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# RED STARS DIRECTORY

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# TEN YEARS OF HISTORY

CHICAGO - Established in 2007, the Chicago Red Stars enter the 2017 National Women's Soccer League in their tenth year as a club. As part of the tenth year, we take a look back at who and what has helped us reach this stage.

## **2007: Chicago Announces a Women's Professional Team**

A new league was being developed for women's professional soccer and Chicago announced that it would join six other teams, Boston Breakers, FC Gold Pride, Los Angeles Sol, Saint Louis Athletica, Sky Blue FC and Washington Freedom in the Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) for the league's inaugural season in 2009.

## **2008: The Red Stars Are Born**

With former head coach of the Northwestern University Women's Soccer Team and W-USA team Carolina Courage, Marcia McDermott, announced as the team's General Manager, things began to take shape. McDermott would hire Emma Hayes as the first coach ever for the franchise.

Delving into the city of Chicago, the team created a vote for official team name, with Blues, Progress, Red Stars, Towers, Union, Wind and 1871 up for contention.

On June 3, 2008, the "Red Stars" were officially born. In a ceremony at Toyota Park, the team announced their official team name, referring to the four six-pointed red stars on the municipal flag of Chicago. The Red Stars wanted to be a part of Chicago's rich history, which each star represents on the flag: Fort Dearborn, the Great Chicago Fire, the 1893 World's Fair, and the 1993 World's Fair.

## **2009: Inaugural Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) League**

Chicago would create one of the strongest rosters in the league, with U.S. Women's National Team members Lindsay Tarpley, Megan Rapinoe and Carli Lloyd, and Brazil star Cristiane. Future Red Stars fan favorites Ella Masar and Michelle Wenino (Lomnicki) would grace the roster and become an integral part of the future for Chicago.

The organization would play their first ever match with a 1-0 win over Saint Louis Athletica on the road. Unfortunately, the rest of the first season for Chicago would be an uphill battle, as the team finished with an overall record of 5-10-5, resulting in sixth place in the WPS.

## **2010: New Faces, Same Result**

Unhappy with the result, McDermott and Hayes completely revamped the roster, returning just nine out of 22 players from the 2009 roster.

However, in June Hayes would be let go and replaced by Omid Namazi for the remainder of the season.

Formiga, part of the Brazil National Team with 2009 Golden Boot Winner Cristiane, would become the biggest signing in 2010 and be joined by Whitney Engen, Jackie Santacaterina, Julianne Sitch and Jessica McDonald.

However, the big trades and new faces of the franchise did not help the overall finish from the previous season, once again slotting in at sixth with a 7-11-6 overall record.

On December 13, 2010 the Chicago Red Stars would announce they would not be able to meet the league's funding requirements for the 2011 season.

### **2011: Down Goes Chicago in the WPS**

After the announcement of the team not returning to the WPS, Chicago would join the Women's Professional Soccer League (WPSL) for the 2011 season.

With financial troubles, the team left Toyota Park and moved their home games to the west suburbs of Chicago at Village of Lisle-Benedictine University Sports Complex. Chicago would announce the hiring of Rory Dames, a Chicago native and strong presence in the Illinois soccer community.

Comprised of primarily players from the U.S. Women's National Youth Teams, as well as collegiate stars, the first players announced for the 2011 season were three players with WPS experience, including two from the Red Stars inaugural season. Local favorites Vanessa DiBernardo and Jackie Santacaterina would help try and grow the brand in their hometown.

Chicago would finish the regular season with a 10-1 record, and hosted the semifinal match against Tampa Bay Hellenic. Red Stars would win 2-1 in the semifinal, but would lose to Orange County Waves in the WPSL National Championship.

### **2012: New League, Different Results**

The Women's Professional Soccer League-Elite would have its inaugural season in 2012, with two former WPS clubs joining the Red Stars in the Boston Breakers and Western New York Flash. The league would be joined by five other former WPSL teams, including ASA Chesapeake Charge, FC Indiana, New England Mutiny, New York Fury and Philadelphia Fever.

Alyse LaHue, previously with Chicago in a different role, would return as the second-ever General Manager of the team. Head Coach Rory Dames would continue his role and finished fourth in his first professional coaching year, making the playoffs.

The Red Stars would face familiar foe, Boston Breakers, in the semifinal matchup, taking the win, 3-1. It would be a Western New York Flash versus Chicago Red Stars final that saw the game be decided in penalty kicks, Chicago falling 2-4 in the shootout.

Meanwhile, at the same time as the WPSL-E final took place, the Red Stars were in another match in the 2012 National Women's Cup. With just half the roster, Chicago won the USASA National Women's Cup against New York Fury, 3-2.

The year 2012 would continue to be strong for Chicago, as the Red Stars would announce in November that it would be one of eight teams in a new women's professional soccer league, which would be subsidized by the United States Soccer Federation, the Canadian Soccer Association and the Mexican Football Federation. The three Federations would pay the salaries of their national team members (24 from the United States, 16 from Canada, and 12 from Mexico) to aid the teams in creating a world-class league that could thrive from the start.

### **2013: The Beginning of the National Women's Soccer League**

With help now available from the Federations, the eight teams in the NWSL would be able to stay underneath the mandated salary cap.

Receiving seven players in the Allocation process, Chicago would begin their roster with the rights to U.S. Women's National Team players Shannon Boxx, Amy LePeilbet and Keelin Winters, Canadian stars Erin McLeod and Carmelina Moscato, and Mexican internationals Maribel Dominguez and Dinora Garza.

The NWSL would then have the first ever College Draft and Chicago was awarded the first overall draft pick and took Zakiya Bywaters from UCLA. The Red Stars would sign three more from the draft in Rachel Quon (Stanford), Taylor Vancil (Florida State), and Jen Hoy (Princeton).

With free agents in mind, Red Stars general manager, Alyse LaHue, owner Arnim Whisler and head coach Rory Dames searched for the best players to sign as free agents. Leslie Osborne, Lori Chalupny, Taryn Hemmings and Ella Masar all signed prior to the Supplemental Draft.

In order to continue the process of filling up rosters for the first ever NWSL season, the league created the Supplemental Draft, in which all other players that were not allocated or part of the NWSL Draft were able to be acquired by a club. Chicago would pick up Lindsay Tarpley (4th overall), Michelle Wenino (20th overall), Jackie Santacaterina (28th overall) and Alyssa Mautz (36th overall).

With a core group ready to compete for the Chicago Red Stars in the NWSL, the team added Jessica McDonald, Lydia Vandenberg, Sonja Fuss, Inka Grings, Hanna Gilmore and Julianne Sitch to form their first team in the league.

Ultimately, Chicago received no powerful names in the allocation process, so the idea was to build for the future. Winters was traded to Seattle Reign in exchange for future picks in the 2014 NWSL College Draft.

The Red Stars would end the NWSL inaugural season with an 8-8-6 record, finishing in sixth place.

Overall, the Federation players originally allocated to Chicago (7 total) would only appear in 40 matches, averaging only 5 games total per player.

### **2014: On the Cusp of Greatness**

Continuing the growth, the Red Stars organization drafted young with Julie Johnston and Vanessa DiBernardo in the 3rd and 4th pick overall, respectively. The NWSL would expand, adding in the Houston Dash for the 2014 season. Chicago would lose Ella Masar in the Expansion Draft and would later trade goalkeeper Erin McCleod to Houston, as well.

The Red Stars were in dire need of a starting goalkeeper and would trade for Portland and Canadian star, Karina LeBlanc.

With the addition of Christen Press, who joined midseason after completing her commitment to Tyresö FF, where she was the first American to win the Golden Boot award in the Swedish top flight, the Red Stars were beginning to compete for a top four spot to make their first NWSL playoffs. Press would make an immediate impact for Chicago, leading the team in goals in 2014 with six.

After a strong start, going 6-1-2 by the end of May, Chicago hit a slump with only one win in 11 matches during June and July. The team would continue to fight for a coveted spot in the playoffs, but would eventually be edged out by head-to-head results with the Washington Spirit and finish fifth in league.

### **2015: History is Made in Chicago**

The Red Stars would bring the program to new heights in the third year of the NWSL. With the return of U.S. Women's National Team Member Lori Chalupny, Shannon Boxx, Christen Press and recently added to the National Team, Julie Johnston, the Red Stars boasted the most USA players on a club.

The NWSL College Draft would add four strong players immediately to the Chicago lineup. Arin Gilliland, Danielle Colaprico and Sofia Huerta, were all named to the NWSL Second Best XI Team, while Cara Walls would gain a bigger role during the international break.

With the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup during the middle of the season, teams lost their international starts to their respective countries. It would be rookie Huerta who would step up big for Chicago, scoring braces in multiple matches and was named NWSL Player of the Week during week 5 and 6, the first time ever in NWSL a player earned the honor back-to-back. Huerta was awarded NWSL Player of the Month in May. With the U.S. Women's National Team cruising past Japan in the finals, the league had gained the biggest stars of the summer.

Chicago would finish the season in second-place, hosting their first NWSL post-season match in team history. Unfortunately, a young team made errors in the spotlight, losing at Toyota Park to eventual NWSL Champion, FC Kansas City.

Colaprico would win the NWSL Rookie of the Year award, marking back-to-back Red Stars winning the prestigious award, after

Johnston won in 2014.

### **2016: Back-to-Back**

During the offseason, the Red Stars would acquire U.S. Women's National team member and Boston Breakers goalkeeper, Alyssa Naeher. In one of the biggest trades of the season, the 2014 NWSL Goalkeeper of the Year, and continuously proved why she was one of the top in the world.

Casey Short, originally with Chicago in 2013, but would be injured in the preseason, would join the team. Between Short and Gilliland, the Red Stars would have one of the best outside back duos in the league and best back five (Short, Gilliland, Naeher, Johnston and Johnson).

Centrally, the Red Stars would return Vanessa DiBernardo and Danielle Colaprico, but add in Portugal international Amanda Da Costa. Up top, Chicago would have the presence of Christen Press and Sofia Huerta, two of the best goal scorers in the NWSL.

With such a deep roster, Chicago was expected to compete for their first ever back-to-back playoff position in team history.

After a loss in the season opener, the Red Stars would immediately step up in the next eight matches, going 5-0-3. The backline would set a record for longest shutout in NWSL (485 minutes), Press and Huerta would combine for six goals, DiBernardo and Colaprico provided 2 assists each, and rookie Short would score twice as an outside defender.

Chicago would finish the season third overall with a 9-5-6 record. Once again, Press would lead the team in goals despite missing games for international duty, and finished with eight. Huerta led all midfielders in the league with seven goals for the season. Meanwhile, DiBernardo completed the season with seven assists, strong enough for second overall in the NWSL.

The Red Stars would take on the Washington Spirit in the semifinal matchup, which would end 1-1 in regulation time. Spirit would take the lead in the second overtime at the 110-minute mark and the Red Stars would not be able to find the equalizer.

### **2017: A Decade in Chicago**

The Chicago Red Stars enter the 2017 NWSL season celebrating its tenth anniversary since its inception of the franchise in 2007.

With continued success, the Red Stars will look to embrace the great city of Chicago for years to come.

During the NWSL offseason, the Red Stars announced a rebrand that would center around the city of Chicago. The new crest is inspired directly from the Chicago flag and the elements that tie together Chicago's remarkable people, culture and history. In honor of a new logo, a new feel, a new meaning to representing the city, the club felt a need for a new hashtag to represent Chicago and all it provides for the Red Stars.

"My Kind of Town," a popular song recorded by Frank Sinatra in 1964, pays homage to the Windy City and provides a great example of what makes this town extraordinary. The Chicago Red Stars have decided to celebrate Chicago in its entirety and are honored to use the hashtag #MKOT for all of their social media channels.

# STADIUM & FACILITIES

## TOYOTA PARK - BRIDGEVIEW, ILLINOIS

TOYOTA PARK is the heart of soccer for much of the Midwest and a must-see destination for world-class concerts and other sporting events. Each year, more than a half million people go by the stadium's trademark brick arch, many achieving or reliving what has become a rite of passage for sports and music fans alike.

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TOYOTA PARK is conveniently located in Bridgeview near I-294 and I-55, an easy drive from every corner of the Chicago area. Only 15 miles from Chicago's Loop, TOYOTA PARK offers ample parking and is served by PACE buses and shuttle links with the nearby CTA Midway Orange Line station.

## PARKING

Parking at Toyota Park is \$20 and opens (3) three hours prior to kickoff. S2 is the main parking lot gate entrance.

## BOX OFFICE

The box office opens (3) three hours prior to kickoff. The Main Box Office is located on the east side of the Toyota Park at Gate D. Press/media check-in is located at Gate E.

## TAILGATING

Tailgating opens (3) three hours prior to kickoff and is permitted in all parking lots.

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## TRAINING GROUNDS

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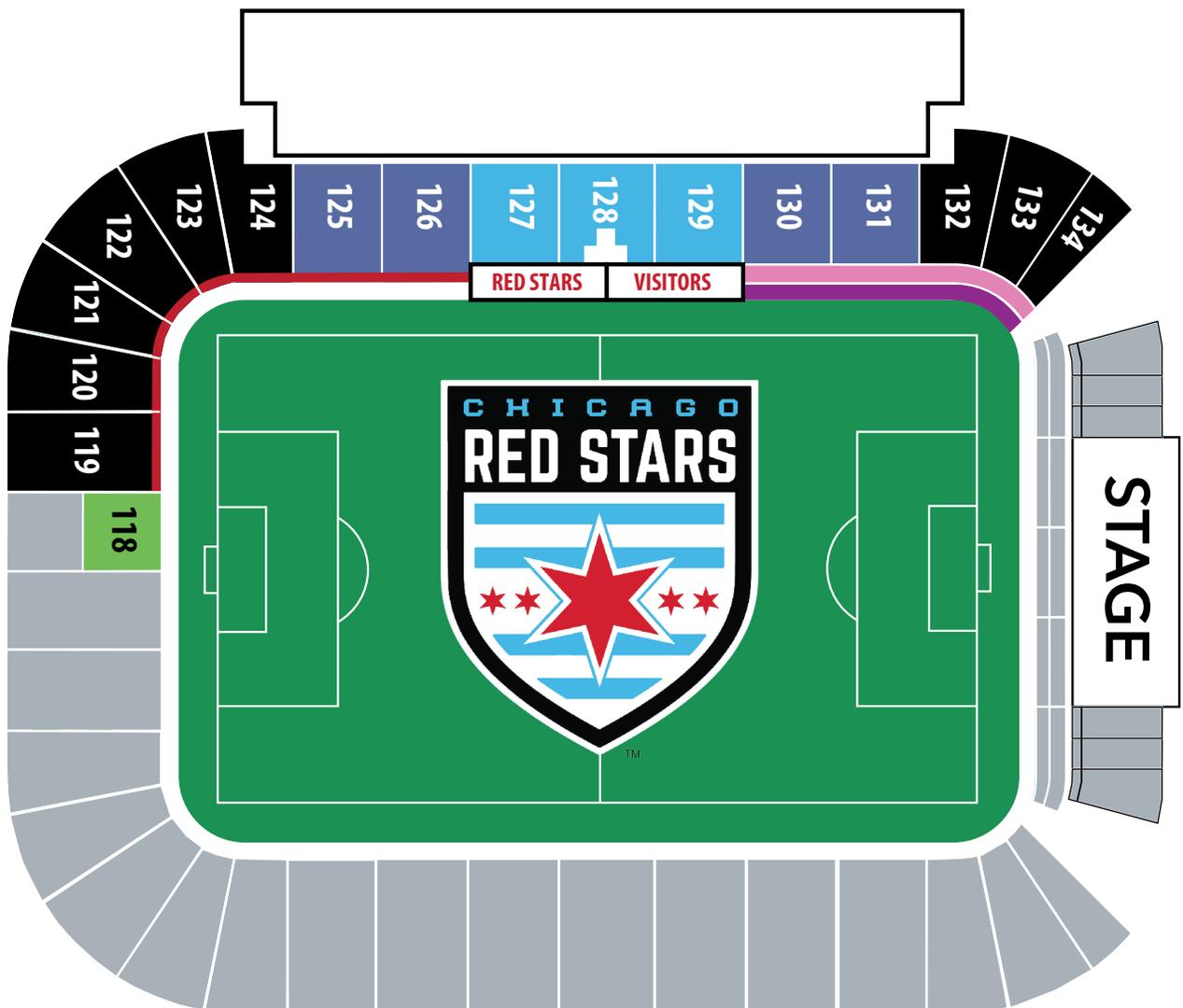
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SECTION	SINGLE	GROUP (10+)	SEASON (12 GAMES)	FLEX (10 TIX)
HARLEM LOCAL 134	\$20	\$15	\$180	\$150
CORNER KICK	\$25	\$20	\$260	\$220
SIDELINE CLUB	\$30	\$25	\$320	\$270
CENTER CLUB	\$35	\$30	\$370	\$310
FRONT ROW CORNER KICK	\$45	-	\$495	\$150
FIELD SIDE VIP	\$65	-	\$725	-
VIP TABLES 4 SEATS	\$300	-	\$3,000	-



# SCHEDULE

HOME GAMES LISTED IN BOLD  
ALL HOME GAMES AT TOYOTA PARK  
ALL TIMES CST

APRIL 15	VS. HOUSTON DASH	1:00PM
<b>APRIL 22</b>	<b>VS. FC KANSAS CITY</b>	<b>3:00PM</b>
APRIL 29	VS. PORTLAND THORNS	3:00PM
<b>MAY 6</b>	<b>VS. HOUSTON DASH</b>	<b>3:00PM</b>
<b>MAY 14</b>	<b>VS. BOSTON BREAKERS</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
MAY 21	VS. NC COURAGE	3:00PM
<b>MAY 27</b>	<b>VS. NC COURAGE</b>	<b>3:00PM</b>
<b>JUNE 4</b>	<b>VS. SEATTLE REIGN</b>	<b>2:00PM</b>
<b>JUNE 17</b>	<b>VS. WASHINGTON SPIRIT</b>	<b>3:00PM</b>
<b>JUNE 25</b>	<b>VS. SKY BLUE FC</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
JUNE 28	VS. SEATTLE REIGN	9:30PM
JULY 1	VS. ORLANDO PRIDE	4:00PM
JULY 7	VS. BOSTON BREAKERS	6:00PM
JULY 15	VS. SKY BLUE FC	6:00PM
<b>JULY 22</b>	<b>VS. ORLANDO PRIDE</b>	<b>3:00PM</b>
AUG 5	VS. ORLANDO PRIDE	6:30PM
<b>AUG 12</b>	<b>VS. PORTLAND THORNS</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>AUG 16</b>	<b>VS. SEATTLE REIGN</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>AUG 20</b>	<b>VS. FC KANSAS CITY</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
AUG 26	VS. WASHINGTON SPIRIT	6:00PM
<b>SEPT 3</b>	<b>VS. NC COURAGE</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
SEPT 9	VS. FC KANSAS CITY	3:00PM
SEPT 23	VS. HOUSTON DASH	3:00PM
SEPT 30	VS. PORTLAND THORNS	3:00PM

# ROSTER

## ALPHABETICAL

#	NAME	POS	HT	DOB	HOMETOWN
24	COLAPRICO, DANIELLE	M	5'3	5/6/93	FREEHOLD, NJ
7	COMEAU, TAYLOR	M	5'6	7/21/93	LOS GATOS, CA
18	DALTON, MICHELE	GK	5'7	11/5/88	MT PROSPECT, IL
10	DIBERNARDO, VANESSA	M	5'4	5/15/92	NAPERVILLE, IL
8	ERTZ, JULIE	D	5'7	4/6/92	MESA, AZ
3	GILLILAND, ARIN	D	5'8	12/25/92	WILMORE, KY
14	GORDEN, SARAH	D	5'4	9/13/92	ELK GROVE, IL
19	GREEN, SUMMER	M	5'6	5/25/95	BLOOMINGTON, IL
2	HOY, JEN	F	5'5	1/18/91	SELLERSVILLE, PA
11	HUERTA, SOFIA	F	5'7	12/14/92	BOISE, ID
16	JOHNSON, SAMANTHA	D	5'6	6/10/91	PALMDALE, CA
30	KASKIE, LAUREN	M	5'5	9/18/95	LAS VEGAS, NV
34	LUBA, MARY	M	5'8	8/20/93	SHOREWOOD, WI
4	MAUTZ, ALYSSA	M	5'5	7/29/89	ST. LOUIS, MO
9	MCCAFFREY, STEPHANIE	F	5'6	5/15/92	WINCHESTER, MA
1	NAEHER, ALYSSA	GK	5'9	4/20/88	BRIDGEPORT, CT
5	NAUGHTON, KATIE	D	5'10	2/15/94	ELK GROVE, IL
23	PRESS, CHRISTEN	F	5'7	12/29/88	PALOS VERDES, CA
13	PROFFITT, MORGAN	D/M	5'6	8/22/94	COLUMBUS, IN
6	SHORT, CASEY	D	5'6	8/23/90	NAPERVILLE, IL

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## ALYSSA NAEHER

GK



**PRONUNCIATION:** NAY-err  
**HEIGHT:** 5'-9"  
**DOB:** April 20, 1988  
**HOMETOWN:** Bridgeport, CT  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** Penn State  
**LAST CLUB:** Boston Breakers  
**AQUIRED:** Trade, 2016

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Acquired via trade by Chicago Red Stars on November 23, 2015 ... In her first game at Toyota Park, she earned her first shutout in a 1-0 victory against Western New York Flash ... Named NWSL Player of the Month in May after a 3-0-2 record during that time, being the only goalkeeper to be named a Player of the Month in 2016 ... Named Player of the Week in Week 5 play after saving five of 12 shots to seal a scoreless draw against Midwestern Rivals, FC Kansas City ... Earned a league high six clean sheets for the season ... Conceded the least amount of goal against with 20 ... Set an NWSL shutout record with 485 minutes ... Tallied 13 games, 1170 minutes, making 129 saves with 57 on goal, earning a spot on the NWSL Second XI ... **2015:** Started 12 of the 12 games she appeared in for the Boston Breakers, logging 1,080 minutes ... Her 65 saves ranked her second in the NWSL ... Named NWSL Player of the Week in Week 17 after a 12-save performance in a 2-1 win at home against the Washington Spirit on Aug. 8 ... The 12 saves tied a career-high for saves in a game for Naehler... **2014:** Named NWSL Goalkeeper of the Year ... played in and started all 24 games ... Logged a team-high 2,115 minutes, which also ranked her second in the league ... Won six games ... Set a NWSL record and team record with 106 saves ... Registered three shutouts (seventh most in the NWSL) ... Stopped six of the nine penalty shots she faced ... The six penalty kick saves was the most in NWSL history and a career high ... Named NWSL Player of the Week on Aug. 12, 2014, after a 10-save shutout (2-0) over Portland Thorns FC ... **2013:** Started eight of the nine games she appeared in ... Finished with a 4-2-2 record with team-high two shutouts ... Joined the NWSL with the Boston Breakers in May 2013, signing as a free agent after finishing German Bundesliga season with 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam ... **2012:** Posted a 16-4-1 record with 10 shutouts, helping 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam earn a berth into the 2013-14 Champions League ... Potsdam finished second in the Bundesliga, four points back of champions VfL Wolfsburg ... **2011:** Led Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) with 99 saves ... Finished with a 5-9-4 record with five shutouts ... Had a goals against average of 1.33 ... Started and played in all 18 games ... Logged 1,620 minutes ... Debut season with Potsdam went 13-2-2 with 11 shutouts in the league and Potsdam won the Bundesliga ... **2010:** Drafted by the Boston Breakers in the first round (11th overall) in the WPS Draft ... started all 16 games she played in, logging 1,379 minutes ... Faced 90 shots and made 69 ... Allowed 18 goals for a 1.17 goals against average ... Posted a record of 9-4-2 with three shutouts ... Played in one playoff game and made three saves in a loss to the Philadelphia Independence in the WPS Super Semifinal ...

**INTERNATIONAL: 2017:** Started in the first WNT match of the year during the SheBelieves Cup, earning a 1-0 shutout against FIFA ranked number two Germany on March 1 ... Totals 13 caps and seven shutouts for the U.S. as of April 10, 2017... **2016:** Started and earned the shutout and win on Feb. 15 vs. Puerto Rico ... Earned her fourth career start and shutout vs. Colombia on April 10 ... Played the second Olympic homecoming match on Sept. 18 vs. the Netherlands, and again on Oct. 19 vs. Switzerland, earning the 4-0 shutout ... She wrapped up the year in goal during the final WNT match of 2016 with a 5-0 victory vs. Romania ... **2015:** Member of the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup champion U.S. Women's National Team ... Second cap came on Aug. 19, 2015, in Chattanooga, Tenn. She played 45 minutes, coming on at the start of the second half of a 7-2 win over Costa Rica ... Third appearance came on Sept. 20, 2015, an 8-0 win over Haiti in Birmingham, Ala. She came on in the second half and played 45 minutes ... Her second and third appearances came during the USWNT's Victory Tour following the 2015 World Cup ... **2014:** First appearance came on Dec. 18, 2014 in the International Tournament of Brasilia. She started and made one save in a 7-0 win over Argentina ... Called into three U.S. Women's National Team camps in 2014, the first coming in March for the Algarve Cup in Portugal ... Second call-up came in August ahead of the Aug. 20, 2014 game against Switzerland ... Named to U.S. roster for pair of games in September against Mexico ... **2013:** Was called into camp with the senior team ahead of a November friendly against Brazil ... **2011:** Traveled with the U.S. to Portugal for the 2011 Algarve Cup ... 2009: Earned her first call-up to train with the senior team in December 2009 ... 2008: Played for the U.S. U-23 team ... Won the 2008 U-20 FIFA Women's World Cup with the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team, earning the Golden Glove after posting five wins in the tournament

(Naehler continued) **COLLEGE:** Three-time NSCAA All-American at Penn State ... Started and played 74 games for the Nittany Lions ... Finished with a career record of 50-19-5 and 24 shutouts ... Had a career 0.89 goals against average ... Soccer Buzz First Team All-American (2007, 2008) ... Big Ten Tournament Defensive MVP (2008) ... Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year (2007) ... First Team All-Big Ten selection (2007, 2008) ... Named to Big Ten All-Freshman Team (2006) ... Soccer Buzz Freshman All-American (2006)

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## JEN HOY

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**HEIGHT:** 5'-5"  
**DOB:** January 18, 1991  
**HOMETOWN:** Sellersville, PA  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** Princeton University  
**LAST CLUB:** Princeton University  
**AQUIRED:** Drafted, 2013

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Played in 15 games, starting 9 ... Finished the year with 2 goals off 8 shots and 4 on goal ... ... Spent the offseason on loan to Newcastle Jets of W-League ... **2015:** Played 18 games, starting in 14, totaling 1,110 minutes ... Scored 4 goals and assisted on 4 ... 25 shots with 15 on goal ... **2014:** Played 21 games, starting in 16 and scoring 4 goals, 2 of which were game winners... Assisted on three goals... Took 21 shots with 11 on goal... **2013:** Selected in the 4th round of the NWSL College Draft by the Red Stars... Scored her first goal for the club against Seattle on July 25... Scored 2 goals in a come-from-behind 2-1 upset of FC Kansas City on August 18... Was named NWSL Player of the Week for week 19... Finished her rookie season with 3 goals and one assist in only 471 minutes.

**INTERNATIONAL: 2014:** Member of U-23 UWNT that participated in Six Nations Tournament in La Manga, Spain... **2013:** Member of U-23 player pool that gathered in San Diego in May... Received her first call up to U-23 USWNT in April.

**COLLEGE:** Attended Princeton University from 2009-2012... **2012:** Scored the second-most goals in a season in program history with 18... Three-time Ivy League Player of the Week... Recorded three hat tricks and scored two game-winning goals... **2011:** Started and played in all 17 games for the Tigers... Earned Ivy League Player of the Week honors twice... **2010:** Led the Ivy League in game-winning goals with four.

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## ARIN GILLILAND

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**PRONUNCIATION:** gil-ah-land  
**HEIGHT:** 5'-8"  
**DOB:** December 25, 1992  
**HOMETOWN:** Wilmore, KY  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** University of Kentucky  
**LAST CLUB:** University of Kentucky  
**AQUIRED:** Drafted, 2015

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Started in every match for Chicago (20) ... Named to NWSL Best XI ... Had 2 assists ... Part of backline that had NWSL record in shutout minutes (485) ... Spent the offseason on loan to Newcastle Jets of W-League ... **2015:** Was the 8th overall selection by the Red Stars in the NWSL College Draft ... Played in 19 matches, starting 17 ... Recorded 2 assists ... 1533 minutes of play (3rd highest minutes on team) ... Named to the NWSL Second-XI Team

**INTERNATIONAL: 2016:** Invited to first full team U.S. Women's National Team Camp in October ... Has been member of the United States U-20 and U-23 USWNT pools.

**COLLEGE:** Named to All-SEC Team 4 times... Finished her Wildcat career with 30 goals and 25 assists for 85 career points ... Set UK record with 278 shots and eight career game-winning goals... **2014:** SEC Defensive Player of the Year... First Team All-SEC... HONDA Award winner... MAC Hermann Award finalist... Team captain ... SEC Player of the Week (September 1)... Three multi-point matches... First in shots in the SEC (87)...

(Gilliland continued) **2013:** MAC Herrman Award finalist... Third-Team NSCAA All-American... First-Team All-SEC... Tied UK single-game record with three assists against EKU... 20th nationally in assists per game... 27th nationally in total assists... Active team leader in goals scored (23)... Tied for 4th all-time at UK in career points... Scored game-winning goal in 54th minute of NCAA tournament match against Ohio State... **2012:** First-Team All-SEC... Started in every game... Helped the defense keep a clean sheet in 5 of the first 8 games... Moved to forward and registered 3 points in her first 2 games up top... Tallied 2 game-winning goals and 2 equalizers... Recorded her 20th point of the season with an assist against Vandy... Assisted on the golden goal in the NCAA first-round win over UT-Martin... **2011:** Second-Team All-SEC, Freshman All-SEC... Appeared in every game but one as a true freshman... Started in 8 of the final 9 games... Scored 2 game-winning goals and 3 equalizers

## 4 ALYSSA MAUTZ M



**PRONUNCIATION:** MAHtz  
**HEIGHT:** 5'-5"  
**DOB:** July 29, 1989  
**HOMETOWN:** St. Louis, MO  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** Texas A&M University  
**LAST CLUB:** Chicago Red Stars (WPSL-Elite)  
**ACQUIRED:** NWSL Supplemental Draft, 2013

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Appeared in 18 matches, 10 starts ... Took 13 shots, 5 on goal ... Totaled 2 assists ... Spent offseason on loan to Perth Glory of W-League ... **2015:** Started 13 games, appearing in 15 ... Scored 2 goals and 3 assists ... Totaled 16 shots with 4 on goal ... **2014:** Played in 20 games for Chicago, starting 12... Scored 3 goals, 2 of which were game-winners... Took 16 shots, 9 of which were on goal... **2013:** Allocated to the Red Stars via the NWSL Supplemental Draft... Played in 18 games, starting in 8 and scoring 4 goals... **2012:** Played for Chicago in WPSL-Elite... **2011:** Played in 5 matches for WPS side Sky Blue FC, making 2 starts and scoring 1 goal.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Member of the U-20 WNT that won gold at the 2008 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup... Has also played for the U-23 team.

**COLLEGE: 2010:** Started all 23 matches... Named NSCAA National Player of the Week (September 1) and Big 12 Player of the Week (August 31)... All-Big 12 First Team and Big 12 All-Tournament Team... Led team with 12 goals and 5 assists for 29 points... Had team-leading 93 shots with 34 on target... **2009:** Started 20 matches and played in all 25... All-Big 12 Second Team... Had 4 goals and 2 assists... Ranked second on the team with 66 shots and 27 on goal. **2008:** Transferred to Texas A&M from St. Louis University... Had 19 appearances and 9 starts... Big 12 Newcomer of the Week (November 12)

## 5 KATIE NAUGHTON D



**PRONUNCIATION:** NAW-ton  
**HEIGHT:** 5'-10"  
**DOB:** February 15, 1994  
**HOMETOWN:** Elk Grove Village, IL  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** Notre Dame  
**LAST CLUB:** Notre Dame  
**ACQUIRED:** Drafted, 2016

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Drafted by the Chicago Red Stars with the 19th overall pick ... Appeared in 16 matches, 9 of those starts ... Part of the backline that set an NWSL shutout record (485 minutes)

**INTERNATIONAL: 2017:** Part of the U-23 WNT that travelled to La Manga, Spain for international friendless ... Started one match ... **2016:** Member of the U-23 U.S. Women's National Team ... 2 appearances as of April 5 **2014:** Named to the U.S. U20 World Cup Team ... Started all 5 matches at CONCACAF U20 Championship ... **2013:** Member of the U-20 U.S. Team ... 3 starts in 4 appearances

(Naughton continued) **COLLEGE: 2015:** Started all 20 games as a senior at Notre Dame ... ACC Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 15) ... Scored 3 goals, 2 off of headers ... All-ACC Second Team ... NSCAA All-Southeast Regional First Team. ... **2014:** All-ACC Second Team ... ESPNW Women's Soccer Player of the Week (Oct. 1) ... NSCAA Second Team All-Southeast Region ... Scored 4 goals ... **2013:** Team captain as a sophomore ... Started all 22 matches ... 2 goals, 1 assist ... **2012:** Started all 23 games ... NSCAA All-Northeast Region Second Team ... All-BIG EAST Third Team ... BIG EAST All-Rookie Team ... Notre Dame Team MVP Freshman

## 6 CASEY SHORT D



**HEIGHT:** 5'-6"  
**DOB:** August 23, 1990  
**HOMETOWN:** Naperville, IL  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** Florida State  
**LAST CLUB:** Avaldsnes  
**ACQUIRED:** Acquired rights via discovery, 2013

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Appeared in all 20 games for Chicago as an outside back, earning two goals ... Scored her first Red Stars goal in the home opener against Western New York Flash, becoming the game winner ... Scored her second goal against Boston Breakers on June 18, grabbing the final tally of a 3-0 victory ... Named to the 2016 NWSL Second XI ... **2015:** Returns to Chicago after successful season overseas ... Played in Norway with Avaldsnes IL ... Earned Best-XI honors ... **2013:** Drafted by the Boston Breakers with the 5th overall pick in the NWSL College Draft ... Did not appear due to injury ... Chicago Red Stars acquired rights via discovery

**INTERNATIONAL: 2017:** Has capped in 7 matches as of April 10, 2017... Played all 90 minutes during two SheBelives Cup matches against Germany and France ... **2016:** Called into her first senior team camp in October ... The only player to have played all 90 minutes during two matches against Switzerland ... Called into her second WNT camp in November ... Played 90 minutes against Romania on Nov. 10 ... Played the first 45 minutes in the last WNT game of the year on Nov. 13 against Romania ... **2013:** Member of the U-23 U.S. Women's National Team ... Played with youth national teams since U14

**COLLEGE: 2012:** Started 23 games after coming off redshirt year ... Helped guide defense to top 40 nationally rankings in shutout percentage (2nd - 0.708), GAA (12th - 0.619) and save percentage (36th - 0.839)... **2010:** Named to the All-ACC team ... Tallied 1839 minutes ... Scored 5 goals and 3 assists... **2009:** Appeared in 13 matches (due to injury) ... all-time leader at FSU in ACC play with 8 assists **2008:** Named to the All-ACC Freshman Team ... Played in every game ... Finished her first collegiate season with 10 points with 2 goals and six assists

## 7 TAYLOR COMEAU M



**PRONUNCIATION:** Kuh-MOE  
**HEIGHT:** 5'-6"  
**DOB:** July 21, 1993  
**HOMETOWN:** Los Gatos, CA  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** Cal Berkeley  
**LAST CLUB:** Portland Thorns FC  
**ACQUIRED:** Signed after entering preseason camp on trial, 2016

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Saw action in 16 games, with 6 starts ... Scored the game-winning goal in Orlando ... Finished the season with 4 shots, 3 on goal with 2 assists ... Signed with Chicago after entering preseason camp on trial ... **2015:** Called up by the Portland Thorns as an amateur ... Started 5 games with 9 appearances for the Thorns ... Finished with 5 shots, 2 on goal

**COLLEGE: 2014:** NSCAA All-Pacific Second Team ... All-PAC-12 Second Team Honors ... Led Cal Berkeley Bears with 8 goals ... **2013:** Started all 21 games for Cal ... 2 assists ... **2012:** Started in 16 games, appeared in 19 ... One goal ... **2011:** Appeared in all 22 games ... Finished with one goal and one assist



**HEIGHT:** 5'-7"  
**DOB:** April 6, 1992  
**HOMETOWN:** Mesa, AZ  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** Santa Clara University  
**LAST CLUB:** Santa Clara University  
**AQUIRED:** Drafted, 2014

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** An intricate part of the Red Stars backline, she totaled 1080 minutes during 12 games ... Maintained 1.00 Goals Against Average during the season ... Named to the NWSL Second XI ... **2015:** Started in all 11 games she appeared in ... Totaled 2 assists in 990 minutes ... Attempted 4 shots, 1 on goal... Named to the NWSL Best XI-Team ... Voted Team Defensive MVP **2014:** Drafted by Chicago in the 1st round of the 2014 NWSL College Draft... Played and started in 21 games for the Red Stars... Scored 2 goals, one of which was a game-winner... Assisted on 2 goals... Awarded NWSL Rookie of the Year

**INTERNATIONAL: 2017:** Played all 90 minutes against England on March 4 ... Subbed into the match against France on March 7, tallying 30 minutes ... **2016:** Scored two goals off set pieces on 4/10/16 vs. Colombia ... Scored the game-winning goal in a 2-0 victory against Japan on June 5 ... Finished the year with 19 appearances, 15 starts, earning three goals and one assist ... **2015:** FIFA Women's World Cup Golden Ball Finalist ... FIFA Women's World Cup Champion ... FIFA Women's World Cup All-Star Team ... Named to the U.S. FIFA Women's World Cup Roster, her first WWC selection ... Scored three goals ... Played in 19 games ... Recorded first career assist against China in the quarterfinals of the World Cup ... Scored her first goal with the WNT during the USA's 2-0 victory over France in the final of the Algarve Cup... **2014:** Made 3 substitute appearances for the USWNT in the latter half of the year... **2013:** Earned her first senior cap in a 4-1 win against Scotland on February 9... Played her first full 90 minutes at the international level against the Netherlands on April 9... **2012:** U.S. Soccer Young Female Athlete of the Year... Captain of the U.S. team that won the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Japan ... Won the bronze ball as the third-best player in the tournament, a rare honor for a defender... Started all 6 games for the U.S... A member of the American CONCACAF U-20 Championship team that earned a berth to the 2012 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Japan.

**COLLEGE:** 2013 First Team All-American, First-Team All-West Region selection and WCC Player of the Year... Led the Broncos with 8 assists and 4 game-winning goals... 3rd on the team with 12 goals and 32 points... 2012 and 2011 MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist... First-Team All-WCC selection as a junior, while leading the team in goals with 8 and points with 21... Added 5 assists and had 3 game-winning goals... Finished second in the conference in goals per game (0.53) and points per game (1.40).



**PRONUNCIATION:** mick-AFF-ree  
**HEIGHT:** 5'-6"  
**DOB:** May 15, 1992  
**HOMETOWN:** Winchester, MA  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** Boston College  
**LAST CLUB:** Boston Breakers  
**AQUIRED:** Trade, 2016

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Started in 5 matches ... Scored a goal in her first start for Chicago ... Finished with 2 goals and 6 appearances ... Acquired by Chicago in July ... **2015:** With the Breakers, made 19 appearances, including 17 starts ... Played 1,418 minutes ... Scored three goals, which tied her for second most on the team ... Led the club with three assists ... Scored her first professional goal in her first professional game. It came April 11, 2015, on the road in a 4-1 loss against Portland Thorns FC ... Voted Team Rookie of the Year.

**COLLEGE:** Played four years at Boston College ... Was selected No. 5 overall in the

(McCaffrey continued) 2015 NWSL College Draft by the Chicago Red Stars before the Breakers sent their No. 9 and 11 picks to Chicago in exchange for McCaffrey ... As a senior in 2014, named team captain along with Alex Johnson and McKenzie Meehan ... finished as the team's second leading scorer (six goals) ... led the Eagles with seven assists and 19 points ... Finished career with 32 goals (fifth all-time at the school) and became just the fourth player to score 90 or more points in program history ... Was a two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference First Team honoree ... As a junior in 2013, named to the All-ACC first team ... Earned 2013 NSCAA/Continental Tire NCAA Division I Women's All-Southeast Region second-team honors ... Played in, and started, all 24 games ... Led team in shots and shots on goal, and was second on the team in scoring and first on the team in assists, with 12 goals and nine assists, for a career-high 33 points ... Tied the program record for points in a single game with eight (two goals, four assists) at Hofstra on Sep. 1 ... Netted two hat-tricks in three games, at Central Connecticut on Oct. 16 and against Duke on Oct. 6 ... Named to the All-ACC Academic Team ... Reached the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament ... Earned the Athletic Director's Award for Academic Achievement ... Named to the 2013 All-ACC Honor Roll ... As a sophomore in 2012, earned the Athletics Director's Academic Achievement Award ... Named to the ACC Academic honor roll ... Named to the All-ACC second team ... Played in 21 games, started 20 ... Second leading scorer with 10 goals, seven assists for a career-high 27 points ... Had three game-winning goals ... Recorded four multiple-point games, including six points (two goals, two assists) vs. NC State on Oct. 14 ... Named ACC co-Player of the Week on Oct. 23 ... As a freshman in 2011, played in every game, making her debut in the season opener against Boston University ... Played 776 minutes ... Scored first goal, which proved to be the game-winner, in 1-0 win over Rutgers on Aug. 26.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Trained with the full U.S. Women's National Team in January 2015 after training with the U-23s for two weeks ... Called up to the U-23s for the La Manga Tournament in February 2015 ... Played in two of the three matches (started both games) in the tournament, one in which the U.S. went 3-0 ... Earned first call-up to the U-23s in May 2014 and was called up again in July 2014.



**PRONUNCIATION:** dee-ber-NAR-doe  
**HEIGHT:** 5'-4"  
**DOB:** February 18, 1993  
**HOMETOWN:** Naperville, IL  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** University of Illinois  
**LAST CLUB:** University of Illinois  
**AQUIRED:** Drafted, 2014

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Led the team in minutes (1787) ... Finished the season with 7 assists, second best in the league ... Named team co-captain ... Spent the offseason on loan for second straight year to Perth Glory **2015:** Appeared in 20 games, starting 19 ... Totaled 1733 minutes, 2nd highest on the team ... Tallied 2 goals and 5 assists ... Spent the offseason on loan to Perth Glory of Australian W-League **2014:** Drafted by Chicago in the first round of the NWSL College Draft... Made 23 appearances and 19 stars... Scored one goal and assisted on 3... Took 25 shots with 11 on goal...

**INTERNATIONAL:** Member of the US U-23 player pool... **2015:** Called up to U-23 USWNT to play in La Manga tournament in Spain and started in one match... **2013:** Earned seven caps and starts with the U-23 USWNT... Had one goal and three assists... Was called up to the full U.S. squad to replace the injured Megan Rapinoe in a friendly against Mexico... **2012:** Member of the CONCACAF U-20 Women's Championship team that earned a berth to the 2012 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Japan... Played in all 5 games in the qualifying tournament, starting in two and totaling 246 minutes... Scored 2 goals in the qualifying tournament, one each against Cuba and Panama, and added one assist. 2012 U.S. Soccer Young Athlete of the Year Finalist.

**COLLEGE: 2013:** Top Drawer Soccer Second-Team Best XI... MAC Hermann Trophy candidate... Helped the Illini reach the Sweet Sixteen, marking the team's best finish during her four-year career... Ranked second on the squad with 7 goals in 15 games (despite missing 7 games due to a knee injury and one due to her USWNT call-up)... Recorded a career-high seven assists and set a school record with 22 career assists... Finished her career ranked third in school history with 43 goals... NSCAA Third Team All-America... **2012:** All-Big Ten First Team and Big Ten All-Tournament Team... Two-time Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (October 8 & 29) ... Led the team in points, goals and shots... MAC Hermann Trophy candidate.

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SOFIA HUERTA

M/F



**PRONUNCIATION:** Oo-ER-tah  
**HEIGHT:** 5'-7"  
**DOB:** December 14, 1992  
**HOMETOWN:** Boise, ID  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** Santa Clara University  
**LAST CLUB:** Santa Clara University  
**AQUIRED:** Drafted, 2015

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Started in all 20 matches for Chicago ... Tallied 7 goals and 2 assists ... Led all NWSL midfielders in goals ... Named to NWSL Second XI ... Played on loan during offseason with Adelaide United in W-League ... **2015:** Drafted by Chicago as the 11th overall pick in the second round of the 2015 NWSL College Draft ... First NWSL back-to-back recipient of the Player of the Week award after earning it in both Week 5 and 6 ... NWSL May Player of the Month ... NWSL Second XI ... Started in 15 games, appearing in 19 overall ... Netted 6 goals and 3 assists

**INTERNATIONAL 2013:** Called up to the Mexican Women's National Team for the September 3 game against the U.S, which she entered as a substitute in the 63rd minute. **2012:** A member of the U.S. U-20 player pool and of the Mexican U-20 squad that earned a spot in the U-20 FIFA Women's World Cup in Japan... Played in all four games in the tournament, scoring three of Mexico's seven goals and leading her side to the quarterfinals... Called up to the Mexican Women's National Team for the Four Nations Tournament in Brazil... Started and played in all games, scoring two goals against Portugal

**COLLEGE: 2014:** NSCAA/Continental Tire NCAA Division I Women's Third Team All-American... Co-West Coast Conference (WCC) Player of the Year... All-WCC First Team... Started all 20 games and scored 17 goals as team captain... Tied for 2nd in total goals scored in the WCC... Ranked 26th best player in women's college soccer by Top Drawer Soccer... **2013:** Third Team All-American... All-West Region First Team... All-WCC First Team... College Sports Madness All-WCC Second Team... Scored 3 goals in the NCAA Tournament, including the game winner against UC Berkeley in the first round... Led the team to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament... **2012:** All-WCC First Team... 2012 NCAA Division I Women All-West Region Second Team... **2011:** All-WCC First Team... 2011 WCC All-Freshman Team... WCC Player of the Month for October...

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MORGAN PROFFITT

D/M



**HEIGHT:** 5'-6"  
**DOB:** August 22, 1994  
**HOMETOWN:** Columbus, IN  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** Marquette University  
**LAST CLUB:** Marquette University  
**AQUIRED:** Drafted, 2017

**PROFESSIONAL: 2017:** Drafted 12th overall to the Chicago Red Stars in the 2017 NWSL College Draft

**INTERNATIONAL: 2017:** Called into U.S. U23 NT camp ... **2016:** Competed with the U.S. U-23 WNT at the Nordic tournament in England, winning a gold medal

**COLLEGE:** Finished her time at Marquette University with 10 goals and three assists in 85 games ... 2015 and 2016 All-BIG EAST First Team ... 2016 MAC Herman Trophy Watch List ... 2016 BIG EAST Conference Player of the Year ... 2016 BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year ... 2014 All-BIG EAST Second Team

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SARAH GORDEN

D



**HEIGHT:** 5'-4"  
**DOB:** September 13, 1992  
**HOMETOWN:** Elk Grove, IL  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** DePaul University  
**LAST CLUB:** DePaul University  
**AQUIRED:** Drafted, 2016

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Appeared in 4 matches her rookie campaign ... Played 81 minutes on the backline against FC Kansas City ... Drafted by the Red Stars with their 2nd pick of the NWSL College Draft, 22nd overall

**COLLEGE: 2015:** First ever DePaul soccer player selected in NWSL Draft ... All-BIG EAST First Team ... NSCAA All-Northeast Region First Team ... Started all 20 matches ... BIG-EAST Defensive Player of the Week four times **2014:** BIG EAST All-Tournament Team ... All-BIG EAST Second Team ... NSCAA All-Northeast Region First Team ... Anchored backline that gave up fewest goals in BIG EAST ... 1 assist ... **2012:** Appeared in 19 games with 18 starts ... **2011:** Started in all 17 matches she appeared in ... Scored golden goal in an overtime victory

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SAMANTHA JOHNSON

D



**HEIGHT:** 5'-6"  
**DOB:** June 10, 1991  
**HOMETOWN:** Palmdale, CA  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** University of Southern California  
**LAST CLUB:** University of Southern California  
**AQUIRED:** Open tryouts, 2014

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Started in 19 matches as centerback ... Part of the Red Stars defensive unit that set an NWSL record in shutout minutes (485) ... Was on loan during offseason to Meblourne Victory ... **2015:** Played in 14 games with 13 starts ... Totaled 1215 minutes primary as a centerback ... **2014:** Registered 12 appearances and 11 starts for Chicago after making the team through the open tryouts... Assisted on one goal and took 3 shots... Spent the NWSL off-season with Sydney FC of the Australian W-League.

**INTERNATIONAL: 2010-2009:** Member of the U-18 and U-20 U.S. Women's National Team... **2008:** Member of the U.S. side that won a silver medal at the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup... Won the U-17 CONCACAF Championship... **2006-2007:** Member of the U-16 USWNT...

**COLLEGE: 2012:** Starting midfielder/forward for the University of Southern California... Collected All-Pac-12 honorable mention and Pac-12 Player of the Week accolades... **2011:** Started all 20 games... Scored 2 goals, one against WSU and one at UCLA... Goal against WSU was the fastest in USC program history, scored 14 seconds into the match on September 25... **2010:** Appeared in all 22 games and started 8... Matched her freshman-year scoring total with 4 goals... Scored the game-winning goal at Eastern Washington... Finished the season with 8 points. **2009:** Appeared in 20 games with 19 starts... Was second on the team in goals (4), assists (4) and points (12)... Scored the game-winning goal in USC's 1-0 win over Oklahoma State on September 20... Named to Pac-10 All-Freshman Team... First career goal came against Cal State Fullerton on September 4... Also added her first career assists against Cal State Fullerton, setting up the game-winner as well as the final USC goal.

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MICHELE DALTON

GK



**HEIGHT:** 5'-7"  
**DOB:** November 5, 1988  
**HOMETOWN:** Mount Prospect, IL  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** University of Wisconsin  
**LAST CLUB:** Kvarnsvedens IK  
**ACQUIRED:** Trialist - preseason camp, 2015

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Started in 6 games ... Finished with 1.00 GAA ... **2015:** Started in 12 games ... Goalkeeping leader in NWSL with 0.917 GAA ... Second in NWSL with 5 shutouts ... 3rd in league with wins despite not playing in 8 ... Totaled 47 saves ... Joined the Red Stars for her first professional year in the NWSL **2014:** Played for Swedish second-division side Kvarnsvedens IK, posting 7 shutouts and a 1.19 goals-against average... **2013:** Played for UMF Selfoss in the Icelandic top flight... **2012:** Laced up for Philadelphia Fever of the WPSL-Elite.

**COLLEGE: 2011:** Started all 20 games... **2010:** Started in 18 games and ranked 5th in the NCAA with a .471 goals against average... Recorded 80 saves... Named Big Ten Co-Defensive Player of the Week three times... Notched 11 shutouts on the season... Helped the team advance to the second round in the NCAA tournament... **2009:** Played in 20 games with 19 starts... Posted an 8-6-6 record and recorded seven shutouts, tying her for 9th in Wisconsin history... 95 total saves with a 1.16 goals-against average... **2007:** Redshirted the season.

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SUMMER GREEN

M



**HEIGHT:** 5'-6"  
**DOB:** May 25, 1995  
**HOMETOWN:** Bloomington, IL  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** University of North Carolina  
**LAST CLUB:** Seattle Reign  
**ACQUIRED:** Trade, 2016

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Traded to the Chicago Red Stars on Dec. 16 ... Drafted 30th overall to Seattle Reign FC in the 2016 NWSL College Draft ... Did not play her rookie season due to a knee injury

**INTERNATIONAL: 2014:** A member of the U.S. team that won the 2014 CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship in the Caymans Islands to earn a berth to the World Cup ... She played in four games, starting three and scored one goal with three assists ... **2012:** Played in the 2012 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in Azerbaijan, starting all three games while playing 261 minutes and scoring two goals ... Ended her U-17 career with 19 goals in 24 caps, the highest goal total ever for a female U.S. player at that age level ... 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 ... Set a record by scoring 12 goals in five games, the most ever by an American player in any World Cup qualifying tournament at any level ... Started all five games during qualifying in Guatemala but scored her 12 goals in 398 minutes, giving her a goal every 33 minutes on the field ... Scored five goals against the Bahamas to tie a U.S. record for most goals in a single game at any level ... Also scored one against Trinidad & Tobago, three against Mexico to earn the USA first place in the group and then another hat trick in the semifinal against Panama as the USA earned its berth to the U-17 Women's World Cup ... Assisted on the lone goal in the 1-0 championship game win over Canada as she set up Amber Muenirlyn with a deft back-heel flick to spring her on a breakthrough ... The team leader in international goals and assists in 2012 with 17 goals and nine assists ... Scored against the Germany U-17s and twice against the China U-17s ... **2010-2008:** Played for the U.S. U-17s at the 2010 Nordic Cup, helping the USA to the title ... Attended the U.S. Soccer U-14 I.D. Camp as 12-year-old in 2008 and then again 2009 ... Played up with the U.S. U-15s in several training camps in 2009 ... Played with the U-15s in 2010.

**COLLEGE:** Graduated high school a year early and played for North Carolina Tar Heels (Green continued) starting in 2012 ... Finished her career at North Carolina with 18 goals and 20 assists ... Named to the 2014 MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List ... Multiple ACC Player of the Week honors ... Named to first teams of Soccer America All-Freshman Team and Top Drawer Soccer Freshman Team of the Season ... ACC All-Freshman Team ... 2012 NCAA Division 1 Women's Soccer Champions

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CHRISTEN PRESS

M/F



**HEIGHT:** 5'-7"  
**DOB:** December 29, 1988  
**HOMETOWN:** Palos Verdes, CA  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** Stanford University  
**LAST CLUB:** Tyreso FF  
**ACQUIRED:** Allocated, 2014

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** A constant attacking threat, she tallied a team high eight goals during the season, including one penalty kick, and earned the league's most shots on goal with 39 ... Started 14 matches, totaling 1260 minutes ... Scored a late game-tying goal to send Chicago into overtime during the Semifinal match against Washington Spirit on September 30 ... Named to NWSL Best XI ... **2015:** Appeared in 12 matches ... Led team in goals at 11 ... Named to the NWSL Best XI Team ... Team MVP ... **2014:** Started in all 12 of her games with Chicago, scoring 6 goals, one of which was a game-winner... Took 42 shots with 26 on goal... Allocated to the Red Stars after finishing up the season with her Swedish side Tyreso FF... First American to claim the Golden Boot award in the Swedish top flight... Scored 23 goals on the season... **2013:** Spent the campaign with Tyreso FF... **2012:** Played for Swedish side Kopparbergs/Göteborgs FC... 2011: 4th overall pick by WPS side magicJack... Played in 17 matches and scored 8 goals... Named WPS Rookie of the Year...

**INTERNATIONAL: 2017:** Has appeared in every game in 2017 for U.S. WNT as of April 10 ... Started two of three SheBelieves Cup matches, playing 151 total minutes ... **2016:** One of two players to have appeared in all 25 matches ... Scored her first goal of the season on Feb. 10 during a 5-0 victory against Costa Rica ... Four-game scoring streak in Oct. and Nov. against Switzerland and Romania ... Scored her fourth career hat trick on Nov. 10 against Romania ... Finished the year with 12 goals and five assists ... **2015:** Member of the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup champion U.S. Women's National Team ... Competed in 18 games ... Played in the Algarve Cup in Portugal and scored one of the goals in the 2-0 final win over France... **2014:** Earned 23 caps and 14 starts, scoring 11 goals and assisting on 5... Helped the USWNT qualify for the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup... Played in the International Tournament of Brasilia... **2013:** Member of the USWNT player pool... **2012:** First appearance for the USWNT in April... An alternate for the Olympic Team... 5th USWNT player to score at least four goals in her first four matches... **2010:** Scored three times in three matches for the U-23 USWNT, including in a 1-0 victory over Sweden that won the U.S. the Four Nations Tournament in England... Started in the 2-2 draws with the U-23 sides of Germany and South Korea... **2009:** One of 24 players called into U-23 USWNT training camp in June... Scored against an Irish select side during a U-23 two-match tour of Ireland and Northern Ireland...

**COLLEGE:** Played for Stanford University from 2007-2010 ... **2010:** MAC Hermann Trophy winner... Won National Player of the Year awards from Soccer America and Top Drawer Soccer... Named Pac-10 Conference Player of the Year... National leader in goals with 26 and points with 60... Her 26 goals tied the school's single-season scoring record, set in 2009 by Kelley O'Hara... The Cardinal's all-time scorer in NCAA Tournament play with 13 goals... Scored her first collegiate hat trick in a 6-1 victory over Utah in Santa Clara on September 17 ... **2009:** Had the second-highest scoring season in Stanford history, with 21 goals and 16 assists for 58 points... Set Stanford season records for assists and shots... Ranked third in the nation in shots and was tied for the lead in assists... Had seven game-winning goals... Received her first All-America honor by being named to the NSCAA Second Team... All-Pac-10 First Team... Pac-10 All-Academic Second Team... CoSIDA Academic All-District 8 Second Team... Semifinalist for the Hermann Trophy... **2008:** Had 16 goals and 11 assists (43 points), the second-highest single-season point total in school history at the time... Top Drawer Soccer Second Team All-American... Second Team All-Pac-10... One of five to start every game... **2007:** Pac-10 Freshman of the Year... Soccer Buzz Freshman of the Year finalist and First-Team Freshman All-American... Top Drawer Soccer First-Team All-Rookie selection... Second-Team All-Pac-10... Pac-10 All-Freshman team... Started in 18 of 21 appearances... Led the team in assists (6) and was second in goals (8), points (22) and shots (60).

**24****DANIELLE COLAPRICO****M**

**PRONUNCIATION:** COLE-ah-PRE-co  
**HEIGHT:** 5'-3"  
**DOB:** May 6, 1993  
**HOMETOWN:** Freehold, NJ  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** University of Virginia  
**LAST CLUB:** University of Virginia  
**AQUIRED:** Drafted, 2015

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Started all 20 games for Chicago ... Named to NWSL Second XI ... Finished with 1 goal, 2 assists ... Played on loan during offseason with Adelaide United in W-League **2015:** Drafted by Chicago in the 1st round of the 2014 NWSL College Draft... Played and started in 21 games for the Red Stars... Led team in minutes ... Scored 1 goal, which was a game-winner... ...Awarded NWSL Rookie of the Year

**INTERNATIONAL: 2016:** Called into October camp ... Received first full team U.S. National Team call-up in January ... **2015:** Called up to U-23s for La Magna tournament in Spain... Started in one of her 3 matches at La Manga and score in the 2-0 win over Norway.

**COLLEGE:** Virginia's all-time leader in assists (44) and appearances (100) ... **2014:** MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist... Second-Team NSCAA All-American... Soccer America MVP... First-Team NSCAA Scholar All-American... ACC Midfielder of the Year... First-Team All-ACC... First-Team NSCAA All-Southeast Region... NCAA All-Tournament Team... ACC All-Tournament Team... Virginia Nike Soccer Classic MVP... Started all 26 games... Had 6 goals and a UVA single-season record 19 assists (led ACC) ... Had a career-high seven-game point streak... **2013:** Third-Team NSCAA All-American... First-Team NSCAA All-Southeast Region... Second-Team All-ACC... First-team NSCAA Scholar All-American... Appeared in all 26 games, starting 24... Had 5 goals and 13 assists for 23 points... Ranked second in assists in the ACC... Virginia Nike Soccer Classic MVP... **2012:** NSCAA Second-Team All-Southeast Region... Appeared in all 24 games, starting 18... Had 5 goals and a team-high 9 assists for 19 points... Had a goal and 2 assists in NCAA second round win over Rutgers (first game-winning goal of her career)... Virginia Nike Soccer Classic All-Tournament Team... **2011:** ACC All-Freshman Team... Appeared in all 24 games, starting 8... Had 3 goals and 3 assists for 9 points... Scored first 2 career goals against Richmond... Had game-winning assist against Clemson on Morgan Brian's goal.

**34****MARY LUBA****M**

**PRONUNCIATION:** LOO-buh  
**HEIGHT:** 5'-8"  
**DOB:** August 20, 1993  
**HOMETOWN:** Shorewood, WI  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** Marquette University  
**LAST CLUB:** Marquette University  
**AQUIRED:** Signed from Red Stars Reserves, 2015

**PROFESSIONAL: 2016:** Appeared in one match ... **2015:** Signed to the Chicago Red Stars from the Chicago Red Stars Reserves on September 2 ... Appeared in one game

**CHICAGO RED STARS RESERVES:** Was a part of the Red Stars Reserves team that won the 2015 Women's Premier Soccer League national championship... Had a part in four out of the five goals scored in the WPSL final, including scoring the first goal and assisting on the game winning goal

**INTERNATIONAL: 2014:** Invited to U-23 USWNT summer training sessions.

**COLLEGE: 2014:** NSCAA/Continental Tire NCAA Division I Women's All-Northeast Region second team... All-BIG EAST First Team at Marquette University... **2013:** Ranked No. 18 on Top Drawer Soccer's BIG EAST Conference Top 20 list... Outstanding Offensive Player of the BIG EAST Tournament... BIG EAST All-Tournament team... NSCAA/Continental Tire Women's NCAA Division I All-Northeast Region Third Team... Named to All-BIG EAST Second Team

**30****LAUREN KASKIE****M**

**HEIGHT:** 5'-5"  
**DOB:** September 18, 1995  
**HOMETOWN:** Las Vegas, NV  
**CITIZENSHIP:** USA  
**COLLEGE:** University of California, Los Angeles  
**LAST CLUB:** University of California, Los Angeles  
**AQUIRED:** Drafted, 2017

**PROFESSIONAL: 2017:** Drafted in the 2017 NWSL College Draft by Chicago with the 39th overall pick

**INTERNATIONAL: 2014:** Member of the U.S. U-20 National Team that won the 2014 CONCACAF U-20 Women's Championship ... **2012:** Member of the U.S. U-17 National Team that won the 2012 CONCACAF U-17 Women's Championship

**COLLEGE: 2016:** Appeared in all 22 games for UCLA ... Recorded an assist against Florida ... **2015:** Played in all 19 games with 12 starts ... Scored 2 goals, including the game-winner at Wake Forest ... **2014:** Appeared in all 24 games, starting seven ... **2013:** Pac-12 All-Freshman selection ... Appeared in all 26 games ... Scored one goal, a game-winner against Stanford in double overtime ... Converted a penalty against Virginia in the Bruins' NCAA semifinal shootout

# COACHES & TECHNICAL STAFF



## **RORY DAMES** HEAD COACH

Rory Dames will be entering his sixth season at the helm of the Red Stars, after leading them to two league finals and a USASA's National Women's Cup triumph in 2012.

Dames also serves as the Director of Coaching and Player Development for Chicago's Eclipse Select Soccer Club, which consisted of three teams when the Illinois native took over in 1996 and today boasts over 50 male and female teams with more than 750 players ranging from ages 8-19.

Dames has led Eclipse Select to many accomplishments over the past ten years, including being recognized as the top girls soccer club in the nation by Soccer America in 2007 and 2008, as well as by NationalSoccerRanking.com in 2007. Over the years, Dames has led the club to eight national championships, six national finals, eleven regional championships, 17 UYSA MRL championships and 37 Illinois State Cup championships.

Born and raised in Chicagoland, the Red Stars Head Coach played his high school soccer at St. Viator in Arlington Heights until graduating in 1991. Next, he went on to star for St. Louis University, winning several conference championships and making an appearance in the NCAA Final Four. Dames then joined the Rockford Raptors for one professional season.

After his college career, Dames went on to coach not only Eclipse Select but also his high school alma mater. He would serve as Varsity Girls Head Coach at St. Viator for eight seasons (1997-2005) and guide his teams to seven conference championships and seven regional titles. Dames made five trips to the Elite Eight during his tenure at St. Viator, winning three state championships.

The man in charge of the Red Stars continues his work at the youth level, having turned Eclipse Select into one of the best known and most respected girls clubs in the nation. He also serves as the ID2 National Girls Director. Dames currently resides in Antioch, Illinois.

## **JORDI KING** GOALKEEPER COACH

Jordi King will be returning for his second year at the goalkeeper coach for the Chicago Red Stars. A standout goalkeeper at U.C. Riverside, King played professionally overseas for Cardiff City (Europe) and Kispest Honved (Hungary), before returning to play in the MLS for Chivas USA and L.A. Galaxy.

After retiring from professional soccer, King began his coaching career with the UCLA Women's Soccer program. Along with his current responsibility with the Red Stars, King is a scout for the U.S Women's National Team and an assistant coach for the U-17 U.S. Women's National Team, who recently won the CONCACAF World Cup Qualifiers.

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## **BONNIE YOUNG** 1<sup>ST</sup> ASSISTANT COACH

Bonnie Young returns for her second season as the first assistant to the Red Stars after playing for Chicago during the 2009 WPS season. After an outstanding playing career at Penn State, earning multiple All-Big Ten accolades, Young was drafted with the 14th overall pick in the 2002 W-USL Draft to the New York Power. Young spent several years in the professional ranks, including time with the New Jersey Wildcats where she helped guide the team to a W-League Championship in 2005. After four years with the Wildcats she would play for Sky Blue FC before eventually landing with the Chicago Red Stars.

In addition to her vast playing experience, Young brings over eleven years of collegiate coaching experience to the Red Stars. Young began her coaching career at Rhode Island University as an assistant coach for the 2004-2005 season, followed by five years at Monmouth University (New Jersey). Most recently, Young was the head coach at North Central College (Illinois), where she also served as the Director of the Strength and Conditioning Program. Since relocating to Illinois, Young has been the Senior Girls Director at NSA Premier, a Region II ODP Coach, and is still currently working as a U.S. Soccer Training Center coach.

Young holds a number of coaching qualifications, which includes a NSCAA Premier Diploma, NSCAA Director of Coaching Diploma and a USSF "B" License.



## **BRIAN KIBLER** 2<sup>ND</sup> ASSISTANT COACH

Brian Kibler joins the Red Stars for his second season and has over over 20 years of experience coaching. Currently the Director of Player Development and Programming for Eclipse Select S.C., Kibler has been a prominent youth coach in Illinois since 1995. Kibler currently holds a USSF "A" License, NCSAA Advanced National Diploma and USSF "Fitness 1" License.

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## ABOUT

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).

# NWSL RULES & 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.

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## **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 RULES & REGULATIONS

## **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.

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## 2017 COMPETITION CALENDAR

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

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# NWSL SCHEDULE

(ALL TIMES CST)

## SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017

Houston Dash vs. Chicago Red Stars	1:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Orlando Pride	2:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. North Carolina Courage	2:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Sky Blue FC	9:00 PM

## SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

FC Kansas City vs. Boston Breakers	5:00 PM
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## SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. FC Kansas City	3:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Washington Spirit	3:00 PM
North Carolina Courage vs. Portland Thorns FC	6:30 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Houston Dash	9:00 PM

## SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Sky Blue FC	3:00 PM
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## SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

North Carolina Courage vs. Orlando Pride	3:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Chicago Red Stars	3:00 PM
Boston Breakers vs. Seattle Reign FC	6:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Houston Dash	6:00 PM

## SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

Sky Blue FC vs. FC Kansas City	5:00 PM
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## SATURDAY, MAY 06, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. Houston Dash	3:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Sky Blue FC	6:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Seattle Reign FC	9:00 PM

## SUNDAY, MAY 07, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. North Carolina Courage	5:00 PM
FC Kansas City vs. Orlando Pride	5:00 PM

## SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

Houston Dash vs. Sky Blue FC	3:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Washington Spirit	3:00 PM
FC Kansas City vs. Portland Thorns FC	3:00 PM

## SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

Orlando Pride vs. North Carolina Courage	4:00 PM
Chicago Red Stars vs. Boston Breakers	5:00 PM

## FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Portland Thorns FC	6:00 PM
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## SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017

Sky Blue FC vs. Houston Dash	3:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. FC Kansas City	6:00 PM

## SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

North Carolina Courage vs. Chicago Red Stars	3:00 PM
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Seattle Reign FC vs. Orlando Pride	8:30 PM
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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

North Carolina Courage vs. Sky Blue FC	6:30 PM
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## SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. North Carolina Courage	3:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Seattle Reign FC	3:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Orlando Pride	6:00 PM
FC Kansas City vs. Washington Spirit	7:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Boston Breakers	9:00 PM

## SATURDAY, JUNE 03, 2017

North Carolina Courage vs. FC Kansas City	3:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Portland Thorns FC	6:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Houston Dash	6:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Boston Breakers	6:30 PM

## SUNDAY, JUNE 04, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. Seattle Reign FC	2:00 PM
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## SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. Washington Spirit	3:00 PM
FC Kansas City vs. Seattle Reign FC	3:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Orlando Pride	7:30 PM
North Carolina Courage vs. Boston Breakers	6:30 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Sky Blue FC	9:00 PM

## SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. North Carolina Courage	3:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Houston Dash	3:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Portland Thorns FC	6:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. FC Kansas City	9:00 PM

## SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. Sky Blue FC	5:00 PM
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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017

Sky Blue FC vs. Orlando Pride	6:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Boston Breakers	7:30 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. FC Kansas City	9:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Chicago Red Stars	9:30 PM

## SATURDAY, JULY 01, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Washington Spirit	3:00 PM
North Carolina Courage vs. Sky Blue FC	3:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Chicago Red Stars	4:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Portland Thorns FC	9:00 PM

## SUNDAY, JULY 02, 2017

FC Kansas City vs. Houston Dash	7:00 PM
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## FRIDAY, JULY 07, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Chicago Red Stars	6:00 PM
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# NWSL SCHEDULE

(ALL TIMES CST)

## SATURDAY, JULY 08, 2017

North Carolina Courage vs. Seattle Reign FC	3:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Orlando Pride	3:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. FC Kansas City	6:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Portland Thorns FC	7:30 PM

## SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017

Portland Thorns FC vs. North Carolina Courage	3:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Boston Breakers	3:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Chicago Red Stars	6:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Washington Spirit	7:30 PM
Orlando Pride vs. FC Kansas City	6:30 PM

## SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. Orlando Pride	3:00 PM
FC Kansas City vs. North Carolina Courage	3:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Boston Breakers	7:30 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Washington Spirit	9:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Sky Blue FC	9:00 PM

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 04, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. FC Kansas City	6:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Washington Spirit	6:00 PM

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 05, 2017

North Carolina Courage vs. Seattle Reign FC	3:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Houston Dash	3:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Chicago Red Stars	6:30 PM

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 08, 2017

Orlando Pride vs. Washington Spirit	6:30 PM
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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

Orlando Pride vs. Sky Blue FC	3:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Boston Breakers	3:00 PM
Chicago Red Stars vs. Portland Thorns FC	7:00 PM

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

Houston Dash vs. FC Kansas City	7:30 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. North Carolina Courage	8:00 PM

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Houston Dash	6:30 PM
Chicago Red Stars vs. Seattle Reign FC	7:00 PM
FC Kansas City vs. Portland Thorns FC	7:00 PM

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Orlando Pride	3:00 PM
North Carolina Courage vs. Washington Spirit	3:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Seattle Reign FC	6:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Houston Dash	9:00 PM

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

Chicago Red Stars vs. FC Kansas City	5:00 PM
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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017

FC Kansas City vs. Orlando Pride	3:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. Portland Thorns FC	3:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Boston Breakers	6:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Chicago Red Stars	6:00 PM

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017

Houston Dash vs. North Carolina Courage	7:00 PM
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## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017

Washington Spirit vs. North Carolina Courage	6:30 PM
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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 02, 2017

Orlando Pride vs. Boston Breakers	3:00 PM
Portland Thorns FC vs. Washington Spirit	3:00 PM

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2017

FC Kansas City vs. Sky Blue FC	5:00 PM
Chicago Red Stars vs. North Carolina Courage	5:00 PM
Houston Dash vs. Seattle Reign FC	7:00 PM

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2017

FC Kansas City vs. Chicago Red Stars	3:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Seattle Reign FC	3:00 PM
North Carolina Courage vs. Houston Dash	6:30 PM

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Boston Breakers vs. Portland Thorns FC	5:00 PM
Sky Blue FC vs. Washington Spirit	5:00 PM

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

Houston Dash vs. Chicago Red Stars	3:00 PM
Orlando Pride vs. Portland Thorns FC	4:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Boston Breakers	6:00 PM

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Sky Blue FC vs. North Carolina Courage	5:00 PM
Seattle Reign FC vs. FC Kansas City	8:00 PM

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

FC Kansas City vs. Houston Dash	7:00 PM
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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Portland Thorns FC vs. Chicago Red Stars	3:00 PM
Boston Breakers vs. Sky Blue FC	6:00 PM
Washington Spirit vs. Seattle Reign FC	6:00 PM
North Carolina Courage vs. Orlando Pride	6:30 PM

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## 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:

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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").

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## 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 10th Ranking will go to the winner of the NWSL Championship Game, the 9th Ranking will go to the loser of the NWSL Championship Game, the 8th Ranking will be given to the team with the highest playoff seeding that lost in a Semi-Final Game, and the 7th Ranking will be given to the team with the lowest playoff seeding that lost in a Semi-Final Game. The 6th through 1st Rankings will be given to the non-playoff teams in reverse order of finish, such that the 1st Ranking will be provided to the team with the lowest position in the NWSL table. The 11th Ranking will be provided to the Expansion Team.

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- 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) 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.
- D) 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).
- E) 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.

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## 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

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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.

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## 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

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- 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

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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 Health 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.

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## 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.

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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.

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## 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.

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## 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 (2nd) 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.

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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.

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### 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.

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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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