



## 2018 MSYSA Grassroots Soccer Futures Award

The Maryland State Youth Soccer Grassroots Futures Award is awarded to the club(s) who demonstrate significant and outstanding effort in developing creative and innovative programs for their players, support best practices, and work to significantly improve the game for grassroots players, parents and coaches. These clubs actively pursue quality recreational programs and environments to make grassroots soccer fun and developmental.

Note: Grassroots is considered any age/play level NOT involving carded travel players.

Name of Club:	
Primary Point of Contact:	
Primary POC Email	
Primary Grassroots Contact:	
Primary Grassroots POC Email	
Approximate number of players per single season	
Approximate number of grassroots coaches/assistants	

Criteria: Clubs must meet or exceed the following requirements:

- ✓ The club is in good standing with MSYSA
- ✓ The club has an active and visible coach and parent conduct policy
- ✓ The club does not maintain scores or standings for any recreational in-house games
- ✓ The club promotes and supports grassroots coaching licenses from US Soccer or United Soccer Coaches

In addition, clubs should submit **any** of the following types of program elements for consideration:

- ✓ The club actively uses age group leaders or age specific directors of coaching specifically at the grassroots level
- ✓ The club holds at least one in-house coaching education session per season (spring , fall)
- ✓ The club has some form of continuing coach education outside of licensing
- ✓ The club works to provide realistic and positive parent education and support
- ✓ The club has an active mentorship program
- ✓ The club uses an academy style training program
- ✓ The club consistently provides trainers or additional coach support materials
- ✓ The club pays for and visibly promotes some form of coaching education program
- ✓ The club significant supports outreach to bring disadvantaged children into play
- ✓ The club works to maintain low-cost grassroots programing.
- ✓ Any other kind of creative program element that creates an excellent environment for players that is above the average.

