



BIRMINGHAM UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION



February 2016

From Executive Director, Andrew Brower -

I hope the February Newsletter finds you and your family doing well. BUSA has many exciting projects to let you know about for the 2016 Spring Season. In the upcoming months we will share these with you, our members – the people who make our club a wonderful place. We feel each new initiative will further our objective of continuing to raise the bar for soccer programming in our state and region. Additionally, we will soon be announcing the hiring of several new coaches to continue our standards of excellence within BUSA.

We want to provide an update regarding the coming mandates from US Soccer, namely the Small-Sided Games initiative and the Age Group Mandates. As of today, all information is not confirmed for next fall as the local and regional levels are still deciding how to best implement these mandates. Below are two links to the most recent statements from USYS and US Club/ECNL:

- USYS – [Click Here](#)
- US Club & ECNL – [Click Here](#)

Here is a recap of recent Director Staff activities & current events:

- Members of the BUSA Directors Staff attended the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Convention in January in Baltimore, MD. Several workshops designed to exchange information and ideas regarding the upcoming mandates were attended.
- BUSA Director Staff remains in constant communication with Alabama Soccer Association (Director – Tom Condore), USYS, US Club and ECNL as well as our other affiliations regarding the changes
- BUSA Directors are also communicating regularly with local and regional clubs to exchange ideas regarding the mandates
- BUSA Directors have been engaged in an ongoing process of studying all age groups and current rosters to understand the how the age group changes benefit our club and members

Change in anything has the potential to bring about apprehension and discomfort. However, simply put, change is inevitable, *growth* is optional. We at BUSA look forward to the growth that comes from implementing the changes US Soccer is instituting. Once we have all of the pertinent information from our governing bodies (ASA, USYS, US Club) we will confirm our plan of action and communicate it to you. We are committed to making the transition into the 2016 Fall season as seamless as possible.

Our tentative communication timeline – for your planning purposes:

- Early April: Email membership updates as to where things stand
- Mid April: Team Manager Meeting to share information
- Late April/early May: Communicate the final plan to membership

We are very excited about the future at BUSA and look forward to some major announcements to continue the positive momentum for all players, parents, and coaches!

Andrew Brower
Executive Director

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BUSA 2016 College Commitments:

 Abigail Albritton Vestavia Hills High School Wofford	 Lauren Carter Tupelo High School Mississippi College	 Tatiana Hawkins Douglas County High School West Georgia	 Lauren Roussell Vestavia Hill High School Auburn
 Erin Bonner Marbury High School Samford	 Lindsay Copeland Vestavia Hills High School Samford	 Alley Houghton Lafayette High School Ole Miss	 Miranda Schoening Oxford High School North Texas
 Kelob Branch Griffin High School Point University	 Dishawn Cullen Douglas County High School Georgia Southern	 Nealy Martin Oak Mountain High School Alabama	 Laney Smith Mountain Brook High School Washington & Lee
 Adam Brooker Demopolis High School UAB	 Sydney DeJohn Hoover High School Spring Hill College	 Claire McPherson John Carroll Catholic High School West Georgia	 Nicole Strahl Mountain Brook High School Troy
 Julia Buckner Oak Mountain High School U.S. Naval Academy	 Anna Frierson Homewood High School Auburn	 Savannah Moss Cullman High School University of Mobile	 Sophia Wilson Chelsea High School Troy
 Liza Wise Tupelo High School Mississippi College			

Birmingham United Soccer Club is proud to have 21 players from the class of 2016 committing to play soccer at the next level.

BUSA 2016 Camps and Academies Schedule

CAMP	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COST
BUSA Technical Camp	June 21st-June 23rd	9:00AM-11:00AM	Heardmont	\$90.00
Goal Scoring/Finishing	July 19th-July 21st	6:00PM-8:00PM	Rathmell	\$90.00
Goalkeeping Camp	July 19th-July 21st	5:00PM-8:00PM	Rathmell	\$115.00
Back to School Camp	TBA	9:00AM-11:30AM	Rathmell	\$90.00



MAY 21 – 22, 2016 NIKE MEN'S COLLEGE ID CAMP

Saturday 5/21 – 1:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Sunday 5/22 – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

BUSA will be hosting a men's college I.D. camp at Sports Blast Park for players that desire to play at the next level. We will have coaches on hand from NCAA Division I, II, III and NAIA programs. Over the past several years this camp has proven to be very productive for future college players and college coaches alike. Players will train with several college coaches as well as be observed during the games.



Nike Men's College ID Camp

Individual or Team
Registration

Cost : \$115
(Includes T-Shirt)

Over 30 College
Coaches in
Attendance

Open to any High
School age players
(Does Not Affect
Eligibility)

<https://www.youthleagues.usa.com/gnslite/camp/000431/cgi-bin/player.cgi>

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MAY 21 – 22, 2016 NIKE WOMEN'S COLLEGE ID CAMP

Saturday 5/21 – 1:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Sunday 5/22 – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

BUSA will be hosting a women's college I.D. camp for players that desire to play at the next level. We will have coaches on hand from NCAA Division I, II, III and NAIA programs. Over the past several years this camp has proven to be very productive for future college players and college coaches alike. Players will train with several college coaches as well as be observed during the games.



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Spring 2016 Junior Academy Program

Skill Training for U7, U8 & U9 BUSA Rec Players

This program is for the recreational soccer player desiring to learn new techniques and improve current abilities with professional training in a fun age appropriate environment. Your child will learn proper technique to execute basic and advanced soccer skills from BUSA's professional staff with the use of fun skill developing activities (repetitions are key) and small sided games. This program is intended to provide additional training for kids that want more than just the 1 night of weekly practice with their rec soccer teams.

Registration is open to all U7, U8 & U9 boys and girls who are participating in the Spring 2016 Birmingham United Soccer Association Recreational League.

North Location: Brookwood Forest Elementary

South Location: Sportsblast Complex

Dates: (Wednesday Nights) - March 16, 23
April 6, 13, 20, 27
May 4

Times: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Cost: \$90

If you have questions about the BUSA Jr. Academy Program, please contact Tommy Cochran at tommy@birminghamunited.com

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Congratulations to the 04 Girls on winning the VIT and Concord Tournament two weekends in a row!



FALL 2016 TRYOUT DATES

-U-9 to U-12 May 16-19

-ECNL May 24-25 (rain date 26)

-U-13 and Above June 1st to 3rd (rain date June 4th-5th)