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# ABOUT THE BOSTON BREAKERS

Boston is one of the biggest sports cities in the world, steeped in historic performances and championship trophies. The Boston Breakers find themselves right in the mix. The longest-running professional women's soccer team in U.S. history, the Breakers have roots dating back more than a decade.

The franchise was established in 2000, debuting in the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA) in 2001. The Breakers competed for three seasons in WUSA before the league folded. When Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) was formed in the fall of 2007, the Breakers joined the league and began play when WPS officially launched its first season in 2009. The Breakers played three seasons in WPS (2009-2011) before the league suspended operations in 2011. In their three WPS seasons, the Breakers reached the playoffs twice.

In 2012, the Breakers played in the eight-team WPSL Elite League, which featured eight teams from the Midwest and up and down the East Coast. The Breakers won the regular season championship with an 11-3 record. In 2013, the Breakers were one of eight teams that began play in the new professional women's soccer league, the National Women's Soccer League. The NWSL began with the Boston Breakers, Chicago Red Stars, FC Kansas City, Seattle Reign FC, Portland Thorns FC, Sky Blue FC, Washington Spirit, and the Western New York Flash. In 2014, the league expanded to nine teams, adding the Houston Dash. In the first three NWSL seasons combined, the Breakers went 18-37-11 (8-8-6 in their debut season of 2013). In October 2015, the league expanded to 10 teams, adding the Orlando Pride for the 2016 NWSL season.

The Breakers played their 2013 home games at Dilboy Stadium in Somerville, Massachusetts before moving to Harvard Stadium in 2014. They played their 2015 home games at Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium on the grounds of Harvard University. Soldiers Field was renamed Jordan Field in late summer 2015, and it will remain the home of the Breakers in 2016.

The Breakers pride themselves on the work they do both on and off the field. When they're not competing for a championship on the pitch, they're out in the community, making appearances at hospitals, youth camps, clinics, and more.





# BREAKERS HISTORY

The Boston Breakers, who play their home games at Jordan Field (formerly known as Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium) in Allston, Mass., are one of 10 teams in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL), joined by the Chicago Red Stars, Houston Dash (est. 2014), FC Kansas City, Orlando Pride (est. 2015), Portland Thorns FC, Seattle Reign FC, Sky Blue FC (New Jersey), North Carolina Courage, and the Washington Spirit. The league began play in April 2013, and the Breakers began the season with Head Coach **Lisa Cole**, who entered her second season as the Breakers head coach. On Aug. 2, 2013, the Breakers parted ways with Cole, and defender **Cat Whitehill** took over as player/coach.

The Breakers finished their inaugural 2013 NWSL season in fifth place with an 8-8-6 record. **Sydney Leroux** led the team and finished tied for second in the NWSL with 11 goals. **Lianne Sanderson** was tops on the team with seven assists, which also ranked her third in the league.

In 2014, Boston's second season in the NWSL, the team finished with a 6-16-2 record under Head Coach **Tom Durkin**. **Heather O'Reilly** led the team and finished seventh in the league for goals scored (nine) as well as fifth for shots of goal with 34. Goalkeeper **Alyssa Naeher** made 106 saves, setting a Breakers franchise record for saves in a season. She also finished first in the league in that category and led the league in minutes played by a goalkeeper (2,115). Naeher finished the season with three shutouts. Naeher was named 2014 NWSL Goalkeeper of the Year.

In 2015, the Breakers finished their third NWSL season in ninth place with a 4-13-3 record. **Kristie Mewis** led the team with six goals and was also named Team MVP. She led the team and finished second in the league in both shots (81) and shots on goal (32) and was tops on the team and sixth in the NWSL in corner kicks (65). Mewis also tallied two assists. **Stephanie McCaffrey** earned Team Rookie of the Year honors as she finished tied for second on the team with three goals, which ranked her fourth amongst NWSL rookies. Her three assists were tops on the team in 2015.

On Sept. 22, 2015, **Matt Beard** was named as the seventh head coach in Breakers history, taking over for Tom Durkin, for the 2016 season. Beard came over from Liverpool Ladies FC, where he guided the team to two straight FA Women's Super League titles. In 2016, the Breakers went 3-15-2. They were led by England's **Natasha Dowie**, who signed more than halfway through the season. Dowie led the Breakers with three goals in seven games.



In 2012, the Breakers played in the inaugural WPSL Elite League. They won the WPSL Elite regular season title with an 11-3 record under the direction of Coach Cole. The 11-3 record was the best win-loss record in Boston Breakers franchise history. They competed in WPSL Elite alongside ASA Chesapeake Charge, the Chicago Red Stars, FC Indiana, New England Mutiny, New York Fury, Philadelphia Fever, and the Western New York Flash. The Breakers were led by the dynamic offensive duo of second-year Breaker **Katie Schoepfer** (7G, 6A), and Australian international **Kyah Simon**, who finished second in WPSL Elite in goals scored (12).

Originally founded in 2000 as a charter member of the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA), the Boston Breakers were one of eight teams in the first U.S.-based women's professional soccer league that played three seasons (2001-03) before the WUSA suspended operations in September 2003. League founding players **Kristine Lilly**, **Kate Sobrero (Markgraf)**, and **Tracy Ducar** headlined the Breakers roster all three seasons, and combined with international stars that included Germany's **Maren Meinert** and **Bettina Wiegmann** and Norway's **Dagny Mellgren** and **Ragnhild Gulbrandsen**.

During their three-year tenure in the WUSA, the Breakers earned numerous accolades both on and off the field. They won the Community Service Award and notched league-leading attendance in 2002, and in 2003, Head Coach **Pia Sundhage** was awarded Coach of the Year while **Maren Meinert** received WUSA's Most Valuable Player award. In their final season in the WUSA, the Breakers had their best record (10-4-7) and placed first in the regular season before falling to the Washington Freedom in the semifinals.

In April 2007, the Boston Breakers were re-established as one of seven franchises announced in the Women's Soccer Initiative, which later became Women's Professional Soccer (WPS), where they played three seasons, beginning with the inaugural 2009 campaign. All three seasons, the Breakers were led by Head Coach **Tony DiCicco**, who guided the 1999 U.S. Women's National Team FIFA Women's World Cup champions and later won a U-20 Women's World Cup title with the U.S.

In the 2009 season, DiCicco led a team that was comprised of U.S. Women's National Team talent **Kristine Lilly**, **Angela Hucles**, **Heather Mitts**, and the No. 1 overall selection in the 2009 WPS Draft, **Amy Rodriguez**, as well as English international stars **Kelly Smith**, a three-time FIFA Women's World Player of the Year nominee and **Alex Scott**, who teamed with Smith and won the quadruple with Arsenal Ladies in 2007.

The Breakers ended their 2009 season in fifth place with a 7-9-4 record, just missing a playoff berth by one point to eventual 2009 WPS Champions Sky Blue FC of New Jersey. The Breakers were especially solid on defense, taking third in the league for their average goals against per game. Breakers defender **Amy LePeilbet** was named the MedImmune Defender of the Year.

At the end of the 2009 season, General Manager **Joe Cummings** stepped down to pursue a career with the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). **Andy Crossley** moved from Director of Business Development to the vacant General Manager position.



Heading into the 2010 season, the Breakers picked up new talent, including three U.S. Women's National Team players: **Lauren Cheney**, UCLA's all-time leading scorer, **Leslie Osborne**, former FC Gold Pride playmaker and captain, and **Stephanie Cox**, a solid defender acquired in the La Sol dispersal draft.

The Breakers finished the 2010 season in second place, earning an automatic berth into the WPS Super Semifinal, where the team lost to the Philadelphia Independence in double overtime. The Breakers ended the regular season with a 10-8-6 record. For the second year in a row, Breakers defender **Amy LePeilbet** was named MedImmune Defender of the Year.

The Breakers made a number of offseason moves in preparation for the 2011 season, including the signings of U.S. Women's National Team players **Rachel Buehler** and **Kelley O'Hara** from the 2010 WPS Champions FC Gold Pride. They also added depth in the midfield by taking Portland star and former U-20 World Cup champion **Keelin Winters**. Midseason acquisitions **Meghan Klingenberg** (University of North Carolina), who came to Boston via trade with magicJack, and free agent **Aya Sameshima**, who played every minute in the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup for the champion Japanese team, added further depth to the squad.

The Breakers reached the WPS playoffs for the second straight season, this time getting into the first round, where they lost to magicJack. The 2011 season was an historic year for the Breakers. Keeper **Alyssa Naeher**, midfielder **Meghan Klingenberg**, and forward **Lauren Cheney** all earned WPS Player of the Week honors. Cheney made history on Aug. 14, 2011, when she scored the fastest goal in WPS history. It came 14 seconds into Boston's win over Sky Blue FC. Naeher set a franchise record for saves in a season (99). She's also the all-time leader in career saves (168).

In 2011, the Boston Breakers were well-represented at the FIFA Women's World Cup with eight members of the team playing for three separate countries - **Lauren Cheney**, **Rachel Buehler**, **Stephanie Cox**, **Kelley O'Hara**, **Amy LePeilbet**, all for U.S., **Kelly Smith** and **Alex Scott** for England, and **Aya Sameshima** for Japan.



# FRONT OFFICE



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Mark Thomas joined the Boston Breakers front office staff in November 2016. Thomas will oversee the day-to-day business operations of the Boston Breakers organization. Responsibilities include sales, marketing, sponsorship, and day-to-day management of the business operations. Thomas will work on building off the current platform with a view to continue its growth financially and expanding the Boston Breakers brand. Under his new role, Thomas will be working on both short- and long-term strategies that will continue moving the organization forward off the field. The former Head of Business Development for Norwich City Football Club (2013-2014), Thomas' previous work includes nine years at Octagon Sports Marketing, where he began as a Senior Sales Manager and worked his way up to Vice President of Business Development. Thomas has worked in and around professional sport for over 25 years, beginning as a professional player with Wimbledon FC in the English Premier League. Throughout his career, he has provided several leading companies and sports organizations with consultancy in regards to creating and selling sports sponsorship packages, along with training and developing existing sales teams.





## **President of Soccer Operations and Development:**

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Lee Billiard joined the Boston Breakers front office staff as General Manager in 2012, coming from Mass Premier Soccer where he served as Academy Director. He was named President of Soccer Operations and Development in November 2016. Billiard will focus solely on the soccer side in his new role as president of soccer operations and development. Billiard will have more involvement in managing the pro team roster than in previous years. He will work directly with the head coach on the roster development, scouting and trade deals, along with maintaining previous soccer roles of overseeing the salary cap, facilities, and day-to-day operations associated with the pro team. Over the years, Billiard has been one of the major factors in building one of the country's top soccer development pyramids. In his new role, Billiard will oversee all aspects of soccer operations from the pro team all the way down through the Boston Breakers Academy and Development Training Centers.

After serving as Sales Director for the Boston Breakers during the 2011 season, Lee took over the Managerial reigns from former General Manager, Andrew Crossley. A Graduate of Buckinghamshire University, England, Lee holds a BA Hons degree in Sports Management and Soccer Studies. He joins the Breakers organization after nine years of working with Mass. Premier Soccer, during that time Lee worked with more than 50 youth soccer groups across the state to provide coach/player education and summer camps.

Along with his knowledge and experience of youth soccer in Massachusetts, Lee also coaches at a variety of levels. He holds female coaching positions at Boston Breakers Academy and at Acton Boxboro Regional High School. In 2014, he became the Boston Breakers Academy Director of Coaching.

Before arriving in the states Lee coached and ran community programs for Wycombe Wanderers Football Club (professional) in England gaining valuable knowledge in all aspects of the game.



## Head of Partnership Development and Marketing:

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In 2017, Elise will be entering her fifth year with the Breakers organization. In 2013 and 2014, she served as the Sales Director for the Boston Breakers after transitioning from the New England Revolution where she worked as an account executive, specifically working with Youth Soccer organizations throughout New England. In 2015, she became the Breakers assistant general manager.

Prior to working with the Revs, Elise had been in England working on her Master's Degree at Durham University while also playing soccer there for the British University league where she won two national championships as well as participating in the FA Cup. In addition to playing overseas, she also played four years of college soccer and basketball at Mount Ida College where she obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management. Elise has interned with Mass Premier Soccer and has coached soccer for various teams including UMass Dartmouth, Roger Williams University, and a variety of youth club teams.



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Seve Hirst joined the Boston Breakers front office staff in June 2014 as Marketing and Design Director and as an academy coach.

A graduate of St. Martins College, England, Seve holds a BA (Hons) degree in Coaching and Sports Performance. He came over to America in 2008 and has worked for MLS Camps, Global Premier Soccer and New Jersey Soccer Group. During his time at GPS (2010-2012) he worked in their Technical Department and was the clubs videographer. Seve is in charge of producing videos for the Breakers as well as designing our marketing material and overseeing the social media.

Seve is an experience coach as well, with 14 years experience he holds his NSCAA Premier Diploma, USSF D and FA Level Two, and currently coaches for the Boston Breakers Academy. In 2014, he started his first season as volunteer assistant women's soccer coach at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., and held that position for two seasons before moving to Northeastern University, Boston, Mass. in the same position.

Before coming to America Seve was the first University of Cumbria Students' Union Vice President. He spend his sabbatical year representing 15,000 students across four campuses, attended college board meetings, designed marketing strategies, leading a team of 30 student volunteers, and implemented national and local campaigns.



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Ryan has served as the Breakers communications manager since 2011, and 2017 will mark his seventh season with the organization.

An established freelance writer, Ryan has contributed to Thomson Reuters, The Sun (London), Our Game Magazine, New England Soccer Journal, Major League Soccer ([www.mlssoccer.com](http://www.mlssoccer.com)), Soccer Banter, World Soccer Reader, Metro-West Daily News, New Bedford Standard-Times, Quinlan Publishing, Brockton Enterprise, and the Patriot Ledger. He also covered the FA Cup for the Sunday Sun (Northeast England). Ryan was also an award-winning sports editor for MPG Newspapers and later, GateHouse Media New England, from 1999-2014. He co-authored the book "Beyond Plymouth Rock Volume II."

Born in Plymouth, Mass., Ryan holds a bachelor of arts degree in English/Writing and Communications from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.





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In 2017, Laura Doran will be entering her fifth season as Director of Operations for the Boston Breakers. Laura oversees the Professional Team, Reserve Team Program, College Academy logistics, and U-20s.

Laura also serves as the head coach for the North Andover High School junior varsity girls soccer team and an assistant to the varsity squad. An avid Boston sports fan, Laura has held a part-time position in ticket operations for the Boston Red Sox since 2007 and internships with the Boston Celtics (2009) and WEEI Sports Radio 850 AM (2008). She first connected with the Breakers in 2010 when she came into the organization as an Equipment Intern.

Laura graduated from Simmons College in Boston, Mass., in 2009 with a degree in Communications. She worked in healthcare administration for two years at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center before realizing her passion was in athletics. With the formation of the NWSL in 2012, she had the opportunity to fill the Operations Director role with the Breakers.



**Operations Assistant:**

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Angela joined the Breakers in 2017. She graduated from the University of Connecticut in May 2016, where she received her Bachelors Degree in Sports Management with a minor in Business Fundamentals. Throughout her senior year, she spent much of her time working for UConn Athletics in the Event Management Department, where she worked with many Division I teams. During her time in college, Angela interned with the New England Black Wolves and the Connecticut Sun. After graduating, Angela worked part time as a Sponsorship Activation Assistant at the Connecticut Open in New Haven, Conn. before coming to the Boston Breakers to work as the Operations Assistant.



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In 2017, Jack Abelson will enter his fourth year with the Boston Breakers front office staff as Development Program Director and as an academy coach.

A Graduate of University of Birmingham, England, Jack holds a BSc Hons degree in Sports and Exercise Science. He joins the Breakers organization after 2 years of working with Mass Premier Soccer (2008-2010) working as Clinic Director/ Assistant Academy Director, during that time Jack worked with over 50 youth soccer groups across the state to provide coach/player education and summer camps.

Jack is experienced in coaching girls youth soccer during his time with Mass Premier Soccer Jack worked with the top girls teams aged U12 through to U17.

During his time at University (2010-2013) Jack also coached in community programs for English Premier League team Aston Villa Football Club in England enhancing his knowledge of the game.



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Neill Caine joined the Boston Breakers front office as Development Camp Director in 2016.

Originally from Northampton, England, Neill moved to the U.S. in 2006, where he worked for Global Premier Soccer. After leaving GPS in 2010, Neill went on to start up and run his own soccer business, Number 1 Goalkeeping, where he specializes in running private soccer sessions and camps for goalkeepers across Massachusetts. In England, Neill coached at many clubs, including Leicester City FC, where he coached the development goalkeepers.



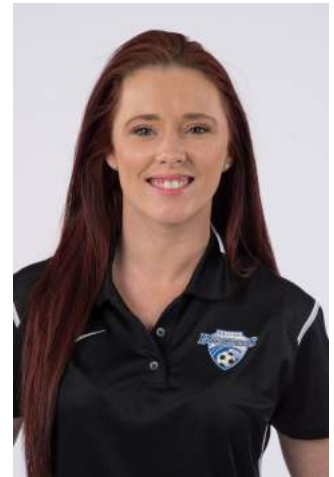


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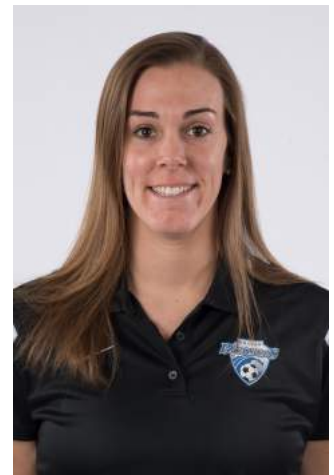
In 2017, Edele enters her fourth year with the Breakers and will be taking on the role of the role of Head of Long-Term Partnerships. Prior to this, she spent four years with Global Premier Soccer, working in both their Registration and Finance Departments. She graduated in 2010 from Dundalk IT, Ireland, with a MA in Sports Leadership and has lived stateside ever since.

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Jamie Gillis joined the Boston Breakers as an account executive in February 2016. Jamie spent the past two years as an assistant coach at Long Island University Brooklyn where she had a hand in all aspects of the program. Jamie graduated with a degree in Business Management from UMass Lowell, where she returned as an assistant coach in 2013-2014 after spending three seasons playing in Finland's first division. She has also spent time coaching youth soccer with many clubs across New England.

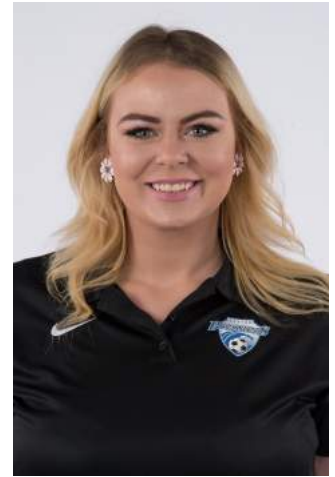


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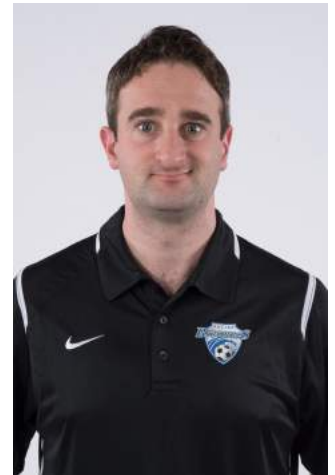
Ellen Goldhammer joined the Boston Breakers in February 2017 after moving from Indianapolis, Indiana. Originally from Iowa, Ellen exchanged her native Hawkeyes for Buckeyes when she transferred to The Ohio State University in the fall of 2015 to study Sports Management and Marketing. While in Columbus, Ellen spent her time working for the Major League Soccer team Crew SC, as well as doing game operations for the Columbus Blue Jackets of the National Hockey League.

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Daniel Taylor joined the Boston Breakers sales team as an account executive in February 2017. Taylor has spent the last two seasons working at Pine Manor College as the assistant men's soccer coach, dealing in all aspects of the program. Before that, Taylor was in charge of tournaments for Global Premier Soccer (GPS) as well as being the Grassroots Program Director for GPS-MA. Taylor originally moved here five years ago from the UK after graduating from Bournemouth University with a degree in events management.



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Matt Beard was named head coach of the Boston Breakers on Sept. 22, 2015. Beard most recently coached Liverpool Ladies FC in the FA Women's Super League (FAWSL), guiding the team to back-to-back FAWSL titles (2013, 2014). In 2013 with Liverpool, Beard compiled a record of 12-2-0 in 2013 and led the team to the FA Cup semifinals. He was named FAWSL Manager of the Year in a season that saw Liverpool qualify for their first-ever UEFA Women's Champions League. In 2014, Beard won the FAWSL title for the second year in a row, posting a 7-2-5 record. Liverpool also qualified for the UEFA Women's Champions League for the second year in a row.

Prior to landing in Liverpool, Beard was the first team manager of Chelsea Ladies FC, where he spent three seasons (2009-2012). With Chelsea, Beard guided the Blues to the FA Cup final in 2012, the team's first year in the FA Women's Super League. He also led Chelsea to the FA Premier League Cup semifinals and finished third in the FA National Premier League.

From 2008-2009, Beard served as first team manager for Milwall Lionesses, where he won the Premier Southern Division.

As assistant first team manager of Charlton Athletic from 2004-2007, Beard was part of a coaching staff that helped the club earn several honors, including the FA Community Shield, the FA Cup title, and Premier League Cup.

Beard's coaching career began in 2000 in the men's game as Reserve Team Manager at Kingstonian FC in the National Conference. Beard led the club to the Surrey Premier Cup Final. He then served in similar capacity at Tooting and Mitcham, where he led the team to a third-place finish in the Suburban South Division. He later took over as Assistant First Team Manager at Hampton and Richmond Borough in the Ryman Premier Division.

Beard and his wife, Debbie, have two children: Harry and Ellie. He was born on Jan. 9, 1978 and is from Roehampton, London, England.



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Paul McHugh joined the Breakers coaching staff on March 14, 2017. A native of Newcastle, England, McHugh holds a UEFA B License and has previously coached for Minneapolis United, East Durham Football Academy, Sunderland AFC Academy, Newcastle United Football Academy, and in the Peru National Team youth system.

McHugh has also worked with Simon Smith Goalkeeping Gk1, Bobby Charlton Soccer Schools, and Sondico School of Football.





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Neill Caine joined the Boston Breakers coaching staff on March 7, 2016.

Originally from Northampton, England, Neill moved to the U.S. in 2006, where he worked for Global Premier Soccer. After leaving GPS in 2010, Neill went on to start up and run his own soccer business, Number 1 Goalkeeping, where he specializes in running private soccer sessions and camps for goalkeepers across Massachusetts. In England, Neill coached at many clubs, including Leicester City FC, where he coached the development goalkeepers.

In 2012, Neill joined the coaching staff at Brandeis University women's soccer program, where he helped guide the team to the NCAA Elite 8 in the 2012 season. Neill oversaw the goalkeepers that went on to break the shutout record (14 shutouts in 23 games). In 2013, he joined the men's coaching staff at Boston University. After a season at Nickerson Field, he made the short switch over to Northeastern University to join the men's soccer program as goalkeeper coach. In June 2015, Neill returned back to Boston University where he rejoined the coaching staff and helped guide the team return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2008.

Neill currently resides in Marshfield, with his wife Meghan, and their son Gavin.



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A Boston native, Haigh moved to England as child, spending the past eight years in Liverpool before making his return to join the Breakers on June 18, 2016. A UKSCA accredited Strength and Conditioning Coach, Haigh earned a Bsc (Hons) degree in Sport and Exercise Science at Liverpool John Moores University in 2011, before going on to complete his Masters degree in 2015. During this time, Haigh co-authored four peer-reviewed scientifics, which have now been published.

Haigh most recently served as Assistant First Team and Head of Academy Sport Science and Strength & Conditioning for Widnes Vikings RL in the English Super League. During this time, 10 academy players were awarded first-team contracts with eight achieving international honors. Prior to joining Widnes, Haigh started his professional career working with Everton FC as a sport science intern before moving to Liverpool Ladies FC as assistant strength and conditioning coach for 2014 and 2015.



## Dushawne "Doc" Simpson, Reserve Team Head Coach

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Dushawne "Doc" Simpson was named head coach of the Boston Breakers Reserve Team In March 2017. No stranger to the Breakers organization, Simpson was the assistant coach for the Breakers pro team in 2016 and formerly coached Aztec Soccer teams in the Women's Premier Soccer League. Aztec was the former reserve team coach for the Boston Breakers during Women's Professional Soccer.

A native of Hartford, Conn., Dushawne has coached a number of women's soccer teams for more than 20 years. He has spent the past 13 years with Aztec Soccer. Simpson, known to many as "Doc", served in a number of roles at Aztec, including head coach since 2006. In 2009, Simpson led the Aztec U23s to the WPSL National Championship game. With Aztec, Simpson was the Director of Coaching in 2013 and 2014, the girls director from 2005-2013, the Aztec WPSL Head Coach from 2006-2014, and Head Coach of the men's Aztec Premier Arena Soccer League and won the men's National Championship in 2005 and earned three Regional Championship titles. Other positions and accomplishments include: Head Coach, Aztec U23 2009 EMWSL Champions; Head Coach Aztec U23 WPSL National Finalist; Director of Player Development Aztec/Breakers Reserves WPSL National Champions; and Head Coach Aztec U17G MA State Champs and Regional Finalist.

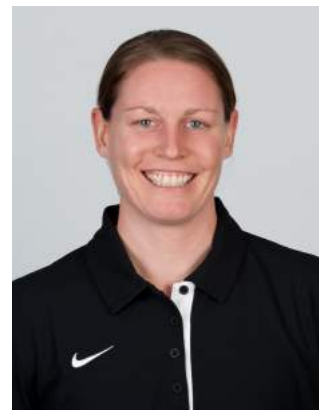
In 2013 and 2014, Simpson was the head coach of the esteemed Pingree School in South Hamilton, Mass. There, he won the 2014 New England Preparatory School Council championship.

Prior to coaching, Simpson played professionally in the United Soccer Leagues with Boston Bulldogs, Connecticut Wolves, and New Hampshire Phantoms and semi-professionally for the Lowell Blues of the Lusa American Soccer Association. Simpson played high school soccer and basketball and ran track at Avon Old Farms School in Avon, Conn. He played collegiately for Southern Connecticut University and Salem State College.

Simpson currently resides in Beverly, Mass.



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Ashley Phillips was named the Boston Breakers goalkeeper coach and assistant coach on Dec. 17, 2013. Phillips, a native of Beverly, Mass., and former standout keeper at Clemson University, played 11 games for the Breakers during the 2013 National Women's Soccer League season, logging 945 minutes, highest amongst Breakers keepers. She posted a 2-5-4 record with one shutout and a 1.82 goals against average.

Phillips served as the assistant coach at Northeastern University since 2010 under her former U-19 coach Tracey Leone. In 2013, Phillips and the NU coaching staff led the Huskies to the NCAA Tournament after beating top seed James Madison in the 2013 Colonial Athletic Association championship.

She was named the fourth head coach in Northeastern women's soccer history on March 2, 2016. Phillips previously served as an assistant coach at NU from 2010-15, before being promoted to associate head coach in 2015 and interim head coach in 2016.

Phillips joined the Breakers in 2009 in Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) as a developmental player. She made her debut on April 11, 2010, against the Washington Freedom. In 2010, Phillips started eight of nine games she played in for a total of 781 minutes. She registered a 1-4-4 record with two shutouts and a 1.15 goals against average. Prior to the Breakers, Phillips played for Boston Aztec of the Women's Premier Soccer League in 2009 and as the starter, she earned seven shutouts in 10 games. She spent six years playing for the Boston Renegades (2002-2006) of the USL W-League and also played for the Atlanta Silverbacks (2008) where she went undefeated during the regular season, recording five shutouts in six games. Phillips also played in the U.S. Women's National Team system for the U-16, U-17, U-19, U-21, and U23 teams.





# MEDICAL STAFF

**St. Elizabeth's is the official Sports Medicine Provider and Official Medicine Partner of the Boston Breakers.**

## **Thomas Gill, MD**

Dr. Thomas Gill, a board certified orthopedic surgeon, is the team physician for the Boston Breakers and the Boston Cannons. In addition to treating sports medicine injuries, Dr. Gill specializes in ACL surgery/knee arthroscopy, rotator cuff surgery and labral repair surgery. Dr. Gill completed a fellowship in Reconstructive Surgery in Bern, Switzerland, and one in Sports Medicine and Shoulder Surgery at the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic, Vail, Colo. He received his medical education at Harvard Medical School and has authored more than 160 scientific articles and chapters on issues involving the knee and shoulder, and has written books on Complications of Shoulder Surgery and Techniques of Knee Arthroscopy. Dr. Gill has served as Medical Director for the Boston Red Sox, Head Team Physician for the New England Patriots, and Team Physician for the Boston Bruins. He is a fellow of the American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons; a member of the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine; former member of the Team Physician Societies of Major League Baseball, the National Football League, and the National Hockey League; and was elected to the Herodicus Society (National Honor Society for Sports Medicine) and the American Orthopedic Association.

## **Danielle Karlin, ATC, LAT, Head Athletic Trainer**

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Danielle Karlin, a Board Certified Athletic Trainer, was named the Head Athletic Trainer for the Boston Breakers in April 2016. Danielle graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training from the Sargent College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences, where she worked with multiple sports teams ranging from high school to Division 1 athletics. Throughout the Breakers season, Danielle is responsible for day-to-day medical needs, which includes acute care, treatment, and rehabilitation. She works in conjunction with Dr. Thomas Gill and Dr. Janine Pardo to ensure the best care. Danielle has created and developed ACL prevention programs and return-to-play protocols specifically focusing on women's athletics. Her experiences with elite athletes allows her to recognize dysfunctions in athletes before they occur. Danielle has previously worked as an assistant strength and conditioning coach during the offseason. Danielle is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association.



### **Dr. Andreea Toader, DC**

Dr. Andreea Toader is a sports chiropractic physician specializing in the diagnosis and management of soft tissue and neuromusculoskeletal injuries. As a Canadian native, she earned her Honors Bachelors of Science degree in Kinesiology from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. She went on to pursue a chiropractic degree and graduated Summa Cum Laude from New York Chiropractic College. She spent the majority of her clinical tenure in an MD/DC chronic pain clinic where she managed individuals with unique and complex neurological conditions. Dr. Toader employs a variety of manual therapies such as FAKTR® and Graston® with the goal of restoring mobility and promoting proper joint biomechanics. Patient empowerment is the ultimate goal of her care as she strives to educate her patients on taking on health initiatives, which both supplement her treatments and provide sustained relief. She is passionate about working with athletes and is currently providing chiropractic services to the Boston Breakers as well as Boston University's Track and Field Team. Dr. Toader currently practices out of Khalsa Chiropractic's Back Bay location in the Balans Wellness Studio. For more information, please visit: [www.khalsachiropractic.com](http://www.khalsachiropractic.com).

### **Christopher O'Brien, DPT**

Dr. Christopher O'Brien is a physical therapist with clinical interests in orthopedics and sports medicine. He completed both his undergraduate and graduate degrees through Northeastern University in Boston, MA with honors. Throughout his eight-year career, he has obtained certification in Trigger Point Dry Needling, Kinesiotaping, and is an ImPACT Trained Physical Therapist and has focused continuing education on PRI, FMS, SFMA, and lower extremity injury prevention programming for athletes. Dr. O'Brien works at Marathon Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine, located throughout the Greater Boston Area and holds hours in both the Newton and Dedham locations.

For more information, please visit [MarathonPT.com](http://MarathonPT.com)

### **Janine Pardo, MD**

Dr. Janine Pardo is a Board Certified Internist and Primary Care Physician. She is the Medical Director of Steward Medical Group Weston Internal Medicine and Wellness Center located in Weston, MA. She is also the medical team physician for the Boston Cannons, professional lacrosse team, in addition to the Boston Breakers.

Dr. Pardo graduated with honors from Princeton University, and went on to attend the University of Louisville School of Medicine. She completed her residency in New York City at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center a teaching hospital of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. She remained in New York to practice Medicine at one of Manhattan's largest and most highly regarded multispecialty offices, until she and her family relocated to the Boston area. At her current practice Dr. Pardo provides cutting-edge, personalized primary care by working with individuals to customize treatment and prevention plans based on each patient's unique characteristics, personal history, and family background.



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Dr. Pardo is a wellness expert with significant expertise in nutrition, stress management, meditation, exercise counseling, yoga, sleep management, cancer risk modification, cardiovascular disease prevention, and preventive medicine. She applies this knowledge to advocate a comprehensive approach to patient care focused on total mental and physical well-being including emphasis on lifestyle modifications.

### **Sara Morrissey, D.C.**

Dr. Sara Morrissey is a Chiropractic physician who specializes in the treatment of sports and neuromusculoskeletal injuries. She obtained her B.A. with honors in Kinesiology at the University of Western Ontario, where she had the privilege of serving on the Sports Medicine Team who cared for the Varsity Women's Rugby Team. She then earned her Doctorate of Chiropractic at New York Chiropractic College, graduating with honors as a member of the Phi Chi Omega honor society. Her post-doctoral studies includes training in the fields of women's health, nutrition, the chiropractic management of pregnancy, and functional soft tissue and rehabilitation. Dr. Morrissey is a physician with Khalsa Chiropractic Office, which has multiple locations in Boston and the surrounding areas. Her office is in the back bay on Newbury St.

For more information, please visit: [www.khalsachiropractic.com](http://www.khalsachiropractic.com)

### **J. Alex McKinney, MS, PT, CSCS, LMT, A.R.T.**

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Alex is a Physical Therapist, Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist, Licensed Massage Therapist and Certified in Active Release Technique and Trigger Point Dry Needling. He is the owner and Director of Services for Marathon Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine with 9 clinic locations around the Boston and South Shore area. He specializes in Orthopedics, Manual Therapy, and Sports Medicine and has vast experience working with professional and olympic athletes. He received his Physical Therapy training at the Medical College of Virginia and is a frequent contributor to publications on the assessment and treatment of runners, triathletes and endurance athletes. He is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

For more information, please visit: [www.marathonphysicaltherapy.com](http://www.marathonphysicaltherapy.com)



# STADIUM INFORMATION

## JORDAN FIELD HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The Boston Breakers began playing their 2017 NWSL home games at Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium, which is now known as Jordan Field, on the grounds of Harvard University in Allston, Mass. Jordan Field also serves as the Breakers training venue.

Located adjacent to Harvard Stadium, and on the banks of the Charles River, Jordan Field provides an intimate atmosphere and brings fans closer to the action.

Jordan Field, which has a field that measures 116x74 yards, currently has a capacity of up to 2,500 (seating and standing room combined) However, the soccer-specific stadium underwent a massive renovation project both on and off the field for the 2015 NWSL season.

In addition to the new state-of-the-art Field Turf surface that was replaced (enhanced) last summer, seating capacity increased by 2,600, bringing seated capacity to 4,100 (3,100 on the main touchline). Bleachers were added to a location behind the far goal to accommodate the extra seating, and there will be additional space for standing room only. There also is room for 100 pitch side seats.



# DIRECTIONS TO JORDAN FIELD

Jordan field is located on the campus of Harvard University:  
65 North Harvard Street, Allston, Massachusetts.

## From the West

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike east to Exit 18 (Allston/Cambridge). After paying toll, bear left at fork towards Allston. Turn right at second set of lights onto North Harvard Street. Proceed approximately one mile. The following facilities will be on your left: Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium, Harvard Stadium, Bright Hockey Center, Blodgett Pool, Palmer Dixon Tennis Courts, Beren Tennis Center, Gordon Track, Cumnock Field, Jordan Field, O'Donnell Field, and the softball field.

## From the North

Take I-93 south to Storrow Drive exit. Take Storrow Drive west for approximately five miles. Exit at Harvard Square/North Harvard Street. At top of exit, turn left onto North Harvard Street . Approximately 1/4 mile on your right will be the entrance for Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium, Harvard Stadium, Bright Hockey Center, Blodgett Pool, Palmer Dixon Tennis Courts, Beren Tennis Center, Gordon Track, Cumnock Field, Jordan Field, O'Donnell Field, and softball field.

## From the South

Take I-95 north to I-93 north. Follow I-93 until Exit 20 (Massachusetts Turnpike). Take Mass. Pike west to Exit 20 (Allston/Cambridge). After paying toll, bear left at fork towards Allston. Turn right at second set of lights onto North Harvard Street. Proceed approximately one mile. The following facilities will be on your left: Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium, Harvard Stadium, Bright Hockey Center, Blodgett Pool, Palmer Dixon Tennis Courts, Beren Tennis Center, Gordon Track, Cumnock Field, Jordan Field, O'Donnell Field, and softball field.





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### **Alternative From the Southwest/Northwest**

Take Route 128 (I-95) to Massachusetts Turnpike. Take Mass. Pike east to exit 18. (Allston/Cambridge). After paying toll, bear left at fork towards Allston. Turn right at second set of lights onto North Harvard Street. Proceed approximately one mile. The following facilities will be on your left: Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium, Harvard Stadium, Bright Hockey Center, Blodgett Pool, Palmer Dixon Tennis Courts, Beren Tennis Center, Gordon Track, Cumnock Field, Jordan Field, O'Donnell Field, and the softball field.

### **Via MBTA**

The Red Line subway stops at Harvard Square. The Soldiers Field Complex is a 10-minute walk from the square, down JFK St. and over the Charles River. Several bus routes make stops at Harvard Square as well. The 66 and 86 routes include stops on North Harvard Street in front of Harvard Stadium.





# STADIUM INFORMATION AND POLICIES

A guide to Jordan Field (formerly known as Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium)...

**Accessible Seating:** Wheelchair accessible seating is available at Jordan Field for all Breakers home games.

**Alcohol:** Beer will be sold at all Breakers home games. A valid driver's license is required for all sales. Limit of 2 beers per transaction per person. Beer sales will end 15 minutes after the second half kicks off. Out of state licenses will require a secondary form of identification.

**ATM:** Stadium food vendors do not accept credit cards or checks. There is an ATM in the adjacent Murr Center. Please plan your cash needs before entering Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium.

**Autograph Alley:** After each Breakers game, most Breakers players and opposing players will be available to sign free autographs in Autograph Alley. Due to post-game press conferences and other considerations, we cannot guarantee the availability of any single player on any particular date.

**Banners & Flags:** Flags and banners are allowed in Jordan Field for Breakers games. The Boston Breakers and Jordan Field reserve the right to prohibit or remove banners based on size, content or obstruction of the view of other fans.

**Box Office:** The Breakers box office is the Bright Landry ticket office (in front of the ice hockey rink/above the Albert Gordon track) and opens two (2) hours prior to kickoff. No group discounts are available on game day.

**Will Call:** Tickets held at Will Call will be available two (2) hours prior to kickoff. Will call tickets will only be released with a photo ID to the person in whose name the tickets were purchased or in whose name the tickets have been left. Will Call is located above the Albert Gordon running track/in the front of the ice hockey rink.

**Cameras:** Still cameras are allowed inside Jordan Field. Tripods and video cameras are prohibited.



**Gates Open:** Gates open one hour prior to kickoff. Season Ticket Members may enter the stadium 1/2 hour (30 minutes) before the general public (90 minutes before). Parking lots will open three hours prior to kickoff for tailgating.

**Parking:** Parking is \$10 per car at the designated lots on the Jordan Field grounds. Entrance for parking areas is via Stadium Gate 8 on North Harvard Street. Bus parking is \$40 and there is a designated dropoff area for bus groups inside Gate 8. Parking lots open three hours prior to kickoff. Handicap parking spots are available alongside the far side of the stadium after entering via Gate 8.

### **Prohibited Items:**

Alcoholic Beverages (OK in tailgating areas. Cannot be brought inside stadium.)  
Food & Beverages (OK in tailgating areas. Cannot be brought inside stadium.)  
Coolers, Umbrellas, Camera Tripods, Fireworks, Laser Pens, Whistles, Pets (except animals assisting people with disabilities).

*The Boston Breakers and Harvard University reserve the right to prohibit any item from Jordan Field.*

**Refunds & Exchanges:** All Breakers tickets are non-refundable. Breakers Members (Season Ticket Holders) may exchange their unused game tickets for seats of equal or lesser value for any future regular season home game. Unused tickets may not be exchanged for playoffs or championship games. This benefit is only available to Breakers Members. All other tickets are non-exchangeable.

**Resale of Tickets:** It is illegal for individuals to resell tickets to the public without a license to do so. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in arrest and criminal prosecution.

**Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited at all Boston Breakers home games at Jordan Field.

**Tailgating:** Tailgating is permitted in the designated Jordan Field parking areas inside Gate 6. Parking areas open three hours prior to kickoff. No tailgating food or beverages may be brought inside Jordan Field. It is not possible to reserve space for organized tailgating of multiple vehicles. We recommend you designate one or two early-arriving cars as your tailgating “headquarters” and have your friends and families meet at the designated location once they arrive.

**Toddlers:** A child age 4 or under does not require a ticket for admission if he or she will sit on a lap and will not occupy a seat.



# STADIUM MAP

BOSTON BREAKERS / JORDAN FIELD / HARVARD UNIVERSITY / ALLSTON, MA



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For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.breakertickets.com](http://www.breakertickets.com) or call 617.945.1704



# TICKET INFORMATION AND PRICING

Please note that tickets to all Boston Breakers home games can be purchased on **GAME DAY** at the ticket office at Jordan Field

## Ticket Prices 2017

Breakers single-game ticket prices are as follows. *Fans with toddlers ages 4 & under do not need to purchase a ticket for their child, provided they are willing for that child to sit on their lap during the game.*

Subject to seating location range from \$25.00 to \$40.00

Pitch Side (subject to availability) \$90.00 to \$70.00.

Groups of 20 or more for a single game are eligible for group rate discounts of \$18 to \$25 per ticket based on seating selection.

You can reserve your group outing with a non-refundable deposit of 20% even if you don't yet know the final number of tickets you will need. Call the Breakers sales department at 617.945.1704 to reserve your date and for helpful tips on organizing your event.

Cannot attend every game? No problem! In 2017, the Boston Breakers will be offering 3-Game Packages so you can attend games and catch all the action.

3-Game Packages are three (3) individual game tickets to use at **ANY** games of your choice!! *Only one ticket per game can be used. Note that below are the ticket prices for 2017.*

Prices start at \$70.00 and go up to \$110.00 (depending on the category).

You can also get a Flex Pack, fifteen (15) tickets that are 100 percent flexible! Tickets can be used all at once or broken into smaller groups to attend any game(s) of your choice. Category B seating (where available). Seating must be reserved ahead of time; seats are not guaranteed on day of the game.

A Flex Pack cost \$450.00



## Ordering Tickets

There are three simple ways to order Boston Breakers game tickets:

**BY PHONE.** Season Flex Packs, Group Outings, and single game tickets can all be ordered over the phone through the Breakers sales department at 617.945.1704. A friendly Breakers salesperson is available to answer your questions and help you select seats from 9 AM until 5 PM on Monday through Friday.

**ONLINE.** Single game tickets can be purchased online for all home games by going to [www.breakertickets.com](http://www.breakertickets.com). Please note that group sales, can only be ordered by phone so that we can provide you with personal service. All online ticket sales are subject to a \$3.00 per ticket service charge.

**BOX OFFICE.** Single game tickets can be purchased on game day at the Jordan Field Box Office. Please note that the Box Office is only open on game days and an additional \$3.00 charge is placed on any walk up game day tickets.

## Box Office Hours

The Box Office opens 2 hours prior to kickoff and is open on game days only.

For advance ticket orders, please call the Breakers sales department at 617.945.1704 or order online [www.breakertickets.com](http://www.breakertickets.com)

## Jordan Field Will Call

Pre-paid tickets will be held at the Jordan Field Will Call Booth. If you have already purchased your tickets and simply need to pick them up on game day, you do not need to wait in line at the Box Office. The Will Call Booth is located next to the ticket box office.. Will Call opens 2 hours prior to kickoff. You must have a valid Photo I.D. to claim your tickets.

If you prefer your tickets to be mailed to you rather than held at Will Call, we will send them to you via USPS for an additional fee of \$5.00 per order.

## Refund & Exchange Policy

Non-Members may not exchange unused game tickets.

## Inclement Weather

The Boston Breakers do not postpone or cancel games due to rain, cold weather, snow or other inclement weather conditions. There is no such thing as a "rain out" in professional soccer.

In the event of lightning, the game will be postponed until 30 minutes after the final lightning strike in the area and then play will be resumed.

The stadium is uncovered, so we encourage you to bring rain gear and seat cushions in the event of rainy weather. Please note that as a courtesy to other spectators, umbrellas may not be used in the bleachers during games.



# SEASON MEMBERSHIP

## Breakers Fans – Show your support!

The best way to enjoy all of the 2017 NWSL action is to become a Boston Breakers Season Ticket holder. Your Breakers Season Ticket booklet contains one (1) ticket for each home game in 2017. **Category A Season Membership** holders will have their own designated seat for every home game in the category I seating section of the stadium. All other seating in the stadium will be designated by category.

All Season Ticket holders will receive a PRIORITY NUMBER based on the order in which you purchase your ticket. That priority number defines the order in which season ticket holders select their seat and the order in which any upgrades to seating can be made for future season.

Season Tickets will be available for shipping at an additional cost of \$5. Season Tickets that are not shipped can be claimed at the stadium Will Call office on any Breakers game day.

Purchase Season Memberships by calling the Breakers ticket office at 617-945-1704 or visit [breakerstickets.com](http://breakerstickets.com)





# GROUP TICKETS

Are you looking for an exciting summer outing activity for your team, youth group, or organization?

Boston Breakers Group Tickets are the perfect event for you! The Breakers offer a fun and electrifying atmosphere that will be a memorable night for everyone in your party. Groups packages start at 20 tickets and include the following great benefits:

- Tickets discounted off of the face value.
- Public address announcement of your group.

Group Ticket packages are available at all Boston Breakers home games for the 2017 season! Please visit our **SCHEDULE** page for a list of all other home games to plan your Group Night at the Breakers! Call 617.945.1704 to reserve your group night!

**Want to make your night out extra special?**

**Consider these special experiences, designed to make your visit to the Boston Breaker unforgettable:**

- Breakers Sidekicks
- Official Game Ball Kids
- High Five Tunnel
- Penalty Kick Against A Breakers Goal Keeper
- On-Field Photo for your group (also available with a Breakers player!)



# DEVELOPMENT CLINICS

## 2017 BREAEKRS CAMP MEMBERSHIP

Purchase a 2017 Camp Membership, and attend unlimited amount of camps throughout the calendar year. For each 4-day clinic you attend, you will receive new gifts, that include Breakers tickets, signed memorabilia, Breakers attire, and much much more. Purchase this membership for \$495.00

## 4 DAY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC PACKAGES

1 Day Pass: \$50 (does not include game day ticket and t-shirt)

4 Day Pass: \$180 (unless otherwise stated) includes game day ticket and t-shirt.

To find out the locations of our 2017 development clinics please visit  
[www.bostonbreakerssoccer.com/camps](http://www.bostonbreakerssoccer.com/camps)

To register over the phone please call 617.945.1704 ext. 208

For more information on Boston Breakers Development Clinics contact  
[ncaine@bostonbreakers.com](mailto:ncaine@bostonbreakers.com)



# DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTERS

In line with our mission statement, we look to work closely with youth soccer programs across New England to develop players and coaches at the grassroots level. Through the professional resources of our organization, we are dedicated to enhancing partnerships, relationships, and experiences between our elite staff and aspiring soccer players of all ages and abilities. With this in mind, we are looking at rebranding our academy program as the Boston Breakers Development Program. The Boston Breakers Development Program aims to provide supplementary training programs in addition to their town program. Players U9-U14 *will* remain with their town teams for games, but will be exposed to Boston Breakers players and coaches who provide development instruction across the desired age groups. The Development Programs' main aim is to educate players and coaches at the grassroots level, providing them with the quality attention they need.

The Boston Breakers Development Program will also look to hold Development Training Centers (DTC's) in towns. These DTC's will provide a more structured sessions involving Boston Breakers players, targeting the elite players in the town program.

For more information on Boston Breakers Development Training Centers contact [jabelson@bostonbreakers.com](mailto:jabelson@bostonbreakers.com)



# BOSTON BREAKERS ACADEMY

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# U.S. SOCCER DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

U.S. Soccer announced in the summer of 2016 the first 25 clubs that will be a part of the Girls' Development Academy, an initiative designed to accelerate the development of world-class female players that will begin play in the fall of 2017. The **Boston Breakers** were been announced as one of the 25 clubs and will field Boston Breakers Academy teams starting in the fall of 2017. This first group of clubs are among the most elite in the United States.

The program will focus on positively impacting everyday club environments to maximize elite female youth player development. Increasing the training to game ratio, playing fewer but more meaningful games and providing assistance for coaching education and development are just some of the standards and best practices the program will promote.

Since 2007, the U.S. Soccer Development Academy has served as the elite male youth player development model for the country and has significantly improved the everyday environment for players, coaches, referees and clubs. The Girls' Development Academy will be structured with many of the same principles and will begin play in the fall of 2017.



DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY  
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## PLAYER BIOS



## **Libby Stout - Goalkeeper**

**Name:** Elizabeth "Libby" Stout

**Pronunciation:**

**Position:** Goalkeeper

**Height:** 5-11

**Jersey number:** 1

**Date of birth:** June 16, 1990

**Age:** 26

**Hometown:** Louisville, Kentucky

**Citizenship:** USA

**College:** Western Kentucky University

**Last club:** Liverpool LFC

**How acquired:** Signed as a discovery player on Nov. 23, 2015

Follow on Twitter: [@libbystout](https://twitter.com/libbystout)



**Professional:** In 2016 with the Breakers, made 10 appearances (nine starts) ... Made 42 saves to lead team ... Finished with 2.10 goals against average ... In two years (2014, 2015) with Liverpool LFC in England, appeared in 40 games, 26 of which came in the FA Women's Super League ... Also made appearances in the FA Cup (two), Continental Cup (nine), and in the UEFA Women's Champions League (three) ... Helped the Reds successfully defend their FAWSL title with her nine clean sheets in 18 matches in 2014 ... Prior to landing in Liverpool, Stout played professionally for BV Cloppenburg (2013) in Germany and with Yzeure Allier (2012) in France.

**College:** At Western Kentucky University, she became WKU Soccer's all-time leader in wins and minutes played during the 2011 season, posting a 45-17-11 record in goal during her career while recording 39 shutouts for the Lady Toppers ... Her 39 shutouts are the second-most in NCAA history .... In 76 career matches played, she set WKU career records for wins, shutouts, goals against average in 0.68, and save percentage at .860.

**International:** Called into train with the U.S. U-23 national team in 2013.

**Scholastic/club:** Played for DuPont Manual High School and Mockingbird Valley Soccer Club, later renamed Chicago Fire Juniors.

## **Allysha Chapman - Defender**

**Name:** Allysha Chapman

**Pronunciation:** ah-LEE-sha chap-man

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5-3

**Jersey number:** 2

**Date of birth:** Jan. 25, 1989

**Age:** 27

**Hometown:** Oshawa, Ontario

**Citizenship:** Canada

**College:** Louisiana State University

**Last club:** Houston Dash

**How acquired:** Acquired via trade on Nov. 29, 2016.

Follow on Twitter: [@allyshachapman](https://twitter.com/allyshachapman)



**Professional:** In 2016, started eight of the nine matches she appeared in for the Houston Dash, logging 710 minutes ... In 2015, Made NWSL debut with the Dash on the road at Sky Blue FC on April 18, 2015 ... Made five appearances (four starts) in 2015 ... In 2014, joined Eskilstuna DFF in the Damallsvenskan ... Appeared in 19 matches (17 starts) and scored three goals in league play ... 2013: 17 games (15 starts) with IK Sirius FK in the Elitettan (Swedish second division) ... Helped anchor league's best defense, conceding only 16 goals in 26 games ... Scored one goal ... 2012: Joined IK Sirius FK ... Started 24 matches as Sirius finished second in Division 1 (lost in promotion playoffs) ... Helped team to league's best defense, conceding 14 goals in 22 matches.

**International:** Member of the Canadian Women's National Team ... Capped 41 times for the senior team ... Has one goal and two assists through 2016 ... In 2016, won bronze at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio and claimed silver at the 2016 CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying Championship and was on Canada's team that finished first at the 2016 Algarve Women's Cup ... 2015: Started in 13 of 14 matches in 2015 for the Canada national team including 5 matches in the Women's World Cup ... Played every minute of every match for the Canada national team in the Women's World Cup ... Scored first international goal on 3/9 against Italy in the Cyprus Women's Cup ... Part of Canada's roster for Four Nations Tournament in China ... 2014: Earned first senior cap in October vs. Japan ... **YOUTH:** Canada youth international ... Started three matches at 2008 FIFA Women's U-20 World Cup in Chile ... Started five matches as Canada won gold at 2008 CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championships ... 2008 Canada Women's U-20 Player of the Year runner-up.

**College:** Three-year letterwinner at LSU ... 2011: SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Year ... All-SEC First Team ... NSCAA All-South Region First Team ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... 22 appearances, one goal, two assists ... 2010: All-SEC First Team ... NSCAA All-South Region Third Team ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... 21 appearances, three assists ... 2009: All-SEC Second Team ... NSCAA All-South Region Third Team ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Started 24 matches, notched two assists ... 2008: Transferred to LSU ... 2007 (UAB): Conference USA All-Freshman Team ... Made 18 appearances, tallied one assist.

**Personal:** Born Allysha Lyn Chapman to Brian and Karen Chapman ... Grew up in Courtice, Ontario.

**Brooke Elby - Defender****Name:** Brooke Elby**Pronunciation:** EL-bee**Position:** Defender**Height:** 5-2**Jersey number:** 23**Date of birth:** May 24, 1993**Age:** 23**Hometown:** Arcadia, Calif.**Citizenship:** USA**College:** University of North Carolina**Last club:** Melbourne Victory**How acquired:** Signed as a discovery player on Nov. 18, 2015**Follow on Twitter:** [@BrookeLB93](https://twitter.com/BrookeLB93)

**Professional:** In 2016 with the Breakers, started 11 of the 13 games she appeared in and logged 919 minutes ... Made her debut for the Melbourne Victory of Australia's Westfield W-League on Oct. 24, 2015, starting and playing 90 minutes in a 2-1 loss against Melbourne City.

**College:** Played four seasons for the University of North Carolina (2011-2014) ... Appeared in 73 games ... Finished career with three goals and seven assists ... As a senior in 2014, played 10 games, logging 748 minutes and registering one assist before going down with an injury ... As a junior in 2013, played in 22 games for the Tar Heels ... played 888 minutes as a key reserve all over the field ... scored the second goal of the game in the 3-0 win over Duke, her first goal since the Connecticut match early in 2012 ... assisted on Crystal Dunn's game-winning goal in the 79th minute a 1-0 victory over No. 2 UCLA ... played 77 crucial minutes off the bench in the NCAA Tournament win over Texas A&M ... named to Dean's List in spring semester of 2014 ... academic team captain for 2013-14 ... As a sophomore in 2012, played in 22 games, logging 905 minutes ... played all three positions on the field at some point in the campaign ... started five games in the early part of the season (Notre Dame, Marquette, San Diego, Virginia, Virginia Tech) ... made arguably the biggest play of the season in Carolina's 2-1 double overtime win over BYU in the NCAA quarterfinals ... in the first overtime period she made a remarkable dead sprint run from midfield to deny the game-winning goal by the Cougars, clearing the ball off the line at the last second on a BYU breakaway behind the entire UNC defense ... Carolina went on to win in the second overtime ... scored the insurance goal in UNC's 2-0 win over UConn ... assisted on Maria Lubrano's game-winning goal in the 1-0 win at Notre Dame two days later ... notched a pair of assists in the victory over San Diego ... named to Top Drawer Soccer Team of the Week after her defensive performance in the win over BYU ... As a freshman in 2011, played in 19 games, logging 692 minutes ... scored her first career goal in 6-1 win over Houston ... assisted on a goal against Texas A&M with a corner kick that was converted by Crystal Dunn into a last first-half tally ... named to the 2011-12 ACC Academic Honor Roll.

**Scholastic/club:** A 2011 alumna of Flintridge Preparatory School in La Canada, Calif., where she played soccer for four years as a center forward and outside midfielder ... competed in track and field for four years (high jump, 300-meter hurdles, 400 meters and relays) and ran cross country for one year ... as a senior, averaged 70 minutes a game, scoring a school record 28 goals and adding 11 assists for 65 points as team won second straight prep league title ... first-team All-Area selection in her final two seasons ... All-CIF first-team DIII as a senior ... high school's female athlete of the year three successive years ... named Glendale News Press top female high school athlete in 2011 ... Veteran of the Orange Soccer Club on which she won seven tournament championships ... with Arsenal FC, played on a team which won the U19 Premier League title and was a finalist at the San Diego Surf Cup.

**Personal:** Born Brooke Kazuko Elby in Pasadena, Calif. ... the daughter of Karen Elby and Mark Elby ... majored in chemistry.



## **Megan Oyster - Defender**

**Name:** Megan Oyster

**Pronunciation:** OY-stir

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5-8

**Jersey number:** 4

**Date of birth:** Sept. 3, 1992

**Age:** 24

**Hometown:** Naperville, Ill.

**Citizenship:** USA

**College:** UCLA

**Last club:** Washington Spirit

**How acquired:** Acquired via trade on Nov. 17, 2016.

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**Professional:** In 2016, started 15 regular season matches for the Spirit, including the NWSL Championship ... 2015: Drafted by the Spirit with the 13th overall pick in the 2015 NWSL College Draft ... Played every minute of the 2015 season, becoming the first Spirit player to do so ... Scored one goal ... Voted Defender of the Year and Newcomer of the Year for the Spirit ... During the Spirit offseason, played for Newcastle Jets in the Westfield W-League in Australia.

**International:** Called up to the full U.S. Women's National Team for the first time in April 2017 ... Has two caps with the U.S. ... Earned her first cap on April 6, 2017, coming on in the 68th minute for Kelley O'Hara in a win over Russia ... Member of the Under-18 and Under-20 U.S. National Team pools ... Brought in to the U-18/U-20 Super Camp in January of 2009 ... Also called into camp with the U-20s in June 2011 ... Became involved with the U.S. National Team Program at the U-15 level ... Traveled to Brazil with the U-16s.

**College:** Attended UCLA...2014: Leader on the Bruin defense that recorded a 0.245 goals against average, shut out a school-record 19 opponents and allowed just six goals (also a school record) and 55 shots on goal all season ... Started all 24 games and played 2,061 minutes ... Scored the Bruins' first goal of the season against Maryland and added an assist on the game-winning goal against Loyola Marymount ... Honorable mention All-Pac-12 honoree ... Named Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Week Aug. 26 ... Received Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention honors for the second-straight season. 2013: Named to the College Cup All-Tournament team ... Provided the assist on the championship-winning goal in overtime against Florida State ... Played in 26 games with 18 starts ... Ranked fourth on the team in minutes played with 1999 ... Earned Duke Nike Classic All-Tournament honors ... Honorable mention Pac-12 All-Academic honoree. 2012: Played in 22 of 23 matches ... Member of a UCLA defense that surrendered just 13 goals all season (first in the Pac-12) ... Also helped the Bruins rank first in the conference in goals against average (0.55) and shutouts (14) ... Recorded an assist in UCLA's NCAA second round victory against Kentucky. 2011: Played in 18 of 21 matches, making seven starts ... Member of a UCLA defense that surrendered just 12 goals all season (2nd in the Pac-12) ... Also helped the Bruins rank second in the conference in goals against average (0.55) and shutouts (13) ... Finished the season with one goal for two points ... Lone goal, a game winner, came in a 1-0 home victory over Rutgers ... Took seven shots on the season.

**Personal:** Full name is Megan Leigh Oyster ... Parents are Bryan and Cindy Oyster ... Older sister is Emily ... Mother played softball and volleyball at Northern Illinois University ... Cousin, Brittany Bock, played soccer at Notre Dame and has played with the U.S. Women's National Team ... Majored in sociology.

**Amanda DaCosta - Midfielder****Name:** Amanda Da Costa**Pronunciation:** duh-COST-ah**Position:** Midfielder**Height:** 5-4**Jersey number:** 5**Date of birth:** Oct. 7, 1989**Age:** 27**Hometown:** Katonah, N.Y.**Citizenship:** USA**College:** Florida State**Last club:** Chicago Red Stars**How acquired:** Acquired via trade with Chicago on Nov. 3, 2016**Follow on Twitter:** [@aDacosta13](https://twitter.com/aDacosta13)

**Professional:** In 2016, appeared in 13 games, including eight starts, with the Chicago Red Stars ... Logged 665 minutes ... In 2015, played 17 games (seven starts) for the Washington Spirit ... In 646 minutes of action, scored three goals on four shots on goal ... Appeared in more than 40 games for Liverpool Ladies from 2013-2014 under current Breakers head coach Matt Beard ... Helped lead Liverpool to back-to-back FA Women's Super League titles and a Champions League berth ... In 2012, in WPSL Elite with the Boston Breakers, started all eight games she appeared in ... Logged 709 minutes ... Tallied one assist ... In 2011, with magicJack (formerly Washington Freedom), played with the South Florida based Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) club in 2011 ... Was the 17th overall selection in the 2011 WPS Draft by the Freedom.

**International:** Current member of the Portuguese Women's National Team ... Helped lead Portugal to the final stages of the 2017 UEFA Women's European Championship ... Made her debut for Portugal on Dec. 1, 2015 against Spain in the Women's Euro 2017 qualifiers ... Participated in the 2016 Algarve Cup with Portugal ... A member of the U.S. U-23 Women's National Team ... Invited to participate in training camp with the U.S. U-23s in 2009 and twice in 2010 ... Competed with the U.S. U-20 team at the 2008 Cyprus Tournament ... Member of the U.S. U-17 team in 2006.

**College:** Played four years at Florida State University ... First-Team All-ACC selection (2010) ... NSCAA All-Southeast Region team (2010) ... NSCAA All-Southeast Region Second Team (2009) ... NSCAA and Soccer Buzz First Team All-American (2008) ... Scored 17 goals and tallied 24 assists in career ... Tied for first all-time with 10 game-winning assists ... Third in career assists (24).

**Scholastic/Club:** Played five years for both the ENY North ODP team as well as the Region 1 ODP team (2000-2005) ... New Jersey State Cup Champions (World Class, N.J. Arsenal) ... Played for Quickstrike FC (2007) ... Member of Soccer Plus Connecticut of the Women's Premier Soccer League (2008) ... Played with the Hudson Valley Quickstrike Lady Blues of the W-League (2009) ... five-year varsity soccer athlete at Somers High School ... Earned all-section and all-league honors four times, named league MVP twice.

**Personal:** Daughter of Rui and Adelaide DaCosta ... Majored in sports management ... Father was born in Mozambique, Africa and mother was born in Portugal.

## **Emilie Haavi - Forward**

**Name:** Emilie Haavi

**Pronunciation:** Ah-ME-lee-ah HAH-vee

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 5-5

**Jersey number:** 7

**Date of birth:** June 16, 1992

**Age:** 24

**Hometown:** Baerum, Norway

**Citizenship:** Norway

**Last club:** LSK Kvinner

**How acquired:** Signed on Oct. 31, 2016.



**Professional:** In four seasons (2013-2016) with Lillestrøm SK Kvinner (LSK Kvinner) in Norway's top-flight league, Toppserien, scored 49 goals in 82 games, helping her club win both the Toppserien and Norwegian Cup in 2014 and 2015 ... Previously played for Røa (2009-2012) and won one Toppserien championship and one Norwegian Cup for the Western Norway based club ... In 51 games with Røa, scored 39 goals.

**International:** Has represented Norway at the 2011 and 2015 FIFA Women's World Cups ... Played all three group-stage matches in 2015 ... At the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup, scored the game-winner against Equatorial Guinea in the group stage ... Made her debut for Norway in 2010 against Canada ... Capped 59 times for Norway, Haavi has scored 15 goals for her country.

**Personal:** Full name is Emilie Bosshard Haavi ... Parents are Christine Bosshard and Jan-Erik Haavi ... Younger brother is Mathis Bosshard Haavi.



## Julie King - Defender

**Name:** Julie King

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5-9

**Jersey number:** 8

**Date of birth:** Oct. 21, 1989

**Age:** 27

**Hometown:** St. Louis, Mo.

**Citizenship:** USA

**College:** Auburn University

**Last club:** Boston Breakers (WPSL Elite)

**How acquired:** Signed as a Discovery Player in March 2013

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**Professional:** In 2016, started 17 of the 18 games she appeared in ... Matched a career-high for goals in a single season with two ... Tallied one assist ... Played 1,523 minutes, third most on the team ... In 2015, started all 18 games she appeared in ... Served as team captain, along with Katie Schoepfer and Kassey Kallman ... Logged 1,580 minutes, which ranked her No. 4 on the team ... Set a career-high for goals scored in a season with two ... Had seven shots on goal ... Played both center back and right back ... Scored goals against Houston (3-2 win on April 26 at home) and Washington (2-1 win on Aug. 8 at home) ... Her appearance in the final game of the season - a 1-0 loss on Aug. 30 - marked her 70th appearance as a Breaker, putting her into fifth all-time in franchise history for appearances. **2014:** started all 17 games she appeared in ... Logged 1,530 minutes, third highest on the team ... Tallied one goal and one assist ... Her goal, the first of her professional career, came on on April 27, 2014, in a 3-2 win at home over Sky Blue FC. Also registered an assist in the match ... **2013:** Started all 21 games she appeared in ... Totaled 1,862 minutes, fifth most on team ... Registered one assist. **2012:** Played in 14 games (9 starts) for the Breakers in WPSL Elite ... Finished with one assist ... Logged 967 minutes.

**At Auburn:** Scored 13 goals and tallied 10 assists in four years with the Tigers ... One of three SEC Co-Defensive Players of the Year and a First Team All-SEC selection (2011) ... First Team All-SEC (2010) ... Scored the game-winning goal in the 2-1, first round win over Ole Miss at the SEC Tournament (2009) ... Named to SEC All-Freshman Team (2008) ... In the fall of 2012, returned to Auburn to help coach the women's soccer team and then joined the Auburn University women's basketball team, where she played in 30 games during the 2012/13 season for the Tigers. She scored 34 points, all off the bench.

**Scholastic/Club:** Starred at Nerinx Hall High School ... Played for St. Louis Scott Gallagher Club (SLSC) Soccer ... Advanced to Region II regional Finals, winning the competition in 2003 and 2005 ... Won the National Championship in 2005 ... First Team All-State, All-Metro, and All-Conference (2008) ... First Team All-Metro, First Team All-Conference, and First Team All-State (2007) ... Helped SLSC to the 2005 USYS National Championship.

**Personal:** Daughter of Kevin and Julie King ... Has three siblings, Caitlin, Meghan, and R.J.

## **Natasha Dowie - Forward**

**Name:** Natasha Dowie

**Pronunciation:** nuh-TAH-sha DOW-ee

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 5-7

**Jersey number:** 9

**Date of birth:** June 30, 1988

**Age:** 28

**Hometown:** England

**Citizenship:** England

**Last club:** Doncaster

**How acquired:** Signed on July 17, 2016.

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**Professional:** In 2016 with the Breakers, started all seven games she appeared in ... Logged 605 minutes ... Led team in scoring with three goals ... Scored on her debut, a 1-0 win at home against the Orlando Pride on July 31, 2016 ... In 2016, prior to the Breakers, played four matches for Doncaster Rovers Belles in the FA Women's Super League, scoring one goal ... Played for Liverpool Ladies FC from 2012 through 2015 ... In three seasons at Liverpool, scored 45 goals in 42 games ... Named the FA Players Player of the Year in 2013, the same year she led Liverpool to its first FA Women's Super League title ... In 2015, also played for the Melbourne Victory in Australia's Westfield W-League ... Prior to Liverpool, played for Fulham, Charlton Athletic, and Everton, where she scored the game-winning goal in the 2010 FA Cup Final against Arsenal.

**International:** Capped 14 times for England's Women's National Team ... Made her debut with the Lionesses in November 2009 at the FIFA Women's World Cup qualifiers against Turkey, coming on as a sub in a 3-0 victory ... Played for England in the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup qualifiers ... Scored her first international goal on 2013 in a 6-0 win over Belarus.

**Personal:** Born on June 30, 1988 in Abu Dhabi ... Father, Bob, is a former Director of Football at Crystal Palace ... Uncle Iain played for several Premier League clubs and had more than 50 caps for Northern Ireland.

**Rosie White - Midfielder****Name:** Rosie White**Pronunciation:** rose-EE**Position:** Midfielder**Height:** 5-5**Jersey number:** 10**Date of birth:** June 6, 1993**Age:** 23**Hometown:** Auckland, New Zealand**Citizenship:** New Zealand**College:** UCLA**Last club:** Liverpool LFC**How acquired:** Signed as a discovery player on Nov. 9, 2016**Follow on Twitter:** [@rosiewhite13](https://twitter.com/rosiewhite13)

**Professional:** In two years (2015, 2016) with Liverpool LFC in England's FA Women's Super League, made 33 appearances and scored four goals in all competitions ... In 2016, started 10 of the 13 games she appeared in during the FAWSL season ... Scored two goals ... Made one appearance in the FA Cup ... Came on as a sub in one League Cup match ... In 2015, made 18 total appearances (16 starts) ... Scored two goals ... Nine appearances came in the FAWSL ... Started six of the seven games she appeared in during League Cup play ... Appeared in two UEFA Women's Champions League matches.

**International:** Member of New Zealand's Women's National Team ... Capped 84 times for the New Zealand's senior team ... Has scored 14 goals for her country ... Played in two FIFA Women's World Cups (2011 in Germany and 2015 in Canada) and two Olympic Games (2016 in Brazil and 2014 in London) ... Played for the Football Ferns in the 2008 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup and the 2008 and 2010 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cups ... Golden Ball winner at the 2014 OFC Women's Nations Cup Tournament ... Earned Young Female Player of the Year honors for her country twice (2008 and 2009) ... Made her debut with the senior national team on June 10, 2009 in a 6-0 loss to China.

**College:** Played four years at UCLA (2011-2014) ... Helped lead the Bruins to victory at the 2013 NCAA National Championship ... Scored 17 goals and added 12 assists during her career ... One of her biggest moments at UCLA came in 2013 when she scored the winning penalty kick in the shootout in the semifinals against Virginia.

**Personal:** Full name is Rosemary Eleanor Florence White ... Daughter of John and Joanna White ... Sibling to Billy, Danny, and Joanna ... Admires former tennis player Andre Agassi ... Enjoys wakeboarding, surfing, and going to the beach.



**Rose Lavelle - Midfielder****Name:** Rose Lavelle**Pronunciation:** luh-VELL**Position:** Midfielder**Height:** 5-4**Jersey number:** 11**Date of birth:** May 14, 1995**Age:** 21**Hometown:** Cincinnati, Ohio**Citizenship:** USA**College:** Wisconsin**Last club:** Wisconsin**How acquired:** Signed on Feb. 27, 2017Follow on Twitter: [@roselavelle](https://twitter.com/roselavelle)

**College:** In 2016, named NSCAA Second Team All-American ... NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region First Team ... Big Ten Midfielder of the Year, first player in the history of the award to earn the honor in two consecutive years ... first-team All-Big Ten honoree ... Senior CLASS Award Second Team ... started in all 22 matches ... led the team in goals (6), shots (74) and shots on goal (31) and tied for first on the team in points (16) ... team's leader in goals for second-straight season ... ranked second on the team in assists (4) ... ranked as the No. 1 player in the country in TopDrawerSoccer preseason player rankings ... **In 2015:** MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist ... NSCAA First Team All-American ... NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region First Team ... Big Ten Midfielder of the Year ... First-Team All-Big Ten honoree ... started in 19 matches ... scored Wisconsin's first goal of the season vs. Western Michigan (8/21) ... scored the game-winning goal in overtime against North Dakota State (8/23) ... tallied team-leading 17 points with seven goals and three assists ... TopDrawerSoccer preseason Best XI First Team ... ranked as the No. 2 player in the country in TopDrawerSoccer preseason player rankings ... **In 2014:** NSCAA All-American (second team) ... NSCAA All-Great Lakes First Team ... First-Team All-Big Ten honoree ... played all 24 matches and started in 23 ... led the Badgers with 10 assists and ranked fourth in points (16) ... tallied two game-winning goals during the season ... **In 2013:** Big Ten Freshman of the Year ... earned First Team All-Big Ten honors ... named to the All-Big Ten Freshman Team ... awarded Third Team NSCAA All-Great Lakes honors ... Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Week (9/17) ... started in all 19 matches ... ranked second on team in goals (6) ... led team in shots (73).

**International:** Has four caps (all starts) with the U.S. Women's National Team ... Made her debut with the full U.S. Women's National Team on March 4, 2017, during a match against England at the SheBelieves Cup ... was named Woman of the Match following the team's 1-0 loss to England ... Named to the U.S. Women's National Team SheBelieves Cup roster in February 2017 ... First trained with the senior team in December 2015 at the end of the Victory Tour ... trained with the full U.S. Women's National Team prior to its friendly against Ireland in January, 2016 ... called up to training camp with the U.S. U-23 WNT in Charlottesville, Virginia, in May 2016 ... awarded the Golden Ball at the 2014 CONCACAF Women's Under-20 Championship, given to tournament's top player ... finalist for 2014 U.S. Soccer Young Female Athlete of the Year ... helped lead the U.S. U-23 Women's National Team to win the 2015 Four Nations Tournament in Norway, as she recorded one assist in each of the three games and added one goal to her tournament tally in the finale vs. England ... named to the U.S. U-20 Women's World Cup Team ... earned her first international goal at the U-20 level against China in the 2014 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup ... selected to participate in the Twelve Nations Tournament with the U-20 USWNT in La Manga, Spain ... called up to participate in U-23 USWNT training camp (12/14) ... one of 24 collegiate players called to U-23 USWNT training camp in Lakewood Ranch, Florida (4/20) ... trained with the U-18 USWNT in 2013.

**High School/Youth:** A four-year varsity performer at Mount Notre Dame High School, Lavelle was named to the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team roster that competed in the Twelve Nations Tournament in La Manga, Spain, in March ... named Cincinnati Player of the Year by The Cincinnati Enquirer during senior season after netting 15 goals and totaling 38 points ... earned the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Sports Woman of the Year award in 2013 ... finished her career as school's all-time leading goal scorer (57), earning NSCAA all-region and first-team all-state honors ... named to the NSCA All-Region team during both her senior and junior campaigns ... member of 2011 International ODP Region II Team ... invited to U.S. U-20 and U-18 Women's National Team camps.

**Personal:** Born in Cincinnati, Ohio ... parents are Marty and Janet ... has one brother, John, and two sisters, Nora and Mary ... majoring in sociology.

**Abby Smith - Goalkeeper****Name:** Abby Smith**Pronunciation:****Position:** Goalkeeper**Height:** 5-9**Jersey number:** 14**Date of birth:** Oct. 4, 1993**Age:** 23**Hometown:** Plano, Texas**Citizenship:** USA**College:** University of Texas**Last club:** University of Texas**How acquired:** Signed on April 11, 2016.Follow on Twitter: [@abbyys44](https://twitter.com/abbyys44)

**Professional:** In 2016, started two games before suffering season-ending injury ... In two games, made seven saves ... Finished with 0.50 goals against average ... Made professional debut on May 1, 2016, a 1-0 loss to Portland Thorns FC at home.

**College:** At the University of Texas, broke the school's career shutout record (30 shutouts) during a senior year of 2015, one that saw her named NSCAA All-Central Region, All-Big 12 Conference, a Senior CLASS Award Senior All-American and to Top Drawer Soccer's Postseason Best XI Third Team ... Recorded a 0.94 goals-against-average, six shutouts, a Big 12-leading 96 saves on a league-high total of 5.33 saves-per-match and a .842 save percentage in 2015 ... Received numerous individual accolades including both ESPNW National Player of the Week and Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week nods and was chosen as a CollegeSoccer360.com Primetime Performer of the Week ... Scored for the third consecutive campaign on Aug. 23 as her 90-plus yard goal off a punt proved the match winner as the Longhorns knocked off Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) foe Miami (FL), 1-0. The play came in at No. 10 on that night's edition of ESPN SportsCenter's "Top 10 Plays" segment ... As a junior in 2014, was a First Team All Big 12 selection ... recorded nine shutouts in 2014, tying Dianna Pfenninger (2008) for the most in a single season in UT history ... Played 2055 of 2157 possible minutes ... Finished with a 0.92 GAA and led the Big 12 Conference with 98 saves ... As a sophomore in 2013, started and played all 20 matches in goal as a sophomore for the Longhorns (all 1840 possible minutes), posting a 12-6-2 overall record, a 0.78 goals-against-average (third-lowest in program history) and 72 saves between the pipes with eight shutouts ... Smith also scored her first career goal while registering 10 total shots and six on frame ... As a freshman in 2012, named Second-Team All-Big 12 Conference honoree ... started the final 12 matches of the campaign and played 1,151:58, allowing just eight goals and tallying 34 saves ... tied Jamie Strong (1994) for the Texas freshman record for shutouts with seven ... established the program rookie mark for lowest goals-against average at 0.63, besting Alex Gagarin's 0.89 GAA in 2001.

**International:** Trained with the U-23 U.S. Women's National Team in January 2016, recorded shutout in 3-0 win over Ireland on Jan. 25, 2016, in California ... traveled to La Manga, Spain, and Fredrikstad and Sarpsborg, Norway, with the U.S. U-23 Women's National Team in the summer of 2015 in winning the La Manga and Four Nations Tournaments, respectively ... Member of the U.S. Women's U-20 National Team (USWNT) for head coach Steve Swanson ... squad claimed the 2012 U-20 Women's World Cup championship on Sept. 8 with a 1-0 victory over Germany ... one of only three pre-college players named to the USWNT ... did not experience any game action while at the 2012 FIFA World Cup ... took part in the March 2012 Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football Qualifying Tournament in Panama City, Panama ... selected to travel with the U-20 club to La Manga, Spain, for the Four Nations Tournament Feb. 3-15 ... earned invitation after participating in the 2012 U-20 World Cup Summer Camp in January ... made appearances at the 2011 U-18 National Team Camp and the U-17 Dallas Cup game (USA vs. Brazil) ... participated in U-15 and U-17 National Team Camps from 2008-10 ... went on first international trip with the U.S. Women's National Team in December 2009, going to Argentina with the U-17 squad.



**Scholastic/club:** Played for the Dallas Texans 94 Red Soccer Club with fellow signees Lindsey Meyer and Kelsey Shimmick since 2005 ... squad spent the majority of the 2011-12 season ranked No. 1 nationally in the ESPNHS Elite Clubs National League standings ... a four-year captain for the Texans ... helped team to the US Youth Soccer (USYS) Region III championship in 2009 ... lifted Texans to the Nike Cup and Gothia Cup championships in 2008 ... participated in the Olympic Development Program (ODP) from 2005-10 and was a member of the Region III ODP Team ... named the 2009 USYS ODP National Championship Golden Glove winner ... earned a place on the adidas Elite Soccer Program Camp All-Star Team ... A four-star recruit, according to TopDrawerSoccer.com, and was ranked by the publication as the 13th-best player in the country and the second-best player in Texas ... the No. 5 prospect nationally, according to ESPNHS ... a three-year varsity starter who graduated a semester early, allowing for full travel with the U.S. Women's National Team ... teammate of current Longhorn junior Whitney Jaynes ... a National Soccer Coaches Association of America Youth All-America selection in 2010 and 2011 as well as a 2010 Parade Magazine All-America honoree ... as a sophomore, named the District 8-5A Goalkeeper of the Year ... earned District 8-5A Newcomer of the Year and Dallas Morning News SportsDay Newcomer of the Year honors following rookie campaign.

**Personal:** Born on Oct. 4, 1993, to Mitchell and Beth Smith ... Mitchell ran track and cross country at Baylor, earning a letter in 1983 ... major is physical, culture, and sports... lists the Miami Heat as her favorite professional sports team ... played soccer in elementary school and chose to pursue it over gymnastics.

## **Sammy Jo Prudhomme - Goalkeeper**

**Name:** Sammy Jo Prudhomme

**Pronunciation:** PRUDE-home

**Position:** Goalkeeper

**Height:** 5-10

**Jersey number:** 15

**Date of birth:** Oct. 25, 1993

**Age:** 23

**Hometown:** Aliso Viejo, Calif.

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** University of Southern California

**Last club:** University of Southern California

**How acquired:** Signed on April 4, 2017

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**College:** The No. 31 overall pick in the 2017 NWSL College Draft, Prudhomme starred at the University of Southern California, helping the Trojans win the 2016 NCAA National Championship ... The 2016 Pac-12 Goalkeeper of the Year, led the league in virtually every goalkeeping statistic ... Named to All-Pac 12 First Team ... credited with 15 of 16 team shutouts ... Those 15 shutouts set a new individual goalkeeper shutout record ... Also led the team to a school-record seven-straight shutout victories ... Started all 25 games ... Had a goals against average of 0.43 ... Recorded 106 saves for a .906 save percentage, ranking in the national top 10 ... In 2015, an All-Pac-12 honorable mention selection, started all 23 games in her first season with the Trojans ... Only allowed 16 goals against in 23 contests (0.68 goals-against average) ... Tallied 69 saves for a .812 save percentage ... Finished with 10 shutouts ... Sat out the 2014 season as a mandatory redshirt after transferring within the Pac-12 Conference from Oregon State ... In 2013 at Oregon State, started and played in 18 matches ... Made 104 saves in her second season as a Beaver, ranking her second in the Pac-12 at the end of conference play ... Her 5.78 saves per game ranked her first in the Pac-12 ... With a .812 save percentage and five shutouts, she ended the season tied for eighth in the conference in both categories ... Recorded a career-high 15 saves against USC (Nov. 3) in a double-overtime match ... In 2012 at Oregon State, Was in goal for 13 matches, starting all but one ... Made a total of 84 saves, while allowing just 17 goals ... Was a half dozen stops short of tying the program's all-time freshman record (90) ... Recorded four shutouts and posted a 6-4-3 record.

**Scholastic/Club:** Lettered all four years and started for two ... Was named to the All-CIF first team ... Was selected to the ESP Rise All-State team ... Was the MVP and team captain her junior and senior years ... Was named the MVP of the South Coast League and the MVP of the CIF-SS her senior year ... Was named to the All-County first team and helped lead her team to win the CIF Southern California Regional Championship in 2012 ... Was a member of the So Cal Blues for six years and helped the team to a Coast Soccer Premier League Championship, a California Premier League Championship and a Far West Regional League Championship ... Was a member of the California South Olympic Development Program team from 2008-2010 ... Was named to the regional pool from 2008-2010 and helped the regional team to a regional championship in 2008-2009 and a national championships in 2008-2009.

**Personal:** Daughter of Jon and Jo Beth Prudhomme ... Has one sibling, Nick ... Uncle played football at Cal-Poly in the 1980s.

**Amanda Frisbie - Defender****Name:** Amanda Frisbie**Pronunciation:** FRIZZ-bee**Position:** Defender**Height:** 5-8**Jersey number:** 17**Date of birth:** May 29, 1992**Age:** 24**Hometown:** Keller, Texas**Citizenship:** USA**College:** Portland**Last club:** Stjarnan**How acquired:** Signed as a discovery player on Jan. 10, 2017Follow on Twitter: [@frizzbie](https://twitter.com/frizzbie)

**Professional:** In 2016, prior to signing with the Breakers, played in Iceland and helped Stjarnan win the Úrvalsdeild championship. Frisbie played in nine matches for Stjarnan ... Made three appearances for FC Kansas City in 2016. The Blues acquired her from the Western New York Flash following the 2015 season ... Started two of the four games she appeared in for the Flash in 2015 ... selected by Seattle Reign FC, seventh overall, in the 2014 NWSL College Draft. She missed the 2014 season due to injury.

**College:** Starred at Portland ... As a senior at Portland in 2013, Frisbie was a NSCAA First Team All-American (Portland's first first-team All-American since 2009) and was a MAC-Hermann Trophy Semifinalist ... As a junior in 2012, named to the All-WCC First Team and the NSCAA All-West Region Team ... One of three players to start all 21 matches ... led the league in goals (12) and points (33) and was tied for the lead in assists (9) ... As a sophomore in 2011, appeared in 20 games ... tied for the team high with three game-winners, and was second with six goals ... Appeared in 10 games, all off the bench, as a freshman in 2010 ... Scored five goals.

**Club/Scholastic:** At McKinney High School, earned two letters for head coach Alex Pantarotto as a freshman and a sophomore before electing to focus on club soccer ... set the Lions' freshman scoring record in 2007 with 14 goals and eight assists in 13 games, helping the Lions win the 2007 District 15 4-A Championships ... as the McKinney Team MVP and District 9 4-A MVP, led the Lions to another championship title, setting the single-season scoring record as a sophomore with 27 goals and 17 assists in 2008 ... named to the 2007 State All-Region Team, 2008 NSCAA Youth All-Region Team, and ESPN RISE All-Area Team in 2009 and 2010 ... Played for the Dallas Texans (2006-10), helping the Texans win back-to-back State Cup Championships (2008, 2009) and three consecutive LHGCL Grand Championship titles (2007-09) ... helped the Texans win the USYS U-16 National Championships ... also logged time with DFW Tejanos (2002-03) and Dallas Sting (2004-06), winning back-to-back State Cup Championships with the Sting (2005, 2006).

**Personal:** Born in North Richland Hills, Texas ... Parents are Pat Beacham and Mark Frisbie



## **Tiffany Weimer - Midfielder**

**Name:** Tiffany Weimer

**Pronunciation:** WHY-mer

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5-8

**Jersey number:** 18

**Date of birth:** Dec. 5, 1983

**Age:** 33

**Hometown:** North Haven, Conn.

**Citizenship:** USA

**College:** Penn State

**Last club:** Kvarnsveden

**How acquired:** Signed as a discovery player on Feb. 9, 2017

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**Professional:** 2016: played in 10 matches for Kvarnsveden in Sweden's Damallsvenskan, scoring five goals in 900 minutes of action. 2015: Played in four games before being placed on the disable list due to complications from her ACL injury 2014: Traded to the Spirit prior to the 2014 season... Tore her ACL during preseason which sidelined her for the season 2013: Joined Portland Thorns FC midseason... scored one goal and one assist in ten games... scored the game-tying goal in NWSL semifinals... 2013 NWSL Champion... 2012: Spent the 2012/13 Danish Elitedivisionen season with Fortuna Hjørring where she tallied a team-high 11 goals during the regular season as the club finished the season in second place behind undefeated Brøndby ... Helped Fortuna reach the Round of 16 at the 2012/13 UEFA Women's Champions League tournament ... 2010: Joined the Boston Breakers for the 2010 WPS season, but transferred midway through the year to Swedish side AIK for the second half of the Damallsvenskan season ... 2009: Was the No. 17 overall pick in the 2009 WPS General Draft by FC Gold Pride ... Made 15 appearances for the club, recording a goal and three assists during the inaugural WPS season. 2008: Spent time with Finnish club Åland United and Brazilian side Santos FC ... 2007: Played for SoccerPlus Connecticut in WPSL.

**International:** Weimer participated in training camps and made several appearances for the U.S. U-21 Women's National Team from 2004-07 and was called into senior U.S. Women's National Team training camp in January 2007 and again in February 2008.

**College:** A standout at Penn State University from 2002-05, Weimer scored 91 goals in 97 games during her four-year career with the Nittany Lions. She holds the NCAA record-long scoring streak (along with Thorns FC forward Christine Sinclair) by recording a goal in 17 consecutive matches during her senior season in 2005. Weimer finished the 2005 season with 32 goals, coming in second in the nation behind Sinclair (39)... 2005 M.A.C. Hermann Trophy Watch List... 2004 M.A.C. Hermann Trophy Runner-up... 2003 M.A.C. Hermann Trophy Finalist... 2005 Top Drawer Soccer Player of the Year... At the conclusion of her career: Big Ten Career Goals Scored Leader (87)... Big Ten Record-Holder for Gamewinners in a Season (10)... Big Ten Record-Holder for Goals in a Season (28)... NCAA Co-Record Holder (Most Consecutive Games with at Least One Goal)

**High School/Youth:** North Haven High School... World Class Soccer... South Central Premier... Region I ODP... Connecticut ODP... North Haven Soccer Club.

**Personal:** Full name is Tiffany Marie Weimer ... Parents are Michele and Frank Gates and Robert and Dawn Weimer... younger siblings are Danielle, Bobby, and Cody. Biggest fan: Janet DeCarlo (Grandmother) ... Majored in journalism with minor in sociology.

## **Adriana Leon - Forward**

**Name:** Adriana Leon

**Pronunciation:** A-dree-AHNA LEE-own

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 5-2

**Jersey number:** 19

**Date of birth:** Oct. 2, 1992

**Age:** 24

**Hometown:** Maple, Ontario, Canada

**College:** University of Florida

**How acquired:** Signed on Jan. 30, 2017

Follow on Twitter: [@LeonAdriana9](https://twitter.com/LeonAdriana9)



**Professional:** With the Western New York Flash in 2016, started three of the 10 games she appeared in, logging 342 minutes ... Following 2016 NWSL season, went overseas to Switzerland to play for FC Zurich in Nationalliga A ... In 2015 and 2014 with the Chicago Red Stars, scored a combined two goals and added three assists in 25 games, 19 of which she started ... Made her NWSL debut with the Boston Breakers in 2013, scoring one goal in six games.

**Canadian Women's National Team:** Has 39 caps and five goals with the Canadian Women's National Team ... Competed in the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup in Canada ... Was 17 years old when she made her debut in the Canadian youth program in 2009 with coach Carolina Morace... finished fourth with Canada at the 2010 CONCACAF Women's Under-20 Championship in Guatemala...represented Canada at the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Japan 2012...Earned her first cap for the senior team after previously starring for the Canadian U-20s. At the 2012 U-20 FIFA Women's World Cup in Japan, Leon scored three goals in Canada's first game of the tournament, a 6-0 win over Argentina ... Earned her first cap with the senior team in January 2012 at the Four Nations Cup in China ... In first-ever appearance for her country at that level, she scored her first international goal in a 1-0 victory China. Through March 2013, has seven caps and seven starts.

**Personal:** Born Adriana Kristina Leon... both of her parents were born in Toronto... grew up playing soccer and hockey... enjoys shopping, gym... favorites have included Ronaldo... other favorites have included Alex Ovechkin... as a youth player in 2012, was noted by the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Technical Study Group ("goalscorer, excellent mobility, strong and fast with good dribbling, passing and finishing skills").

**Christen Westphal - Defender****Name:** Christen Westphal**Pronunciation:** WEST-fall**Position:** Defender**Height:** 5-6**Jersey number:** 20**Date of birth:** Sept. 2, 1993**Age:** 23**Hometown:** Brecksville, Ohio**Citizenship:** USA**College:** University of Florida**Last club:** University of Florida**How acquired:** Signed on March 29, 2016.Follow on Twitter: [@cwestphal20](https://twitter.com/cwestphal20)

**Professional:** In 2016 with the Breakers, started seven of the 13 matches she appeared in ... Logged 579 minutes ... Scored her first professional goal. It came on the road against the Western New York Flash on June 24, 2016.

**College:** In 2015 with the University of Florida, National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-America first team ... NSCAA South Region first team ... Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Year ... All-SEC every year of collegiate career, including three consecutive appearances on first team ... Gators tri-captain ... Played the entirety of 21 matches as center back ... Led Gators with 13 assists, which was first in the SEC and tied for fourth in the nation ... That total also tied for fifth on Florida Season Records Chart ... Third among Gators with 19 points the most ever in a season by a Gator defender ... In 2014, National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-South Region and All-Southeastern Conference first-team for second consecutive year ... Played entirety of 17 of 23 matches at center back... Second among the Gators with average of 87.3 minutes per match... Among the 63 players listed for the MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List ... In 2013, named to the NSCAA All-America second team... NSCAA South Region first team... All-SEC first-team and SEC All-Tournament selection... Named to College Sports Madness All-America fourth team... Started every match at center back... Led Gators with average of 89.04 minutes per match ... In 2012, named to the NSCAA All-South Region third team... Southeastern Conference second team and also named to SEC Freshman team... SEC All-Tournament selection, playing the entirety of the Gators' three matches... Appeared on Soccer America's All-Freshman second team.

**International:** Named to U.S. Under-23 team for 2015 Four Nations Tournament played in Norway at end of May... Played entirety of each of the three matches at Four Nations Tournament ... Attended U.S. Under-23 Women's National Team camp at U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California in December of 2013 and May of 2014 ... Part of 2011-12 U.S. Under-18 National Team player pool.

**Scholastic/club:** Traveled to Portugal with regional Olympic Development Program (ODP) team ... Member of Region II ODP team for three years ... Among TopDrawerSoccer.com's final 2012 Top 100 National Players list ... Played with Cleveland Internationals soccer club, which won five state titles in six years ... Coached by Zdravko Popovic at Cleveland Internationals ... Four-year member of Walsh Jesuit High School team, which topped the final 2010 Powerade Fab 50 ESPN National Rankings... Walsh Jesuit also won the 2010 Division I Ohio High School Athletic Association State Championship... Coached by Dino McIntyre at Walsh Jesuit H.S... Awarded girls soccer player of the year honor by the Touchdown Club of Greater Akron in January of 2012... Named to 2011 Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association Division II All-State first team as a senior... 2011 NSCAA All-Region team... Academic All-State honor... Also lettered in varsity basketball, playing through sophomore year.

**Personal:** Born Cristen Joan Westphal ... daughter of Dave and Kathy Westphal ... Has two siblings. Older brother, Chase, played baseball throughout college. Younger sister, Claire, dances competitively.



**Margaret Purce - Forward****Name:** Margaret Purce**Pronunciation:** MARG-ah-rett Purse**Position:** Forward**Height:** 5-5**Jersey number:** 21**Date of birth:** Sept. 18, 1995**Age:** 21**Hometown:** Olney, Md.**Citizenship:** United States**College:** Harvard University**Last club:** Harvard University**How acquired:** Signed on March 28, 2017Follow on Twitter: [@100Purcent](https://twitter.com/100Purcent)

**College:** The No. 9 overall pick in the 2017 NWSL College Draft, Purce starred at Harvard University ... As a senior in 2015, First team All-America selection ... MAC Hermann Award Watch List in the preseason, later announced as a semi-finalist... Notched her second Ivy League Player of the Year award... One of a handful of players to be named All-Ivy first team four times... Garnered two Ancient Eight player of the week honors (Sep 5, 19)... Started all 17 games for the Crimson... Scored 12 goals and fished four assists for 28 points on the season... Led the Ivy League in six major offensive statistics categories... Notched four game-winning scores ... As a junior in 2014, All-Ivy League first team ... NSCAA Mid-Atlantic Region second team ... Ivy League Player of the Week (Oct. 5) ... Ivy League Co-Player of the Week (Oct. 12) ... Ivy League honor roll (Sept. 7, 14, 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, 9) ... Preseason MAC-Hermann Award Watch List Candidate ... Appeared in 16 games with 14 starts ... Netted a team-high nine goals to go with two assists for 20 points as a sophomore in 2014, named NSCAA/Continental Tire First Team All-Mid-Atlantic ... First Team All-Ivy League ... First Team All-New England honoree ... Preseason MAC-Hermann Award Watch List Candidate ... U.S. U-20 National Team member ... Appeared in all 18 games, starting 16 for the Crimson ... As a freshman in 2013, NSCAA/Continental Tire Women's All-America third team selection ... Ivy League Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year ... First rookie to earn a Player of the Year award in League history ... Also a unanimous selection to the All-Ivy first team ... NSCAA/Continental Tire All-Mid-Atlantic Region first team selection ... Top Drawer Soccer Freshmen Best XI first team pick

**International:** Member of the U.S. U-23 Women's National Team ... Scored a goal for the U.S. U-23s in a 2-0 win over Japan at a tournament in La Manga, Spain in March 2017 ... Played for the USA at the 2012 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in Azerbaijan, seeing action in one match ... Was the first player from an Ivy League school to represent the USA in a FIFA Women's World Cup ... A member of the U.S. team that won the 2012 CONCACAF U-17 Women's Championship in Guatemala and qualified for the 2012 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, she played in three games, starting all three ... Was the USA's second leading scorer in CONCACAF qualifying with three goals, all coming against the Bahamas ... Attended one training camp with the U.S. U-15s in 2011 and that earned her a first call-up to the U-17s.

**Scholastic/Club:** Starter for Good Counsel and head coach Jim Bruno ... Played for Freestate Soccer under head coach and 1991 Women's World Cup champion Shannon Cirovski ... Maryland Gatorade Player of the Year in 2012 ... Two-time All-Met Player of the Year ... NSCAA All-American as a sophomore and junior ... Concluded her prep soccer career with 101 goals and 39 assists.

**Ifeoma Onumonu - Forward**

**Name:** Ifeoma Onumonu

**Pronunciation:** IF-ee-oh-mah ON-oooh-mahn-ohh

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 5-10

**Jersey number:** 22

**Date of birth:** Feb. 25, 1994

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

**Citizenship:** USA

**College:** University of California

**Last club:** University of California

**How acquired:** Signed on April 10, 2017

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**College:** As a senior in 2016 at Cal, earned NSCAA and All-Pac-12 honors for the third time in her career, being named to both the All-Pacific Region and conference first team...scored ten goals this season, second on the team and one shy of her career high of 11 from 2012...added three assists for a total of 23 points - her most since 2012 (28)...tied for team lead with four game-winning goals for the team ... As a junior in 2015, played in 17 of 22 matches, scoring three goals (4th on team), dishing out five assists (2nd) and logging 11 points (T-3rd)...earned her second Pac-12 All-Academic award, being named honorable mention ... 2014: Started in two games before suffering a season-ending leg injury against Santa Clara on Aug. 24...Named to the CollegeSoccer360 Primetime Performer's Honor Roll for her play in opening weekend ... In 2013: Started 20 of her 21 appearances...Led the team in goals (8) and notched three assists for a team-best 19 points...Scored the game-winning goals vs. San Jose State and Arizona...Opened the season as one of three sophomores, and 31 total players to be named to the MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List...NSCAA All-Pacific Region Third Team honoree...An All-Pac-12 Second Teamer and Pac-12 All-Academic Honorable Mention ... In 2012: Named 2012 Pac-12 Freshman of the Year... Named a member of the Soccer America All-Freshman First-Team... Was the leading freshman in the Pac-12 for points(28), goals(11), and assists(6)... Led the Bears, and tied for second in the Conference with her eleven goals on the season

**International:** Called into the U.S. U-23 Women's National Team camp in January 2017.

**Scholastic/club:** Led her team in goals her last two seasons ... Prep Sports Bulletin All-Valley selection... Guided Los Osos to a 14-0-1 record and a No. 8 national ranking in the Powerade Fab50 national rankings... Also excelled in track where she ranked third in the state in the 300 hurdles and fifth in the 4x1 relay... Played for Arsenal and guided team to an Elite Clubs National League title in first appearance in the tournament... Named to Temecula All-Event team for the Elite Clubs National League ... Played one year in the Olympic Development Program.

**Morgan Andrews - Midfielder****Name:** Morgan Andrews**Pronunciation:** ANN-druze**Position:** Midfielder**Height:** 5-9**Jersey number:** 25**Date of birth:** March 25, 1995**Age:** 21**Hometown:** Milford, N.H.**Citizenship:** United States**College:** University of Southern California**Last club:** University of Southern California**How acquired:** Signed on March 16, 2017Follow on Twitter: [@MorganEAndrews](https://twitter.com/MorganEAndrews)

**College:** The No. 3 overall pick in the 2017 NWSL College Draft, Andrews starred at the University of Southern California ... Won a NCAA National Championship with the Trojans in 2016 ... MAC Hermann finalist ... Named to the 2016 NCAA Women's College Cup All-Tournament Team ... Ranked tied for first in 2016 with 10 goals ... In two seasons at USC, scored 22 goals and tallied eight assists, while earning back-to-back All-Pac-12 First Team honors ... In 2015, her first year at USC, named a NSCAA All-American Second Team selection, All-Pac-12 First Team honoree, and NSCAA All-Pacific Region First Team ... Named to the Duke Nike Classic All-Tournament Team (4 team tourney, all ranked squads, Duke, North Carolina, USC and California) ... Led the Trojans in goals (12) and points (28) on the year ... Three of her goals were game-winners (at UCLA, at Washington State and at Pacific) ... In 2014 at Notre Dame, named Second Team All-ACC and College Sports Madness Third Team All-American ... Led the Irish in points, with 17 ... one of three Irish players to start all 22 games ... notched three assists in the season's first two games before finishing the year with five ... netted six goals, including two game winners (Toledo, Santa Clara) ... In 2013 at Notre Dame, as a freshman, named Soccer America All-Freshman First Team ... Top Drawer Soccer Freshman Best XI First Team ... NSCAA All-Southeast Region Third Team ... ACC Freshman of the Year ... All-ACC Second Team ... ACC All-Freshman Team ... started all 22 matches as rookie, one of eight ND freshmen since 1999 to start every match as a rookie ... led team in goals (7-tied), points (19), total shots (73) and match-winning goals (4), while placing second on team in shots on goal (27) and tied for third in assists (5) and minutes played (among field players - 1,915).

**International:** Competed with the U-23 Women's National Team at a tournament in La Manga, Spain in March 2017 ... Mainstay with several U.S. Soccer youth national teams since 2008, when she debuted with the U-14 Girls National Team ... Was most recently invited to to the U.S. U-23 team camp in May 2016, but could not attend due to academic obligations and recovering injury .... Was named in Aug. 2016 as the fourth-best midfielder in the U.S. Youth National Team ranks by Top Drawer Soccer... has risen through the U.S Soccer YNT ranks, participating in various international tournaments, friendlies and/or camps for the U-15, U-17, U-20 and U-23 national teams, serving as a captain for the U-15 squad in 2010 and the U-17 team in 2011-12 ... earned combined 10 caps during 2013-14 Under-20 National Team cycle ... most recently in January 2014, was member of USA squad that won CONCACAF U-20 Championship in Cayman Islands, appearing in all five matches and starting three times while dishing out assists in all three of the Americans' group-stage wins (Costa Rica, Jamaica and Guatemala) ... named to U.S. U-20 roster for 2013 Twelve Nations Tournament in La Manga, Spain, starting all three matches (draws with Norway and Sweden, loss to Germany) ... started 19 times during 2012 U-17 cycle (including 15 caps), posting two goals and two assists (all during international play) ... captain for U.S. squad at 2012 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in Azerbaijan, with Americans finishing in three-way tie for first in group with five points but eliminated on goal differential (started twice, resting for group match vs. Gambia) ... captain of victorious U.S. team at 2012 CONCACAF U-17 Championships in Guatemala, as Americans outscored five opponents, 26-0 (started every match, had goal and two assists in tournament) ... captained U.S. U-17 side to 2012 Ten Nations Tournament crown in La Manga, Spain, despite playing against other national teams at U-19 level (started all three matches, scored goal vs. England) ... one of five finalists for 2011 U.S. Soccer Young Female Athlete of the Year award -- was only high school player among the five finalists ... took part in U-23 camp in October 2011 (was youngest player invited at age 16), when she was coached by (among others) then-U.S Women's National Team coach (and current Swedish National Team manager) Pia Sundhage.



**Scholastic/Club:** Spent two summers (2015, 2016) competing for SoCal FC ... Competed for the New England Mutiny in Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) for three summers (career totals of two goals, three assists while starting eight matches) ... started 2013 WPSL season with Boston Aztec, but moved to New England roster prior to postseason ... helped Mutiny win 2013 WPSL East Conference title and reach WPSL semifinals for third time in franchise history ... member of Region I ODP team in 2008 and 2009, participating in the ODP Thanksgiving Interregional Tournament in Florida both years ... played club soccer for eight years with FC Stars of Massachusetts, leading various age-group teams to both the USYS National Championship Series and Elite Clubs National League (ECNL) National Championship semifinals twice ... 2011 USYS National Championship "Best 11" selection for U-18 age group (was age 16 at time of tournament) ... selected for 2011 ECNL International Tour Team that competed in England (team comprised of top 17 players in ECNL that year) ... earned invitations to the 2010 and 2011 ECNL/id2 National Camps ... invited to 2012 ECNL/id2 National Camp and chosen for 2012 ECNL International Tour Team, but had to decline due to conflict with U.S. Under-17 Women's National Team participation (Eastern European tour) ... 2010 ECNL Las Vegas and Winter Showcase All-Event Teams ... ranked No. 1 in the 2013 Top Drawer Soccer Girls IMG Academy 150 player ratings (five-star ranking; No. 1 in Northeast Region) ... ranked 1st in the 2013 ESPNHS 150 ... Graduated from Milford High School in Milford, N.H. ... served as team captain and was everyday starter on varsity team since her freshman year ... piled up 114 goals and 53 assists during her prep career, setting school and conference records for career goals ... led MHS to its first state title (Division II) as senior in 2012, when she chalked up team highs of 31 goals and 18 assists (80 points) despite playing only 15 matches because of time missed due to U.S. National Team obligations ... averaged staggering 5.33 points and 2.07 goals per match with five hat tricks as a senior ... upon return from U.S. Soccer duty, led team to 14 consecutive victories and a 16-3-1 final record, culminating with 2-1 win over Souhegan High in the state final (she scored both goals to help secure the championship)

**Personal:** Daughter of Michele and Mark Andrews ... brother, Michael, formerly participated in Teach For America and remains on faculty at the same inner-city school in Boston as teacher and track & field coach ... brother, Matthew, is a U.S. Army Special Forces Green Beret who has served in Afghanistan.

## Angela Salem - Midfielder

**Name:** Angela Salem

**Pronunciation:** SAY-lum

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5-5

**Jersey number:** 26

**Date of birth:** July 24, 1988

**Age:** 28

**Hometown:** Akron, Ohio

**Citizenship:** USA

**College:** Francis Marion University

**Last club:** Washington Spirit

**How acquired:** Acquired via trade with Washington Spirit on Nov

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**Professional:** In 2016 with the Breakers, started all 19 games she appeared in ... Played 1,699 minutes, second most on the team ... Scored first professional goal in the U.S. It came on July 17, 2016, in a 3-2 loss to Sky Blue FC at home ... In 2015 with the Washington Spirit, started 12 of the 15 games she appeared in ... Logged 987 minutes ... Tallied one assist ... **2014:** With the Western New York Flash, appeared in 23 games (22 starts) ... Played 1,858 minutes ... Traded on Oct. 21, 2014 from the Flash to the Washington Spirit ... Played for the Newcastle Jets of Australia's Westfield W-League during the offseason ... **2013:** With Western New York, started 20 of the 21 games she appeared in ... Logged 1,783 minutes ... Went on loan to the Newcastle Jets in Australia in the offseason ... **2012:** With Western New York in the WPSL Elite, started 15 of the 16 matches she appeared in ... Scored the game-winning penalty kick in the championship game against the Chicago Red Stars ... **2011:** Played 11 games (nine starts) with the Atlanta Beat in Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) ... Went overseas following the WPS season, playing for Aland United in Finland ... **2010:** Appeared in three matches for Sky Blue FC in WPS.

**College:** Four-year starter at Francis Marion University in South Carolina ... Started all 59 matches she played for the Patriots ... Tallied 11 goals and 27 assists ... Named Team MVP as a sophomore and junior ... As a freshman, set the school's single-season assist record with 11.

**Scholastic/club:** Attended Copley High School and played for coach (and mother) Tina Salem ... As a senior, scored 23 goals with 13 assists and led Copley to fourth straight Suburban League title ... All-State and All-Conference player at Copley ... Career totals: 81 goals and 46 assists ... Member of Ohio ODP state team ... Played for Cleveland FC club team.

**Personal:** Born Angela Marguerite Salem in Akron, Ohio ... Parents are Joe and Tina Salem ... Has two older sisters, Scarlett and Katrina, who both played soccer in college, as well as an older brother, Joseph, who played professionally in the NASL for the Puerto Rico Islanders.

**Kylie Strom - Defender**

**Name:** Kylie Strom

**Pronunciation:** KAI-lee

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5-8

**Jersey number:** 30

**Date of birth:** March 18, 1992

**Age:** 25

**Hometown:** Endicott, NY

**Citizenship:** U.S.

**Last club:** Boston Breakers Reserves

**How acquired:** Signed on Aug. 30, 2016.



**Professional:** Called up from the Boston Breakers Reserves to the pro team as an amateur on July 15, 2016 ... Made her professional debut July 17, coming on in the 60th minute of a 3-2 loss to Sky Blue FC at home ... Had two appearances on the season for the Breakers as an amateur call-up. Her second came July 31 when she entered the match against the Orlando Pride in the 79th minute of a 1-0 victory ... Signed pro contract on Aug. 30, 2016 ... Started three of the seven matches she appeared in ... Logged 344 minutes.

**Prior to 2016:** Played in Germany in the 2. Bundesliga for FFC Frankfurt II in 2015 ... Was a member of the Boston Breakers Reserves in 2014 and the Boston Breakers College Academy team in 2013.

**International:** Called into the U.S. U-23 Women's National Team in June 2014.

**College:** Played four years at Boston University ... From 2010 through 2013, garnered several honors for the Terriers, including a Patriot League All-Tournament Team nod as a senior in 2013 ... Also named to the America East All-Conference First Team in 2012 and to the 2010 America East All-Rookie Team and AE All-Championship Team ... In four years at Boston University, appeared in 86 games for the Terriers ... Scored 14 goals and tallied 17 assists during her college career, including eight goals as a sophomore in 2011, which ranked her second on the team.

**Personal:** Born on March 18, 1992 ... Daughter of Richard and Roxanne Strom ... Has one sibling, Corey ... Enrolled in the School of Management as a business administration and management major with a minor in advertising.



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The National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) is a 10-team Division-I women's professional soccer league featuring national team players from around the world. The ten clubs are the Boston Breakers, Chicago Red Stars, Houston Dash, FC Kansas City, North Carolina Courage, Orlando Pride, Portland Thorns FC, Seattle Reign FC, Sky Blue FC and Washington Spirit.

Based in Chicago, the NWSL is supported by the Canadian Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation. For more information about the NWSL, log on to the league's official website at [NWSLsoccer.com](http://NWSLsoccer.com).



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## Saturday, April 15, 2017

Houston Dash vs. Chicago Red Stars	2:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Orlando Pride	3:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. North Carolina Courage	3:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Sky Blue FC	10:00 PM

## Sunday, April 16, 2017

FC Kansas City vs. Boston Breakers	6:00 PM
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## Saturday, April 22, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. FC Kansas City	4:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Washington Spirit	4:00 PM
North Carolina Courage vs. Portland Thorns FC	7:30 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Houston Dash	10:00 PM

## Sunday, April 23, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Sky Blue FC	4:00 PM
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## Saturday, April 29, 2017

North Carolina Courage vs. Orlando Pride	4:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Chicago Red Stars	4:00 PM
Boston Breakers vs. Seattle Reign FC	7:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Houston Dash	7:00 PM

## Sunday, April 30, 2017

Sky Blue FC vs. FC Kansas City	6:00 PM
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## Saturday, May 06, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. Houston Dash	4:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Sky Blue FC	7:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Seattle Reign FC	10:00 PM

## Sunday, May 07, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. North Carolina Courage	6:00 PM
FC Kansas City vs. Orlando Pride	6:00 PM



Saturday, May 13, 2017

Houston Dash vs. Sky Blue FC	4:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Washington Spirit	4:00 PM
FC Kansas City vs. Portland Thorns FC	4:00 PM

Sunday, May 14, 2017

Orlando Pride vs. North Carolina Courage	5:00 PM
Chicago Red Stars vs. Boston Breakers	6:00 PM

Friday, May 19, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Portland Thorns FC	7:00 PM
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Saturday, May 20, 2017

Sky Blue FC vs. Houston Dash	4:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. FC Kansas City	7:00 PM

Sunday, May 21, 2017

North Carolina Courage vs. Chicago Red Stars	4:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Orlando Pride	9:30 PM

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

North Carolina Courage vs. Sky Blue FC	7:30 PM
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Saturday, May 27, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. North Carolina Courage	4:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Seattle Reign FC	4:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Orlando Pride	7:00 PM
FC Kansas City vs. Washington Spirit	8:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Boston Breakers	10:00 PM

Saturday, June 03, 2017

North Carolina Courage vs. FC Kansas City	4:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Portland Thorns FC	7:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Houston Dash	7:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Boston Breakers	7:30 PM

Sunday, June 04, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. Seattle Reign FC	3:00 PM
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Saturday, June 17, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. Washington Spirit	4:00 PM
FC Kansas City vs. Seattle Reign FC	4:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Orlando Pride	8:30 PM
North Carolina Courage vs. Boston Breakers	7:30 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Sky Blue FC	10:00 PM

Saturday, June 24, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. North Carolina Courage	4:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Houston Dash	4:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Portland Thorns FC	7:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. FC Kansas City	10:00 PM

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. Sky Blue FC	6:00 PM
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Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Sky Blue FC vs. Orlando Pride	7:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Boston Breakers	8:30 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. FC Kansas City	10:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Chicago Red Stars	10:30 PM

Saturday, July 01, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Washington Spirit	4:00 PM
North Carolina Courage vs. Sky Blue FC	4:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Chicago Red Stars	5:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Portland Thorns FC	10:00 PM

Sunday, July 02, 2017

FC Kansas City vs. Houston Dash	8:00 PM
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Friday, July 07, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Chicago Red Stars	7:00 PM
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Saturday, July 08, 2017

North Carolina Courage vs. Seattle Reign FC	4:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Orlando Pride	4:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. FC Kansas City	7:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Portland Thorns FC	8:30 PM



Saturday, July 15, 2017

Portland Thorns FC vs. North Carolina Courage	4:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Boston Breakers	4:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Chicago Red Stars	7:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Washington Spirit	8:30 PM
Orlando Pride vs. FC Kansas City	7:30 PM

Saturday, July 22, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. Orlando Pride	4:00 PM
FC Kansas City vs. North Carolina Courage	4:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Boston Breakers	8:30 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Washington Spirit	10:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Sky Blue FC	10:00 PM

Friday, August 04, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. FC Kansas City	7:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Washington Spirit	7:00 PM

Saturday, August 05, 2017

North Carolina Courage vs. Seattle Reign FC	4:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Houston Dash	4:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Chicago Red Stars	7:30 PM

Tuesday, August 08, 2017

Orlando Pride vs. Washington Spirit	7:30 PM
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Saturday, August 12, 2017

Orlando Pride vs. Sky Blue FC	4:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Boston Breakers	4:00 PM
Chicago Red Stars vs. Portland Thorns FC	8:00 PM

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Houston Dash vs. FC Kansas City	8:30 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. North Carolina Courage	9:00 PM

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Houston Dash	7:30 PM
Chicago Red Stars vs. Seattle Reign FC	8:00 PM
FC Kansas City vs. Portland Thorns FC	8:00 PM





Saturday, August 19, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Orlando Pride	4:00 PM
North Carolina Courage vs. Washington Spirit	4:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Seattle Reign FC	7:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Houston Dash	10:00 PM

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. FC Kansas City	6:00 PM
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Saturday, August 26, 2017

FC Kansas City vs. Orlando Pride	4:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Portland Thorns FC	4:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Boston Breakers	7:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Chicago Red Stars	7:00 PM

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Houston Dash vs. North Carolina Courage	8:00 PM
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Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Washington Spirit vs. North Carolina Courage	7:30 PM
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Saturday, September 02, 2017

Orlando Pride vs. Boston Breakers	4:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Washington Spirit	4:00 PM

Sunday, September 03, 2017

FC Kansas City vs. Sky Blue FC	6:00 PM
Chicago Red Stars vs. North Carolina Courage	6:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Seattle Reign FC	8:00 PM

Saturday, September 09, 2017

FC Kansas City vs. Chicago Red Stars	4:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Seattle Reign FC	4:00 PM
North Carolina Courage vs. Houston Dash	7:30 PM

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Portland Thorns FC	6:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Washington Spirit	6:00 PM



Saturday, September 23, 2017

Houston Dash vs. Chicago Red Stars	4:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Portland Thorns FC	5:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Boston Breakers	7:00 PM

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Sky Blue FC vs. North Carolina Courage	6:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. FC Kansas City	9:00 PM

Friday, September 29, 2017

FC Kansas City vs. Houston Dash	8:00 PM
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Saturday, September 30, 2017

Portland Thorns FC vs. Chicago Red Stars	4:00 PM
Boston Breakers vs. Sky Blue FC	7:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Seattle Reign FC	7:00 PM
North Carolina Courage vs. Orlando Pride	7:30 PM



# NWSL RULES AND REGULATIONS

## **SINGLE TABLE:**

Teams will be aligned into a single table:

Boston Breakers  
Chicago Red Stars  
Houston Dash  
FC Kansas City  
North Carolina Courage  
Orlando Pride  
Portland Thorns FC  
Seattle Reign FC  
Sky Blue FC  
Washington Spirit

## **REGULAR SEASON:**

Each of the ten (10) NWSL clubs will play 24 games, 12 at home and 12 away.

## **POINT SYSTEM:**

Teams will receive three points for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss.

## **REFEREES:**

All referees in NWSL are either USSF (United States Soccer Federation) or CSA (Canadian Soccer Association) National Referees. Referees for all NWSL games will be trained, assigned and evaluated by PRO (Professional Referee Organization).

## **GAME CLOCK:**

The official game time for all National Women's Soccer League games will be managed on the field by the referee. If necessary, the referee may also allot extra time (a.k.a. "stoppage time") at the end of each period (first half, second half, and if applicable, first overtime period and second overtime period during playoff matches) to allow for injuries, time-wasting or other disturbances.

The stadium clock will display the time from 0:00 to 45:00 and from 45:00 to 90:00. For statistical purposes, the minutes for goals, substitutions, yellow cards, etc., will be listed from the first minute until the 90th minute. A goal scored at 15 minutes 10 seconds will be listed as having been scored in the 16th minute. Events occurring during stoppage time will follow the international norm by being demarcated with a "+" sign and the extra minutes. For example, a goal scored three minutes into first half stoppage time will be officially identified as happening at "48+".



## **GAME DAY ROSTERS:**

Each team can nominate 18 players for a game day roster. Teams are allowed three substitutions per game.

## **CAUTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS:**

A Player will be suspended for one game upon receiving her fifth yellow card, regardless of the nature of the infraction which resulted in her being awarded the yellow card. A second suspension of one game would result after the awarding of an additional three cards as would a third suspension after the awarding of card number eleven.

## **LIGHTNING AND SEVERE WEATHER:**

Given the likelihood of lightning during the League season, and the potential for personal injury and structural damages lightning can cause, each Home Team will have a detailed weather delay plan that includes the following:

- 1) Specific persons in charge of decision-making (one management level person from the stadium, one person from the Home Team, one person from law enforcement)
- 2) Direct contact with the U.S. Weather Bureau and/or Doppler radar
- 3) Formation of a weather delay committee with pre-designated meeting location (and back-up location) that includes the Referee, Team representatives and TV producer
- 4) Immediate and consistent contact with the League's Game Notice Designee
- 5) Updates to spectators and media via PA announcement (and video if available)
- 6) "Standing Orders" (procedures) published and posted to accomplish the above  
In the event it is deemed safe to resume play, refer to "Team Warm-Up Period Following Game Delay" for League guidelines.



## **HYDRATION BREAKS:**

Per the measures taken to protect player safety at the 2014 FIFA World Cup, the NWSL has established the following hydration break procedure for the League.

### **Decision Making Process:**

Per the National Weather Index Heat Chart, cooling breaks are mandated if the heat index reaches 89 degrees Fahrenheit or higher Temperature and humidity should be checked sixty (60) minutes before kick-off

Heat index should be confirmed by the referee and a representative from each team (coach, medical staff, etc.)

Any onsite questions should be directed to the NWSL League Staff

Implementation of the breaks will be managed solely by the referee

### **Implementation:**

Each break shall be approximately three (3) minutes in length and held approximately thirty (30) minutes into each half (around the 30th and 75th minute respectively)

Ball must be out of play for the break to commence

Referee will signal for the start of the break and inform both teams and all match officials

Both teams will go to their respective team areas

Clock will continue to run and all time allotted for the break will added to stoppage time

## **NWSL Playoffs:**

Single-Elimination Format

## **WHO QUALIFIES:**

The top four clubs in points from the League standings at the end of the regular season, qualify for the 2015 NWSL Playoffs.

The two Semifinals will be decided by a single knockout game, the winner of which will advance to the Championship Game.

The NWSL Championship will be a single championship match hosted at a pre-determined site.

If the score is tied after 90 minutes of play in any playoff game, two 15-minute extra time periods will be played in their entirety, followed by kicks from the penalty mark, if necessary.





## Team-Standings Tie-Breaking Procedures

The team awarded the highest position in the NWSL standings will be the team with the greatest number of points (three points for a win, one point for a tie, zero points for a loss). In the event that two teams finish the regular season with an equal number of points, the following system will be used to break the tie:

When two or more teams are tied in the standings on points (3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss), the following tiebreakers will be used in the sequence below, until one team ranks ahead of the other(s):

- 1) The highest position shall be awarded to the team with the better win/loss record in current Regular Season games against all other teams equal in points. (head-to-head competition)
- 2) If the teams are still equal in the standings, the highest position shall be awarded to the team with the greater goal difference against all other teams during the Regular Season. (goal differential)
- 3) If the teams are still equal in the standings, the highest position shall be awarded to the team scoring the greatest number of total goals against all other teams during the Regular Season. (total goals)
- 4) If the teams are still equal in the standings, the procedures described in this section shall be applied only to games played on the road by each team against all other teams during the Regular Season. (road 1-3)
- 5) If the teams are still equal in the standings, the procedures described in this section shall be applied only to games played at home by each team against all other teams during the regular season. (home 1-3)

If the teams are still equal in the standings, the highest position in the standings shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

The first tiebreaker in a three-way tie is also head-to-head, but it is determined via points-per-game versus the other two teams. If two teams are tied in points-per-game head-to-head, the next tie breaker is goal difference.

**NOTE:** If two clubs remain tied after another club with the same number of points advances during any step, the tie breaker reverts to step 1 of the two-club format.



## 2017 Competition Calendar

Thursday, March 09, 2017	Primary Registration/Transfer Window opens
Monday, March 13, 2017	Preseason starts
Monday, April 10, 2017	18-20 Player Rosters Due
Saturday, April 15, 2017	Regular Season / Discovery Process begins
Wednesday, May 31, 2017	Primary Registration/Transfer Window closes
Monday, June 05, 2017	Secondary Registration/Transfer Window opens
Friday, July 05, 2017	Secondary Registration/Transfer Window closes
Monday, August 28, 2017	Last day to Waive Players prior to Roster Freeze
	2017 Discovery Process Closes
Tuesday, August 29, 2017	Roster Freeze Date
	2017 Semi-Guaranteed contracts become guaranteed
Wednesday, August 30, 2017	2018 Re-signings and Option Extensions Open
Saturday, September 30, 2017	Regular Season ends
TBD	NWSL Semifinals
TBD	NWSL Championship
Tuesday, October 17, 2017	Off-season Discovery Process Opens
Wednesday, October 18, 2017	Deadline for Teams to exercise 2018 options
Monday, October 23, 2017	End of Season Process Commences
Tuesday, October 24, 2017	End of Season Process Concludes

**NOTE: For the purposes of NWSL deadlines, the time of the day at which the deadline expires shall be 5 p.m. ET for deadlines falling on a business day and 11:59 p.m. ET for a deadline falling on a weekend or public holiday.**



# NWSL ROSTER RULES

## Team Salary Cap Regulations

### Team Salary Cap

In computing the Salary Cap, it is assumed that it is spread across a minimum of 18 Players (if a Team is carrying additional Players because of Roster Relief due or Goalkeeper Replacement, these Players are also included) based on adjustments for Federation Players. Therefore, if a Team is carrying less than 18 Players, minimum salary Player spots are added to the Team's budget for the purpose of calculating the total TSC (i.e. a Team cannot spread the TSC over 11 Players).

Team Salary Cap: \$315,000.

### Maximum, Minimum Player Salary Budget Charges

Minimum Salary: \$15,000.

Maximum Salary: \$41,700.

### Roster Limits

#### 18-20 Player Roster

Teams may have no more than 20 available Players under contract on their Roster at any one time, subject to Injury and Goalkeeper Replacement exceptions.

### League Classifications

#### *Individual*

An Individual is a person who is eligible to play in the NWSL but is not a Player.

#### *Player*

A Player is a person who:

a. Is currently under contract with a Team

OR

b. Is not under contract with a Team, but has their rights to play in the NWSL controlled by a Team.



## **Federation Player**

A Federation Player is a Player whose compensation is underwritten by a Federation.

## **Unattached Federation Individual**

An Unattached Federation Individual (UFI) is an Individual who a Federation has designated as a potential Federation Player, but whose rights are not yet controlled by a Team. Unattached Federation Individuals are designated as such by one of the following mechanisms:

- a. From time to time, a Federation may choose to designate certain Individuals as Unattached Federation Individuals.
- b. Teams may, as permitted by the NWSL, choose to relinquish their rights to a Federation Player. Any Federation Player whose rights have been relinquished by a Team will become an Unattached Federation Individual.

## **Domestic Players**

A domestic Player is either a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident (Green Card holder) or the holder of certain other special status (e.g., has been granted refugee or asylum status). There is no limit as to the number of domestic Players on a Team's Roster within general Roster limits.

## **International Players**

Each Team has four (4) international Roster spots for the 2017 season. These international Roster spots may be traded with the only condition being time (spots can be traded for one year, two years or forever). With trades, there is no limit on the number of international Roster spots a Team may have. Any Player who does not qualify as a domestic Player in the U.S. shall be considered an international Player. Any international Player must occupy an international Roster spot on a Team's Roster (with the exception of Federation Players).

## **Amateur Players**

An amateur Player is any person other than a professional Player. An amateur Player may not receive or retain any remuneration for playing except expenses directly related to a game or games which have actually been incurred by the Player.

## **Amateur List**

- Each Team's Amateur List will initially be allowed 10 amateur Players
- The Players listed on the Amateur List may remain there through the end of the 2017 Season.



## **Team**

A Team is one of the following entities: Boston Breakers, Houston Dash, Chicago Red Stars, FC Kansas City, North Carolina Courage, Orlando Pride, Portland Thorns FC, Seattle Reign FC, Sky Blue FC and Washington Spirit (together, the "Teams").

## **Expansion Team**

An Expansion Team is any Team who did not compete in the prior NWSL season.

## **Federation**

A Federation is one of the following entities: the Mexican Football Federation, Canadian Soccer Association or United States Soccer Federation (together, the "Federations").





# MECHANISMS OF ACQUIRING PLAYERS

Teams may add Players to their Roster through one of the following mechanisms:

Distribution Process

College Draft

Trades

Discovery

Waivers

Loans and Transfers

Amateur Call-up

Disabled List

Season-ending Injury Replacement

Goalkeeper Replacement

In order for a Team to add a Player to its Roster, it must use one of the above mechanisms. Once it has been determined that a Player may be added pursuant to one of the above mechanisms, it must then be determined if the Player's addition would be within the relevant Roster limits and guidelines.

## Player Distribution Process

### Purpose and Intent

The intent of the Player Distribution Process is to provide an equitable mechanism for distributing the rights to certain Individuals to Teams in the NWSL.

**Types of Individuals Available for Distribution.** The following types of Individuals will have their rights distributed to Teams via the Distribution Process.

#### A. Unattached Federation Individuals

Collectively, these types of Individuals will be referred to as *Distribution-Eligible Individuals*.



**Distribution Ranking Order.** The Distribution Ranking Order is the mechanism used to determine which Team has first priority to select a Distribution-Eligible Individual.

- a. The Distribution Ranking Order will be determined by the reverse order of finish of the prior NWSL season, taking playoff performance into account. Specifically, the 10<sup>th</sup> Ranking will go to the winner of the NWSL Championship Game, the 9<sup>th</sup> Ranking will go to the loser of the NWSL Championship Game, the 8<sup>th</sup> Ranking will be given to the team with the highest playoff seeding that lost in a Semi-Final Game, and the 7<sup>th</sup> Ranking will be given to the team with the lowest playoff seeding that lost in a Semi-Final Game. The 6<sup>th</sup> through 1<sup>st</sup> Rankings will be given to the non-playoff teams in reverse order of finish, such that the 1<sup>st</sup> Ranking will be provided to the team with the lowest position in the NWSL table. The 11<sup>th</sup> Ranking will be provided to the Expansion Team.
- b. Once a Team uses its Distribution Ranking to select a Distribution-Eligible Individual, it will drop to the bottom of the Distribution Ranking Order.
- c.
- d. Teams may trade their Distribution Ranking, provided part of the compensation received in return is the other Team's Distribution Ranking. At all times each Team is assigned one Distribution Ranking.
- e.
- f. The Distribution Ranking Order will reset on the day following the current year's Championship match, as per the methodology described in Section 4(A).
- g.
- h. Until the conclusion of the current season, each Team's Distribution Ranking can only be adjusted through one of the following mechanisms:
  - i. By acquiring an Distribution-Eligible Individual via the Distribution Process;
  - ii. Through a trade with another Team.



**Distribution Process.** Teams will be provided the opportunity to select Distribution-Eligible Individuals on a rolling basis, in accordance with the following processes:

- a. Timing.* Distribution-Eligible Individuals will be made available for selection by Teams after the NWSL is notified that a Distribution-Eligible Individual is available for Distribution, except after the Roster Freeze date, in which case the Distribution-Eligible Individual will not be available for selection until after the completion of the current season, on a date to be determined by the NWSL.
- b. If One Distribution-Eligible Individual Available for Selection.* If a single Distribution-Eligible Individual is available for selection by Teams via the Distribution Process, the NWSL will provide formal notice to all Teams via email. Interested teams will be required to respond via email by 5pm ET on the same day. The Distribution-Eligible Individual will be awarded to the Team that selects the Distribution-Eligible Individual, except in the event that more than one Team requests the Distribution-Eligible Individual, in which case the Team with the highest Distribution Ranking will be awarded the Distribution-Eligible Individual.
- c. If More Than One Distribution-Eligible Individual Available for Selection.* In the event that more than one Distribution-Eligible Individual is made available for selection by the Teams, a “Distribution Draft” will be held, in accordance with the following rules:
  - i. The NWSL will provide Teams with a date, time and conference call number on which the Distribution Draft will be conducted;
  - ii. Teams will be permitted to select Distribution-Eligible Individuals following Distribution Ranking Order;
  - iii. Teams may choose to not make any selections in the Distribution Draft;
  - iv. Teams are permitted to trade their Distribution Ranking to another Team during the Distribution Draft;
  - v. Teams are permitted to select an unlimited number of Distribution-Eligible Individuals in each Distribution Draft;
  - vi. In the event an Distribution-Eligible Individual is not selected by any Team in the Distribution Draft, the Individual will be immediately eligible to be designated as a Discovery Player by a Team.
- d. Retention of Rights.* Teams who select a Distribution-Eligible Individual, but do not sign the Distribution-Eligible Individual to a contract, will retain the Distribution-Eligible Individual’s rights until start of preseason the following year.



## College Draft

These are Players drafted by Teams in the annual NWSL College Draft.

All Players who have exhausted their college eligibility or who will graduate in the 2017-18 year are eligible for the College Draft. Players must be registered by Jan. 2018 to be part of the College Draft. If a Player is eligible and does not register, that Player will not be able to be on the Roster of a NWSL Team until the start of the Offseason Discovery Window at which point that Player will become eligible as a Discovery Player.

The draft order is based upon the Teams' on-field performance during the previous year. If Teams are tied, the Tie Breaking Procedures shall be utilized.

Once preseason begins, Teams must make a decision on Non-Contracted Players, whose rights they hold, within 15 days once the Player reports.

### Undrafted Players

A Player who is on the College Draft List and is undrafted may be added to a Team's Roster via a Discovery claim on a first-come, first-serve basis. If more than one Team selects the same Player on the same day, priority will be determined in accordance with the League's Discovery Order.

### College Protected List

If a college Player is drafted by a Team in the College Draft, the League will attempt to sign the College Player to a contract in a salary range predetermined by the League Office.

Any college Player who has refused to sign an NWSL contract or who has refused to report to the Team to be evaluated does not need to be placed on waivers and may remain college protected.

A Player on the College Protected List is not a Roster Player and may not play for the Team, since she has not signed a Player contract.



## Trades

Players may be acquired in trades with League approval. See Standard Trade Agreement Form.

All Player trades are subject to League approval and to Salary Cap as well as Roster size and composition constraints. Player trades cannot be made for finite periods (i.e., Players may not be “loaned” by one Team to another or temporarily swapped by Teams).

Trades may not be conditioned upon a Player passing a physical examination or unwound because she failed to do so – it is a case of “buyer beware.” Teams are advised to undertake any inquiries regarding a Player’s medical condition before executing a Trade Agreement. It is also a case of “buyer beware” with regard to a Player failing to report to her new Team.

Bona fide consideration (either an exchange of Players, future draft choices) is required in each trade of a Player. No financial consideration is permitted. Teams are able to trade future draft picks and International spots as well as Players. Teams may not structure trades such that a Player may not play against her previous Team.

The League should be consulted early in any trade discussions so that Player salaries and other Player Agreement provisions can be confirmed, Team Salary Cap impacts can be determined, any draft positions to be traded can be confirmed, and any other matters, including the Players’ physical condition, can be discussed.

Teams must respond fully to all inquiries in anticipation of a trade regarding Player injuries, illnesses, or other matters, and provide copies of medical records as requested. It is anticipated that Team trainers and physicians will communicate directly on these matters. A Team’s failure to respond fully and accurately may result in sanctions imposed by the League as set forth under “Binding Agreement and Approval”. There is, however, no prohibition against Teams trading an injured Player.





### Binding Agreement and Approval

A trade is binding on the Teams from the time the Trade Agreement is executed by both Teams and submitted to the League office, but is not final until approval has been received in writing from the League office. Once the League has given approval, the trade is final except where, in the opinion of the League, egregious conduct has occurred on the part of a Team involved in a trade that was not known at the time the trade was approved.

The League shall disapprove any trade of a Player if the consideration is not clearly established and accurately disclosed on the Trade Agreement submitted to the League.

### Trades of Discovery Rights

Teams may not trade Discovery Player “rights” or “spots.”

### Trades for International Spots

Teams may trade International spots, provided that the only condition can be the length of time the spot is traded (e.g., a spot can be traded for 1 year, 2 years or forever).

### Trades for College Draft Picks

Teams trading College Draft picks may not place conditions on those draft picks.

Teams are only permitted to trade selections for the next College Draft. The sole exception to this is that Teams will be permitted to trade selections from the next two College Drafts during the period of time from the conclusion of a Season through the end of the subsequent draft.

### Trades for Distribution Draft Ranking Spot

Teams may trade their Distribution Ranking Spot, provided part of the compensation received in return is the other Team’s Distribution Ranking Spot. At all times, each Team is assigned one Distribution Ranking Spot.

### Trade Deadline

No trade may take place between the Roster Freeze and the NWSL Championship.

### Standard Trade Agreement Forms

All trades should be submitted to the League office on an official Standard Trade Agreement Form.



## Discovery

A Discovery Player is a domestic or international Player who is currently not under contract with the League. A Team may claim her rights by adding her to their Discovery List.

The term “Discovery Player” may refer to both Players on the Discovery List and those Players under contract with the League who have been acquired through Discovery Process.

A Discovery Player request must be made to the League on an official Discovery Player Request Form during the “Discovery Period.” If approved by the League, the Player will be informed and will be added to the Team’s Discovery List.

Teams may submit discovery forms and sign Players during the following Discovery Periods:

- Seven (7) in the off season period
- An additional four (4) in the Preseason period
- No more than three (3) unsigned international Players may be on a Team’s discovery list in the Offseason and Preseason period
- An unlimited number of Players may be signed, but only two (2) unsigned discovery Players may be on a Team’s discovery list during the Inseason period
- No more than two (2) unsigned international Players may be on a Team’s discovery list in the Inseason period

Once submitted the Discovery Player continues to occupy a discovery spot. An exception to this would be applied if another Team submits a discovery request for the same Player and after 14 days the Player is not signed with the original Team she will be removed from the first Team and placed on the second Team’s list who submitted the request. The Player will then occupy a spot on the 2nd Team’s discovery list.



## Discovery Process

- A Player is put on a Team's discovery list once they are in talks/negotiations (on behalf of the League) to sign the Player.
- It is incumbent upon all Teams to notify their Discovery Players that they are on their Teams' Discovery List in order to assure that no tampering will take place.
- If another Team submits a discovery request for the same Player, the Team who holds the discovery rights will need to provide a Player Agreement within 14 days for the Player or release her rights.
- If the Player is released or the offer is deemed to not be bona fide, the discovery rights for the Player will then be awarded to the second requesting Team.
- If the Team makes a bona fide offer to the Player and she does not accept, the Player will not be eligible to be placed on another discovery list during that Season.
- Players will remain on a Team's discovery list until the end of the Season at which time she will be removed.
- No discovery may take place from the close of the Inseason period until the start of the Offseason period

A list of Discovery Players will be available for Teams to review in order to facilitate the process. This list is for internal use only and not be publicized in any way.

## Non-Discoverable Players

Teams may not discover Players in the pool for the full U.S. Women's National Team. The Player pool for the USWNT is as determined by U.S. Soccer (usually posted on their website) at the time the Player is being signed by the League.

Teams may not discover a Player who played at a four-year collegiate institution during the college Season immediately prior to the date of discovery. If a Player has completed her college eligibility in the Season immediately prior to the date of her discovery and was not on the College Draft list, she shall not be permitted to play in the League for the current Season.



### Discovery Period

The discovery period for Discovery Players is as set forth in the Competition Calendar. After the Roster Freeze Date the Discovery List is wiped clean as only goalkeeper replacement signings will be made for the remainder of that Season.

### Multiple Claims for the Same Player

If a Team makes a valid Discovery Player request and no other Team makes a Discovery Player request for the same Player on the same day (whether or not it's a business day) during the Discovery Period, the Player shall be assigned to the requesting Team. In the event a Discovery Player is requested by more than one Team during the Discovery Period, the League shall award the Player to the Team per the Discovery Order.

The Discovery Order is determined via reverse order of the standings from the previous Season until Teams have played at least three (3) League games. If the discovery takes place prior to all Teams playing in at least three (3) League games priority shall be granted based upon the prior year's performance according to their point totals through the end of the Regular Season.

In the offseason, once a Team involved in a tie wins the tie breaker, it is moved to the bottom of the Discovery Order.

New expansion Teams shall be in the middle of the Discovery Order. If only one of the claiming Teams participated in the prior League Season, priority shall be granted to the Team that so participated. If neither Team played in the previous Season, priority will be granted to the Team that received the lowest 1st Round College Draft pick. If the Teams are equal in points, the League shall award the Player using the Tie Breaking Procedures for determining playoff participation and seeding.

### Salary Cap of Discovery Players

A Discovery Player's Salary Cap number will include the Player's salary (and bonuses, camps, etc.). The resulting Salary Cap number for the Player must not exceed the maximum Salary Cap charge or cause the Team to exceed its Team Salary Cap.



## Loans and Transfers

All contract and loan/transfer negotiations shall be approved by the League, consistent with the current rules. The League should be consulted at the beginning of any loan or transfer process.

U.S. Soccer will not register Player loans or transfers that take place outside of our two annual transfer windows. The Primary and Secondary Windows are set forth in the Competition Calendar.

### International Transfers and Loans

With respect to international loans or transfers of Players, the Players must be registered with U.S. Soccer within the registration windows. A number of requirements must be fulfilled prior to registering a Player pursuant to a loan or transfer. These include:

1. Negotiation and agreement with the Player's club for her loan or transfer;
2. Negotiation and agreement with the Player as to her personal employment terms with NWSL;
3. Confirmation from the respective football associations that the Player can be transferred in accordance with FIFA guidelines;
4. Confirmation that the respective football association will release the international clearance;
5. The Player receiving a work permit;
6. The Player passing a physical;
7. Receipt of the Player's International Transfer Certificate (ITC).





Loans of Players to NWSL must comply with the following:

- The Loan Agreement will be filled out by the Team requesting the loan and sent to the League Office for approval, along with contact information. The League Office will send the Loan Agreement to the Team from which the Player is being loaned.
- NWSL will send a Loan Agreement to the Team the Player is coming from. See Loan Agreement Into NWSL.
- A Loan Fee will not be part of the Loan Agreement.
- The Loan Period for the Player shall be from the start date through the conclusion of the League Season.
- The Loan Period for the Player shall be over two (2) consecutive League seasons, as follows: for the 2017 League season from start date until the end of the season; and for the entirety of the 2018 League season.
- The NWSL Team will submit a Player Agreement form to the League.
- The loaned Player will sign the Standard Player Agreement.
- The loaned Player must have an entrance and exit physical with the NWSL Team.
- The loan must fall within the Registration Windows.
- Medical Heath benefits will be provided for the term of the loan.
- Workers Compensation benefits will be provided for the term of the loan.
- International Players must provide a P-1 Visa.
- International Players must have a Social Security Number.



## Amateur Call-up

If a National Team Player is being called up for National Team duty, a Team may bring in a U.S. Amateur Player to count toward the 20-Player Roster. The Team is not to provide any compensation to the Amateur Player, but may cover necessary expenses as approved by the League.

An Amateur Call-up Form will be submitted and Amateur Players will sign an Amateur Player Agreement. They must be registered Amateur Players with U.S. Soccer. (See Amateur Player Agreement and Registration Process)

For each National Team Call-up, each Team will need to submit its Amateur Call-Up Form no less than five (5) days prior to the Amateur Player's participation with the Team.

### Goalkeeper Exception

In the case where a Team has less than two available goalkeepers, a Team will be able to add a goalkeeper to its Roster until its goalkeeper is back to full participation with the Team. This must be done within the Salary Cap.

### **Disabled List**

In the event a Player suffers a Short-Term Injury or a Season Ending Injury, a Player may be placed on the Disabled List of a Team's Roster.

### Disabled List Replacement

In the event a Player suffers a Short-Term Injury or a Season Ending Injury, a player may be added to a Team's Roster as a "Disabled List" replacement as set forth below.

Where the League determines that a Player has sustained an injury that will prohibit the Player from participating for at least 45 days during the League Season, it may provide the Team Roster relief, provided the full amount of the injured Player's salary is charged to the Team's Salary Cap in the relevant Season. Therefore, the Team is given Roster relief, but not Cap relief. Disabled List Replacement Players must be signed prior to the Roster Freeze Date.



In the event where a Team has two (2) or more Players on its Disabled List, Salary Cap relief may be considered by the League.

Teams that carry or can create extra Salary Cap room will therefore be able to temporarily replace Players who are on the Disabled List. The budget number for the replacement Player will be calculated in the same manner as any other Roster Player.

Also, if the Player suffering the injury is an international Player, the Team may replace such Player with an international Player.

Any Player coming off the Disabled List following the Roster Freeze Date may be added to the Roster, but Teams must comply with the relevant Roster limits.

### Short-Term Injury

Where the League determines based on certification from a Team's medical staff that a Player has suffered an NWSL related injury after the start of the league season that will prohibit the Player from participating for at least 45 days, but not the entire length of the season, may be placed on the Disabled List.

### Unexpected Recovery from Short-Term Injuries

In the event a Player who suffered a Short-Term Injury and has been replaced on the Roster by another Player, but recovers earlier than anticipated, will not be permitted to join the active Roster prior to the end of the 45-day period.

### Season-Ending Injury

Where the League determines based on certification from a Team's medical staff that a Player has received an NWSL related injury after the start of the league season that will prohibit the player from participating for the remainder of the season may be placed on the Disabled List.

The League may provide the Team Roster relief, provided the full amount of the injured Player's salary (or any settlement amount paid to that Player) is still charged to the Team's Salary Cap in the relevant Season. In the event of such a determination, the injured Player shall not be eligible to play for the Team again during the Season in question. Therefore, the Team is given Roster relief, but not Salary Cap relief. Also, if the Player suffering the Season-ending injury is an international Player, the Team may replace such Player with an international Player.



### Unexpected Recovery from Season-ending Injuries

In the event a Player who suffered a Season-Ending Injury and has been replaced on the Roster by another Player, but recovers prior to the end of the Season, will not be permitted to join the active Roster through the remainder of the Season.

### **Goalkeeper Replacement**

It is up to each Team to structure its Roster to ensure that it has the best make-up to field a Team throughout the year. Teams are required to carry two (2) goalkeepers.

In the case of an injured goalkeeper, or where a Team has less than two available goalkeepers, a Team will be able to add a goalkeeper to its Roster until its goalkeeper is back to full participation with the Team. Also, if the goalkeeper is an international Player, the Team may replace such goalkeeper with an international Player.

This must be done within the Salary Cap.



# METHODS OF RELEASING PLAYERS

## Waivers

Clubs may waive players based on performance at any time during the NWSL season. Players with guaranteed contracts will continue to have their salary budget charge applied to the club salary budget, subject to any settlement. Players on Semi-Guaranteed Contracts can be waived prior to Roster Freeze and free up the corresponding budget space. If a player on a Semi-Guaranteed Contract is waived after July 1, her salary budget charge will continue to count against the team's salary budget. Any settlement amount will be charged to the club's salary budget.

Players may be added to all other Team's Roster from the Waiver wire, which is distributed via e-mail.

Teams may waive Players based on performance at any time prior to the Roster Freeze date during the NWSL Season. Teams may not waive Players between the Roster Freeze and the NWSL Championship. See Waiver Request Form.

A Team wishing to waive a Player must first obtain a favorable medical examination of the Player an "exit physical", and then submit its waiver request to the League.

Once a Player on a P-1 visa has been waived and is not picked up by another Team in the League, the League is obligated to notify the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the termination of the employment relationship. After that date, if another Team intends to offer the player a contract, it would need to file a new petition.





## Waiver Wire

Provided the League approves the Player being placed on waivers pursuant to the above, it will distribute a waiver notice to all Teams. A Team claiming the Player must notify the League of the measures it will take to remain Roster compliant, if any such moves are necessary. Notice must be received by the League from a Team claiming a waived Player within the “Waiver Claiming Period.”

The “Waiver Claiming Period” shall commence on the first business day (the “Waiver Period Commencement Date”) the League gives notice to Teams and shall expire at 5:00 p.m. EST on the first business day after the Waiver Period Commencement Date (the claiming period is 24 hours).

If a Team claims a Player and no other Team claims the same Player during the Waiver Claiming Period (having regard to the time of League deadlines, set forth in the Competition Calendar attached to this document), the Player shall be assigned to the claiming Team.

## Waiver Order

The waiver order is determined via reverse order of the standings from the previous Season, taking playoff performance into account, until Teams have played at least three (3) League games. If the waiver takes place prior to all Teams playing in at least three (3) League games priority shall be granted based upon the prior year’s performance according to their point totals through the end of the Regular Season. In the offseason, once a Team claims a Player from waivers, it is moved to the bottom of the Waiver Order claiming order.

## **Transfers and Loans**

All contract and loan/transfer negotiations shall be approved by the League, consistent with the current rules. The League should be consulted at the beginning of any loan or transfer process.

An NWSL player may be transferred or loaned at any time to a club outside the League (subject to that club’s Federation’s transfer window), and subject to the consent of the player. Upon loaning a player, Clubs will receive roster relief and budget space, subject to the terms of the loan.

The registration windows – the dates between which NWSL may request the transfer certificate of a player under contract in another country are as follows:

Primary Window	Mar. 9	May 31, 2017
Secondary Window	June 5	July 5, 2017



## Loans and Transfers of Players by NWSL

### Transfer of Players by NWSL

A Team may transfer or loan the services of any Player on a Team Roster to a Team outside of NWSL, subject to League approval for any such action that would remove a Player from her NWSL Team.

### Loans of Players by NWSL

Players may be loaned by NWSL to overseas clubs during the off-Season.

Loans of Players by NWSL must comply with the following:

- The Loan Agreement will be filled out by the Team and sent to the League Office for approval, along with contact information.
- NWSL will send a Loan Agreement to the Team to which the Player is being loaned. See Loan Agreement NWSL Form.
- Loans may not include any player out-of-contract during the NWSL season.
- An exit physical must be conducted prior to the loan being approved.
- NWSL Medical Health benefits will be available only while the Player is in the U.S.
- NWSL Workers Compensation does not apply while the Player is on loan with another League.
- NWSL will write into the loan agreement the Team that is taking the Player on loan will be responsible for injury and guaranteed their health.
- Per FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players: Article 10, paragraph 3 “the club that has accepted a Player on a loan basis is not entitled to transfer her to a third club without the written authorization of the club (NWSL) that released the Player on loan and the Player concerned.”

Loans for certain Players may occur after the conclusion of a Team’s Season and before the NWSL Championship. In this case, there may be a reduction of such Players’ salaries for salary budget purposes. Such loans are made in the sole discretion of the League.



### Players Loaned to NWSL

All terms of any arrangements contemplated between an NWSL Team or any related party and a Player to be loaned to NWSL shall be fully disclosed to the NWSL League office. Any loan must be extendable to a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) year which will allow for the option year to be exercised. The loan agreement will include a proviso to this effect. The League office shall make a determination, in its sole discretion, as to the terms upon which it may accept such Player on loan.

**LOANS TO WPSL** Teams may loan contracted Players to a WPSL Team. The loan period shall be from the initial date of the agreement through the end of the NWSL season, when the Player is not providing services to her NWSL Team. Teams will need to submit a loan agreement for an amateur Team which will be signed off by the National Women's Soccer League prior to any participation by a Player.

### **Contract Expiration**

When a player's contract expires, the player does not count against the roster or budget of the club in question. Subject to the End of Season Process, a club retains the rights to the player until the next preseason following the expiration of a contract provided attempts were made to re-sign the player.

### **Buyout of Guaranteed Contract**

Clubs may have the ability to buy out one player who has a Guaranteed Contract. Details follow below:

A club may buy out one (1) player who has a Guaranteed Contract during the offseason and free up the corresponding budget space. Such a buyout is at the NWSL club's expense.

A club may not free up room in the salary cap with a buyout of a player's contract during the season. In the case a team buys out a player's contract during the season, the buyout amount will be charged against the club's salary cap.

### **End of Season Process**

A club must place a player in the Re-entry Wire, whose option was not extended, no new contract was offered or contract expired, at following the conclusion of the season at which point she is made available to all other clubs. The Re-Entry Claiming Period shall commence on the first business day after the League delivers notice to teams and expires at 5 p.m. ET on the second business day after the Re-entry Wire period commencement date.



## RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL

An NWSL club has priority over other NWSL clubs -- known as a Right of First Refusal -- to add a player to its roster in the following circumstances:

### **Out of Contract Players / Options Not Picked Up**

In the event a player is out of contract (including as a result of not exercising her option or loan option) and her current team was unable to re-sign her. The player's rights can be acquired via the End of Season Process.

### **College Protected**

A player who was selected in the College Draft, provided her club offered her a contract and the contract offer was refused by the player.

### **Other Unsigned Players**

Players who were (i) on a club's roster who that club attempted, but were unable, to resign at the expiration of their contract or (ii) on a club's Discovery List and who that club attempted, but were unable, to sign.

In both cases, the club who attempted to sign the player maintains a Right of First Refusal to acquire the player in the event she is subsequently signed to an NWSL contract.

Holding a Right of First Refusal applies only within NWSL and does not indicate holding of the player's International Transfer Certificate.

- For Players whose rights a Team holds from the previous Season, the decision must be made by start of preseason. Any Player not signed at that point will become available to be claimed as a Discovery Player. The Player would then be available to all Teams through the Discovery Process.
- Once preseason begins, Teams must make a decision on Non-Contracted Players, whose rights they hold, within 15 days once the Player reports (Example: college drafted Players)
- If another Team puts in a Discovery claim to sign a Player on another Team's amateur list to a Standard Player Agreement the club will have 48 hours to make a decision.



# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## Player Registration

All Players in the NWSL must be registered with U.S. Soccer prior to participating in any competition.

## Transfer Windows/Registration Period

The registration windows the dates between which NWSL may request the transfer certificate of a player under contract in another country.

## Out of Contract Players

With respect to Players not under contract to any club, they may be able to be registered outside the transfer windows, provided the Player was out of contract during NWSL's immediately previous registration window. As opposed to Players that have secured a release from an existing contract or whose contracts have expired outside an NWSL registration window. In this instance, we cannot request the International Transfer Certificate (ITC).

## College Drafted Players

With respect to U.S. Players selected in the College Draft, they may be signed and registered outside the Transfer Window provided their clearance has not been transferred outside the U.S.

With respect to International Players selected in the College Draft, they may be subject to the Transfer Windows and may have potential work permit issues.

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### **Player Tryouts**

No tryouts may be conducted by a Team unless they are done pursuant to this Section. A Player tryout shall include any practice, participation, or training: (a) with any Players not under contract to NWSL; or (b) under the direct or indirect supervision of an NWSL Coach, Trainer, or other member of a Team's management. No Team may conduct a tryout with a Player unless she has executed a Waiver of Liability Agreement and received an entrance physical.

Names of all non-contracted Players that are practicing with Teams throughout the season should be submitted to the League in order to have a record should any workers comp or insurance issues arise.

Once preseason begins, Teams must make a decision on Non-Contracted Players, whose rights they hold, within 15 days once the Player reports.

Contracted NWSL Players are not allowed to participate in offseason tryouts as this would be considered a violation of the offseason training rule.

Teams may not try out a Player on the Roster of another Team or a College Player who has been drafted by another Team without League approval. No Team may try out a Player under contract to a Team outside NWSL without the written approval of the League Office.

Any violations of these guidelines subjects a club to aforementioned tampering rules.



## Preseason

Teams may commence preseason training on date set out in the competition calendar, but Players may report for off-field activities no more than three days before the start of preseason. A training session shall include any practice, participation, or training: (a) with any Players under contract to NWSL; or (b) under the direct or indirect supervision of an NWSL Coach, Trainer, or other member of a Team's management.

Any Player that is in preseason training camp with an NWSL Team cannot be discovered by another NWSL Team until she is released by that Team.

Once preseason begins, Teams must make a decision on Non-Contracted Players, whose rights they hold, within 15 days once the Player reports.

During preseason, Teams must submit a preseason list of up to 32 Players, 25 Players and 20 Player rosters on the corresponding dates outlined in the Competition Calendar. This list is to include only those Players who are currently participants in the camp. The list should be resubmitted any time there is a change in participants. Forms will be provided to submit your list of Players to the League office.

A Player must be on an official NWSL preseason Roster to participate in scrimmages or exhibition games. Therefore, Non-contracted Players may participate in any scrimmages or exhibition games. If such a Player participates in a scrimmage or exhibition game without being added to the official preseason Roster, the Team will be subject to sanctions, including but not limited to fines.

The League will approve an unlimited number of tryout Players for a calendar year provided that the Team has not incurred more than US \$5,000 in expenses in aggregate in such year in connection with such tryouts. Teams shall provide the League office with projected expenses in connection with the tryout and shall confirm actual expenses incurred after the tryout.



## **Scrimmages and Exhibitions**

Teams may hold scrimmages and exhibitions during the regular season with prior notice and approval from the League office. A scrimmage/exhibition Roster must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance to the League for approval.

In addition to Amateur Player Call-ups, Teams will be allowed to use Non-contracted Players in scrimmages and exhibitions in order to replace any missing Women's National Team Players on their 18-20 Player Roster during WNT call-ups. It must be a one-for-one swap without exceeding the maximum of 20 Players on a Team Roster. Any Non-contracted Player must sign a Release and Liability Waiver in advance and be at least 18 years and older to be eligible.

A Player must be on the approved scrimmage and exhibition Roster in order to participate in scrimmages or exhibition games.

## **Off-Season Training**

Teams may not commence training between the end of the season and the start of preseason. A training session shall include any practice, participation, or training: (a) with any Players under contract to NWSL; or (b) under the direct or indirect supervision of an NWSL Coach, Trainer, or other member of a Team's management.



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# 2017 MEDIA GUIDELINES

Media credentials and access will be granted only to individuals with a legitimate working function at a game, training session or event. The bearer must be on a specific assignment. Credentials are non-transferable. Any unauthorized use of a credential subjects the bearer to ejection from the stadium. Resale or attempted resale is grounds for seizure and cancellation.

The following actions may result in seizure of credential and/or ejection of its wearer from the stadium or training facility:

- Requesting autographs at any time.
- Taking photographs with players/coaches
- Using credential for family or friends of a working media member
- Conduction of unauthorized interviews
- Unprofessional behavior (Cheering in the press box, consumption of alcoholic beverages, failure to abide by posted rules, etc.)

## Treatment of Credentialed Media

**Postgame Media Access:** Players from both teams will be available to media post-game in a mix-zone located outside the team locker rooms or in a location near the field of play. The mix-zone will begin 10 minutes after the conclusion of the match. Locker rooms will not be open to media at any point.

Team PR directors should be present to indicate the beginning and end of media access to players, and ensure media have access to the head coach and players after the match. All players are highly encouraged to be available to media post-game.

All regulations about post-game media access should be clearly communicated to team staff and security to ensure a secure environment.

No individuals other than League or Club representatives shall be allowed in Club locker rooms following a game.

Under no circumstances shall any club and/or its players discriminate in any fashion against an accredited member of the media based upon race, creed, sex or national origin.





**Seating Access:** Accredited media members will have access to the stadium, professional workrooms and stadium seating, if available. During the match, accredited media will have access to the press box which will be restricted to only those accredited media members.

In addition, each stadium should have a Press Box capable of seating no less than TEN (10) people, with separate areas for working press and electronic broadcasters, and sufficient power outlets for all needs. If possible, all accredited media members should be given a seat in the press box.

All credentialed media shall be seated in media seating areas, consistent with treatment afforded comparable media. In addition, all members of the media are to be afforded equal treatment and access to facilities and personnel, regardless of sex.

When the press box is fully occupied by working media, referee assessors or in-stadium observers shall be provided seating with a desk or table shielded from the weather and a vantage point to view replays (if available) from any telecast. The specific location may be determined by the Home Team but must provide these minimum accommodations.

In order to maintain the integrity of the working press box, seating is specifically reserved for media members. All other individuals (including player agents, VIP's and administrators) should be seated in overflow booths or assigned stadium seats.

**Traveling Media:** Members of the working media who travel with a visiting team are not to be treated in a discriminatory manner with regard to seating or any other privilege or facility accorded to the home media. Comparable seating and equipment should apply to home and road media (print and electronic).

**Media Access to Practice:** Clubs are encouraged to make all practices open to media. If a practice is closed, clubs must grant a 15-minute media access period at the start or end of practice, as well as making the coach and players available for interviews following the conclusion of practice. Clubs are strongly encouraged to ensure that ballwork is at least part of the 15-minute access period. If practices are open to the media, as defined above, they must be open to all media; if practices are closed to the media, they must be closed to all media.

Clubs violating the media access policies on practice days will be subject to fines or other discipline at the discretion of NWSL Commissioner Jeff Plush.

**Guidelines for Photographers and Camera Operators:** All photographers and television camera operators must stay behind the field boards at all times, unless released by the on-site photo marshal. The only exception to the field board rule will be when a staff photographer, a national rights-holder or NWSL has a crew at a game. These entities will be allowed to shoot from the area between the field boards and the touch lines in the area bounded by the top of the 18-yard box and the end line.



Each photographer will be permitted to use one monopod -- but no tripods. No seats other than "lawn-type" photographer seats will be permitted.

Stand-alone remote units will not be permitted at any time on or around the goal posts. Units mounted on the top of field boards behind the end line will be permitted at the stadium's discretion, provided the equipment does not interfere with the clear display of the field board and does not impede the operation of broadcast equipment.

Live television crews located on the baseline or sideline will be limited to two (2) people -- a camera operator and a cable-puller -- and ENG crews will be limited to one (1) person. In either case, the crew must maintain actual possession of the camera and any other equipment during all game action. Cameramen and cable-pullers from all television crews must remain off the playing field at all times.

**Photographer Access to field:** Photographers and camera operators shall be permitted in the area between the field boards and the touch lines in the area bounded by the top of the 18-yard box and the end line (a C-shape that extends from the top of the 18, back behind the goal, and to the top of the 18 on the opposite side of the field).

Once situated, no movement between the two halves of the field shall be permitted until halftime. Changes in this policy will be allowed in cases where stadium facilities dictate alterations. No photographers shall be allowed to move from end to end on the bench side of the field.

**Photographer Identification:** In addition to their regular credential, it is strongly recommended that photographers and camera crews be issued with colored bibs or armbands. This makes them easy to identify, and they would presumably enjoy quick and easy access to their designated areas. This will necessitate a special area in or near the stadium where they can pick up their bibs, on presentation of their accreditation, either the day before the match or on game day, at the time media gates are opened. If they are not to be allowed to keep the bib, then it should be exchanged for a press card to be picked up following the game, or else signed out.

**Photography Work Area:** A work area should be provided for photographers, near the field where appropriate, with high-speed internet access. The size of the room may vary, but it should be sizeable enough for at least 5 - 10 people to work on desktops/tables. Like the press section of the stands, the photographers' work room should have sufficient electrical sockets and compatible with the equipment being used for transmission.

**Accreditation:** Care should be taken when processing credential requests for photographers shooting for commercial agencies. NWSL does not permit the accreditation of photographers shooting specifically for commercial agencies. However, since many agencies offer editorial and commercial sales options (Getty Images, AP, Reuters, etc.) this must be handled on a case-by-case basis.



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