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STADIUM & FACILITIES

BOX OFFICE

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

TAILGATING

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TRAINING GROUNDS

SeatGeek Stadium

Media interested in attending and/or conducting interviews must contact Lindsay Goldner:

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May 3, 10, 17, 24

Goalkeeper Academy Block 2
May 7, 14, 21

JUNE

Elite Academy at Trinity International
June 18-20

Golden Boot Academy
June 21-24

College ID
June 27

JULY

Chicago Red Stars Academy - Milwaukee
July 10-11

Elite Academy at Benedictine
July 16-18

Chicago Red Stars Academy - Glen Ellyn
July 19-23

College ID
July 25

AUGUST

Elite Academy at SeatGeek
August 6-8

Goalkeeper Academy Block 3
August 6, 13, 20

Preseason Academy
August 9-12



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MAY 22 | 7:00PM
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KANSAS CITY

MAY 29 | 6:30PM
HOUSTON DASH

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JUNE 22 | 9:00PM
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JUNE 26 | 1:00PM
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JULY 2 | 6:30PM
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JULY 11 | 5:00PM
HOUSTON DASH

JULY 18 | 5:00PM
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JULY 25 | 4:00PM
NJ/NY GOTHAM FC

AUGUST 1 | 5:00PM
WASHINGTON SPIRIT

AUGUST 8 | 5:00PM
ORLANDO PRIDE

AUGUST 15 | 5:00PM
NORTH CAROLINA COURAGE

AUGUST 18 | 6:30PM
RACING LOUISVILLE FC

AUGUST 28 | 7:00PM
KANSAS CITY

SEPTEMBER 4 | 6:00PM
NJ/NY GOTHAM FC

SEPTEMBER 10 | 7:30PM
HOUSTON DASH

SEPTEMBER 25 | 7:00PM
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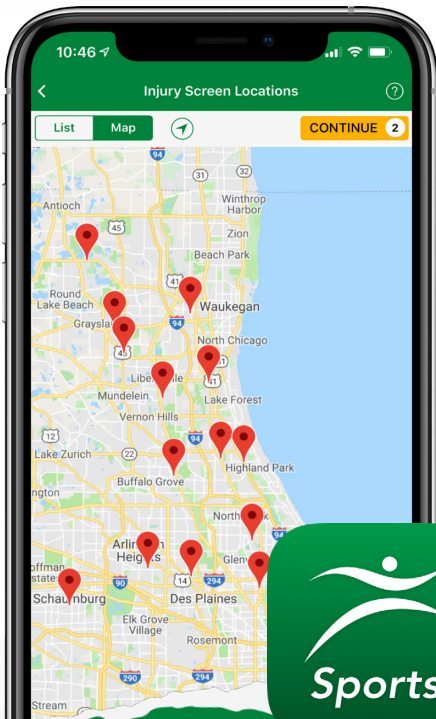
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ROSTER

	POSITION	HEIGHT	DOB	HOMETOWN
#1 NAEHER, ALYSSA	GK	5' 9"	4/20/1988	BRIDGEPORT, CT
#2 WATT, KELAIA	F	5' 4"	1/30/1992	DRAPER, UT
#3 WRIGHT, ARIN	D	5' 7"	12/25/1992	LEXINGTON, KY
#4 MAUTZ, ALYSSA	F	5' 5"	7/29/1989	ST. LOUIS, MO
#5 HILL, RACHEL	F	5' 4"	4/17/1995	ROLLINSFORD, NH
#6 KRUEGER, CASEY	D	5' 6"	9/23/1990	NAPERVILLE, IL
#7 STANTON, NIKKI	M	5' 7"	10/26/1990	NORTH BEND, WA
#8 ERTZ, JULIE	M	5' 7"	4/6/1992	MESA, AZ
#9 PUGH, MALLORY	F	5' 4"	4/29/1998	LITTLETON, CO
#10 DIBERNARDO, VANESSA	M	5' 4"	5/12/1992	NAPERVILLE, IL
#11 GORDEN, SARAH	D	5' 4"	9/3/1992	ELK GROVE, IL
#13 GAUTRAT, MORGAN	M	5' 7"	2/26/1993	ST. SIMMONS ISLAND, GA
#14 MORSE, ZOE	D	5' 9"	4/1/1998	EAST LANSING, MI
#15 DONIAK, MAKENZY	F	5' 8"	2/25/1994	CHINO HILLS, CA
#16 WOLDMOE, SARAH	M	5' 8"	7/27/1992	FORT WAYNE, IN
#18 STEVENS, ELLA	M	5' 8"	12/11/1997	GRAYSON, GA
#19 LUEBBERT, SARAH	F	5' 7"	12/16/1997	JEFFERSON CITY, MO
#21 BOYD, EMILY	GK	5' 9"	7/25/1996	SEATTLE, WA
#22 ST. GEORGES, BIANCA	D	5' 5"	7/28/1997	QUEBEC, CANADA
#23 MILAZZO, TATUMN	D	5' 7"	4/17/1998	ORLAND PARK, IL
#24 COLAPRICO, DANIELLE	M	5' 3"	5/6/1993	FREEHOLD, NJ
#26 DAVIDSON, TIERNA	D	5' 10"	9/28/1998	MENLO PARK, CA
#28 SHARPLES, KAYLA	D	5' 11"	6/17/1997	NAPERVILLE, IL
#32 GORALSKI, ZOEY	F	5' 3"	1/22/1995	NAPERVILLE, IL
#33 JOHNSON, KATIE	F	5' 9"	9/14/1994	MONROVA, CA
#38 MILLER, CASSIE	GK	5' 5"	4/28/1995	CAVE CREEK, AZ



#1 ALYSSA NAEHER

GK

PRONUNCIATION: NAY-er

CITIZENSHIP: USA

HEIGHT: 5'-9"

COLLEGE: Penn State University

DOB: April 20, 1988

LAST CLUB: Boston Breakers

HOMETOWN: Bridgeport, CT

ACQUIRED: Trade, 2016

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Started in 10 games, playing 900 minutes. Earned two clean sheets in the NWSL Challenge Cup en route to helping Chicago reach the Championship... 2019: Started in 16 games, playing 1,440 minutes in goal, including the whole 90 minutes in the final against North Carolina... Earned 7 clean sheets, saving 51 shots... Named to NWSL Second XI... Earned Team of the Month in September... Clinched Save of the Week (Wk 23)... 2018: Started and played 23 games, including the semifinal against North Carolina... Earned 7 clean sheets, saving 69 shots... Named to the NWSL Team of the Month in June... Earned Save of the Week and Player of the Week honors for her club record 12 saves against North Carolina in Week 6... 2017: Started and played 23 games, including the semifinal against North Carolina... Earned six clean sheets, saving 64 shots... Earned two NWSL Save of the Week honors... 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 goals 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 Naeher... 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 an 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 goal 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 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: 2020: Started in 7 games for the WNT, earning a clean sheet in all 7 matches. Helped the U.S.A. qualify for the 2020 Olympics and won the 2020 SheBelieves Cup. 2019: Played and started 19 games, won the FIFA World Cup with the WNT, starting in all seven matches... 2018: Started all three SheBelieves Cup matches, conceding just one goal... Earned seven shutouts, including four during the CONCACAF Women's Championship... Totaled 15 caps during WNT's unbeaten 2018 run... 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.





#2 KEALIA WATT

F

PRONUNCIATION: kay-lee-ah

CITIZENSHIP: USA

HEIGHT: 5'-5"

COLLEGE: USC

DOB: January 31, 1992

LAST CLUB: Houston Dash

HOMETOWN: Draper, UT

ACQUIRED: Trade, 2020

PROFESSIONAL: 2020 (CHICAGO RED STARS): Started in 10 matches for Chicago, playing 870 minutes...tied for the team lead with two goals and two assists in the 2020 NWSL Fall Series... Scored a brace vs Sky Blue FC on 9/20 and was named Budweiser Woman of the Week....2019 (HOUSTON DASH): Appeared in 23 games...totaled 1,802 minutes...tallied one assist...played 74 minutes of season opener against RFC, posting two shots...scored her first goal of the season vs. UTAH on 5/5...2018 (HOUSTON DASH): Scored five goals...played in 18 games... 2017 (HOUSTON DASH): Named to 2017 April NWSL Team of the Month...2016 (HOUSTON DASH): Finished with a club-record 11 goals and finished second for the Golden Boot due to the tiebreaker (assists)...voted Week 15 and Week 17 NWSL Player of the Week in 2016... 2014 (HOUSTON DASH): Made her season debut on 4/22 in 1-0 loss at Orlando...

INTERNATIONAL: Called up to U.S. WNT Camp October of 2020...Made her USWNT debut on October in 2016...scored the winning goal in final of FIFA U-20 World Cup in 2012, a 1-0 victory over Germany...scored the fastest goal in a US Women's Soccer Match.

COLLEGE: Second leading scorer on team in 2011 with 18 points...tied for the team lead in goals scored with six and tied for third on the squad in assists with six...started all 20 matches during the campaign, playing 1,408 minutes... tied for the team lead in game-winning goals with three...had game-winner against Houston and then again in 1-0 wins against Duke and Boston College...scored the game winner against Duke with only 2:45 left in regulation... second-team All-ACC selection • tapped for All-ACC Academic Team for second straight year...amed to 2012 ACC Academic Honor Roll...copped Dean's List honors in fall semester 2011...named to Hermann Trophy Preseason Watch List for 2011...tapped by Top Drawer Soccer To Its Preseason Top 100 list for 2011





#3 ARIN WRIGHT

D

Pronunciation: Right

Citizenship: USA

Height: 5'-5"

College: University of Kentucky

Date of Birth: January 31, 1992

Last Club: N/A

Hometown: Lexington, KY

Acquired: NWSL College Draft

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Made 1 appearance for Chicago in the NWSL Fall Series finale, playing 33 minutes...2019: Made 17 appearances, playing 1,505 minutes...scored her first career goal against SEA...recorded one goal and one assist. 2018: Appeared in 25 games, starting 24, including the semifinal... totaled 2130 minutes and 69 clearances... loaned to Newcastle Jets in the W-League during the offseason, starting in eight matches and scoring two goals... 2017: Appeared in 23 games, starting 22, including the semifinal...totalled 1855 minutes...loaned to Newcastle Jets in the W-League during the offseason, starting 13 games and scoring six goals... 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 a member of the United States U-20 & 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)... First in shots in the SEC (87)... 2013: MAC Hermann Award finalist... Third-Team NSCAA All-American... First-Team All-SEC... Tied UK single-game record with three assists against ECU... 20th nationally in assists per game... 27th nationally in total assists... 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, Fresh-man All-SEC... Appeared in every game but one as a true freshman... Started in 8 of the final 9 games...





#4 ALYSSA MAUTZ

M

PRONUNCIATION: MAH-tz

CITIZENSHIP: USA

HEIGHT: 5'-4"

COLLEGE: Texas A&M University

DOB: July 29, 1989

LAST CLUB: N/A

HOMETOWN: St.Louis, MO

ACQUIRED: Signed with Chicago in 2012

PROFESSIONAL: 2018: Appeared in 24 games, starting in 21... scored five goals in 1,769 minutes for Chicago, including two goals each against Portland and New Jersey... loaned to Perth Glory in the W-League during the off-season, starting in all 13 of her appearances and scoring five goals and assisting on three more... 2017: Appeared in all 25 matches for Chicago, one of two players on the team to do so...earned two goals in 1416 minutes... loaned to Adelaide United in the W-League during the offseason, starting all 12 matches and scoring two goals... 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... 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.

COLLEGE: 2010: Started all 23 matches... Named NSCAA National Player of the Week (Sept. 1) and Big 12 Player of the Week (Aug. 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 match-es 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





#5 RACHEL HILL

F

PRONUNCIATION: N/A

HEIGHT: 5'-5"

DOB: April 17, 1995

HOMETOWN: Rollinsford, NH

CITIZENSHIP: USA

COLLEGE: University of Connecticut

LAST CLUB: Orlando Pride

ACQUIRED: Trade, 2020

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Played in 7 matches for Chicago in the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup, playing 510 minutes...scored a goal against Sky Blue FC in the semifinal...joined Swedish side Linköpings on loan during the fall...played in eight matches and scored in two...2019: Joined Perth Glory for the 2018-19 off-season...Played in 14 matches for Perth...Scored six goals... Led Perth to a runner-up finish in the W-League ... 2018: Appeared in 21 matches for the Pride...Started seven games...Scored four goals...Played her first season in Australia, joining Perth Glory for the 2017-18 off-season... Played in 12 matches for Perth...Scored seven goals after playing in every minute of the season...Named a Best XI substitute by Professional Footballers Australia...2017: Appeared in 14 matches for Orlando, eight of them starts...Scored three goals in 713 minutes...Scored the game winning goal on June 28, against Sky Blue...Tallied second game winning goal on Sept. 2, against Boston... Added one assist...Selected No. 14 overall in the 2017 NWSL College Draft by Portland Thorns FC...Acquired by Orlando via trade on Jan. 18... Loaned to Perth Glory on Oct. 24

INTERNATIONAL: 2016: Called up to the U-23 national team for the Women's Nordic Tournament...2014: Received her first international call up for the U-20 national team...On the roster for the United States in the 2014 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup...Appeared in a match as a substitute against Brazil...Member of the 2014 U-20 CONCACAF Championship team ... Appeared in five matches...Tallied five assists...Scored a goal against Guatemala...Played a vital role in helping the United States qualify for the CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championships in the Cayman Islands

COLLEGE: Hill graduated from the University of Connecticut...2016: Semifinalist for the MAC Hermann Trophy for the second consecutive season...NSCAA All-America Second Team...American Athletic Conference Co-Midfielder of the Year...First Team All-Conference...Most Outstanding Offensive Player in the American Championship...Tied career-high for third-straight season with 16 goals scored, including six game-winners...2015: Semifinalist for the MAC Hermann Trophy...NSCAA All-America First Team...American Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season...American Championship All-Tournament team ...Started in all 23 matches for the Huskies...2014: American Athletic Conference Co-Offensive Player of the Year...American Championship All-Tournament Team...First Team All-Conference...NSCAA/Continental Tire All-Northeast Region First Team...Tallied 16 goals, five of them game winners...2013: Played in all 20 matches for the Huskies, all of them starts ... Led the team goals (13) and assists (5) ...Record four game winning goals...Averaged an on-goal shot percentage of .600...Named to First-Team All-Conference...Selected as a member of the American Athletic Conference All-Rookie team





#6 CASEY KRUEGER

D

PRONUNCIATION: CREW-ger

CITIZENSHIP: USA

HEIGHT: 5'-6"

COLLEGE: Florida State University

DOB: August 23, 1990

LAST CLUB: Avaldsnes

HOMETOWN: Naperville, IL

ACQUIRED: Acquired Rights via Discovery, 2013

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: played in 5 matches across the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup and Fall Series, playing 414 minutes...Named to 2020 Challenge Cup Best XI...2019: Appeared and started in 21 games...totaled 1,875 minutes on the field...became the first player in NWSL history to feature on every Team of the Month squad, including Best XI...named to NWSL Best XI...2018: After missing the first half of the season due to injury, appeared in 10 games, starting 9, playing a total of 744 minutes... scored a header against Washington Spirit... 2017: Appeared in 23 games, starting 22, including the semifinal...four-time Team of the Month Defender honoree (May-July, Sept.) and NWSL Best XI Team... 2016: Appeared in all 20 games for Chicago as an outside back, earning two goals... Named to the 2016 NWSL Second XI ... 2015: Returns to Chicago after a 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: 2019: Made four appearances for the WNT, including two starts...2018: Appeared in eight matches this year, starting two, and earning one assist... Totaled 271 minutes... 2017: Played in 15 games, starting 13... Earned 1,116 minutes of time in the first full-year of allocation... 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

COLLEGE: 2012: Started 23 games after coming off redshirt year ... Helped guide defense to top 40 national 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 NIKKI STANTON

M

Pronunciation: N/A

Height: 5'-7"

Date of Birth: October 26, 1990

Hometown: North Bend, WA

Citizenship: USA

College: Fairfield University

Last Club: Klepp IL

Acquired: Signed, 2021

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Played for Norwegian side Klepp IL, made 4 appearances and scored one goal...2019: Made 19 appearances for Chicago, playing 997 minutes...helped team reach 2019 NWSL Championship...2018: Acquired by the Red Stars in a three-team trade with Houston and Sky Blue... She quickly became an important part of the Red Stars midfield, appearing in 20 games, and playing 1,449 minutes... Loaned to Perth Glory in the W-League during the offseason, starting in all 12 matches, including the Grand Final... Named to W-League Team of the Season... 2017: Appeared in 16 games for Sky Blue, totaling 1045 minutes, assisting once...loaned to Perth Glory in the W-League during the offseason, starting eight of nine matches... 2016: Started four of 12 matches for Sky Blue, totaling 407 minutes...loaned to Perth Glory during the offseason, starting all 12 matches... 2015: Started three of eight games for Sky Blue, totaling 348 minutes...loaned to Perth Glory, starting all 11 matches, totaling 990 minutes

COLLEGE: 2013: Appeared in all 21 games, scoring two goals and assisting a team-high seven times... 2012: Appeared in all 19 games, tallying two goals and one assist... 2011: Played every game, tying the team-leading eight points...assisted team-high of six... 2010: Started all 20 matches... 2009: Received medical redshirt





#8 JULIE ERTZ

M

PRONUNCIATION: N/A

HEIGHT: 5'-7"

DOB: April 6, 1992

HOMETOWN: Mesa, AZ

CITIZENSHIP: USA

COLLEGE: Santa Clara University

LAST CLUB: N/A

ACQUIRED: Drafted, 2014

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Started in six games for Chicago in the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup, playing 540 minutes...named to Challenge Cup Best XI...2019: Started and played 16 games, including in the final against North Carolina...totaled 1,440 minutes this season...Named to NWSL Best XI...2018: Appeared in 15 games, starting 14, including semifinal... Was named to the NWSL Second Best XI... 2017: Appeared in 23 games, starting 22, including the semifinal...earned a single-season high of four goals, while adding three assists...two-time NWSL Team of the Month Midfielder (April and July) and NWSL Second XI... 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: 2019: Started 22 games for the USA, the most on the team, and her 1,755 minutes played were third-most on the team...she was a key member of the U.S. WNT's World Cup-winning squad where she played in six of the seven matches...named U.S. Soccer's Female Player of the Year...2018: Named U.S. Soccer Player of the Year for 2018...Started 15 matches, scoring four goals, including the game-winning goal in the 5-1 victory against Denmark... 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 (1.4)





#9 MALLORY PUGH

F

PRONUNCIATION: Pew

CITIZENSHIP: USA

HEIGHT: 5'-4"

COLLEGE: N/A

DOB: April 29, 1998

LAST CLUB: Sky Blue FC

HOMETOWN: Littleton, CO

ACQUIRED: Traded, 2020

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Made one appearance for Sky Blue FC in the NWSL Fall Series, playing 29 minutes...recorded one assist...2019: started in nine matches for Washington, playing 765 minutes...scored two goals and tallied two assists...2018: played 15 matches for Washington, playing 1,082 minutes...scored two goals and tallied one assist...2017: played in 16 matches, playing 1,203 minutes...scored six goals and tallied one assist.

INTERNATIONAL: 2019: Won the FIFA Women's World Cup with the U.S. WNT...2020-2016 She Believes Cup Champion...Youngest player to be called up in U.S history at 17...Member of the 2016 U.S Olympic Team...has scored 16 goals and tallied 16 assists in 56 appearances





#10 VANESSA DIBERNARDO

M

PRONUNCIATION: DEE-bur-NAR-doe

CITIZENSHIP: USA

HEIGHT: 5'-4"

COLLEGE: University of Illinois

DOB: February 18, 1993

LAST CLUB: N/A

HOMETOWN: Naperville, IL

ACQUIRED: Drafted, 2014

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Started in 10 games for Chicago across the NWSL Challenge Cup and Fall Series, playing 888 minutes...scored one goal and tallied one assist in the Fall Series...2019: Appeared in 20 games, starting 17 games...totaling 1,470 minutes on the field...Scored two goals with two assists for the season... 2018: After missing the first half of the season due to injury, played in 12 games including the semifinal, starting 8... earned 766 minutes, scoring two goals including the game-winner against Orlando Pride in Week 22 eliminating them from playoff contention... 2017: Started in 21 games, playing 1,797 minutes... scored 3 goals and earned Goal of the Week against Sky Blue FC in Week 10... 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 a 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 Magna tournament in Spain and started in one match... 2013: Earned seven caps and started 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... 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.





#11 SARAH GORDEN

D

PRONUNCIATION: N/A

CITIZENSHIP: USA

HEIGHT: 5'-4"

COLLEGE: DePaul University

DOB: September 13, 1992

LAST CLUB: N/A

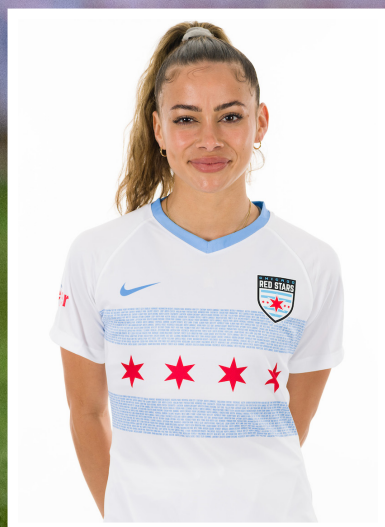
HOMETOWN: Elk Grove, IL

ACQUIRED: Drafted, 2016

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Played in nine matches for Chicago across the NWSL Challenge Cup and Fall Series, playing 810 minutes...started in all knockout-round matches for Chicago in the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup...2019: Appeared in 25 games, starting all 25...totaled 2,234 minutes this season...named to NWSL Team of the Month (July)...2018: Appeared in 17 games, starting 12... 2017: Appeared in five games, starting three... 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

INTERNATIONAL: 2020: Called up to U.S. WNT Camp in October of 2020

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





#13 MORGAN GAUTRAT

M

PRONUNCIATION: Ga-TRAW

CITIZENSHIP: USA

HEIGHT: 5'-7"

COLLEGE: University of Virginia

DOB: February 26, 1993

LAST CLUB: Olympique Lyonnais

HOMETOWN: St. Simons, GA

ACQUIRED: Trade, 2017

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: played in seven matches for Chicago across the NWSL Challenge Cup and Fall Series, playing 553 minutes...scored a goal against WAS on 6/27...2019: Appeared in 15 games...starting 13 games...totaled 1,132 minutes...scored her first NWSL goal in September...tallied one assist...2018: Returned after a brief stint with Olympique Lyonnais, where she made four appearances... played in 10 matches for the Red Stars, starting in seven and logging 601 minutes... 2017: Acquired by the Red Stars in a trade with the Houston Dash... appeared in two games for Chicago, starting one for a total of 85 minutes... appeared in 10 games for Houston, earning 662 minutes... 2016: Played and started in 13 games for the Dash, totaling 1,001 minutes... 2015: Drafted #1 overall in the NWSL Draft by the Houston Dash... despite missing half the season due to her commitment to the USWNT, she appeared in 10 games, playing 810 minutes and tallying three assists...

INTERNATIONAL: 2019: Played in six games with the U.S. WNT, starting in five...Won the World Cup, starting in one game...Played the full 90 minutes in the first match of the year against France... 2018: Appeared in 12 games, starting seven... totaled 649 minutes... 2017: Logged 235 minutes, playing in six games with two starts... 2016: Appeared in 20 games, starting 18... helped lead USWNT to their win in the CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament, winning Best XI and Golden Ball honors... earned her 50th cap in the 1-0 win over France during the She Believes Cup... recorded an assist during her Olympic debut against New Zealand... 2015: The youngest member of the 2015 WWC squad... played in 24 matches, including all six during the World Cup... tallied one goal and two assists, including an assist on Tobin Heath's goal in the WWC Final... 2014: Named U.S. Soccer Young Female Athlete of the Year... played in 16 games, starting in 11... scored two goals and set up four assists... 2013: Earned her first senior cap in the 4-1 win against Korea Republic on June 15, 2013... scored her first goal in her second cap, tallying the seventh goal in a 7-0 victory over Mexico... 2012: A key member of the U.S. team that won the 2012 FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup in Japan... started all six games in the tournament, scoring the first goal in the 2-0 victory vs. Nigeria in the semifinal. 2008: The youngest player named to the 2008 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup roster, she played in one match against Paraguay

COLLEGE: First Virginia player to record 40 goals and 40 assists in a career... finished career ranked second in career points, second in career assists and fifth in career goals at Virginia... two-time MAC Hermann Trophy Award winner (2014, 2013)... three-time First-Team NSCAA All-American (2014, 2013, 2011)... four-time First-Team All-ACC (2011-2014)...





#14 ZOE MORSE

D

Pronunciation: N/A

Height: 5'-9"

Date of Birth: April 1, 1998

Hometown: East Lansing, MI

Citizenship: USA

College: University of Virginia

Last Club: N/A

Acquired: 2020 NWSL College Draft

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Played in six matches for Chicago across the NWSL Challenge Cup and Fall Series, playing 396 minutes..made her professional debut against WAS on 6/27. Played in all four Fall Series matches, starting in three

COLLEGE: All-Region Second Team selection by United Soccer Coaches....named to the ACC Championship All-Tournament Team....CoSIDA Academic All-District second team....scholar All-Region second team selection by United Soccer Coaches





#15 MAKENZY DONIAK

F

Pronunciation: Don-ee-ak

Citizenship: USA

Height: 5'8"

College: University of Virginia

Date of Birth: February 25, 1994

Last Club: Utah Royals FC

Hometown: Chino Hills, CA

Acquired: Trade, 2020

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Played in seven matches for Chicago in the NWSL Challenge Cup, playing 133 minutes...went on loan to Danish side HB Koge during the fall...made 11 appearances and scored five goals...2019: Made her debut for the Royals on May 11, 2019 against the Houston Dash...She scored her first goal for Utah on May 26th in a 2-0 victory over the Orlando Pride...made one start in 11 appearances for Utah...traded to the Chicago Red Stars in the second round of the 2020 NWSL College Draft...2018: Season Ending Injury list after suffering an ACL injury during the 2018 preseason...2017: Played in 23 games, starting 15 for a total of 1,292 minutes...she has recorded three assists and eight shots...2016: Drafted 11th overall in the 2016 NWSL Draft by the WNY Flash...Started in 15 games out of 20 played for the Flash...totaled 1144 minutes...had three goals and four assists in her first season with the club

INTERNATIONAL: 2017: Formerly in the USWNT U-23 pool... 2014: Scored a goal for the Team USA U-20 team in the World Cup...also represented USA the U-18 team...2017-2018: Played internationally for Adelaide United in Australia on loan from the NC Courage...she played 1,059 minutes and made 12 appearances...she scored seven goals

COLLEGE: Played at the University of Virginia...Appeared in 96 games for the Cavaliers and had 86 starts...64 goals (UVA record) and 36 assists in her four seasons...Two-time All-American...2015: Appeared in 20 games, starting 18 of them...scored 14 goals and had a team-leading 11 assists...Named ACC Offensive POY...2014: Started 25 games and made 26 appearances for the Cavaliers...scored 20 goals (led ACC) and had 11 assists...MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist...First Team All-American...2013: Started all 26 games...Tied for the ACC scoring lead with 20 goals and 6 assists...had a goal and assist vs. 5 different teams...Mac Hermann Trophy Semifinalist...First team All-American...2012: Appeared in all 24 games for the Cavaliers...was second on the team with 10 goals and 8 assists...Named to the Soccer America All-Freshman team





#16 SARAH WOLDMOE

D

Pronunciation: WALD-moe

Citizenship: USA

Height: 5'-8"

College: University of California Los Angeles

Date of Birth: July 27, 1992

Last Club: Sky Blue FC

Hometown: Fort Wayne, IN

Acquired: Trade, 2020

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Played in all 10 matches for Sky Blue FC throughout the NWSL Challenge Cup and Fall Seires, playing all 900 minutes..2019: started in all 24 matches for Sky Blue FC, playing a career-high 2,160 minutes...scored one goal and tallied a career-best three assists...2018: played in all 24 started in all 24 matches for Sky Blue FC, playing 2,131 minutes, scored two goals and tallied two assists...2017: played in 23 matches, playing 2,034 minutes...scored a career-high five goals and tallied two assists...2016: played 18 matches, playing 1,606 minutes..scored three goals and tallied one assist...2015: selected second overall by Sky Blue FC in the 2015 NWSL College Draft...played in 17 matches, playing 1,233 minutes...tallied one assist.

INTERNATIONAL: 2013: U-23 Four Nations Tournament Champion...2012: Won the U-20 Women's World Cup with Red Stars teammates Kealia Watt, Julie Ertz, Vanessa DiBernardo, and Morgan Gautrat...2012 CONCACAF Women's U-20 Champion

COLLEGE: Pac-12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year ... NSCAA 3rd-team All-American ... Selected to Top Drawer Soccer's Best XI first team ... First-team NSCAA All-Pacific Region and All-Pac-12 honoree for the third-straight year ... First-team NSCAA Scholar All-American and All-West Region ... Senior CLASS Award finalist ... Capital One Academic All-District second-team honoree for the second consecutive year ... Earned second-team Pac-12 All-Academic honors ... Recorded career-best totals in goals (9), assists (12) and points (30) and ranked second on the team in all three categories ... Tied the school's single-game record for assists with three against LMU on Sept. 21 ... Starter in all 24 games ... Her 12 assists rank tied for third on UCLA's all-time single-season assist list ... Recorded 32 career assists to rank tied for second on the Bruins' all-time list ...





#18 ELLA STEVENS

M

Pronunciation: N/A

Citizenship: USA

Height: 5'-8"

College: Duke University

Date of Birth: December 11, 1997

Last Club: N/A

Hometown: Grayson, GA

Acquired: 2020 NWSL College Draft

PROFESSIONAL: Played in two matches for Chicago in the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup, playing 95 minutes...made her professional debut against PDX on 7/1

COLLEGE: 2019 United Soccer Coaches All-Atlantic Region Second Team ... 2019 All-ACC Second Team ... TopDrawerSoccer Team of the Week Honorable Mention (Sept. 24, 2019) ... 2018 All-ACC Preseason Team ... 2018 TopDrawerSoccer Preseason Best XI First Team ... 2018 Duke Nike Classic All-Tournament Team ... 2017 All-ACC Second Team ... 2017 TopDrawerSoccer Best XI Third Team ... 2017 ACC All-Tournament Team ... 2016 All-ACC Third Team ... 2016 All-ACC Freshman Team ... 2016 United Soccer Coaches All-East Region Third Team ... 2016 TopDrawerSoccer Best XI Freshman Team ... All-ACC Academic Team (2016, 2018) ... 2017 ACC Honor Roll.





#19 SARAH LUEBBERT

F

Pronunciation: N/A

Height: 5'-7"

Date of Birth: December 16, 1997

Hometown: Jefferson City, MO

Citizenship: USA

College: University of Missouri

Last Club: N/A

Acquired: Free Agent, 2020

COLLEGE: 2019 First Team All-SEC and the SEC Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year...appeared in all 18 games, starting all but one game....second on the team in goals (8) and points (22) while leading Mizzou with six assists....2018 First-Team All-SEC by the league's coaches....finished the 2018 season tied for the team lead in points with 11.





#21 EMILY BOYD

GK

PRONUNCIATION: N/A

CITIZENSHIP: USA

HEIGHT: 5'-9"

COLLEGE: University of California, Berkeley

DOB: July 25, 1996

LAST CLUB: N/A

HOMETOWN: Seattle, WA

ACQUIRED: Drafted, 2018

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Made one appearance for Chicago on 7/1, keeping a cleansheet vs PDX...went on loan to Danish side HB Koge, playing in eight matches..2019: Appeared in ten games with ten starts...played 900 minutes in goal...2018: Acquired 15th overall during the 2018 NWSL Draft... Played and started in two matches, earning two clean sheets and a save rate of 100%...

INTERNATIONAL: 2018: Called into the first camp for the U-23 WNT between Jan. 4-Jan. 11... 2016: Selected for the Under-20 Women's National Team in preparation for the U-20 FIFA World Cup...

COLLEGE: Attended University of California, Berkeley from 2014-2017... Finished her time at Cal with the record for all-time saves (280+) and all-time shutouts (36)... Pac-12 Goalkeeper of the Year (2017)...Allowed fewest number of regular season goals (9) in the Pac-12, earning 10 shutouts and a save rate of 88% her senior year





#22 BIANCA ST GEORGES

D

Pronunciation: Saint George

Citizenship: Canada

Height: 5'-5"

College: West Virginia University

Date of Birth: July 28, 1997

Last Club: N/A

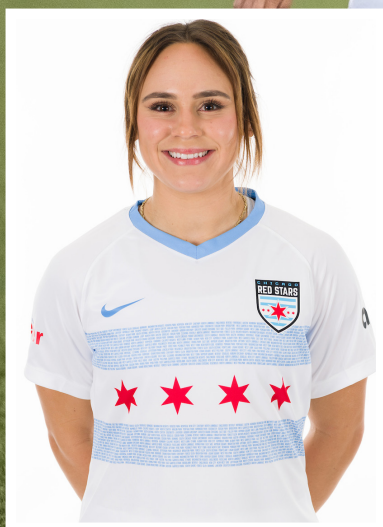
Hometown: St. Felix de Valois, Quebec

Acquired: Drafted, 2019

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Made nine appearances for Chicago across the NWSL Challenge Cup and Fall Series, playing 716 minutes...scored her first professional goal in the Challenge Cup semifinal vs SBFC on 7/22...2019: Second pick in the third round of the 2019 NWSL College Draft

COLLEGE: Named Big 12 Freshman of the Year and made both the All-Big 12 Second Team and All-Big 12 Freshman Teams.... named a captain in her junior year and led her team to 13 shutouts while scoring two goals herself and setting up six assists. She was named to the All-Big 12 First Team and the United Soccer Coaches All-Region First Team...scored a career-high seven goals her senior season

INTERNATIONAL: Made her debut in the youth program in 2012 before representing Canada at the 2013 CONCACAF Women's Under-17 Championship...the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup... Costa Rica 2014...the CONCACAF Women's Under-20 Championship...and the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Papua New Guinea 2016, where she captained the squad.





#23 TATUMN MILAZZO

D

Pronunciation: MILA-zo

Height: 5'-3"

Date of Birth: April 17, 1998

Hometown: Orland Park, IL

Citizenship: USA

College: University of South Carolina

Last Club: N/A

Acquired: Signed to Supplemental Contract, 2021

COLLEGE: Started in all 21 matches for the Gamecocks, seeing time at center back and right back... Helped the Gamecocks lead in the SEC in shutouts (12) and league-leading 0.56 goals against average... Aided in six-straight clean sheets, totaling 28 days without a goal allowed... Scored two goals during the season for a total of four points... First career goal came against Kentucky (9/23) off a header... Scored first game-winning goal against Georgia (10/4) on the road in a 1-0 win... Registered a career-high four shots against Mississippi State (9/20) with two on goal... Finished season with .583 shot on goal percentage, good enough for second on the team... Finished with a total of 12 shots, the most in any season in her career... Played in a career-high 1731 minutes during the season, including playing the entire match 10 times during the season, including both NCAA Tournament matches against UNCG (11/9) and Penn State (11/16).





#24 DANIELLE COLAPRICO

M

PRONUNCIATION: COLE-ah-PRE-co

CITIZENSHIP: USA

HEIGHT: 5'-3"

COLLEGE: University of Virginia

DOB: May 6, 1993

LAST CLUB: N/A

HOMETOWN: Freehold, NJ

ACQUIRED: Drafted, 2015

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Made 11 appearances for Chicago across the NWSL Challenge Cup and Fall Series, playing 833 minutes...helped Chicago reach NWSL Challenge Cup Championship...2019: Played in 21 games with 20 starts...totaled 1,740 minutes on the field...scored one goal...2018: Appeared in all 25 games for the Red Stars, starting 22... tallied one goal and four assists... loaned to Sydney FC in the W-League during the off-season, playing in 11 games including the Grand Final, tallying one goal and three assists... 2017: Appeared in 24 games, starting 22...earned one goal and one assist... named to NWSL Second Best XI... loaned to Adelaide United FC in the W-League during the offseason, playing and starting in 11 matches and scoring one goal... 2016: Started all 20 games for Chicago ... Named to NWSL Second XI ... Finished with 1 goal, 2 assists ... Played on loan during the offseason with Adelaide United in the W-League scoring two goals... 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... Named NWSL Rookie of the Year

INTERNATIONAL: 2018: Earned her first senior cap in a 1-0 win against Portugal on November 8, coming on as a substitute in the 46th minute... earned second cap four days later in a 1-0 win against Scotland... 2016: Received first full team U.S. National Team call-up in January... 2015: Called up to U-23s for La Manga tournament in Spain... Appeared in 3 matches at La Manga

COLLEGE: Virginia's all-time leader in assists (44) and appearances (100) ... 2014: MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist... Second-Team NSCAA All-American... 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... Started all 26 games... Had 6 goals and a UVA single-season record 19 assists... 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... 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 the NCAA second-round win over Rutgers... 2011: ACC All-Freshman Team... Appeared in all 24 games, starting 8... Had 3 goals and 3 assists for 9 points





#26 TIERNA DAVIDSON

D

PRONUNCIATION: Tee-air-nuh

CITIZENSHIP: USA

HEIGHT: 5'-10"

COLLEGE: Stanford

DOB: September 19, 1998

LAST CLUB: N/A

HOMETOWN: Menlo Park, CA

ACQUIRED: Drafted, 2019

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Played in three matches for Chicago across the NWSL Challenge Cup and Fall Series, playing 144 minutes...2019: Acquired 1st overall in the 2019 NWSL Draft by Chicago... Appeared and started in 14 games... playing a total of 1,174 minutes... scored one goal

INTERNATIONAL: 2019: Played in five matches this year, earning 268 minutes... won the FIFA World Cup... 2018: Named U.S. Soccer Young Female Player of the Year... earned her first senior cap January 21, 2018, in a friendly against Denmark... played and started in 12 games for the USWNT, including all three matches of the She Believes Cup... scored her first goal in a 3-0 win against Chile on August 31...

COLLEGE: 2018: Scored one goal in three games, despite suffering a season-ending ankle injury... 2017: Mac Hermann Trophy semifinalist... helped lead Stanford to the national championship, starting all 25 games... earned College Cup Most Outstanding Defensive Player, College Cup All-Tournament team, Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year, All-Pac-12 first team, All-Pacific Region first team, and All-America first-team honors... 2016: Earned Pac-12 All-Freshman and All-Pac 12 second-team honors... one of five players to start every game... tallied two goals and two assists...





#28 KAYLA SHARPLES

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Pronunciation: N/A

Height: 5'-11"

Date of Birth: June 17, 1997

Hometown: Naperville, IL

Citizenship: USA

College: Northwestern

Last Club: N/A

Acquired: Drafted, 2019

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Made three appearances for Chicago in the NWSL Challenge Cup, playing 167 minutes...started in the NWSL Challenge Cup Championship...went on loan to Finland club Kuopion Palloseura...made six appearances and scored one goal...2019: Made two appearances...was the 26th overall pick in the 2019 NWSL College Draft

COLLEGE: An All-Big Ten First Team player in three consecutive seasons.... has played every possible minute for the Wildcats in 2017 and 2018...anchored the defense to 11 shutouts in 2017 and eight in 2018.





#32 ZOEY GORALSKI

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PRONUNCIATION: Gor-AL-ski

CITIZENSHIP: USA

HEIGHT: 5'-3"

COLLEGE: University of California, Los Angeles

DOB: September 13, 1992

LAST CLUB: N/A

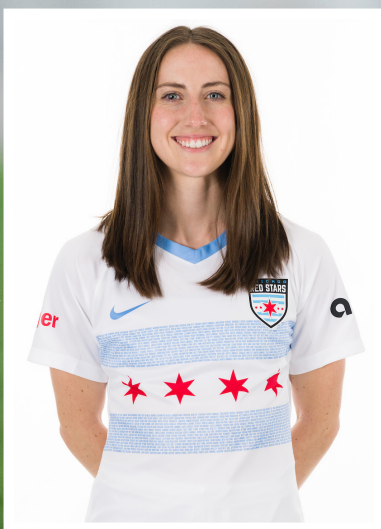
HOMETOWN: Naperville, IL

ACQUIRED: Drafted, 2018

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Appeared in nine matches for Chicago across the NWSL Challenge Cup and Fall Series, playing 502 minutes...scored her first professional goal against WAS on 9/26...2019: Appeared in four games...assisted one goal...2018: Selected as national team replacement for the September 4 game against Sky Blue FC

INTERNATIONAL: 2017: Traveled to Sweden to play with the U.S. U-23s in June and also participated in U-23 camps in April and July ... 2013: Participated in the U-20 National Team camp in February ...

COLLEGE: Attended University of California, Los Angeles from 2013-2017...Finished her career having played in 82 consecutive games and played in 88 of 90 games in her four-year career... Named to the 2017 College Cup All-Tournament Team after a strong defensive showing in both College Cup games...





#33 KATIE JOHNSON

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PRONUNCIATION: N/A

HEIGHT: 5'-8"

DOB: September 24, 1994

HOMETOWN: Monrovia, CA

CITIZENSHIP: Mexico

COLLEGE: University of Southern California

LAST CLUB: Sky Blue FC

ACQUIRED: Trade, 2019

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Appeared eight matches for Chicago across the NWSL Challenge Cup and Fall Series, playing 398 minutes...2019: Acquired in a trade with Sky Blue FC on January 9th, 2019... Appeared in 17 games with ten starts...scored one goal...tallied two assists...2018: Traded to Sky Blue FC in January... made 19 appearances including 13 starts... scored four goals and two assists... earned NWSL Player of the Week for her brace against the Utah Royals in Week 21 of the NWSL season... 2017: Drafted 16th overall by Seattle Reign... made her professional debut and scored her first goal in a 5-1 win over Houston... appeared in 23 games, starting five... tallied five goals and two assists...

INTERNATIONAL: 2018: Appeared in nine matches, scoring five goals... earned three goals during the Central American and Caribbean Games to help Mexico win the Championship... 2017: Scored the second goal in 3-2 loss against Canada 2016: Appeared in two games and scored one goal for Mexico in the CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying Championship... 2015: Earned her first cap against Canada on December 9, 2015... scored her first goal one week later in a 3-0 win over Trinidad and Tobago...

COLLEGE: Attended University of Southern California (USC) from 2012-2016... finished her career with 84 appearances and 24 goals... scored a brace against West Virginia University in the 2016 NCAA College Cup Finals, leading USC to their second national championship... after the tournament was named the Most Outstanding Player on Offense...





#38 CASSIE MILLER

GK

Pronunciation: N/A

Citizenship: USA

Height: 5'-5"

College: Florida State University

Date of Birth: April 28, 1995

Last Club: Apollon Ladies FC

Hometown: Cave Creek, AZ

Acquired: Free Agent, 2020

PROFESSIONAL: 2020: Played in one match for Chicago in the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup, earning a cleansheet vs PDX on 7/1...went on loan to Cyprus club Apollon Ladies FC...Began her professional career in the Netherlands, signing a contract in January 2018 with Dutch giants PSV Eindhoven..... finished as runner's up in the KNVB Women's Cup. and signed a contract with Cyprus club Apollon Ladies FC in 2019.

COLLEGE: Finished with a total of 48 career shutouts, the third-most by a goalkeeper in NCAA history....named an NCSAA First-Team All-American in 2016 and was named a finalist for the Honda Award, awarded to the nation's top collegian female athletes, the same year.





RORY DAMES

head coach



Rory Dames will be entering his seventh 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. Last year, Dames became the fourth coach in National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) history to reach 50 wins and only the second coach to do so with one team.

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 lead 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.



COACHES & TECHNICAL STAFF



SCOTT PARKINSON
assistant coach



Scott Parkinson will enter his first season with the Red Stars after serving as the Assistant Coach of Utah Royals FC for two seasons. He helped the Royals win 19 games in two years, consistently fighting for a playoff appearance during his stint. Previously, he served as the head coach of the Rogers State University women's soccer program for two years, leading the Hillcats to a runner-up finish in the Heartland Conference Tournament in 2017.



JULIANNE SITCH
assistant coach



Julianne Sitch will enter her first year as a Red Stars Assistant Coach. A former Red Stars player, Sitch's career on the field spanned 13 seasons. She was a member of the Red Stars during the 2010 Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) season and rejoined Chicago for the inaugural National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) season in 2013. Following her retirement in 2015, Sitch was named an Assistant Coach for the University of Chicago women's soccer team. She helped the Maroons reach the 2017 NCAA Division III National Championship.



COACHES & TECHNICAL STAFF



RADE TANASKOVIC
goalkeeper coach



Originally from Barzilovica, Serbia, Tanaskovic is coming from the University of Iowa where he was primarily in charge of the goalkeepers. Over two seasons, Tanaskovic coached the goalkeeping unit to 14 shutouts and 17 wins. In his first season, the Hawkeyes returned to the Big Ten Tournament for the first time in three years.

Prior to coaching the Hawkeyes, Tanaskovic spent time coaching collegiately with Louisville, Columbus State and Emmanuel College. A graduate from North Georgia, he has earned his NSCAA Goalkeeping Level 1 and 2 diplomas and holds a U.S. Soccer Federation C license.



SUPERNOVA
mascot



From a galaxy far away, Supernova is the Chicago Red Stars official mascot. Lover of Jet's Pizza and a nice cold Budweiser.



Media Protocol

- All media must apply to the CRS Communications Department and be approved for a full season or single game pass.
- Media will park in the West lot and enter/exit through Gate A
 - Media will be subject to security, bag checks and temperature screening at check-in
- Media will be hosted in the Ida B. Wells Press Row on the west side of the stadium
 - Media will not have access to the field, tunnel or back of house areas
 - ISI Photographers will follow the ISI / NWSL protocols
 - All game day interviews will be conducted virtually
 - Seating in the press row balcony will be socially distanced and assigned by CRS Communications staff
- Media meals will be provided and all meals will be individually packaged
 - All meals must be consumed on the balcony. No food should be consumed inside.
- ISI Photographers must enter and exit the field at designated point and must stay behind the field boards at all times
 - ISI photographers may approach the bench side only to secure the starting XI photo for each team

Roster Rules

I. ROSTER CATEGORIES

NWSL Rosters fall into two broad categories:

A. Senior Roster

The Senior Roster is comprised of Players who are eligible for any compensation, including bonuses, as allowed by NWSL policies. Salaries of Players on the Senior Roster count against the Salary Cap, except as otherwise noted.

The Senior Roster for the 2021 NWSL League Season is 22-24 Players.

B. Supplemental Roster

The Supplemental Roster is comprised of Domestic Players who sign a Semi-Guaranteed SPA for the League Minimum Salary and the only bonus they are eligible for is the League-provided Post Season Bonus. Salaries of Players on the Supplemental Roster do not count against the Salary Cap. Supplemental Roster Players must be provided year-round housing and are eligible for the same auto benefits as Senior Roster Players.

The Supplemental Roster is zero (0) to four (4) Players.

Players on the Supplemental Roster are subject to the same rules that govern Players on the Senior Roster, unless specifically noted. Except for salary, Players on the Supplemental Roster are afforded the same opportunities and other benefits as those on the Senior Roster – including being eligible for selection in all NWSL matches. The same League processes (e.g., Discovery, Waiver Wire, trades, payroll, etc.) utilized for Players on the Senior Roster shall apply to Players on the Supplemental Roster.

Teams may move Players from their Senior Roster to their Supplemental Roster if they have a slot on the Supplemental Roster available, and the Player moving to the Supplemental Roster is earning the League Minimum Salary with no performance bonus(es) other than the League-provided Post Season Bonus. Teams may also move Players from their Supplemental Roster to their Senior Roster if they have an open slot and sufficient Salary Cap space to accommodate the move. A Player may be moved between a Team's Senior and Supplemental Rosters only one (1) time between the Roster Compliance date and the Roster Freeze date of each League Season. A Player's salary stops counting against the Salary Cap on the day after she is moved from the Senior Roster to the Supplemental Roster and begins counting on the day after she is moved from the Supplemental Roster to the Senior Roster.

Teams will not be provided with Roster relief or Salary Cap relief with respect to Supplemental Roster Players placed on the 45-Day Disabled List or on the Season-Ending Injury List.

II. COMPENSATION

A. Player Categories

NWSL Player SPAs fall into two broad categories:

1. Guaranteed SPA
2. Semi-Guaranteed SPA

With League approval, Teams may waive Players with Guaranteed SPAs prior to the Roster Freeze date in order to create Roster space. The Player's salary may count against the Team's Salary Cap, per League policy (see Buyout of Guaranteed SPA). There is no limit to the number of Guaranteed SPAs a Team may have, and all international Players and SPAs utilizing Allocation Money must be Guaranteed SPAs.

If a Player on a Semi-Guaranteed SPA is waived prior to Roster Freeze, their salary ceases to count against the Team's Salary Cap on the day after the Player is placed on the Waiver Wire.

If a Player is injured in the course of providing services to NWSL, her employment may not be terminated until she passes her exit physical or the course of the term of her SPA ends, whichever comes first (including Replacement Players).

B. Allocated Players

“Allocated Players” are Players whose salary are either paid for or subsidized by a national association, as determined by that national association.

U.S. Allocated Players’ salaries are paid directly to the Player by USSF and Canadian Allocated Players’ salaries are paid to the League by CSA, and the League pays the Players. Allocated Players’ salaries count at a specified value against each Team’s Salary Cap, or for CSA Allocated Players, the actual amount, if below the specified amount. Teams may supplement a CSA Allocated Player’s salary, with any amount that is above the specified amount and less than the League Maximum Salary counting against the Team’s Salary Cap (unless Allocation Money is used).

C. Salary Cap Regulations

Team Salary Cap

In computing the Team Salary Cap, it is assumed that it is spread across a minimum of 22-24 Players (if a Team is carrying additional Players because of Roster Relief or Goalkeeper Replacement, these Players are also included) based on adjustments for Allocated Players.

D. Allocation Money

Allocation Money is financial credit that:

1. Teams may purchase from the League, within limits defined by the League each year; or
2. Are acquired from another Team through a transaction; or
3. Are directly funded by the League and provided to a Team.

Once Allocation Money has been funded by one of the mechanisms described above, it becomes “Funded Allocation Money” (FAM).

FAM can (subject to the various rules and restrictions described herein) be redeemed by Teams to:

1. Pay a Player on an SPA more than the League Maximum Salary;
2. Reduce the Salary Cap charge of a Player’s salary; or
3. Pay a transfer fee when acquiring a Player who is currently under contract outside the NWSL.

FAM is a tradable asset and can be included in transactions between Teams.

FAM automatically carries over from one calendar year to the next and does not expire.

III. ROSTER LIMITS AND PLAYER CLASSIFICATION

A. Roster Limits

After the Roster Compliance date, Teams must meet the following Roster conditions:

1. No fewer than twenty-two (22) Players rostered at any one time between the combined Senior Roster and Supplemental Roster;
2. No more than twenty-four (24) Players assigned to its Senior Roster at any one time;
3. No more than four (4) Players assigned to its Supplemental Roster at any one time.

Players listed as “Unavailable” on a Team’s Roster do not count towards Roster minimum or maximum numbers.

Roster limits are subject to Short-Term Injury Replacement, Season-Ending Injury Replacement, Goalkeeper Replacement, and National Team Replacement Player exceptions, and in exceptional circumstances, as permitted by the League.

Roster Compliance Date

A Team may exceed the maximum number of Players assigned to its Roster and the maximum number of international Roster spots starting the day following the NWSL Championship through the date specified by the League prior to the start of the next regular season (the "Roster Compliance Date"). A Team may exceed the Team Salary Cap starting on January 1 until the Roster Compliance date.

Roster Freeze

No changes (including waiving Players) may be made to a Team's Roster from the Roster Freeze date until after the NWSL Championship. Teams may add a short-term replacement Player after the Roster Freeze date in the case of a Goalkeeper Replacement Player or a National Team Replacement Player. A Player coming off the 45-day Disabled List or Season-Ending Injury List may return to competition after the Roster Freeze date.

B. Player Classifications

1. Domestic Player

There is no limit to the number of Domestic Players on a Team's Roster within general Roster limits.

2. International Player (any Player who is not a Domestic Player)

There is an equivalent of four (4) international Roster spots per Team for the 2021 League Season, for a total of forty (40) international Rosters spots League-wide. International Roster spots may be traded with the only condition being time (see Trades). With trades, there is no limit on the number of international Roster spots a Team may have. Any international Player must occupy an international Roster spot on a Team's Roster (with the exception of Canadian Allocated Players). International Players must have Guaranteed SPAs and may not be on a Team's Supplemental Roster.

IV. MECHANISMS OF ACQUIRING PLAYERS

A Team may add a Player to its Roster through one of the following mechanisms:

A. Distribution Process

B. NWSL Draft

C. Trade

D. Discovery

E. Waiver Wire

F. National Team Replacement Player

G. Short-Term Injury Replacement

H. Season-ending Injury Replacement

I. Goalkeeper Replacement

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.

A. Distribution Process

Purpose and Intent

The intent of the 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:

- 1) An Allocated Player whose Rights have not yet been assigned to an NWSL Team
- 2) When a Player comes off Allocation and the Team chooses to relinquish its Rights to the Player
- 3) An Individual who is part of the USWNT Player Pool, who is not on the Discovery List of a Team and does not have their Rights controlled by a Team.

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

B. NWSL Draft

Individuals must be registered by the date set forth by the League to be part of the NWSL Draft. If an Individual is eligible and does not register, that Individual will not be able to be on the Roster of a Team until the start of the next League Year, at which point the Individual will become Discovery Eligible.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the upcoming NWSL Draft an Individual must:

1. Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, or a foreign national, who is currently or was enrolled at a university in the United States during the 2021-22 academic year;
2. Be an Individual who has exhausted, lost, or renounced their remaining collegiate eligibility during the 2021 calendar year, including high school graduates choosing to forego;
3. Be at least 18-years old by the conclusion of the NWSL League Season following the Draft;
4. Not be under a current professional contract, nor have previously signed a contract to play soccer professionally; and
5. Register for the NWSL Draft by the registration deadline.

Draft Order

The draft order will be determined by the reverse order of finish of the most recently completed NWSL regular season, taking the Championship match into account. Specifically, the last ranking will go to the winner of the NWSL Championship, second to last ranking to the Championship runner-up and the 1st ranking will be provided to the Team with the lowest position in the NWSL table. Expansion Team(s) will be placed in the draft order as determined by the NWSL Board of Governors (as recommended by the Product Committee).

On the Monday following the NWSL Championship the League will confirm the NWSL Draft order by assigning selection numbers to conditional picks acquired via trade.

College Protected Period and College Protected List (all Drafts except 2021)

Protected Period. The NWSL Playing Rights to any Players selected in the NWSL Draft shall be assigned to the drafting Team's College Protected List immediately following the Draft until the end of the End of Season Process (the "Protected Period"), except as noted below. Rights to Players on a Team's College Protected List are assets of the Team and may be kept, waived or traded, at the Team's discretion, during the Protected Period. If waived, and not picked up off the Waiver Wire by another Team, the Player becomes Discovery Eligible.

Preseason Requirement. A drafted Player shall be invited to participate in NWSL preseason training by the Team that drafted her in the season immediately following the Draft in which she was selected.

Standard Player Agreement. A Player on a drafting Team's College Protected List is not on the Team's Roster and may not play for the Team unless and until she is offered and signs a SPA. If a Player is drafted by a Team in the Draft and the Team wants to add that Player to its Roster, the League will attempt to sign the Player to a SPA. There is no guarantee that a drafted Player will be offered or will agree to sign a SPA with NWSL. Once a drafted Player signs a SPA, the Player moves to the Team's Roster and does not return to the Team's College Protected List, unless the Player was signed as a short-term replacement player. If a drafted Player is not offered a SPA, she will remain on the drafting Team's College Protected List through the Protected Period unless sooner waived or traded. If a Player is offered a SPA during the Protected Period but does not sign it, or chooses not to attend pre-season training once invited, she shall remain on her drafting Team's College Protected List until the beginning of the preseason in the upcoming League Year and will then become Discovery Eligible.

For example, if a Player is selected in the 2022 NWSL Draft by a Team, offered an SPA and subsequently does not sign the SPA during the Protected Period, that Player will remain on the Team's College Protected List until the day before the 2023 preseason, and then be Discovery Eligible.

End of Protected Period

1. A Player not offered a SPA, and not traded or waived will process through the End of Season Process and if unclaimed will become Discovery Eligible.
2. A Player who is offered a SPA but does not sign it, or chooses not to attend pre-season training once invited, will become Discovery Eligible on the first day of the preseason of the upcoming League Year.

NOTE: A Team claiming a Player off the Waiver Wire assumes the Player's existing SPA but may renegotiate with the Player. If the Player does not have a current SPA, the Team claiming the Player's Rights must submit a PAF within fourteen (14) days or the Player will be waived. If the Player is currently under contract in another league and not within six (6) months of the end of her contract, the fourteen (14)- day window will begin once the Player is within six (6) months of the end of her current contract.

College Protected Period and College Protected List (2021 NWSL Draft)

Protected Period. The Rights to any Players selected in the NWSL Draft shall be assigned to the drafting Team's College Protected List immediately following the Draft until the start of the following NWSL preseason, except as noted below. Rights to Players on a Team's College Protected List are assets of the Team and may be kept, waived or traded, at the Team's discretion during the Protected Period. If waived, and not picked up off the Waiver Wire by another Team, the Player becomes Discovery Eligible. Rights to Players on a Team's College Protected List who have not been traded, waived or offered an SPA at the end of the Protected Period shall be waived.

Preseason Requirement. A drafted Player shall be invited to participate in NWSL preseason training by the Team that drafted her in the season immediately following the Draft in which she was selected.

Standard Player Agreement. A Player on a drafting Team's College Protected List is not on the Team's Roster and may not play for the Team unless and until she is offered and signs a SPA. If a Player is drafted by a Team in the Draft and the Team wants to add that Player to its Roster, the League will attempt to sign the Player to a SPA. There is no guarantee that a drafted Player will be offered or will agree to sign a SPA with NWSL. Once a drafted Player signs a SPA, the Player moves to the Team's Roster and does not return to the Team's College Protected List, unless the Player was signed as a short-term replacement player. If a drafted Player is not offered a SPA, she will remain on the drafting Team's College Protected List through the Protected Period unless sooner waived or traded. If a Player is offered a SPA during the Protected Period but does not sign it, or chooses not to attend pre-season training once invited, she shall remain on her drafting Team's College Protected List until the beginning of the preseason in the upcoming League Year, and then will be placed on the Wavier Wire.

For example, if a Player is selected in the 2021 NWSL Draft by a Team and offered an SPA and subsequently does not sign the SPA during the Protected Period, that Player will remain on the Team's College Protected List until the day before preseason in 2022.

End of Protected Period

1. A Player not offered a SPA, and not traded or waived, will be placed on the Waiver Wire at the beginning of preseason of the next League Year.
2. A Player who is offered a SPA but does not sign it, or chooses not to attend pre-season training once invited, will become Discovery Eligible on the first day of the preseason of the upcoming League Year.

A Team claiming a Player off the Waiver Wire assumes the Player's existing SPA but may renegotiate with the Player. If the Player does not have a current SPA, the Team claiming the Player's Rights must submit a PAF within fourteen (14) days or the Player will be waived. If the Player is currently under contract in another league and not within six (6) months of the end of her contract, the fourteen (14)-day window will begin once the Player is within six (6) months of the end of her current contract.

Undrafted Individuals

An Individual who is eligible for the NWSL Draft and is undrafted becomes Discovery Eligible on the day following the conclusion of the Draft.

Note: per NCAA legislation, undrafted Individuals may return to school and retain their collegiate eligibility if they notify their institution's Director of Athletics within seventy-two (72) hours following the Draft.

C. Trades

Players may be acquired in trades with League approval.

All Player trades are subject to League approval and to Salary Cap and Roster requirements. Player trades cannot be made for finite periods (i.e., Players may not be "loaned" by one Team to another), nor may a Team structure a trade such that a Player may not play against her previous Team.

Trades may not be conditioned upon a Player passing a physical examination or voided 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" regarding a Player failing to report to her new Team. It is the responsibility of the Team acquiring a Player to assume all terms of the Player's current SPA.

Bona fide consideration (e.g., an exchange of Players, Rights, future Draft choices, Allocation Money, international Roster spots) is required in each trade of a Player. Tradeable assets may be traded for the current League Season (or the upcoming League Season if it is currently the Offseason), plus three additional League Seasons. International Roster spots may be traded for one (1), two (2), three (3) years or in perpetuity.

For example, during the 2021 League Season, a Team may trade assets for the 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 League Seasons.

Binding Agreement and Approval

A trade is binding on the Teams from the time the Trade Agreement Form is executed by both Teams and submitted to the League, but is not final until approval has been received in writing from the League. 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 deny any trade of a Player if the consideration is not clearly established and accurately disclosed on the Trade Agreement Form submitted to the League. The Teams will then have the opportunity to amend the language in the Trade Agreement Form and resubmit to the League.

Trades of Discovery Players

Teams may not trade Discovery Players.

Trades of Discovery Spots

Teams may not trade Discovery Player spots.

Trades for International Roster Spots

Teams may trade international Roster spots, provided that the only condition can be the length of time the spot is traded. International Roster spots may be traded for one (1) year, two (2) years, three (3) years or in perpetuity.

Trades for NWSL Draft Picks

Teams are permitted to trade selections for the upcoming or current NWSL Draft, and the next three (3) NWSL Drafts.

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. No Team may hold more than one Distribution Ranking Spot.

Trades for Allocation Money

Teams are permitted to trade Allocation Money for the current League Season, (or the upcoming League Season if it is currently the Offseason) and the next three (3) League Seasons.

Trade Deadline

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

Standard Trade Agreement Forms

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

D. Discovery

Discovery is the mechanism by which Teams secure the exclusive right within the NWSL to negotiate the terms of a SPA with an Individual on behalf of the League. The intent of the rule is to facilitate the signing of Discovery Players to SPAs with the NWSL. The NWSL reserves the right to reject any Discovery Player Request or to nullify the rights any Team may have to a Discovery Player in the event it determines, in its sole discretion, that a Team is acting in a manner inconsistent with the intent of this rule, or if future rule changes necessitate the removal of the Discovery Player from a Team Discovery List.

An Individual must be placed on a Team's Discovery List prior to any communication with the Individual.

Definitions

Club: a soccer club that participates in a professional or amateur women's soccer league other than the NWSL.

Competing Discovery Request: the process that Teams may initiate to secure an Exclusive Period with a Discovery Player who is on another Team's Discovery List.

Discovery List: the list maintained by the NWSL of a Team's current Discovery Players. Each Team's Discovery List is confidential and will not be shared with other Teams.

Discovery Player Request Form: the standard form utilized by Teams to request an Individual be added to a Team's Discovery List.

Discovery Ranking: a list of Teams that is used to determine the Team that shall receive priority when two or more Discovery Requests for the same Individual are made simultaneously.

Discovery Request: the submission of a Discovery Player Request Form to the NWSL.

Exclusive Period: after a Team adds an Individual to its Discovery List, or successfully initiates a Competing Discovery Request, it will be granted an "Exclusive Period" during which other Teams are prohibited from submitting a Competing Discovery Request. The duration of the Exclusive Period shall be seven (7) days, unless the Competing Discovery Request is initiated during the secondary transfer window, in which case it shall be five (5) days.

Discovery List

Teams may have a maximum of seven (7) Discovery Players, including any combination of domestic and international players, on their Discovery List at any time.

Teams may remove a Discovery Player from their Discovery List at any time by submitting a request via email to the NWSL. Once removed, the Individual immediately becomes Discovery Eligible by all Teams.

Teams may add Discovery Eligible Individuals to their Discovery Lists at any time. Discovery Lists are perpetual; they do not reset at any time.

Discovery Players will be removed from a Team's Discovery List under any the following conditions:

1. The Discovery Player and NWSL fully execute a SPA;
2. Another Team wins a Competing Discovery Request for the Discovery Player; or
3. A Team notifies the League that it would like to remove the Discovery Player from its Discovery List.

Eligibility

Individuals are Discovery Eligible and may be added to a Team's Discovery List if they meet the following criteria:

1. The Individual does not currently have a valid SPA with the NWSL;
2. The Individual does not have their Rights controlled by a Team;
3. The Individual is not eligible for a current or future NWSL Draft, as determined by the NWSL;
4. The Individual is at least 17 years of age; and
5. The Individual is not in the USWNT Player Pool.

Individuals in the USWNT Player Pool may only be acquired via the Distribution Process.

If a Team accepts a transfer fee in conjunction with the transfer of a Player to a Club, that Team is prohibited from adding that Individual to their Discovery List until twelve (12) months have elapsed from the date of the executed Transfer Agreement.

For a period of twenty-four (24) hours after the expiration of a loan, the Player loaned to a Team by a Club will be Discovery Eligible exclusively by that Team.

Discovery Request Process

An Individual must be Discovery Eligible at the time a Team submits a Discovery Player Request Form to the League. If a Discovery Player Request Form is submitted "in advance" or otherwise prior to the Individual being Discovery Eligible, the Discovery Request will be rejected.

A Team must have and maintain space on its Discovery List for the Individual from the time the Discovery Player Request Form is submitted until such time it is approved (in which case the Individual will occupy the open space of the Discovery List), rejected, or withdrawn.

To add an Individual to a Team's Discovery List, the Team must complete a Discovery Player Request Form and submit it to the NWSL for consideration.

The NWSL will consider Discovery Requests in the order received, with the Team submitting the Discovery Player Request Form first (based on the exact date and time the Discovery Player Request Form was received via email by the NWSL) receiving priority. In the event two or more Discovery Requests are submitted simultaneously, the NWSL will consider the request of the Team with the highest Discovery Ranking, and the other Discovery Request will be rejected. The Team with the highest Discovery Ranking will then be moved to the lowest spot in the Discovery Ranking.

Based on the criteria described above under "Eligibility," the NWSL will approve or reject the Discovery Request.

1. If the Individual is not Discovery Eligible, the Discovery Request will be rejected, and the Team will be provided the rationale employed by the NWSL for rejecting the Discovery Request.
2. If the Individual is Discovery Eligible, the Discovery Request will be approved, and the Individual will be added to the Team's Discovery List.
3. If the Individual is already on another Team's Discovery List, but the Discovery Request was made within the Exclusive Period, the following steps will be taken:
 - The NWSL will reject the Discovery Request;
 - The NWSL will inform the Team that the Individual is already on the Discovery List of another Team (without identifying which Team); and
 - Inform the Team of the date the Exclusive Period ends.
4. If the Individual is already on another Team's Discovery List, and the Discovery Request was submitted after the Exclusive Period has expired, the following steps will be taken:
 - The NWSL will reject the Discovery Request;
 - The NWSL will inform the Team that the Individual is already on the Discovery List of another Team (without identifying which Team), and
 - If the Team wishes to initiate a Competing Discovery Request it will resubmit the Discovery Request Form by 6:00 pm ET on the following business day, indicating the Competing Discovery Request.

If the Discovery Player Request is approved, beginning the day after the Individual is approved and added to a Team's Discovery List, the Team will have an Exclusive Period to submit a PAF to the NWSL (and transfer or loan documents, if applicable) before other Teams are permitted to initiate a Competing Discovery Request for the Discovery Player.

The NWSL will take the following actions after receiving a PAF from the Team:

1. Determine whether the offer is bona fide. If the offer is not deemed bona fide it will be rejected.
2. Establish the current contract status of the Discovery Player, with assistance from the Team submitting the PAF.
3. Issue a SPA to the Discovery Player if one of the following conditions are true:
 - The Discovery Player is currently out of contract;
 - The Discovery Player is under a contract with a Club that will expire within six months; or
 - The Discovery Player is under contract with a Club and the term of that contract does not expire within six months, but the Team can provide written proof that it has permission from the Club to engage in contract discussions with the Discovery Player, and provide transfer or loan documents.
4. If the PAF is submitted after the Roster Compliance date, the Team attempting to sign the Discovery Player to a SPA must notify the League of the measures it will take to remain Roster compliant, if any such moves are necessary.

If the Discovery Player and NWSL do not fully execute a SPA that was issued pursuant to one of the scenarios described above, after 30 days the SPA will be rescinded, and the Discovery Player remains on the Team's Discovery List.

If after receiving a PAF from the Team, the League determines the Discovery Player may not be issued a SPA, the Discovery Player will remain on the Discovery List of the Team (e.g., Discovery Player has more than six (6) months remaining on her contract and her current Club does not agree to transfer the Discovery Player).

Competing Discovery Request Process

Once the Exclusive Period for a Discovery Player has expired, other Teams may initiate a Competing Discovery Request.

Each Team is limited to initiating a total of five (5) Competing Discovery Requests per calendar year. If a Competing Discovery Request is made such that its Exclusive Period extends into the following calendar year, it shall only count against the Team's permitted Competing Discovery Requests for the calendar year in which it was first initiated.

When the NWSL receives a Discovery Player Request from a Team (the “Competing Team”) for a Discovery Player who is already on the Discovery List of a Team (the “Original Team”) for which the Exclusive Period has expired, the NWSL will require the Competing Team to indicate its choice in writing by resubmitting its original Discovery Player Request Form by 6:00 pm ET on the business day following notification from the NWSL with their choice of either (a) withdrawing its Discovery Request, or (b) initiating a Competing Discovery Request. Should a Team inform the NWSL that it wishes to initiate a Competing Discovery Request, the Team shall be deemed to have used one (1) of their five (5) permitted Competing Discovery Requests for the current NWSL Season.

Teams wishing to initiate a Competing Discovery Request must have \$25,000 in Funded Allocation Money that shall remain unencumbered throughout the duration of the Exclusive Period. If the Competing Team does not satisfy this requirement within three (3) business days after initiating the Competing Discovery Request, the Competing Discovery Request will be rejected, but it will still count as one (1) of the Team’s five (5) permitted Competing Discovery Requests for the current calendar year.

If a Competing Discovery Request is initiated, the Competing Team must maintain space on its Discovery List until it withdraws its request, the Exclusive Period expires, or the Discovery Player executes a SPA with the NWSL (in which case the Discovery Player will be automatically removed from the Competing Team’s Discovery List).

The NWSL will notify the Original Team of the Competing Discovery Request within 24 hours of receipt and will provide the Original Team with the name of the Competing Team.

The Original Team will have an Exclusive Period — beginning the day after it is notified by the NWSL of the Competing Discovery Request — to take one of the following actions:

1. Submit a PAF (and transfer or loan documents, if applicable) to the NWSL that includes a bona fide offer with a start date no later than the last day of the current registration window, or the next registration window if a window is not currently open. If the offer is not deemed bona fide by the NWSL in its reasonable judgement, the Original Team may modify its offer (until the expiration of the Exclusive Period) by submitting one or more revised PAFs (terms of the PAF may not be changed once the Exclusive Period has expired) until the offer is adequate-to-be-deemed bona fide by the NWSL. In such case the Competing Discovery Request shall be rejected.
 - Relinquish the exclusive negotiating rights for the Discovery Player to the Competing Team.

If the Original Team does not successfully execute one of the options described above then at the end of the Exclusive Period, the Competing Team will be granted an Exclusive Period to negotiate with the Discover Player on behalf of the League. In return, the Original Team will receive \$25,000 in Funded Allocation Money (or another asset or assets as mutually agreed upon in writing by the Original Team and Competing Team and approved by the NWSL) from the Competing Team, immediately due and payable only in the event the Competing Team successfully concludes a SPA between the Discovery Player and the NWSL. The Competing Team must submit a PAF (and transfer or loan documents, if applicable) to the NWSL that includes a bona fide offer prior to the expiration of the Exclusive Period (terms of the PAF may not be changed once the Exclusive Period has expired).

If the Competing Team does not submit a PAF that includes a bona fide offer for the Discovery Player on or before the expiration of the Exclusive Period, the Competing Discovery Request shall expire, and all rights to the Discovery Player remain with the Original Team. In such case the Original Team will receive another Exclusive Period before a Competing Discovery Request may be initiated by another Team.

The NWSL will take the following actions after receiving a PAF from the Competing Team:

1. Determine whether the offer is bona fide. If the offer is not deemed bona fide it will be rejected.
2. Establish the current contract status of the Discovery Player, with assistance from the Team submitting the PAF.
3. Issue a SPA to the Discovery Player if one of the following conditions are true:
 - The Discovery Player is currently out of contract, or;
 - The Discovery Player is under a contract with a Club that will expire within six months, or;
 - The Discovery Player is under contract with a Club and the term of that contract does not expire within six months, but the Competing Team can provide written proof that it has permission from the

Club to engage in contract discussions with the Discovery Player, and provide transfer or loan documents.

4. If the PAF is submitted after the Roster Compliance date, the Team attempting to sign the Discovery Player to a SPA must notify the League of the measures it will take to remain Roster compliant, if any such moves are necessary.

If the Discovery Player and NWSL do not fully execute a SPA that was issued pursuant to the above, after 3 (three) days the SPA will be rescinded, and the Discovery Player remains on the Original Team's Discovery List.

A Competing Discovery Request may not be initiated for a Discovery Player who has returned to school to continue her collegiate eligibility, until the day following the conclusion of her collegiate career.

Discovery Ranking

The Discovery Ranking is determined by the reverse order of finish of the prior NWSL regular season, taking the Championship match into account. Specifically, the last ranking will go to the winner of the NWSL Championship game, the runner-up of the NWSL Championship game will be second to last, and the 1st ranking will be provided to the Team with the lowest position in the NWSL table. Expansion Team(s) will be placed in the Discovery Ranking as determined by the NWSL Board of Governors (as recommended by the Product Committee).

The Discovery Ranking is confidential and may not be disseminated or discussed with any person that is not an employee, contractor, or otherwise directly affiliated with the NWSL or one of its Teams without prior written approval of the Commissioner.

NWSL Draft / Draft-Eligible Individuals

Beginning with the day following the NWSL Draft, Teams may add Individuals to their Discovery List who were registered for the NWSL Draft but were not selected by a Team.

Individuals who were eligible to register in the NWSL Draft in the upcoming or current calendar year, but instead elected to sign a professional contract with a Club, are not Discovery Eligible until the day following the NWSL Championship that takes place during the year they were eligible to register for the NWSL Draft.

E. Waiver Wire

Players may be added to a Team's Roster from the Waiver Wire, which is distributed by the League via e-mail (See Waiver). A Team may not claim a Player it waived in the same Waiver Wire.

F. National Team Replacement Player

If a Player is called up for national team duty, a Team may add a National Team Replacement Player to count toward the 22-Player Roster minimum. The National Team Replacement Player's salary will not count against the Team's Salary Cap. National Team Replacement Players must be released when the national team Players are back to full participation with the Team. This includes goalkeepers called up for national team duty.

A PAF must be submitted and National Team Replacement Player will sign a SPA. They must be registered as a professional player with USSF.

For each national team call-up, each Team will need to submit PAFs for National Team Replacement Players no less than five (5) days prior to the Player's participation in League-sanctioned competition with the Team.

1. The salary provided for the National Team Replacement Player must be the League Minimum Salary;
2. The Player must be a Domestic Player;
3. The Player must complete an entrance physical and pass an exit physical;
4. The Player will remain under contract for the period of time the national team Player is unavailable. Upon such time that the national team Player is no longer with her respective national team and can return to play, the SPA for the Player will be terminated.
5. The National Team Replacement Player will not enter the League through Discovery and will not exit the League through the Waiver Wire. Should the Team who has the National Team Replacement Player on its Roster be interested in submitting a Discovery Request for the National Team Replacement Player, it may

do so while the Player is under contract as a National Team Replacement Player. If the Player does not remain on the Roster of the Team, she becomes Discovery Eligible the day after her SPA is terminated.

- If a Team wishes to keep a National Team Replacement Player on its Roster following the return of Players from national team duty, the Team must notify the League in writing. The Team is not required to Discover the Player for her to remain on the Team's Roster.

G. Short-Term Injury

Where the League determines (based on certification from a Team's physician) that a Player has sustained an injury that will prohibit the Player from participating for at least 45 days, but not the entire length of the season, she may be placed on the 45-Day Disabled List. A Player may only be on the 45-Day Disabled List during the League Season. A Player who has not been cleared for full activity and participation by the Team physician may remain on the 45-Day Disabled List longer than 45 days.

A Team will be provided Roster relief for a Player on the 45-Day Disabled List and will be able to sign a Disabled List Replacement Player but will not receive Salary Cap relief for the Player. As such, any new Player signed to replace the injured Player must fit within the Team's Salary Cap. Disabled List Replacement Players must be signed prior to the Roster Freeze Date. 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.

Unexpected Recovery from Short-Term Injuries

In the event a Player who has sustained a physician-certified short-term injury recovers earlier than anticipated, she will not be permitted to join the active Roster prior to the end of the 45-day period.

H. Season-Ending Injury

Where the League determines (based on certification from a Team's physician) that a Player has sustained an injury that will prohibit the Player from participating for the remainder of the League Season, she may be placed on the Season-Ending Injury List. A Player may be on the Season-Ending Injury List at any point during the League Year.

In the event of such a determination, the injured Player shall not be eligible to play for the Team again during the then current League Season, except as detailed below, and the League will provide the Team Roster relief and Salary Cap relief and will be able to sign a Disabled List Replacement Player. Teams will receive Salary Cap relief for each day the Player is on the Season-Ending Injury List, up to the full amount of the Player's salary or the League Maximum Salary, whichever is lowest. If the Player suffering the Season-Ending Injury is an International Player, the Team may replace such Player with an International Player.

Disabled List Replacement Players must be signed prior to the Roster Freeze Date. 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. The budget number for the Disabled List Replacement Player will be calculated in the same manner as any other Senior Roster Player and counts against the Team Salary Cap.

A Player on the Season-Ending Injury List at the conclusion of the League Season may remain on the Season-Ending Injury List into the next League Season and continue to accrue Salary Cap relief and Roster relief. Once cleared by the Team physician for full participation (even if after the Roster Freeze date), the Player may join the active Roster and does not count as one of the two (2) Players returning from Season-Ending Injury as detailed below. The Player ceases to accrue Salary Cap relief and Roster relief when she is cleared for participation by the Team physician.

Unexpected Recovery from Season-Ending Injuries

In the event a Player who has sustained a physician-certified season-ending injury recovers prior to the end of the League Season, she will be permitted to join the active Roster through the remainder of the League Season, so long as the Team did not previously accept neither Roster nor Salary Cap relief for the Player. A maximum of two (2) Players may return from the Season-Ending Injury List during each League Season.

I. Goalkeeper Replacement

Teams are required to carry a minimum of two (2) goalkeepers on their Rosters throughout the League Season.

In the case of an injured goalkeeper, or where its Team has less than two available goalkeepers, a Team must add a goalkeeper to its Roster until a goalkeepers are back to full participation with the Team. 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

A. Waiver

Teams may waive Players based on performance at any time prior to the Roster Freeze date during the NWSL Season, subject to Guaranteed SPA restrictions.

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 Form 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 via the Waiver Wire, the League is obligated to notify the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the termination of the employment relationship and the Player is required to depart the country. After that date, if another Team intends to add the Player to its Roster, it will need to file a new petition.

Waiver Wire

Provided the League approves a Player being placed on the Waiver Wire pursuant to the above, it will distribute a waiver notice to all Teams. A Team claiming a 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 6:00 pm ET on the first business day after the Waiver Period Commencement Date (the claiming period is 24 hours). If the waiver notice is distributed on Friday, the Waiver Claiming Period closes on Monday.

If a Team claims a Player and no other Team claims the same Player during the Waiver Claiming Period, the Player shall be assigned to the claiming Team. If more than one Team claims a Player during the Waiver Claiming Period, the Waiver Order Tie Breaker will be used.

Waiver Order Tie Breaker

The Waiver Order is determined by the reverse order of finish of the prior NWSL regular season, taking the Championship match into account. Specifically, the last ranking will go to the winner of the NWSL Championship game, the runner-up of the NWSL Championship game will be second to last, and the 1st ranking will be provided to the Team with the lowest position in the NWSL table. Expansion Team(s) will be placed in the Waiver Order as determined by the NWSL Board of Governors (as recommended by the Product Committee).

Once all Teams have played at least three (3) regular season games in the following season, the Waiver Order will be the reverse order of the table at the time the Waiver Request Form is received, including expansion Teams as appropriate. Prior to all Teams playing three (3) games in the regular season, a Team only moves to the bottom of the Waiver Order if the tie breaker is utilized.

B. SPA Expiration

When a Player’s SPA expires, the Player is processed through the End of Season Process to determine her future SPA status or Rights assignment.

C. Buyout of Guaranteed SPA

A Team may buyout one (1) Guaranteed SPA in a League Season that will not count against the Team's Salary Cap, subject to League Policy.

D. End of Season Process

After the conclusion of the season, Teams must decide which Players they no longer wish to retain and specify the action required to release them based on their SPA status on the End of Season Process decision sheet. Players are submitted to the End of Season Waiver Wire by indicating the following actions based on the Player's current SPA status:

The End of Season Waiver Wire shall commence on the first business day after the League delivers notice to Teams of its commencement and expires at 6:00 pm ET on the second business day after the End of Season Waiver Wire commencement date.

E. Player Elected Leave

A Player may request a leave of absence from services required under the SPA. If approved by the League, the Player's Rights will continue to be held by the Team for whom she last played, through the term of her SPA. The Player will receive compensation per the terms of the SPA for the services provided through and including the effective end date of her service prior to her leave of absence. Any remaining salary beyond the effective end date will not be charged to the Team's Salary Cap.

V. RULES & REGULATIONS

A. Player Registration and Participation

All Players in the NWSL must be registered with USSF prior to participating in any competition and their ITC requested and received by USSF.

A Player wishing to participate in a non-NWSL and/or non-Team event must first receive written permission from her Team and then written permission from the League before agreeing to participate.

Player participation in a Team event not sanctioned by the League is voluntary and must be disclosed to the League.

Registration Moratorium

The deadline to submit a PAF for a new SPA during the League Season will be as follows:

1. For any weekday game (Monday-Friday), the PAF must be received by the League by 6:00 pm ET on the day before the game (e.g., if the game is on Wednesday, the PAF must be received by the League before 6:00 pm ET on Tuesday).
2. For Saturday and Sunday games, the PAF must be received by the League by 1:00 pm ET on the Friday prior to the weekend (e.g., if the game is on Sunday, the PAF must be received by the League before 1:00 pm ET on Friday).

Submitting a PAF to the League does not guarantee a Player will be eligible to complete in the Team's next competition; all other registration requirements (e.g., Roster and Salary Cap compliance, receipt of the Player's ITC, etc.) must be met prior to a Player being eligible to play in a League match.

Out of Contract Players

With respect to Players not under contract, 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. A Player who has secured a release from an existing contract or the contract has expired outside a NWSL registration window may not be transferred to the League unless or until the transfer window is open.

Drafted Players

Domestic Players selected in the NWSL Draft, may be signed and registered outside the transfer window, provided their ITC has not been transferred outside the U.S.

With respect to International Players selected in the NWSL Draft, the Player's ITC may be subject to the Transfer Windows and may have potential work permit issues.

B. Transgender Players

The NWSL is committed to creating a safe, non-discriminatory, and inclusive environment for all of its Players while maintaining competitive equity throughout the league.

The following guidelines set out the NWSL's eligibility policy.

Definitions:

"Gender identity" A core, hard-wired component of a person's identity as male, female, or anywhere else on the gender spectrum. This identity may or may not match the gender that the person was assigned at birth. *Everyone has a gender identity.*

"Gender expression" How a person expresses their gender through outward presentation and behavior, including a person's name, clothing, hair style, and mannerisms. Gender expression is not necessarily an indication of gender identity, assigned gender, or sexual orientation.

"Transgender" A person whose sex at birth is different from who they know they are on the inside. It is used as an adjective to describe someone, as in "a transgender person" or "a person who is transgender." It is offensive to use this word as a noun (i.e., transgenders) or a verb (i.e., transgendered).

"Transition" The process by which a person brings their body and gender expression into alignment with their gender identity. That process does not make a transgender person more of a man or more of a woman than they were before. Rather, a person's gender identity is innate and already exists, just as it does for non-transgender people. The only purpose of a transition is to help a transgender person express their innate identity and help others recognize that identity; it does not change that person's identity.

Eligibility Guidelines:

1. People designated female at birth, regardless of their gender identity or gender expression, are eligible to compete in the NWSL, subject to the guidelines herein and other eligibility criteria of the NWSL.
2. Athletes designated female at birth who are transitioning to male who undergo testosterone hormone therapy will be ineligible to compete in the NWSL.
 - Notwithstanding the foregoing, athletes designated female at birth who identify as male (transgender men) who are not undergoing testosterone hormone therapy may be allowed to take low doses of testosterone while competing in the NWSL if:
 - the athlete's total testosterone level in serum is within typical limits of women athletes (as set forth in Section 3.b. below), and
 - such use is pursuant to a therapeutic use exception as determined by the NWSL in its sole discretion, in consultation with the athlete's physicians and applicable medical experts.
3. Athletes who transition from male to female are eligible to compete under the following conditions:
 - The athlete has declared that her gender identity is female. The declaration cannot be changed, for sporting purposes, for a minimum of four years from the declaration.
 - The athlete must demonstrate that her total testosterone level in serum is within typical limits of women athletes (the current standard is below 10 nmol/L; subject to change based on the most up-to-date medical and expert information available at the time of implementation) for no less than twelve (12) months prior to competition so as to minimize any potential competitive advantage. This may be accomplished through androgen-suppressing treatments or a gonadectomy.
 - The athlete's total testosterone level in serum must remain in the typical range of women athletes throughout the period of desired eligibility to compete in the NWSL.

- Compliance with these conditions may be monitored by testing, which testing shall be administered in the NWSL's sole discretion based on standards of reasonableness and fairness and in consultation with physicians and medical experts as selected by the NWSL. In the event of non-compliance, the athlete's eligibility in the NWSL will be suspended for 12 months.

Process:

Athletes currently participating or seeking to participate in the NWSL who wish to make changes to their current gender identity, name, pronoun, or other markers should contact: Aries Pickett, NWSL's Senior Manager, Talent & Administration at apickett@nwslsoccer.com, to begin the process and to assist in making these changes on official publications and listings.

Any athlete applying to participate under the NWSL Policy on Transgender Athletes will be required to permit their treating medical doctor to disclose relevant medical information to the NWSL (including such information, records or other material as the NWSL may reasonably require from time to time) and to permit the NWSL to discuss medical information with the treating medical doctor as necessary.

The NWSL understands that the situation of each athlete may vary and that subject matters addressed herein are highly sensitive in nature. Therefore, in order to make a determination regarding participation in the NWSL under this policy, each player evaluation conducted pursuant to this policy will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. The legitimate privacy interests and legal rights of all athletes will be respected at all times. Ultimately, the NWSL has sole and absolute discretion with respect to all decisions and/or determinations made herein.

If a Player's Gender Is Challenged:

For the avoidance of doubt, eligibility determinations for transgender Players will be made prior to each NWSL season in a similar manner as eligibility determinations made for all other Players in the NWSL, and incorporating the same presumption of eligibility. If an NWSL team or Player believe that a Player was improperly deemed eligible under this policy, they may request a review of that Player's eligibility. That request must be made formally and in writing, setting out clearly the grounds on which the request is based. Any such requests filed during the NWSL's regular or post season will be reviewed prior to the start of the following season in conjunction with the NWSL's annual eligibility determination for all other Players.

The NWSL will only consider requests that are reasonable and made in good faith. In the event that a request to review a transgender Player's eligibility provides a credible basis for doing so, the NWSL will work with the transgender Player to undertake a sensitive review of their circumstances and shall have the authority to take all appropriate measures for the determination of the gender of the Player under this policy.

Confidentiality:

All of the information and documents related to the eligibility of a transgender athlete will be treated as highly confidential. The parties agree that they will not at any time disclose such information or documents (other than in the ordinary and usual course of implementing this policy) without the prior written consent of the disclosing party, unless required by law.

C. Player Tryouts and Training

No tryouts may be conducted by a Team unless they are done pursuant to this Section. A tryout shall include any practice, participation, or training: (a) with any Individuals; and (b) under the direct or indirect supervision of an Team coach, trainer, or other member of a Team's management. No Team may conduct a tryout with an Individual unless she has executed a Waiver of Liability Agreement.

Names of all Individuals that are practicing with Teams throughout the season must be submitted to the League.

Teams may not try out a Player whose Rights are held by another Team without League approval. No Team may try out an Individual under contract to a club outside NWSL without the written approval of the League. Players with a current SPA may not participate in tryouts.

D. Preseason

Teams may commence preseason training on the date set out in the Competition Calendar. A training session shall include any practice, participation, or training: (a) with any Players under contract to NWSL; or (b) with any Individuals listed on the Team's preseason Roster under the direct or indirect supervision of an NWSL coach, trainer, or other member of a Team's management.

A Player or Individual must be on an official NWSL preseason Roster to participate in Practice Games or Exhibition Games.

E. Practice and Exhibition Games During the Regular Season

Teams may hold Practice Games and Exhibition Games during the regular season with prior notice to and approval from the League. A Practice Game or Exhibition Game Roster must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance to the League for approval and may not exceed a maximum of 28 Players.

Teams will be allowed to use Individuals in Practice Games. Any Individual must sign a Release and Liability Waiver in advance, and if they are under 18, their parent or guardian must sign as well. Teams will be allowed to use Individuals in Exhibition Games involving a college/university opponent. Otherwise, only contracted Players may participate in Exhibition Games involving professional team opponents. All Individuals involved in a Practice Game or Exhibition Game must follow NWSL Medical Protocols