



Organization Profile

Since its first year of inception in 1969, with membership numbers just topping 100,000, Cal North has grown to largest state youth soccer organization in the United States, counting more than 188,00 members ages 5-19. Cal North provides a democratic structure to provide uniform rules and guidelines to its membership which comprises nine districts, 128 leagues of registration, tens of thousands of volunteers and administrators, plus over 24,000 coaches, most of which are also volunteers.

Mission

"The mission of the California Youth Soccer Association (Cal North) is to serve all children and our communities by providing opportunities that allow each child to grow, learn, mature and succeed by becoming productive adult members of society through the development, promotion, and offering, regardless of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin and/or ability, comprehensive community based leagues that offer a complete range of youth soccer opportunities for all children of all ages and abilities."

Cal North Motto: Kids First

Cal North, with its motto KIDS FIRST is dedicated to assisting parents in developing youth as individuals and not just as soccer players

Vision: It All Starts Here

For Cal North every child is an individual of importance to be nurtured, encouraged, and supported and to that end Cal North's vision is to offers something for every child. Cal North has programs for the disadvantaged, and programs leading to state-wide competitions for all levels of play in the form of the Founders Cup, the Association Cup, the State Cup, TOPSoccer, and the Olympic Development Program.

Structure

The Association shall have a Board of Directors elected through an open and democratic process. Cal North is also able to provide a structured appeals process and its marketing and licensing programs help California Youth Soccer Association hold down player costs while providing revenue for increased services. The state administration of Cal North is conducted by a fifteen member Board of Directors consisting of a Chairman, 1st Vice Chairman, 2nd Vice Chairman, 3rd Vice Chairman, Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, nine district commissioners, and a Member at Large. A sixteenth position, that of Past President is held by the most recent past president.

The Cal North membership is divided into nine regions, each with a commissioner elected to the board. The districts are geographically based. Each district has a Board of Directors, elected by the league presidents from their member leagues.

Cal North is a member of a much larger soccer community, and therefore its players are members of this world community. Boys and girls register to play with one of the more than 300 clubs or leagues formed by Cal North. Each of the nine districts are Cal North and therefor members of US Youth Soccer and US Soccer. US Soccer, along with over 197 other national soccer organizations, are members of FIFA, the Federation Internationale de Football Association. FIFA serves as the international governing body for soccer and US Soccer has been a member since 1913. Together, local, national and international organizations form a family of support for the young soccer players of Cal North.

