

EDP Soccer expands youth soccer management capabilities

EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ (January 11, 2022) --- EDP Soccer has acquired New York Club Soccer (NYCS). This combination of expertise and resources creates a youth soccer management group with expanded capabilities to serve the youth soccer community.

EDP Soccer manages leagues, tournaments, and showcases throughout the East Region from New England to Florida, while NYCS has extensive experience in the Tri-State Region. EDP Soccer also manages the US Youth Soccer National League Conferences and related regional showcases in the East Region.

Steve Shilling, Founder and CEO of EDP Soccer, welcomed Gary Grossman, Founder and CEO of NYCS, into the EDP Soccer senior management team with the following statement: "EDP Soccer continues to strive to be the best place to play soccer. Clubs develop players, and EDP Soccer's mission is to support clubs and their players by providing appropriate levels and formats of competitive play. To do this, EDP Soccer needs to be able to provide superior customer service to all clubs registering for the soccer activities we provide. Gary and his team at NYCS have a lengthy track record of success in working with clubs to satisfy their needs and the needs of their players. So, it is natural for EDP Soccer and NYCS to create a more comprehensive youth soccer management group."

Gary Grossman noted: "As I wrote near the start of the pandemic to the more than one thousand youth soccer teams that NYCS has historically served, it is imperative that we find ways in the youth soccer community to cooperate in order to provide clubs and their players opportunities to reach the level of play best suited to their abilities and to play against teams of a similar level be that recreational, competitive, or highly competitive while at the same time reducing the amount of travel involved. Working with EDP Soccer, US Youth Soccer, and state level leagues like the Cosmopolitan Junior Soccer League, NYCS has seen how such cooperation is not only possible but also beneficial. We are excited to join EDP Soccer to continue to develop programming that unifies the youth soccer community while allowing each club and each player to select the pathway that works best for them."

EDP Soccer and NYCS will immediately begin operating as one entity, though both corporate identities will be visible during a transition period. Together EDP Soccer and NYCS serve over 5,500 teams in league play and over 5,500 teams in tournament and showcase play.

About EDP Soccer

Founded in 1999, Elite Development Program (EDP) is one of the largest organizers of youth soccer leagues and tournaments in the U.S. EDP Soccer operates youth leagues for boys and girls ages 9-19, conducts a Futures program for players ages 7-11, operates U20/23 men's and women's leagues, and manages multiple conferences of the US Youth Soccer National League. EDP Soccer also manages more than 25 tournaments each year. One of the major priorities of EDP Soccer's leagues and tournaments through its Pathway to College™ programming is to enable youth soccer players to reach their full potential, with an emphasis on attending college. More than 5,500 teams participate in EDP Soccer leagues, and more than 170,000 players compete in EDP Soccer tournaments annually. For more information about EDP soccer, please visit: www.edpsoccer.com

About New York Club Soccer (NYCS)

New York Club Soccer (NYCS) was founded in 2009 to provide league and tournament play for youth soccer players, teams, and clubs in the Tri-State area. Now, as a full-service sports management organization, NYCS is a division of EDP Soccer. NYCS, assists with the administration of soccer activities for over 23,000 players competing in the expanded version of the North Atlantic Conference managed by EDP Soccer.