

## About USASA

The United States Adult Soccer Association (USASA) is a national organization member of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and is currently the only adult specific member of USSF. USASA operates 53 state associations through its local members and they are broken down into four regions: Region 1 (East), Region 2 (Midwest), Region 3 (South) and Region 4 (West). USASA also has three national leagues: the PDL of the United Soccer Leagues (USL), the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL) and the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL); and two regional leagues: the Champion's League and the Mid-Atlantic Soccer Showcase League (MSSL). The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) is also affiliated as it continues to register its adult players through USASA.

AYSO offers adult play amongst its parents, coaches, volunteers and players who have moved beyond the youth age bracket.

Along with the National Cups, Veteran's Cup, Coed Cup and the Elite Player Program, USASA also offers referee programs, coaching programs, a sustaining membership program, a national online registration system and insurance coverage for all of its members. The USASA Hall of Fame is also in place to honor those individuals who have made a significant contribution towards the development and advancement of adult amateur soccer at the national or regional level.

## Mission Statement

To promote the game of soccer for men and women in an atmosphere of fun, fair play and friendship, and

Secure USASA membership for all men and women in the game

Create opportunities for participants at all levels

Operate a public relations program to promote the USASA

Renew and improve the relationship with the youth and professional divisions

Educate the players and the members of the general public on the activities of the USASA

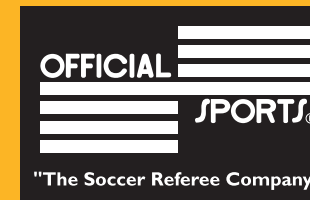
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## USASA Competitions

National Cups

Veteran's Cup

CoEd Cup

Elite Player Program



The National Cups competition is the oldest and most prestigious soccer competition in the United States for affiliated members of the United States Adult Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation.

The National Cups is broken down into various divisions for both men and women. In order to participate in USASA's National Cups, teams must work their way through both state and regional qualifying rounds. The champions of each division in each region move on to the National Cup finals. Along with qualifying for the USASA National Cups, the Men's Open champion in each region (and the runner-up) also qualify for the Lamar Hunt US Open Cup. The US Open Cup is a knockout cup that features teams from the MLS, USL First Division, USL Second Division, USL Premier Development League and USASA.

The National Cups competition began in 1914 when the Men's Open Cup was created. The Men's Amateur Cup was added in 1923 and in 1980, the Women's Amateur and Over 30 cups got under way. The Men's Over 30 division followed in 1984. In 1996, the Women's Open was established and a year later, both the Men's and Women's U23 divisions began.



The following teams were the inaugural winners of their respective divisions: Brooklyn Field Club – Brooklyn, NY (Men's Open); Lynbrook Steuben – Lynbrook, NY (Men's O30); Louisville Alliance – Louisville, KY (Men's U23); Texas Lightning – Dallas, TX (Women's Open); Seattle Sharks – Seattle, WA (Women's Amateur); Blue Angels – Seattle, WA (Women's O30) and Kingwood Wave – Kingwood, TX (Women's U23). A winner was not named in the first year of the Men's Amateur tournament. The first winner of this division, Fleischer Yan FC – Philadelphia, PA, was crowned a year later in 1924.



The Veteran's Cup was created in 1998 with the goal of providing a high-level competition for both male and female players age 40 and older playing affiliated soccer through USASA. As years have passed, the divisions have expanded to include players Over 30 through Over 60. The opportunity for additional age brackets is ever present as competitive players continue to play well into their 60's.

In the inaugural competition, held in Bellingham, Washington, nine teams entered the tournament.

Recent competitions have featured over 100 entries. The Veteran's Cup has traveled across the United States. The competition has been played in Nashua (NH), Beckley (WV), Honolulu (HI) and Wilmington (NC). The Veteran's Cup returned home to Bellingham in 2007 and 2008 to celebrate its 10th anniversary and hosted a total of 175 teams. In 2009 and 2010, the tournament will return to the east coast in Lancaster, Massachusetts.



This five day competitive tournament kicks off with opening ceremonies the night before the games get under way. A parade of teams, carrying their state association flags, is a popular part of this annual event. In most cases, each team will play one game throughout the preliminary rounds starting on Wednesday and ending on Friday. The Veteran's Cup also hosts a "Celebration of Teams" event marking the end of the preliminary rounds on Friday evening. Since many teams return from one year to the next, it affords the opportunity, off the pitch, to foster friendships made over the years. The semifinals are held on Saturday and the finals on Sunday. These games are highly competitive with many ending in overtime and kicks from the mark. Prize money is awarded to division winners and runner-ups. The winners of each division are declared National Champions.



The Coed Cup was established to provide both a recreational and competitive tournament for coed soccer players across the United States. Entry to the Coed Cup is open to coed teams affiliated with USASA. In an effort to grow coed leagues in State Associations without affiliated coed leagues, teams may be formed by mixing men's and women's teams' players together so long as all of the players are already affiliated with USASA. The competition has been expanded in 2008 to accommodate the huge growth in coed soccer in the United States.

The 2008 competition will have three different age brackets (Open, Over 30 and Over 40) and three different competitive levels within each bracket (Premier, First and Second Divisions) This gives all USASA coed players an opportunity to play in a competitive and fun competition -- no matter what the skill level.

League City, Texas, played host to the first ever Coed Cup in 1999. First year winners were the Mall Rats – Metro DC/VA (Open) and Plaza Delphinus – Texas South (Over 30). Besides League City, the Coed Cup has also been held in Plano (TX), Virginia Beach (VA) and Albuquerque (NM). After a two year hiatus, the Coed Cup will resume play in the fall of 2008 in Plano (Dallas), Texas.



The nine available competitions for teams to sign up for are: Open (Premier), Open (First), Open (Second), Over 30 (Premier), Over 30 (First), Over 30 (Second), Over 40 (Premier), Over 40 (First) and Over 40 (Second). The group stages will consist of round robin play and for those teams who advance out of the group stages, a semi-final (if applicable) and a final game will be played to determine a champion.



The Elite Player Program evolved from the highly regarded Select Teams Program. The goal of the program is to identify men and women that exhibit the skill level to join the USASA National Select Teams' player pool and compete for a spot on the National Select Team. Besides assembling the best group of players for the Men's and Women's National Select Team, the Elite Player Program also provides the players an opportunity to be scouted by professional teams.

Identification of the elite players begins at the state level.

Designated scouts and coaches within the State Associations evaluate the local talent and then recommend players to be considered for the USASA National Select Teams. These players are invited to participate in the USASA Elite Player National Camp. At the camp, the players take part in multiple rigorous training sessions and games. At the conclusion of the camp, the National Coaching Staff will select the top players from the player pool to form the USASA National Select Teams. Before selecting the final teams, they will also look to schedule games with professional and international opponents.



In recent years, the men's National Select Team has traveled to Ireland to face the Irish National Amateur Team while the women's team has traveled to Mexico for a set of games against the Mexican National Team.