

VYSA and DICK's Team Sports HQ Partnership FAQs

Q: What will VYSA be using Dick's Team Sports HQ for?

A: VYSA will utilize this platform to manage BOTH travel and recreation players as well as their coaches and admins. The platform will be used to manage eligibility, rosters, ID cards, scheduling for state run programs and ODP registration. VYSA will also be using Dick's Team Sports HQ for registration and scheduling of VYSA managed tournaments including the National Championship Series starting in the fall.

Q: Will training for league and club staff, volunteers and registrars be provided?

A: Yes, several webinars will be offered the week of May 7.

Webinar Training

- **Tuesday, May 8:** 12pm EST
- **Wednesday, May 9:** 6pm EST
- **Thursday, May 10:** 12pm EST
- **Friday, May 11:** 6pm EST

In Person trainings will be offered the week of May 14. Locations and times TBD
Additional trainings will be offered in June.

Q: When will the database be available for clubs to beginning using and learning?

A: May 31

Q: Is the new software provider compliant with the US Soccer and FIFA requirements?

A: Yes, they are working closely with US Soccer to test out the integration that will allow US Soccer access to the required data fields. Once US Soccer receives the information, the US Soccer and FIFA ID numbers will be appended to the player record.

Q: Why did VYSA select Dick's Team Sports HQ for their database management?

A: DSG Team Sports HQ Affinity Technology platform is currently successfully serving over 9 million youth sports players nationwide and are the provider for our governing body USYS. This technology will result in streamlined interaction between our members, VYSA, USYS and USSF. Affinity Sports has been in the soccer market since 2002 serving State Soccer Associations. Currently Affinity Sports works with 16 US Youth Soccer state associations.

Q: How will the background check management process change?

A: The new database will be integrated with Trusted Employees, the background check company VYSA has been using for several years. Clubs can continue using Trusted Employees to conduct their background checks with the convenience of an integrated system or they may use another company of their choice.

Q: How with the new VYSA database integrate with the DCC for coaching education?

A: Affinity Sports is still working with US Soccer on the work flow of information being pushed from the DCC into Affinity Sports. The gist of it is though that as long as the first name, last name and email address match in both the Affinity Sports platform and the DCC, then Affinity Sports will automatically check the DCC for updated coaching licenses and append the record with those results. If VYSA needs to update a record on their own, maybe the email addresses didn't match and now they do, they will have a button to push that can also get the results from the DCC.

Q: Will the teams need to provide proof of birth date documents again?

A: All players in the current year system (2017-2018) ONLY will be uploaded and marked birth document verified by VYSA. Players not registered in the 17-18 system will have to provide the proof of birth date document again.

Q: Will International clearances have to be completed again?

A: No, the state registrar has records for all international clearances.

Q: Will the players need to provide a new picture for uploading?

A: Yes.

Q: I see that DSG and VYSA will be providing \$10,000 annually to recreational players via a scholarship fund. How can my club apply for these scholarships?

A: VYSA is currently working on an application and requirements for these scholarships and they will be made available this summer with scholarships awarded in the Fall.

Q: Who would a club contact if they would like information about switching their player registration system to Dick's Team Sports HQ.

A: <http://www.bluesombrero.com/vysa>

Q: I still have questions and need more information. Who can I contact?

A: You may contact Krista Lenzmeier, VYSA's Manager of Member Services at Krista@vysa.com. Krista will get back to you as soon as possible or refer you to a registrar that can be of help.