education Program takes many forms and is designed to benefit coaches of all levels from the novice to the professional.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

College soccer is growing across the nation and in order to support our youth players who have reached college age, OSA created a Scholarship Foundation to grant high school players scholarships based on need and academic standings. OSA members are also eligible for educational scholarships through OSA Districts, Region III, and US Youth Soccer.

FORMING A CLUB IN YOUR AREA

If you wish to bring soccer to your community, OSA will show you the step-by-step process to have your children playing the world's most popular sport.

Call OSA at 1-800-347-3590 to get started today.



OSA ANNUAL WORKSHOP

In addition to coaching and referee training at your club, OSA offers its members a yearly Workshop for coaches, parents, referees, administrators, and players. Held the first of the year in either Tulsa or Oklahoma City; over 20 classroom sessions and on-field demonstrations covering topics such as:

- Coaching sessions with USSF national coaches
- Two days of advanced referee instruction
- College scholarship information
- Sports medicine/prevention & sports psychology sessions
- How to create your personal website provided by OSA
- Coach of the Year luncheon & ODP player recognition
- Youth Referee of the Year award
- Chevrolet Parent of the Year award
- High school coaching sessions
- Vendors of soccer equipment and materials
- Field development sessions
- Club level sessions on finance & program development
- Grant writing & Public Relations sessions

AMATEUR ASSOCIATIONS

Central Oklahoma Adult Soccer League - Oklahoma City area

Northeastern Oklahoma Soccer Association - Tulsa area

College League -- statewide

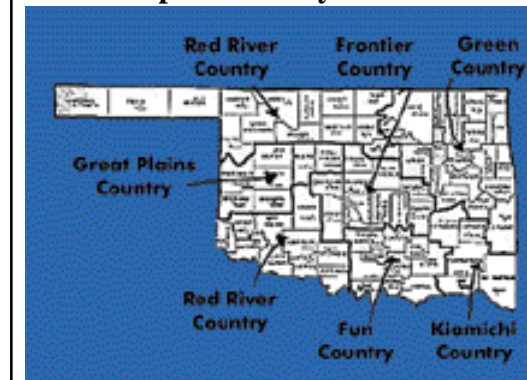


GOVERNANCE

OSA is administered by an Executive Committee comprised of board members from the Youth Division, the Senior (Adult) Division, and the referees.

OSA has seven "countries" governing youth players. OSA's seven active Youth Division countries are Frontier Country, Fun Country, Great Plains Country, Green Country, Red Carpet Country, Red River Country, and Kiamichi Country. Clubs fall under one of these organizations and will abide by the regulations they establish for playing soccer in their "country" or district.

Map of Country Members



The **Youth Division** plays a fall season that runs August through December and a spring season from February through May. There are two levels of play in the Youth Division: recreational and competitive. The recreational level provides a playing experience for boys and girls 5 through 19 years of age with an emphasis on fun and enjoyment of playing with their neighbors and schoolmates.

The competitive level provides more demanding playing experience for boys and girls 11 through 19 years of age with teams formed by means of tryouts and selections by licensed coaches and trainers.

Adult soccer is divided geographically into two major organizations: COASL and NEOSA (see information elsewhere in this brochure). Adults across the state play under one of the two adult organizations. A college league soccer division has recently formed and represents college-age students who play club soccer at several of Oklahoma's universities and colleges. This group is within the Adult Division.

Referees are represented on the OSA board through their State Referee Administrator (SRA). The State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA) serves at the Youth Division level.

Interested in more information on becoming a member?

Complete the information below and return it to:

Oklahoma Soccer Association
Attn: New Member Information
P.O. Box 35174
Tulsa, OK 74153

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, OK Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am Interested in -

Youth Programs Adult Programs

STATEWIDE COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Today's active soccer community requires access to information. OSA provides your club with several methods of communicating with parents, players, coaches, and referees.

OSA publishes the **Smoke Signals**, a free 24-page newsletter, six times a year for all registered players and coaches. **Smoke Signals** provides members with articles on coaching, officiating, health, adult soccer, tournaments, training, and regional/national soccer news.



For the growing number of Internet users, OSA provides each club with a **free website** and the training to make it easy to use. Working with OSA, your club can soon have a web-based communication network. For a peek at what OSA offers its members, go to www.oksoccer.com on the Internet.



For your convenience and accessibility, OSA maintains **two offices** in the state; one in Oklahoma City and another in Tulsa. Both are accessible by email, toll-free telephone, or fax.

OSA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The OSA offices have educational books and pamphlets available to all members. OSA maintains a comprehensive library of training and educational videos covering a wide spectrum of playing and coaching levels.



OSA Offices are located at:
Tulsa - 9410-M E. 51 • 74153 • 1-800-347-3590
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