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Announcing the new North Puget Sound Soccer League for Fall 2009

BOTHELL, WA – June 22, 2009 -- The youth soccer associations of Washington Youth Soccer's Districts 1 and 2 are excited to announce the launch of the North Puget Sound League (NPSL), our new fall league for 2009-2010 playing year.

The NPSL has been carefully formulated to realize these specific goals: allow select teams to play in a league that makes geographic-sense and is not limited by District or Association boundaries; allow select teams to play in a league that is economical in both cost and time; and structure play to ensure "like or comparable" competition.

"The new North Puget Sound League's mission is to create a strong, viable league for select teams and clubs," said Larry Mana'o, Commissioner of District 2. "With this league, select clubs will have the ability to play like-vs-like competition from two strong Districts."

League registration is scheduled to open on Friday, June 26th. To register at that time, please go to: <http://www.northpugetsoundleague.org>.

To assist coaches with the inaugural year league placement, the NPSL has designated the *Crossfire Select Cup* (July 24th-26th) as its preferred tournament for teams participating in the fall NPSL. Coaches can use this targeted tournament as a competitive assessment in determining which division they would want to play in. Crossfire Select has generously offered a \$50/team registration credit to NPSL teams (assuming a club places at least 5 teams in the tournament).

The NPSL structure will provide teams with the following:

Play Coverage Through U15 -- The NPSL is open to boys and girls competitive teams, ages U11 to U15. We expect the league to have approximately 200 teams from eleven associations in the inaugural season.

Family-Friendly Convenience for Local Competition -- The NPSL seeks to provide necessary competition at as local a level possible, limiting the travel until necessary.

With the increased team density this league provides, NPSL will deliver equal or shorter average travel commutes to matches than past leagues or alternative venues.

Full Match League -- 12 matches with home and away games. League play will commence on September 12th and concludes on December 5th with Thanksgiving weekend off.

Multiple Competitive Divisions per Age -- The NPSL will seek to establish 2-3 divisions per age/gender in order to optimize like-or comparable competition. Divisions will incorporate non-PDL Select teams, as well as PDL "C" teams and below (PDL "B" teams allowed with league approval).

Promotion and Relegation -- Teams will be moved in order to compete at the appropriate level based on their age group, ability and results.

Access to WA Youth Soccer State Cup Competitions -- By participating in the NPSL, teams meet the league play requirement for post-league play in Washington Youth Soccer State Championship Tournaments. The NPSL is in the process of being sanctioned by Washington Youth Soccer.

Adheres to Washington Youth Soccer League Play Calendar -- The NPSL league calendar aligns with Washington Youth Soccer State, District and PDL leagues, ensuring easy adoption and match scheduling.

Economical League Fees -- Team registration cost for NPSL participation is, by design, identical to last year's league fees incurred by District 1 and District 2 participants in their respective District leagues.

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About the North Puget Sound League

North Puget Sound League (NPSL) is a competitive youth soccer league that is a partnership of Washington Youth Soccer's District 1 and District 2 and their eleven youth soccer associations comprising over 57,000 youth soccer players. NPSL's mission is to supply a competitive venue to its teams that makes geographic sense and is not limited by District or Association boundaries, is economical in both cost and time, and ensures "like or comparable" competition. The NPSL is in the process of being sanctioned by Washington Youth Soccer. League website:

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