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Washington Youth Soccer Announces Participants for Regional Club League's 2010-2011 Fall Season

FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON (Fri, July 2, 2010) – Washington Youth Soccer announced today that the elite Regional Club League (RCL) will have its inaugural season this fall with 21 clubs and two individual teams competing. The participants for the Fall 2010-2011 season will consist of 19 founding clubs and new additions, Three Rivers Soccer Club, Seattle United – a probationary club – plus two individual teams.

Over the course of several months, the Regional Club Subcommittee and the 19 founding clubs have worked together to form the foundation of the RCL and its guiding principles. It is through this partnership that the RCL is prepared to launch its initial season this fall.

“I want to thank the Clubs and the Regional Club Subcommittee for their diligence and speed in moving this program forward,” said Doug Andreassen, President of the Board of Directors of Washington Youth Soccer. “Their approach demonstrates a commitment to serving our players and driving a quality, club-based development model.”

The Regional Club League seeks to play "like vs. like" teams in competitive leagues among clubs that consistently demonstrate the ability to develop Championship Cup caliber teams, ODP players, and a commitment to appropriate developmental philosophies for youth. The focus is on club-based development of players. This league and the Regional Club Program have been developed as the next evolution of the Player Development League.

In addition to the 19 founding clubs, the RCL will have new additions participating in the 2010-2011 fall season. Three Rivers Soccer Club, a member of the Tri-Cities Youth Soccer Association, is located in Pasco and features 39 boys' and girls' teams aged U11 to U18. Their acceptance as a full member is the result of three years of significant work to strengthen the foundation of their club.

Seattle United, meanwhile, is a new club developed by Seattle Youth Soccer Association (SYSA) to address the premier and select level of development. Seattle United will make its competitive league debut this fall. Normally a club would require a full year of operation and participation in state championships to complete qualification – however, the Regional Club Subcommittee made the decision to accept Seattle United as a probationary member, recognizing

the need to serve the many players that had been participating in the PDL under the previous structure in SYSA.

Along with the clubs Three Rivers and Seattle United, two additional teams, CB United GU15 (Moses Lake) and River City SC BU15 (Spokane Valley) have been accepted into the RCL for the coming season. As quarterfinalists in the Championship Cup at U15 and above, these teams were eligible to participate and chose to apply.

Regional Clubs accepted into the league must demonstrate a commitment to Washington Youth Soccer's youth development standards, including training programs, nationally licensed coaches, and strong performance in the US Youth Soccer Washington State Championships.

The RCL members will begin competition in the league this fall. Following is a complete list of clubs and teams who will compete in the Regional Club League this coming season:

Club/Team	Location
Blackhills FC	Olympia
Vancouver United Timbers	Vancouver
Crossfire Premier	Redmond
Club Dosveedanya	Kent
Eastside FC	Mercer Island
Evergreen/Washington Rush	Everett
FC Alliance	Woodinville
FC Greater Renton	Renton
Federal Way United SC	Federal Way
Harbor FC	Gig Harbor
Highline Premier FC	Seattle
NorthWest Nationals	Mountlake Terrace
Seattle United *	Seattle
Snohomish United	Snohomish
Spokane Shadow	Spokane
Sun City Strikers	Yakima
Three Rivers SC	Pasco
Washington Premier FC	Tacoma
Westsound FC Premier	Silverdale
Whatcom FC Rangers	Bellingham
Washington Soccer Academy Premier	Camas

*Probationary Member

Currently, teams from the entire state of Washington are represented in the RCL, including Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Spokane, Olympia, Bellingham, Yakima, Vancouver and the Kitsap Peninsula.

For more information about any of these events, or to join a Washington Youth Soccer club, visit washingtonyouthsoccer.org.

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. 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.

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