



The board of trustees for Wasatch Soccer Club and Utah Surf Soccer Club are excited to announce a partnership.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Beginning May 1, 2023, Utah Surf players will have opportunities to play with Wasatch SC in the Elite Academy League and Girls Academy League. Wasatch players will have opportunities to play with Surf teams in specific age groups in the Desert Conference League, National League Pro, National Platform League, and Surf Select. This partnership gives player's from both programs opportunities to demonstrate their talents in elevated competitions. In addition, the clubs have agreed to 17 combine player pool trainings over the course of the 2023-2024 season. These player combines provide Surf and Wasatch coaches opportunities to evaluate individual player's potential opportunities for growth.

The two clubs have a mutual respect for each other's coaching styles and ethics. Both clubs have some of the most talented players in the state and look forward to flourishing the relationship between the clubs and players in the years to come. Wasatch SC and Utah Surf SC share common goals to develop the person first, using age-specific curriculum, working together with the unified goal of maximizing potential. Pat Otte, the present Technical Director for Wasatch SC, will remain as Technical Director over the partnership. Brad Silvey will be the Utah County Technical Director.

Stated simply by Pat Otte, "We are excited about developing this collaboration between Wasatch and Utah Surf. It allows us to come together and provide more great environments and opportunities for youth soccer in the state of Utah." An excited Blaine Hale, Executive Director at Utah Surf added "We are delighted to work with like-minded individuals for the betterment of the youth athletes in Utah."

FAQ's

What does this mean for my child?

UYSA leagues and teams will not be impacted by this partnership. If your child currently plays on a national level team, they will have opportunities to play in additional national league competitions. This also provides premier and aspiring UYSA players potential opportunities to play as a guest in national league games.

Why are the clubs partnering?

By joining forces, we give more players opportunities to play in higher competitions. It deepens our pool of quality players and increases exposure of more youth. It also makes our clubs more competitive, raising the level of training and games.

When will these changes take place?

The partnership and national league player playing opportunities begin May 1, 2023.

Will the club logo change?

The logo will not change for your respective team. If you are playing with the partnering club in a national platform game, you will wear the appropriate uniform.

Will my child's training session location change?

Locations and times are set by the team coaches based on availability. Nothing is changing regarding practice times and locations. Your child could be invited to additional training with other teams.

Will I have a different coach with the new partnership?

As always, teams and coaches are established after the upcoming season tryouts. Surf players will still play for Surf team and Wasatch players will still play for Wasatch team. If you participate in a national league platform team, your coach during that cycle may be a Wasatch or a Surf Coach.