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# ABOUT THE BOSTON BREAKERS

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

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

In 2012, the Breakers played in the eight-team WPSL Elite League, which featured eight teams from the Midwest and up and down the East Coast. The Breakers won the regular season championship with an 11-3 record. In 2013, the Breakers were one of eight teams that began play in the new professional women's soccer league, the National Women's Soccer League. In 2014, the league expanded to nine teams. In the first two NWSL seasons combined, the Breakers went 14-24-8 (8-8-6 in their debut season of 2013). The Breakers play their 2015 home games at Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium on the grounds of Harvard University.

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

# BREAKERS HISTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

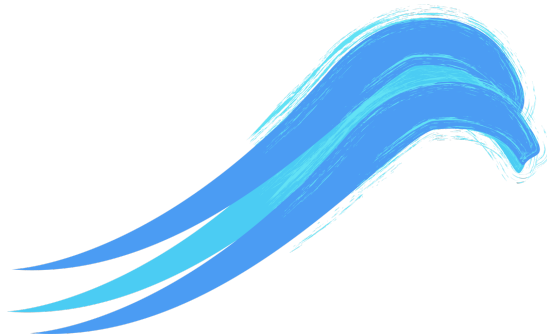
The Breakers finished the 2010 season in second place, earning an automatic berth into the WPS Super Semifinal, where the team lost to the Philadelphia Independence in double overtime. The Breakers ended the regular season with a 10-8-6 record. For the second year in a row, Breakers defender **Amy LePeilbet**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

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



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

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



# FRONT OFFICE

## GENERAL MANAGER

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Lee Billiard joined the Boston Breakers front office staff as General Manager in 2012, coming from Mass Premier Soccer where he served as Academy Director.

After serving as Sales Director for the Boston Breakers during the 2011 season, Lee took over the Managerial reins from former General Manager, Andrew Crossley.

A Graduate of Buckinghamshire University, England, Lee holds a BA Hons degree in Sports Management and Soccer Studies. He joins the Breakers organization after 9 years of working with Mass Premier Soccer, during that time Lee worked with over 50 youth soccer groups across the state to provide coach/player education and summer camps.

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

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

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

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

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Laura enters her third season as Director of Operations for the Boston Breakers. Laura oversees the Professional Team, Reserve Team Program and College Academy logistics.

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

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

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Ryan has served as the Breakers communications manager since 2011. In addition to his duties with the Breakers, Ryan was an award-winning sports editor for MPG Newspapers and later, GateHouse Media New England, from 1999-2014. An established freelance writer, Ryan has contributed to The Sun (London), Sunday Sun (Northeast England), Our Game Magazine, New England Soccer Journal, and Major League Soccer. He co-authored the book "Beyond Plymouth Rock Volume II." Born in Plymouth, Mass., Ryan holds a bachelor of arts degree in English/Writing and Communications from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

## MARKETING AND DESIGN DIRECTOR

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Seve Hirst joined the Boston Breakers front office staff in June 2014 as an Account Executive and as an academy coach. He became the Marketing and Design Director in 2015.

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

Seve is an experience coach as well, with 11 years experience he holds his NSCAA Premier Diploma and currently coaches for the Boston Breakers Academy. In 2014 he started his first season as volunteer assistant women's soccer coach at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester MA.

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

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Jack Abelson enters his second year with the Boston Breakers front office staff as Development Program Director and as an academy coach.

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

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

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

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Tim joined the Breakers in the fall of 2014. With a resume that boasts FA Level 1 coaching qualification, NSCAA National Diploma, and NSCAA Goalkeeping diploma, Tim brings a wealth of experience to the Breakers Development Program. He gained his FA Level 1 qualification in 2007 while studying at DeMontfort University in England. Tim graduated in 2008 with a BSc in Sports and Exercise Science, and was a three-year soccer player there.

Immediately after completing his studies, Tim looked to further his coaching career in America and joined MPS in the fall of 2008. After initially working the Lady Crusaders on the South Shore, Tim moved to the Bulldogs region and soon tasted success with the U18 Bulldogs in 2010, winning the US Club Soccer Regional Championship in New Jersey. That was then followed up with victory at the National Championships in Virginia Beach, with the Bulldogs beating Synergy 5-0 in the final. In 2013, Tim won the MA State Cup with the U15 Bulldogs, beating NEFC 3-0. Other teams coached by Tim include boys U10/11/12/17 and U20. Tim has been the boys varsity coach at Wellesley High School for the last three years, winning three Bay State Herget titles in a row.



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Edele is entering her second year with the Breakers and will be taking on the role of the role of Sales Director within our Sales Department. Prior to this, she spent four years with Global Premier Soccer, working in both their Registration and Finance Departments. She graduated in 2010 from Dundalk IT, Ireland, with a MA in Sports Leadership and has lived stateside ever since.

Edele began coaching in 2005 with the Irish FA and has experience working with all different ages and abilities. She played varsity soccer and basketball in high school and was elected basketball captain in her junior year. A severe injury early on in college saw her involvement on the field come to an end but she has always kept a keen interest in both player and coach development.

# COACHING STAFF

## HEAD COACH

### Tom Durkin



Tom was named head coach of the Boston Breakers on Sept. 3, 2013. He takes over for player/coach Cat Whitehill, who held that role from Aug. 2, 2013, through the end of the National Women's Soccer League season. Whitehill succeeded former head coach Lisa Cole.

A U.S. Soccer staff coach, instructing A license courses, Durkin most recently served as a coach for the FC Celtic Bolts of the U.S. Soccer Development Academy. Durkin holds an international diploma from FIFA, the international governing body of association football, an international coaching diploma with the Football Association of Ireland, Republic of Ireland and with KNVB International Coaching Course, Zeist, Holland, and a Coaching Instructors Badge with U.S. Soccer.

**1998-2011:** As Academy Director for IMG Academies in Bradenton, Fla., Durkin worked as head coach and general manager of Bradenton Academics, a USL Premier Development League team that, over his tenure with the club, featured U.S. Men's National Team players Michael Parkhurst, Heath Pearce, and Aron Jóhannsson. Durkin amassed more than 100 wins during his coaching career with Bradenton Academics, led the team to the 2009 PDL national semifinals, and won two PDL South East Conference championships and a pair of Dallas Cup titles.

**1998-2011:** As Academy Director for IMG Academies in Bradenton, Fla., Durkin worked as head coach and general manager of Bradenton Academics, a USL Premier Development League team that, over his tenure with the club, featured U.S. Men's National Team players Michael Parkhurst, Heath Pearce, and Aron Jóhannsson. Durkin amassed more than 100 wins during his coaching career with Bradenton Academics, led the team to the 2009 PDL national semifinals, and won two PDL South East Conference championships and a pair of Dallas Cup titles.

**1994:** Durkin was on the U.S. Soccer World Cup Technical Committee, compiling game reports and conducting interviews with national team coaches at the Dallas, Texas venue of the World Cup competition.

**1995-1996:** Served as assistant coach of the U.S. U-17 Men's National Team.

**October 1996:** Made professional coaching debut as an assistant coach for the Tampa Bay Mutiny of Major League Soccer, where he held that role until January 1998.

**July 1995:** Oversaw the girls USYSA Region 1 Olympic Development program teams.

**1994-1995:** Served as head coach of the Richland College of Dallas women's and men's teams.

**1991:** Women's head coach of the USASA Region III team, where he selected, prepared and coached the women's amateur team in national training camp and tournaments.

**1989-1991:** Won three New Jersey State Cups with Suburban Soccer Club.

**1986-1991:** Head men's soccer coach at Rutgers-Newark University.

**1991 to 1993:** Served as Director of Coaching and Player Development of the North Texas State Soccer Association. Directed coaching education program and Olympic Development Program (ODP) for the association with more than 100,000 soccer players. Durkin held that same role from 1995-1996 with the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association.

**1982-1986:** Durkin began his coaching career in 1982 at Union County College in Cranford, N.J., where he led the team to a 42-21-6 record over four seasons and to four consecutive Region XIX playoff berths.

A graduate of Kean University, Durkin, his wife Elizabeth, and their three children Joseph, George, and Ava reside in Dover, Mass.

## ASSISTANT COACH

### Dushawne "DOC" Simpson

Doc was named assistant coach of the Boston Breakers on Jan. 29, 2015. No stranger to the Breakers organization, Simpson formerly coached Aztec Soccer teams in the Women's Premier Soccer League. Aztec was the former reserve team for the Boston Breakers during Women's Professional Soccer.



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

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

Prior to coaching, Simpson played professionally in the United Soccer Leagues with Boston Bulldogs, Connecticut Wolves, and New Hampshire Phantoms and semi-professionally for the Lowell Blues of the Lusa American Soccer Association.

Simpson played high school soccer and basketball and ran track at Avon Old Farms School in Avon, Conn. He played collegiately for Southern Connecticut University and Salem State College.

Simpson currently resides in Beverly, Mass.

## GOALKEEPER COACH

### Ashley Phillips

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



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

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

As a four-year starting goalkeeper at Clemson University in South Carolina (from 2004-2007), Phillips holds the school record for most career saves (326), including a single-season high of 119 in 2006, the same year she was named third-team NSCAA All-America. The three-time All-Southeast region pick and three-time All-ACC selection, including first-team All-ACC in 2007, finished her Clemson career with a 1.09 goals against average and 22 shutouts. Phillips helped lead the Tigers to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Women's Soccer Championship in 2006. She graduated from Clemson with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology in December 2008.

Prior to college, Phillips attended Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody and was the starting keeper at Fenwick in the Division 2 North semifinal and scored a goal off a corner kick in the last two minutes to tie the game, one in which Fenwick won in overtime. She later transferred to Milton Academy. Phillips earned several All-America Team awards during high school, including the 2003 Gatorade Massachusetts High School Player of the Year. She played for Peabody Youth Soccer and on its travel team, as well as the club teams Northeast Futbol and the Spirit of Massachusetts and was selected for Mass Youth Soccer ODP, Regional, and District teams.



# MEDICAL STAFF

**SAINT ELIZABETH'S IS THE OFFICIAL SPORTS MEDICINE PROVIDER AND OFFICIAL MEDICINE PARTNER OF THE BOSTON BREAKERS.**

## **Robert J. Nascimento, MD, MS**

Dr. Nascimento is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in knee and shoulder arthroscopy, ligament and cartilage reconstruction, shoulder and knee resurfacing and sports medicine. He obtained his master's degree in Chemistry from the University of California, Los Angeles, and his medical degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

He completed his internship and residency at UMass Medical Center and a fellowship in sports medicine and arthroscopic surgery at Boston University Medical Center. He joined the Division of Sports Medicine in the Bone and Joint Center at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in 2011.

## **Jeffrey B. Kreher, MD**

Dr. Jeff Kreher is a board certified pediatrician and internist and fellowship-trained Primary Care Sports Medicine specialist. He is the team physician for the Boston Breakers, Boston Cannons, Boston Militia, and numerous local high school athletic programs. "Dr. Jeff" specializes in sports-related injuries of the pediatric and adult athlete and has been in practice for more than 12 years, including a Primary Care Sports Medicine fellowship at Boston University in 2006-2007. He has also served as a physician for USA Triathlon.

## **Miguel Concepcion, MD**

Dr. Miguel Concepcion is a fellowship trained primary care sports medicine physician. He is Board Certified in Family Medicine and holds a CAQ in Sports Medicine. He currently serves as the Director of Sports Medicine for the Carney Family Residency. Dr. Concepcion attended the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He then completed his residency at Tufts Family Medicine Residency after which he completed his Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship at Halifax Health in Daytona Beach. There he was the team physician for NCAA Division 1, NAIA, NJCAA colleges and local high schools. Dr. Concepcion is also an American College of Sports Medicine Certified Personal Trainer and USA track and field Level 1 certified coach. His clinical interests include concussion management, sports performance, and exercise in medicine.

## **Dawn M Purington, M.Ed, ATC**

Dawn is a Certified and Licensed Athletic Trainer who works with several local professional sports teams. She is a graduate of Southern Connecticut State University, where she received a BS in Exercise Science, and Temple University, where she earned a master's of education in Athletic Training and Sports Medicine. Dawn has been the Head Athletic Trainer of the Boston Breakers, Professional Women's Soccer team, for the past 7 seasons. Prior to that she was the Head Athletic Trainer for the Boston Blazer's Indoor Major League Lacrosse franchise.

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

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

Dr. Morrissey is a physician with Khalsa Chiropractic Office, which has multiple locations in Boston and the surrounding areas. Her office is in the back bay on Newbury St. For more information, please visit: [www.khalsachiropractic.com](http://www.khalsachiropractic.com)

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- Author, Nancy Clark's Sports Nutrition Guidebook

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Mark A. Cinelli has been serving as the Associate Head Sports Performance Coach for the Boston Breakers for the past 5 years.

His CATZ facility is located in Needham, MA. The Competitive Athlete Training Zone is a Sports Performance Training Facility that helps people of all ages and abilities realize their athletic potential. He is also currently serving as the Head Sports Performance Coach for the Boston Cannons (MLL).

Mark began his career with the Springfield Falcons of the American Hockey League. Following his stint with the Falcons, Mark was hired by the Pittsburgh Pirates organization to work as the head strength coach for one of their minor league affiliates (Hickory Crawdads). He subsequently accepted a position as the Minor League Strength and Conditioning Coordinator for the San Diego Padres. In this role, Mark managed the strength and conditioning program for all six minor league affiliates within the Padres organization.

Mark has coached athletes from MLS, WPS, US Women's National Soccer Team, US Men's National Soccer Team, MLB, NBA, NFL, MLL and US Women's pro tennis. Currently, Mark is on the Board of Advisors for the Sports Science Department, as well as an Adjunct Professor in the Sports Science Department at Lasell College (Newton, Ma.) where he teaches the Essentials of Strength and Conditioning. He also serves on the Board of Advisors for New England Sports Partners, a baseball specific sports performance-training organization. His expertise is in athletic sports performance enhancement and injury prevention and management. Mark currently writes a blog for the [BostonHerald.com](http://BostonHerald.com) called "Mr. Fit". Mark is also a regular contributor to [Our Game Magazine](#).

Mark received his BS in Athletic Training from Salem State College and MS in Sports Medicine and Injury Prevention and Management from Springfield College. He is a licensed/certified Athletic Trainer and a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist, as well as a Certified Nutrition Manager.

## **Tracy True, USAW-L1**

**Assistant Performance Director**

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Tracy True has been serving as the Associate Head Sports Performance Coach for the Boston Breakers for the past 4 years.

Tracy True comes to CATZ from the University of New Hampshire. A 2007 graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Administration, Tracy returns home having grown up in Westwood. While at UNH, Tracy competed for the Wildcats their Women's Ice Hockey Team. During her sophomore season the team captured the Hockey East Championship.

In addition to being an athlete at UNH, Tracy joined the Strength and Conditioning Department at the university by working as a strength coach. It was in Durham, NH where Tracy found her passion to help athletes recognize their goals. "Working with athletes to improve their performance on the field, or in the rink is exhilarating for a coach," said True.

UNH's Director of Strength and Conditioning Department recognized Tracy's skills as a coach and her work ethic by assigning her to the Varsity Weight Room. In the Varsity Weight Room Tracy worked exclusively with UNH's best athletes. As an assistant strength and conditioning coach, Tracy independently developed and implemented strength programs for the Men's and Women's Track and Field teams, the Men's and Women's Nordic Skiing teams, the Women's Swimming and Diving team, and the Women's Varsity and Novice Crew teams. Tracy trained two American East Championship teams, Men's Cross Country and Women's Swimming & Diving. Additionally, Tracy assisted the Director and Assistant Head of Strength and Conditioning with implementation of strength programs for the Women's Field Hockey, Women's Lacrosse, Men's Soccer, and Women's Basketball teams.

# STADIUM INFORMATION

## SOLDIERS FIELD SOCCER STADIUM – HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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# **DIRECTIONS TO SOLDIERS FIELD SOCCER STADIUM**

**SOLDIERS FIELD SOCCER STADIUM IS LOCATED ON  
65 NORTH HARVARD STREET, ALLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.**

## **From the West**

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

## **From the North**

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

## **From the South**

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

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

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

## **Via MBTA**

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

# STADIUM INFORMATION & POLICIES

## A GUIDE TO SOLDIERS FIELD SOCCER STADIUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Will Call:** Tickets held at Will Call will be available three hours prior to kickoff. Will call tickets will only be released with a photo ID to the person in whose name the tickets were purchased or in whose name the tickets have been left. The will call booth is located next to the ticket box office, inside the basketball center.

**Cameras:** Still cameras are allowed inside Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium. Tripods and video cameras are prohibited.

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

**Parking:** Parking is \$10 per car at the designated lots on the Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium grounds. Entrance for parking areas is via Stadium Gate 6 on North Harvard Street. Bus parking is \$40 and there is a designated dropoff area for bus groups inside Gate 6. Parking lots open three hours prior to kickoff. Handicap parking spots are available alongside the far side of the stadium after entering via Gate 6.

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

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

## **Prohibited Items:**

Alcoholic Beverages (OK in tailgating areas. Cannot be brought inside stadium.)

Food & Beverages (OK in tailgating areas. Cannot be brought inside stadium.)

Coolers

Umbrellas

Camera Tripods

Fireworks

Laser Pens

Whistles

Pets (except animals assisting people with disabilities)

The Boston Breakers and Harvard University reserve the right to prohibit any item from Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium.

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

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

**Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited at all Boston Breakers home games at Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium.

# TICKET INFORMATION & PRICING

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

## Ticket Prices - 2015

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

- Subject to seating location range from \$15.00 to \$25.00
- Group (20 or more) Subject to seating location range from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per ticket. Additional discount for Preferred Youth Soccer Partners
- Pitch Side (subject to availability) \$90.00

**Groups of 20 or more for a single game** are eligible for group rate discounts of \$10 to \$15 per ticket based on seating selection. You can reserve your group outing with a non-refundable deposit of 25% even if you don't yet know the final number of tickets you will need. Call the Breakers sales department at 617.945.1704 to reserve your date and for helpful tips on organizing your event.

**Season Memberships are available.** Please call the Breakers sales department at 617.945.1704 to purchase or online at [www.breakerstickets.com](http://www.breakerstickets.com).

## Ordering Tickets

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

- **BY PHONE.** Season Flex Packs, Group Outings, and single game tickets can all be ordered over the phone through the Breakers sales department at 617.945.1704. A friendly Breakers account executive is available to answer your questions and help you select seats from 9 AM until 5 PM on Monday through Friday.
- **ONLINE.** Single game tickets can be purchased online for all home games by [www.breakertickets.com](http://www.breakertickets.com) . Please note that group sales, can only be ordered by phone so that we can provide you with personal service. **All online ticket sales are subject to a \$2.50 per ticket service charge.**
- **BOX OFFICE.** Single game tickets can be purchased on game day at the Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium Box Office. Please note that the Box Office is only open on game days and an additional \$2.00 charge is placed on any walk up game day tickets.

## Box Office Hours

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

For advance ticket orders, please call the Breakers sales department at 617.945.1704 or order online.

## **Soldiers Field Soccer Stadium Will Call**

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

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

## **Refund & Exchange Policy**

Non-Members may not exchange unused game tickets.

## **Inclement Weather**

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

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

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

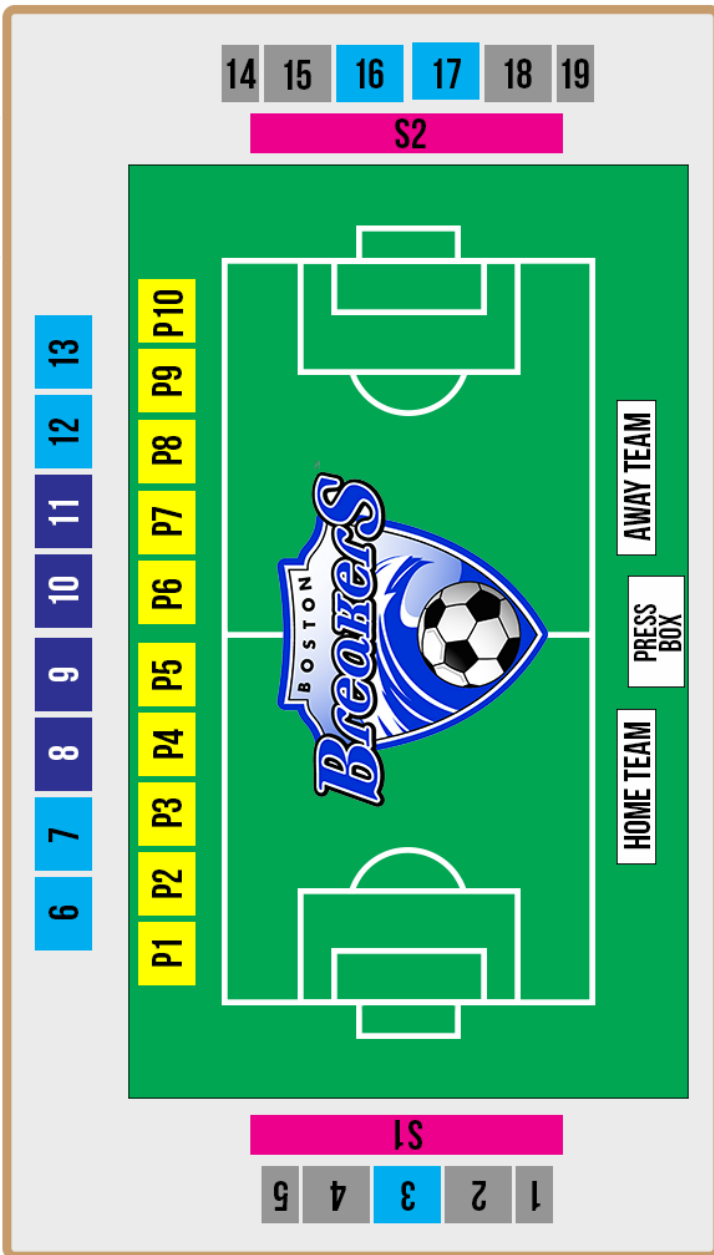


# STADIUM MAP



**BOSTON BREAKERS NWSL HOME STADIUM**

**SOLDIERS FIELD SOCCER STADIUM - HARVARD UNIVERSITY, ALLSTON, MA**



- PITCHSIDE
- CATEGORY I
- CATEGORY II
- CATEGORY III
- STANDING



TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT [WWW.BREAKERTICKETS.COM](http://WWW.BREAKERTICKETS.COM) OR CALL 617.945.1704

# SEASON MEMBERSHIP

## BREAKERS FANS...SHOW YOUR SUPPORT #FILLSOLDIERSFIELD

The best way to enjoy all of the 2015 NWSL league action is to become a Boston Breakers Season Ticket holder. Your Breakers Season Ticket booklet contains one (1) ticket for each home game in 2015. **Category I (Preferred) Season Membership** holders will have their own designated seat for every home game in the category I seating section of the stadium. All other seating in the stadium will be designated by category. All Season Ticket holders will receive a PRIORITY NUMBER based on the order in which you purchase your ticket. That priority number defines the order in which season ticket holders select their seat and the order in which any upgrades to seating can be made for future season.

Season Tickets will be available for shipping at an additional cost of \$5.00.

Season Tickets which are not shipped can be claimed at the stadium Will Call office on any Breakers game day.

**Purchase Season Memberships by calling the Breakers ticket office at 617.945.1704 or online at [www.breakertickets.com](http://www.breakertickets.com).**

## 2015 Season Ticket Prices

### **Category I (Preferred) Season Membership - \$270 per membership**

- 1 Ticket to pre season "Meet the Team" event
- Select your seat (pick your preferred seat at the stadium for the entire season at our special "Meet Your Seat" event)
- 1 Ticket to post season event
- 10% Discount on Breakers merchandise
- Name listed online at our Breakers Family page
- 10 Game tickets total - 1 ticket for each of the home games
- Breakers Buck\$ Rewards Program Membership

### **Category II (Regular) Season Membership - \$215 per membership**

- 1 Ticket to pre season "Meet the Team" event
- 10% Discount on Breakers merchandise
- Name listed online at our Breakers Family page
- 10 Game tickets total - 1 ticket for each of the home games
- Breakers Buck\$ Rewards Program Membership

### **Category III (Support) Season Membership - \$185 per membership**

- 10% Discount on Breakers merchandise
- Name listed online at our Breakers Family page
- 10 Game tickets total - 1 ticket for each of the home games
- Breakers Buck\$ Rewards Program Membership

## **Pitch Side Season Membership - \$750 per membership**

- 1 Ticket to pre season "Meet the Team" event
- 1 Pass to home opener social event
- 1 Labeled pitch side seat for all home games
- 1 Ticket to post season event
- 10% Discount on Breakers merchandise
- Name listed online at our Breakers Family page
- Breakers Buck\$ Rewards Program Membership
- VIP Gameday experiences (select games only)

## **Breakers Flex Pack - \$230 per pack**

- 15 undated tickets to be used anytime throughout the season
- Ideal for those who do not know their schedule or cannot attend every home game
- Great for gifts or awards

**For more information or to purchase your 2015 Season Membership call 617.945.1704 or email [tickets@bostonbreakers.com](mailto:tickets@bostonbreakers.com)**

# BOSTON BREAKERS GROUP NIGHT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# TESTIMONIALS

"The kids and the adults had a blast. Please pass on a special thanks to all the players. They are the best ambassadors for the sport imaginable!"

"Good atmosphere, good fans, nice stadium"

"Andover Soccer Association has been a Boston Breakers season ticket holder and group night participant for the last three years. Our 700+ girls that participate in Andover Soccer love attending games to see positive role models and world class athletes participate only 30 minutes from Andover. The Breaker staff have worked closely with us to ensure an experience that excites our youth players, from ages 6-16, and keep us coming back for more."

"We were happy with the whole evening. The team loved it and had a lot of fun. The quality of soccer that we saw was excellent. It was a fun, enjoyable experience, and we will definitely do it again next year."

"High quality play. Good for female players to watch female role models. Overall, a high quality soccer experience for our team."

"On May 1, Quincy Youth Soccer had a night at the Breakers. Our families were both impressed at the quality of play and amazed at how accessible and friendly the Breakers were to our youngsters, who had a great time with the High Five and getting autographs afterwards. As the father of two daughters, the games are a great event for families, but especially for girl soccer players."

"The America FC U10 girls had a wonderful time watching the Breakers play the Flash. They were especially thrilled afterward when they got a chance to get player autographs. All the girls talked about on the way home in the car was how they were going to sign their names when they all grew up to be Breakers players."

"My U-14 Girls team, the Winthrop Belle Isle Athletics, truly enjoyed and were inspired by the fine example of soccer play set by the best group of role models a teenage girl could ask for. Hooray for strong athletic women."

"Breakers games are a blast! I have taken several teams I coach from Newburyport to home games. We had a great experience each time. The caliber of soccer is high and very competitive. The view from the stands is immaculate. The atmosphere is family friendly and energized. Parking is easy, and tailgating is always a big hit. The highlight, of course, is the on-field interaction girls have with the players in the High Five tunnel. I also have to mention the diligent autographing the players offer after the games. It does so much to bond the spectators to the team. I can't do without mentioning the times girls get on the big screen shot by the camera in the stands. It fires the crowd up."

"Twice this season I have taken school groups to Harvard Stadium for Breakers' games. We had a blast both times. Besides a chance to see firsthand the most skilled, best female soccer players in the world in action, the kids on my two trips loved the Fan Zone before the game, gyrating and dancing with the Brazilian drummers in Section 12 throughout the game, a very moving halftime tribute to the iron woman herself, Kristine 'Legend' Lilly, plus Kelly Smith's current determination and relentless play, plus Marta's (WNY Flash forward) magicianship, friendly start and end times, and the chance to get autographs after the game. The time flew at both games!"

"The Breakers' organization is providing impressionable youth with an opportunity at every game to see what hard work, dedication, and teamwork can create ... and that is world class soccer in a historic venue."

## HOW DO I RESERVE MY TICKETS?

Call the Breakers group sales office at 617.945.1704 to speak with your personal Account Executive, who will make your outing planning simple and stress-free so you can focus on enjoying the game!

*A 25% deposit is required to reserve your initial block of group tickets. We accept all major credit cards and checks. Tickets can not be held without payment. Group ticket orders must be finalized and paid in full no less than two weeks prior to the event.*



# BREAKERS GROUP EXPERIENCES

#BREAKERSEXPERIENCE

**BELOW ARE THE GROUP EXPERIENCES OFFERED BY BOSTON BREAKERS FOR THE 2015 NWSL SEASON:**

➤ **Autograph Alley**

*Do you want to meet your favorite Breakers?*

After every home game, the barriers go up just outside of the stadium and the Breakers players (and sometimes the away players) will come over to sign autographs and have their picture taken with the #BreakersFamily

- **FREE**

➤ **Post-Game PK**

*Can anyone beat the Breakers keeper?*

For \$60, you can take your very own PK against a professional goalkeeper and keep a signed mini ball as part of your experience.

- **\$60**

### ➤ **Honorary Captain**

*Do you want to be a Boston Breaker for the day?*

For \$65, one lucky Breakers fan will get the unique experience of presenting the official game ball to the referee to start the match and flipping the coin to decide who gets kick off. You will also get a photo with the home and away captains and match day officials.

- **\$65**

### ➤ **Post-Game Pic**

*Do you want a Breaker on your team?*

At the end of the game, your team can come onto the field and get a picture in the goalmouth at Harvard with a Boston Breakers player. The picture will be emailed to the group's contact, and then you can distribute and print as many copies as you would like.

- **\$70**

### ➤ **High 5 Tunnel**

*Do you want to be close up to for favorite soccer stars and give them a high 5?*

All you have to do is be a part of the High 5 Tunnel. Before the teams take the field for the pregame warmups, they have to pass through the High 5 Tunnel.

If your group purchases 35 tickets then 15 members of your group get a place in the tunnel.

- **35 Tickets for 15 spots.**

### ➤ **Official Game Day Ball Kids**

*Do you want to be part of the game?*

We only have 12 spots per game! The 12 participants (ages 11-18) can join the action pitch-side as an Official Game Day Ball Kid and help out the Breakers. If your group purchases 50 tickets, you will be guaranteed 12 ball kid spots.

- **50 tickets for 12 ball kid spots**

### ➤ **Breakers Sidekicks (Player Escorts)**

*How does it feel to be a Boston Breaker?*

If your group purchases 60 tickets, you will get 11 spots to escort the starting players from the Breakers or our opponents onto the field for the match. You will be on the field for the National Anthem in front of thousands of soccer fans.

Only two blocks of 11 (home and away team) are available per game.

- **60 tickets for 11 escort spots**

### ➤ **Pre Game Clinic**

*Have you ever wanted to play on the same field as the Breakers?*

Bring your team/group/club or organization down to Harvard to participate in a pre-game clinic on the same field as the professionals! Be coached by the Breakers coaches and players and learn from the pros.

- **150 tickets**

## ➤ Benchwarmers

*Have you ever wanted to sit where the players sit?*

Fans will get the opportunity to watch the Boston Breakers warm up for a big game from the team's home bench. Unfortunately, participants are not allowed to interact with players and they may not bring food, drinks, bags, or other distracting items to the bench (i.e. cameras) as the players are preparing and getting into game mode!

If your group purchases 80 tickets then you receive 15 Benchwarmer spots OR you could share this experience with another team - 45 tickets for 7 spots.

- **80 tickets for 15 spots OR share the experience with another team: 45 tickets for 7 spots**

**Call 617.945.1704 early to ensure availability!**



# DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

## 4 DAY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC PACKAGES

- 1 Day Pass = \$40 (does not include game day ticket and t-shirt)
- 2 Day Pass = \$80 (does not include game day ticket and t-shirt)
- 8 Day Flex Pack = \$300 (\$40 discount)
- 12 Day Flex Pack = \$450 (\$60 discount)
- The Flex Pack days can be used at 4 Day Development Clinics in 2015 whenever and wherever you decide! (For example, 2 days can be used at a clinic in April and 4 days can be used at a clinic in August). Flex Packs include a t-shirt and home game ticket!

## MORE PROGRAMS COMING SOON!!!

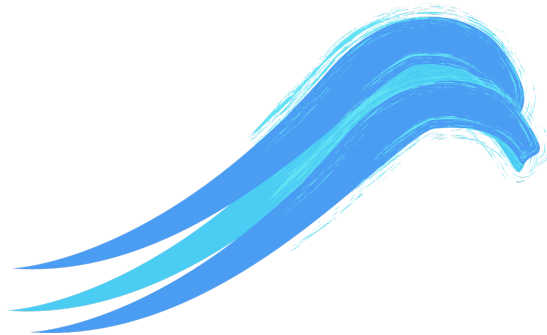
To register over the phone please call 617.945.1704

For more information on Boston Breakers Soccer Programs contact [camps@bostonbreakers.com](mailto:camps@bostonbreakers.com).

# ABOUT DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTERS

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

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



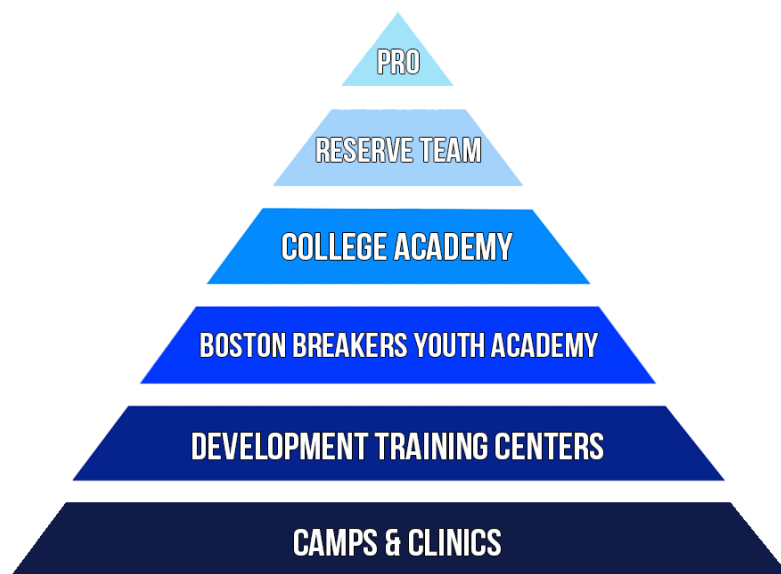
# ABOUT BOSTON BREAKERS ACADEMY

**THE ONLY CLUB IN THE NSWL WITH A FULL DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY.**

The Boston Breakers are pleased to announce a partnership with Scorpions Soccer Club which will launch a full compliment of **Boston Breakers Academy** youth teams.

Boston Breakers Academy teams will compete in the following leagues: **ECNL (Elite Club's National League)**, **NPL (National Premier Leagues)**, **NEP (New England Premiership)**, and **MAPLE (Massachusetts Premier League)**.

Boston Breakers Academy Development Path starts at Under 9 (Junior Academy) and goes through, U19 followed by **Boston Breakers College Academy**, **Boston Breakers Reserve team** and finally **Boston Breakers Pro team**



# PLAYER BIOS





## AMY BARCZUK - MIDFIELDER

**Name:** Amy Barczuk

**Pronunciation:** BAR-zeck

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5-10

**Jersey number:** 11

**Date of birth:** Oct. 28, 1990

**Age:** 24

**Hometown:** Centennial, Colorado

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** University of Colorado

**Last club:** Western New York Flash

**How acquired:** Acquired via trade with Western New York on Nov. 3, 2014

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



**Professional:** In 2014, appeared in 19 matches with the Western New York Flash ... Made nine starts ... Played 886 minutes ... In 2013, began her professional soccer career with the Flash ... Started in four of her nine appearances, including two playoff games, for a total of 395 minutes played ... Spent the offseason with WFK Zorky in Russia ... Played in every minute of her four starts during the tournament phase of the UEFA Women's Champions League.

**International:** Was a member of the U-23 U.S. Women's National Team player pool.

**College:** Attended the University of Colorado ... 2012: By the end of her senior year, was one of eight Buffaloes to start in at least 76 of 78 games, ranking her ninth on CU's all-time start list ... Played in each game of her four years ... With nine points (4 goals, 1 assist) finished second on the team in points ... Was named All-Pac 12 Second Team, Pac 12 All-Academic Honorable Mention and an NSCAA All-Pacific Region Third Team member ... 2011: Started all 19 games for a total of 1,553 minutes ... Tallied three goals and one assist on the year ... Was a Pac-12 Honorable Mention, Pac-12 All-Academic Honorable Mention and was invited to the US Women's National Team U-23 Training Camp where she was eventually selected to the pool ... 2010: Played in all 20 games, starting in 18 ... Finished the year with five points (2 goals, 1 assist) ... Was named a Big 12 All-Academic First Team member ... 2009: Was the only freshman to score in all 19 games ... Throughout the season, scored one goal, logged 16 shots and played 1,607 minutes ... Was named to the 2009 All-Big 12 Conference Second Team and the Big 12 All-Newcomer Team.

**Personal:** In high school, also played basketball and lettered four years in the sport ... Has a sister named Sarah ... Great uncle played baseball for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

## BEATRIZ VAZ E SILVA (BIA) - MIDFIELDER

**Name:** Bia

**Pronunciation:** BEE-ah

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5-5

**Jersey number:** 21

**Date of birth:** Oct. 7, 1985

**Age:** 29

**Hometown:** Sao Paulo, Brazil

**Citizenship:** Brazil

**College:** Southern Nazarene University

**Last club:** Ferroviaria

**How acquired:** Signed Feb. 12, 2015

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



**With Ferroviaria:** Won the 2014 Campeonato Brasileiro de Futebol Feminino, beating Kindermann in the finals ... Also captured the Copa do Brasil de Futebol Feminino, edging Sao Jose for the club's first Copa do Brasil title ... Made 11 starts and scored one goal in 891 minute during the 2014 season ... Won the Brazil National Tournament (2014) and Brazil Cup (2014), finished second in the 2013 Sao Paulo state tournament ... Previous clubs included Foz Cataratas (2010-2012) where she won the Brazil Cup in 2011, finished second in the Libertadores Cup (2012), and second in the Brazil Cup in 2010 ... SABESP (2006-2007), where she captained the club ... Santos (2004-2005).

**International:** Made her debut with the senior national team in 2010 and has been a mainstay on the team since ... Played for Brazil's U19 team in 2004 ... Won the South American Championship with Brazil in 2014 and the Sao Paulo International Tournament in 2013 and also in 2009.

**College:** Played two years at Southern Nazarene University (2009-2010) ... As a freshman, she scored eight goals and tallied 12 assists ... Named the 2009 All-Sooner Athletic Conference Player of the Year and an honorable mention for NAIA Women's Soccer All-America ... As a sophomore, she was named a first team NAIA All-American.

## MADDY EVANS - DEFENDER

**Name:** Maddy Evans

**Pronunciation:** MAD-ee evans

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5-6

**Jersey number:** 18

**Date of birth:** Apr. 21, 1991

**Age:** 23

**Hometown:** Glenside, PA.

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** Penn State University

**How acquired:** Signed as a free agent May 2013

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**Professional:** In 2014, set career highs in appearances (17), starts (eight), and minutes played (730) ... Registered her first professional points, tallying three assists ... First assist came on May 28 in a 4-1 win at home against Portland Thorns FC. Evans assisted on Jazmine Reeves' third goal of the match ... Recorded second assist on June 27 in a 2-1 loss at Western New York ... Third assist of season came on July 20, a 6-3 loss to Portland Thorns FC ... **In 2013:** Made her professional debut on June 1, 2013, coming on in the 47th minute of a 5-1 loss to Sky Blue FC ... Started 2 of the 11 games she appeared in ... Totaled 370 minutes.

**College:** Evans served as Penn State's team captain in 2012 and played a pivotal role in leading the Nittany Lions to the College Cup Final ... Finished her career with 11 goals, nine assists, and 31 points ... 2012 All-Big Ten Second Team selection.

**Scholastic/Club:** Seven-year member of FC Bucks Vipers coached by Ed Leigh...Named Golden Boot winner after scoring five goals in Nationals, leading the team to its first U.S. Youth Championship in 2009...Scored game-winner in title game at Nationals...Won seven Eastern Pa. State Cups, Region I Premier League Championship, and two Region I Championships...Seven-year member of Eastern Pa. and Region I ODP teams...Attended 2008 U-17 Women's National Team camp...Competed internationally with Region I team...Named MVP of 2009 Kuban Spring Tournament in Russia...Member of Region I Inter-Regional team 2005-07...Captained 2008 Pa. ODP team that won the Region I Championship...2007 adidas ESP All-Star. One of three PSU freshmen ranked in the ESPN Rise Girls' Soccer Top 50 Rankings, coming in at No. 41...Two-year letterwinner at Abington as a freshman and sophomore...Led team in scoring in those two years...Named to Southeastern Pa. Coaches' All-Star Team as a sophomore...Opted to play varsity lacrosse junior and senior years.

**Personal:** Born Madlyn Whitney Evans in Philadelphia...Daughter of Grant and Elizabeth Evans...One of four children, brothers Grant and James and sister, Kara...Four-year letterwinner in cross country and indoor track, captaining both squads senior year and capturing All-League honors...All-State in 800m...Two-year letterwinner in lacrosse, earning All-League recognition in 2008...Lettered in outdoor track...Recipient of the Union League of Philadelphia Good Citizenship Award...Member of the National Honor Society...Majored in English.

## NKEM EZURIKE - FORWARD

**Name:** Nkem Ezurike

**Pronunciation:** kem ezz-uh-REE-kay

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 5-11

**Jersey number:** 22

**Date of birth:** Mar. 19, 1992

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, Canada

**Citizenship:** Canada

**College:** University of Michigan

**How acquired:** Signed as a college draft pick on March 27, 2014

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**Professional:** Drafted No. 8 overall in the 2014 NWSL College Draft ... Made her Breakers debut on May 3, 2014, coming on as a sub in the second half against Sky Blue FC ... Finished the season with two goals ... Scored first professional goal in her first professional start, a 4-1 win on May 28 over Portland Thorns FC at home ... Scored second goal of season on June 27 in a 2-1 loss to the Western New York Flash ... Appeared in 11 games (six starts) ... Played 503 minutes.

**International:** Earned first cap with the Canadian Women's National Team on March 5, 2014, at the Cyprus Cup ... Has three caps for Canada ... Was a member of the Canadian U-20 National Team (2012) ... competed for Canada at CONCACAF U-20 Women's Championship ... Member of Canadian National Training Center - Atlantic (2005-10) ... took part in Canada U-20 National Team camp (2009) ... Nova Scotia Provincial Team (2005-10) ... IKON awards Athlete of the Year (2009) ... Canadian U-17 National Team (2007-08) ... participated in the 2008 U-17 Women's World Cup ... won a bronze medal at the 2008 CONCACAF U-17 Championship.

**College:** Currently the University of Michigan's career leader in goals (49) and points (118) ... NSCAA All-American (2013 - First Team) ... Semifinalist for 2013 MAC Hermann Trophy ... Three-time NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region (2013 - first team; 2012 - second team; 2010 - third team) ... Four-time All-Big Ten (2012-13 - first team; 2010-11 - second team) ... Big Ten All-Freshman Team (2010) ... Two-time CollegeSportsMadness.com All-American (2012-13 - Third Team) ... CollegeSportsMadness.com All-Big Ten (2013 - First Team) ... TopDrawerSoccer.com All-Rookie Team honorable mention (2010) ... Three-time Academic All-Big Ten (2011-13) ... Three-time U-M Athletic Academic Achievement (2011-13) ... All-Michigan Invitational Team (2011).

**Scholastic/Club:** Went to Sackville High School (Class of 2010) ... did not letter due to restrictions placed on players participating at National Training Center ... Member of Laval Cometes of the USL W-League (2010) ... Played for Halifax City Soccer Club (2008-10), winning the national championships in 2008 ... Also played for Scotia Soccer Club (2002-08).

**Personal:** Born Nkemjika Natalie Ezurike in Halifax, Nova Scotia ... daughter of Levi and Christie Ezurike ... speaks English and French... her parents and grandparents were born in Nigeria.

## KASSEY KALLMAN - DEFENDER

**Name:** Kasey Kallman

**Pronunciation:** CASS-ee CALL-men

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5-8

**Jersey number:** 5

**Date of birth:** May 6, 1992

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Woodbury, Minn.

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** Florida State University

**Last club:** FC Kansas City

**How acquired:** Acquired via trade with FC Kansas City on Oct. 27, 2014

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**Professional:** In 2014 with FC Kansas City, played in and started 18 matches ... Finished with one assist in 1,479 minutes ... Part of a back line that allowed just 32 goals on the season, third lowest in the NWSL ... Played all 90 minutes in the 2014 NWSL Championship game, a 2-1 win over Seattle Reign FC ... Was the No. 5 overall selection in the 2014 NWSL Draft by FC Kansas City.

**International:** Participated in U-23 camp during the summer of 2013 ... One of 20 members selected to compete with the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team at the FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup in Japan (2012) ... Went on to win a gold medal as the U.S. defeated Germany 1-0 in the finals ... Played all 450 minutes of the five CONCACAF qualifying games, leading the squad in minutes ... Had 15 career U-20 caps heading into the 2012 Women's World Cup ... Earned first-ever national team call-up in January of 2011 after her freshman season when she was invited in with the U.S. U-20s ... Member of the U-20 squad that traveled to La Manga, Spain for friendly matches.

**College:** Two-year captain at Florida State University (2012, 2013) ... MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist and Honda Award finalist, both in 2013 ... First player from Florida State to be named ACC Defensive Player of the Year (did so in 2013) ... NSCAA All-American First Team (2013) ... ACC Tournament Most Valuable Player (2013) ... Senior CLASS Award Watch List and Finalist (2013) ... Senior CLASS First Team All-American (2013) ... As a sophomore, played every minute of all 26 games for Florida State while helping the Seminoles to their fifth NCAA College Cup appearance ... Equaled her offensive production from her freshman campaign with nine points on three goals and three assists ... Led team in minutes played with 2,378 ... Tallied two game-winning goals, scoring the lone goal in a 1-0 victory over New Mexico and a second game-winner against Louisville in the NCAA Tournament

**College Cont.:** Helped lead the Seminole defense to 12 shutouts, tied for the fourth most in school history, including three shutouts in the NCAA Tournament to tie a school record ... As a freshman, led the team in minutes played with 2,022 and was the only true freshman to start every game ... She named Second-Team All-ACC, to the All-ACC Freshman Team and was a Soccer America First-Team Freshman All-American.

**Scholastic/Club:** Captain at Woodbury Senior High School and an All-American as a junior ... All-State as a senior ... All-Conference as a junior and senior ... Won Minnesota state titles as a freshman and junior and her teams' took third place in state as a sophomore and second as a senior ... Voted Ms. Hustle as a sophomore and junior ... The Minnesota Player of the Year as a senior ... Voted Minnesota's Ms. Soccer as a senior ... ESPN Rise Player of the Year as a senior ... Minnesota Gatorade Player of the Year as a senior ... Also played four years of varsity basketball at Woodbury Senior High School ... On the club level, played from U-9 through U-19 for Woodbury Inferno ... Won the state title from 2005 to 2011 ... Won the regional championship in 2011.

**Personal:** Born Kassey Lee Kallman ... Daughter of Rich and Laura Kallman ... has five siblings: Krystle, Kylie, Brian, Brad, and Brent ... Four of her five siblings have played Division I soccer.

## KETLEN WIGGERS (KETLEN) - FORWARD

**Name:** Ketlen

**Pronunciation:** KET-len WIG-urs

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 5-7

**Jersey number:** 7

**Date of birth:** Jan. 7, 1992

**Age:** 23

**Hometown:** Rio Fortuna, Brazil

**Citizenship:** Brazil

**Last club:** Centro Olímpico

**How acquired:** Signed Dec. 4, 2014

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



**Professional:** With Centro Olímpico, won the Federação Pernambucana de Futebol in 2013 ... Played for Vittsjo in Sweden's Damallsvenskan in 2013 and made five appearances (two starts) for Vittsjo ... Previously played for Vitoria de Santa Antão in Brazil and won the Federação Pernambucana de Futebol in 2011 and 2012 ... Played four years (2007-2011) for Santos Futebol Clube, debuting as a 15-year-old ... In four years at Santos, won the Paulista, Brazilian National League, Regional Games Championships, and two Brazilian Cups (2008, 2009) ... Won the Libertadores America Cup in 2009 ... In 2009, scored 32 goals in 32 games for Santos.

**International:** On Oct. 11, 2011, earned her first cap with the full national team at the Pan-American Games, playing all 90 minutes in a 1-1 tie against Canada ... Scored on her debut in penalties against Canada in the finals ... As a 16-year-old, she debuted at the 2008 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Chile and scored a goal in a 5-0 group stage win over Mexico ... Played two of Brazil's four matches in the tournament that saw Brazil reach the quarterfinals ... At the 2008, 2010, and 2012 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cups, played in a combined seven games and scored one goal ... The goal came Nov. 23, 2008, in a 5-0 win over Mexico at the 2008 U-20 World Cup ... Made her youth national team debut in 2008 for the Brazil U-17 squad that finished as runners-up at the 2008 South American Under-17 Women's Championship ... Played in the 2017 FIFA Women's World Cup in 2008, making three appearances and scoring one goal for Brazil ... The goal came against Nigeria in a 2-2 draw on Nov. 5, 2008.

## JULIE KING - DEFENDER

**Name:** Julie King

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5-9

**Jersey number:** 8

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

**Age:** 25

**Hometown:** St. Louis, MO.

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** Auburn University

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

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

**Follow on Twitter:** [@Julie\\_King8](#)



**Professional:** In 2014, started all 17 games she appeared in ... Logged 1,530 minutes, third highest on the team ... Tallied one goal and one assist ... Her goal, the first of her professional career, came on on April 27, 2014, in a 3-2 win at home over Sky Blue FC. Also registered an assist in the match ... **2013:** Started all 21 games she appeared in ... Totaled 1,862 minutes, fifth most on team ... Registered one assist. **In 2012:** King played in 14 games (9 starts) for the Breakers in WPSL Elite ... Finished with one assist ... Logged 967 minutes.

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

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

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



## JAMI KRANICH - GOALKEEPER

**Name:** Jami Kranich

**Pronunciation:** JAY-me KRAN-itch

**Position:** Goalkeeper

**Height:** 5-10

**Jersey number:** 2

**Date of birth:** May 27, 1992

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Hamden, CT

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** Villanova University

**How acquired:** Signed as a college draft pick on March 24, 2013

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**Professional:** Signed as a draft pick on March 24, 2014 ... Was selected in the fourth round (32 overall) in the 2014 NWSL College Draft ... Served as backup to starting keeper Alyssa Naeher ... Did not make an appearance in 2014 ... Recorded a shutout in a preseason victory over the University of Connecticut.

**College:** Played and started 64 matches in four years at Villanova ... Finished with 24 career wins and 12 shutouts ... Made 269 career saves and finished with a 1.59 goals against average ... Went 6-10-3 in her senior season of 2013 and earned a career-high four shutouts ... As a junior in 2012, only played eight games due to international duty with the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team ... Named a 2012 Third Team All-BIG EAST selection ... Also in 2012, was ranked first in the BIG EAST averaging 0.50 shutouts per game, fifth with a 0.84 goals against average, fifth with a .841 save percentage and fourth in the conference averaging 4.62 saves per game... Tallied a 3-4-1 record and four shutouts for the season while facing an average of 14.5 shots per game ... As a sophomore in 2011, she was the only player on the team to play every minute of all 19 games ... Ranked eighth in the BIG EAST in saves (75) ... As a freshman in 2010, started all 18 of her appearances and played 1,480:54 minutes in goal, allowing 31 goals and making 73 saves ... Posted a 1.88 goals-against average and a .702 save percentage ... Tallied three shutouts and an overall record of 7-11 (.389) ... Ranked 10th in the BIG EAST Conference in saves per game.

**International:** Member of the U-20 U.S. Women's National Team that won the U-20 FIFA Women's World Cup in 2012 in Japan ... First Villanova player to participate in a World Cup event while an undergraduate and follows in the footsteps of former Wildcats goalkeeper Jillian Loyden, who was on the U.S. team for the Women's World Cup in 2011 and was chosen as the team's alternate goalkeeper for the London Olympics.

**Scholastic/Club:** At Hamden High School, played varsity soccer for three years (freshman, sophomore, and senior) and earned two letters as a goalkeeper ... Named one of the nation's Top 100 'Players to Watch' by Top Drawer Soccer, which also listed her as a Top 100 recruit in the Class of 2010 ... Achieved High Honors status every semester in high school ... Named a Scholar-Athlete ... Played for the Connecticut Football Club (CFC) since 2002 ... The team won the Connecticut State Cup each year from 2005-09, advancing to the Region 1 Championship each year ... Region semifinalist and Disney Showcase semifinalist in 2007 ... US Club Soccer national finalist in 2008 ... Played for the CFC Passion in the W-League (2009) and WPSL (2010) ... Member of the Connecticut state ODP team each year since 2007 ... The team was a Region 1 semifinalist in 2008 ... Member of the Region 1 pool each year since 2008 ... Played in the 2008 and 2009 Inter-Regional tournament and was a member of the 2009 squad that traveled to Portugal.

**Personal:** Born in New Haven, Conn ... Daughter of James and Nancy Kranich ... Has a younger brother, Kyle ... Father played football and was a defensive back at American International College (1981-85)

## MORGAN MARLBOROUGH - FORWARD

**Name:** Morgan Marlborough

**Pronunciation:** MORE-ghen MARREL-buh-roh

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 6-0

**Jersey number:** 15

**Date of birth:** Dec. 3, 1990

**Age:** 24

**Hometown:** Lee's Summit, MO

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** Santa Clara University/Nebraska

**Last club:** FC Kansas City

**How acquired:** Acquired via trade with FC Kansas City on Oct. 27, 2014

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**Professional:** For FC Kansas City in 2014, scored two goals on just five shots on goal in 247 minutes ... Was the No. 12 overall pick in the 2014 NWSL College Draft ... Following the 2014 NWSL season, went on loan to Glasgow City FC in Scotland ... With Glasgow, helped team win Scottish Women's Premier League and Scottish Cup and was an integral part of the team's UEFA Women's Champions League run that saw Glasgow become the first team from Scotland to reach the quarterfinals.

**International:** Member of the U-23 U.S. Women's National Team in 2013 ... In March 2013, played with the U.S. U-23s at the Four Nations Tournament in La Manga, Spain ... At the tournament, scored two goals in a 6-0 win over Sweden ... At 2012 Four Nations Tournament, scored one goal and tallied one assist in 5-0 win over Norway that gave the U.S. U-23s the tournament championship ... In 2010, played for the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team in the CONCACAF World Cup qualifiers alongside current Breaker Kristie Mewis ... Invited to the U.S. U-17 National Team Camp in 2007.

**College:** At Santa Clara as a senior, played in all 22 games, made All Team in the WCC ... Tallied 36 points with 15 goals her senior year (2013) ... Helped lead the Broncos team to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament in 2013 ... Before her time with Santa Clara, Marlborough spent three years with Nebraska. She was named to the Big 12 All Team and named Big 12 Offensive player of the year in 2009 and 2010 ... With the Huskers, tallied 96 points over 40 games ... Had 40 points in 2010 and had an average of 2.29 points per game, landing her second in the NCAA overall in both categories.

**Scholastic/Club:** At Lee's Summit North High School, recorded 232 goals in four years breaking the state record ... recorded 69 goals as a senior breaking the state record ... led her team to a 25-3 record as a senior ... was named Missouri's Gatorade Player of the Year ... recorded 63 goals her junior season ... earned 12 assists her junior year ... named to the NSCAA All-American Team ... Recorded 57 goals and 13 assists her sophomore season ... led her team to a 22-4-1 record ... earned NSCAA All-Region V accolades ... As a freshman she recorded 43 goals and 8 assists ... led her team to an 18-3-1 record ... was a four-time first-team all-state selection ... named all state offensive player in 2007 and 2008 ... was named the all-metro player of the year in 2007, 2008, and 2009.

**Personal:** Daughter of Matt and Karen Marlborough ... has one sister, Megan

## STEPHANIE MCCAFFREY- FORWARD

**Name:** Stephanie McCaffrey

**Pronunciation:** mick-AFF-ree

**Position:** Forward

**Height:** 5-6

**Jersey number:** 9

**Date of birth:** Feb. 18, 1993

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Winchester, MA

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** Boston College

**Last club:** Boston Breakers College Academy

**How acquired:** Signed as a college draft pick on March 4, 2015

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**College:** Played four years at Boston College ... Was selected No. 5 overall in the 2015 NWSL College Draft by the Chicago Red Stars before the Breakers sent their No. 9 and 11 picks to Chicago in exchange for McCaffrey ... As a senior in 2014, named team captain along with Alex Johnson and McKenzie Meehan ... finished as the team's second leading scorer (six goals) ... led the Eagles with seven assists and 19 points ... Finished career with 32 goals (fifth all-time at the school) and became just the fourth player to score 90 or more points in program history ... Was a two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference First Team honoree ... As a junior in 2013, named to the All-ACC first team ... Earned 2013 NSCAA/Continental Tire NCAA Division I Women's All-Southeast Region second-team honors ... Played in, and started, all 24 games ... Led team in shots and shots on goal, and was second on the team in scoring and first on the team in assists, with 12 goals and nine assists, for a career-high 33 points ... Tied the program record for points in a single game with eight (two goals, four assists) at Hofstra on Sep. 1 ... Netted two hat-tricks in three games, at Central Connecticut on Oct. 16 and against Duke on Oct. 6 ... Named to the All-ACC Academic Team ... Reached the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament ... Earned the Athletic Director's Award for Academic Achievement ... Named to the 2013 All-ACC Honor Roll ... As a sophomore in 2012, earned the Athletics Director's Academic Achievement Award ... Named to the ACC Academic honor roll ... Named to the All-ACC second team ... Played in 21 games, started 20 ... Second leading scorer with 10 goals, seven assists for a career-high 27 points ... Had three game-winning goals ... Recorded four multiple-point games, including six points (two goals, two assists) vs. NC State on Oct. 14 ... Named ACC co-Player of the Week on Oct. 23 ... As a freshman in 2011, played in every game, making her debut in the season opener against Boston University ... Played 776 minutes ... Scored first goal, which proved to be the game-winner, in 1-0 win over Rutgers on Aug. 26.

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

**Scholastic/Club:** Played two seasons with the Boston Breakers College Academy Team (2013, 2014) in the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) ... In 2013, finished in the top three in WPSL in scoring with 16 goals ... That season, scored two hat tricks in her first four games and led the team to the conference finals ... In two seasons with the Breakers Academy College Team, she amassed 23 goals. ... Played high school soccer for Buckingham, Browne & Nichols ... Named the Independent School League MVP in 2008 and 2010 ... Boston Globe All-Scholastic in 2008 and 2010 ... Missed the 2009 season due to injury ... Honored as a 2010 NSCAA high school and club all-american ... Led BB&N to an ISL championship in 2010 ... Broke the ISL single-season scoring record with 38 goals and seven assists in 2010 ... had 28 goals and 6 assists in 2008 ... Took the FC Stars of Massachusetts club team to the national finals in 2010.

**Personal:** Daughter of Jim and Gina McCaffrey ... Has one older brother, James, and one younger brother, Michael.

## KRISTIE MEWIS - MIDFIELDER

**Name:** Kristie Mewis

**Pronunciation:** chris-TEE me-YOU-iss

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5-7

**Jersey number:** 19

**Date of birth:** Feb. 25, 1991

**Age:** 24

**Hometown:** Hanson, MA

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** Boston College

**Last club:** Seattle Reign FC

**How acquired:** Aquired via trade with Seattle Reign FC  
On Nov. 18, 2013

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**Professional:** In 2014, made 17 appearances (15 starts) ... Played 1,191 minutes ... Scored three goals and tallied two assists ... First two goals of the season came on Aug. 3, 2014, in a 4-3 loss at home to the Western New York Flash ... Scored her third goal of the season, which proved to be the game-winner, on Aug. 17, 2014, a 1-0 win at home against the Houston Dash ... After the 2014 NWSL season, went on loan to Japanese club Iga FC Kunoichi ... Scored the game-winning goal in a 2-1 victory over Nittaidai in mid-November that prevented Iga from getting relegated to the second division in Japan ... **In 2013:** Acquired by the Breakers on Nov. 18, 2013 via trade with Seattle Reign FC that sent Sydney Leroux to Seattle ... **In 2012** with FC Kansas City, started all 20 games she appeared in ... Scored one goal in 1,784 minutes ... One of only six players on FC Kansas City to play more than 1,700 minutes ... Was the No. 3 overall pick in the inaugural 2013 NWSL Draft ... Prior to the 2013 NWSL season, she made her professional debut, playing in January 2013 for Canberra United of the Australian W-League ... Scored two goals in two games for Canberra.

**International:** Has 15 caps for the U.S. Women's National Team ... Made her first appearance for the senior team on Feb. 9, 2013, in a 4-1 win over Scotland in Florida, entering the match in the 75th minute ... Scored her first international goal just outside of her hometown when she tallied a goal against South Korea at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. on June 15, 2013 ... On March 7, 2014, against Sweden in the Algarve Cup when her sister, Samantha, entered the match in the 68th minute, it marked just the third time sisters have been on the field together for the full U.S. Women's National Team and the first time since May 11, 1997, when twins Lorrie and Ronnie Fair played against England in Portland ... Twice called into U.S. Women's National Team camp in 2014 following the Algarve Cup (June 2 ahead of friendlies against France, and Aug. 29 ahead of two friendlies with Mexico) ... Played three international matches for the U.S. U-23 WNT in 2011 ... One of the top players on the USA's 2010 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Team in Germany, she played every minute of all four matches while scoring a goal with two assists ... Scored against Switzerland ... Played 15 international matches for the U-20s in 2010 and ended her U-20 career with 20 caps and five goals ... A member of the U.S. team that won the 2010 CONACAF U-20 Women's Championships in Guatemala to earn a berth to the 2010 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup ... Played five games, starting three, and scored two goals, one each against Trinidad & Tobago and Costa Rica, with one assist ...

**International Cont.:** One of the leading scorers for the U-17s in 2008, she ended her U-17 international career with nine goals in 16 caps ... One of the USA's best players at the 2008 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, she started five games in the tournament and scored two goals despite switching positions from flank midfielder to center midfielder in the first match ... Helped lead the USA to the first FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Final where the team fell to Korea DPR in overtime, 2-1 ... She won the Bronze Ball as the third-best player in the tournament ... Was named the U.S. Soccer Young Female Athlete of the Year in 2008 ... Started all four games she played at the 2008 CONCACAF U-17 Women's Championships, scoring three goals with one assist, including a goal in the championship game against Costa Rica ... Scored twice against Australia and twice against Germany at the Future Stars Tournament in January ... Played for the U.S. U-16 Girls' National Team in 2006 and 2007, playing against Holland, Germany and Brazil ... Played for the U.S. U-15 Girls' National Team in 2006 and was a member of the U.S. Soccer U-14 I.D. Camp in 2005. With her younger sister Samantha, they became the first sisters ever to represent the USA at a Women's World Cup, playing together at the 2008 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in New Zealand and also at the 2010 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Germany.

**College:** MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist and an NSCAA First-Team All-America selection as a senior at Boston College ... Named to the All-ACC First-Team ... Finished her senior season with a career-high 16 goals and 12 assists for a career-high 44 points ... The 16 goals made her the second Boston College player to ever tally 16 goals in a single season ... The 44 points were one point off the single-season program record ... She ended her college career with 39 goals and 28 assists, with nine game-winning goals, making her Boston College's all-time leading scorer with 106 total points ... Opened her senior season with a nine-game scoring streak, second to her personal and program record of 11 games that she accomplished in 2010 ... Was the second player in program history to register a goal in five straight games ... As a junior in 2011 she was named the Eagle's Offensive Team MVP and was an NSCAA Third-Team All-American .. Earned NSCAA Southeast Regional First-Team honors and was an All-ACC First-Team selection ... Named to the Soccer America MVP second team ... Led the team in scoring with eight goals and six assists for 22 points ... As a sophomore in 2010 she was named New England Soccer News Player of the Year and was an All-ACC First-Team selection ... Member of Soccer America MVP's First Team and was an NSCAA First-Team All-American ... Was also named to the All-ACC Tournament First Team ... Started all 25 games on the season ... Led the ACC in shots with 101 ... First on the team in assists with 14, which tied for the ACC lead ... Ranked seventh in the ACC and was second on the team in goals with 10 ... Set a BC record by recording a goal or assist in 11 consecutive games ... Had an excellent freshman season in 2009 ... Played and started in 23 games and tied for fourth on the team in scoring with five goals and six assists ... Played midfield and filled in on defense due to injuries ... Earned a spot on the All-ACC Freshman team ... Scored her first career goal in a 5-0 win against Brown ... Had two goals and three assists against ACC competition ... Was second on the team in shots taken with 72.



**Scholastic/Club:** Attended Whitman-Hanson Regional High School (Hanson, Mass.) where she scored 74 goals, including 34 as a junior, with 34 assists ... Team captain as a junior and a senior ... A three-time NSCAA All-American, three time All-New England, and All-Massachusetts Team honoree and a three-time Eastern Massachusetts Girls Soccer Association Division 1 First-Team All-Star ... A 2009 Parade All-American ... Was also the 2008 NSCAA Youth Player of the Year ... An Atlantic Coast League All-Star ... A member of the Patriot Ledger All-Scholastic Team ... Only played in a few high school games as a senior due to National Team commitments ... Played three years of varsity basketball ... Ran winter track her senior year and holds the 300- and 600-meter indoor track records at Whitman-Hanson ... Played club soccer for Scorpions Soccer Club (since rebranded to Boston Breakers Academy) ... Played from U-10 through U-18 with Scorpions ... Won four State Cups (U-12, U-14, U-16, and U-18) and advanced to one Regional final with the U-14s.

**Personal:** Full name is Kristen Anne Mewis ... Graduated with a degree in Human Development from the Lynch School of Education and minored in Communications ... Mom, Melissa, attended Northeastern on a full basketball scholarship and has run a marathon ... Dad, Bob, played soccer at Fitchburg State College and has also run a few marathons ... Younger sister Samantha plays for Western New York Flash ... Born in Weymouth, Mass.

## ALYSSA NAEHER - GOALKEEPER

**Name:** Alyssa Naeher

**Pronunciation:** NAY-err

**Position:** Goalkeeper

**Height:** 5-9

**Jersey number:** 1

**Date of birth:** Apr. 20, 1988

**Age:** 26

**Hometown:** Stratford, CT

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** Penn State University

**Last club:** FFC Turbine Potsdam

**How acquired:** Signed as a free agent May 2013

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**Professional:** In 2014, named NWSL Goalkeeper of the Year ... played in and started all 24 games, one of only two Breakers to do so ... Logged a team-high 2,115 minutes, which also ranked her second in the league ... Won six games ... Set a NWSL record and team record with 106 saves ... Registered three shutouts (seventh most in the NWSL) ... Stopped six of the nine penalty shots she faced ... The six penalty kick saves was the most in NWSL history and a career high ... Named NWSL Player of the Week on Aug. 12, 2014, after a 10-save shutout (2-0) over Portland Thorns FC ... **In 2013**, started eight of the nine games she appeared in ... Finished with a 4-2-2 record with team-high two shutouts ... Joined the Breakers in May 2013, signing as a free agent after finishing German Bundesliga season with 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam. It marked her second stint with the Breakers ... Was selected in the first round (11th overall) of the 2010 WPS Draft ... **In 2011**, set a franchise record and led Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) with 99 saves ... Finished with a 5-9-4 record with five shutouts ... Had a goals against average of 1.33 ... Started and played in all 18 games ... Logged 1,620 minutes ... **In her rookie season of 2010**, during the regular season, started all 16 games she played in, logging 1,379 minutes ... Faced 90 shots and made 69 ... Allowed 18 goals for a 1.17 goals against average ... Posted a record of 9-4-2 with three shutouts ... Played in one playoff game and made three saves in a loss to the Philadelphia Independence in the WPS Super Semifinal ... **With 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam:** For the 2012/13 Frauen Bundesliga season, posted a 16-4-1 record with 10 shutouts, helping the team earn a berth into the 2013-14 Champions League ... Potsdam finished second in the Bundesliga, four points back of champions VfL Wolfsburg ... In debut season with Potsdam (2011/12), Naeher went 13-2-2 with 11 shutouts in the league and Potsdam won the Bundesliga ... Made her debut on Sept. 28, 2011, coming on in the 64th minute of the team's 6-0 victory over Thor/KA of Iceland in the UEFA Women's Champions League ... Over two years at Potsdam, had a 6-3-1 Champions League record with four shutouts.

**International:** Called into three U.S. Women's National Team camps in 2014, the first coming in March for the Algarve Cup in Portugal ... Second call-up came in August ahead of the Aug. 20, 2014 game against Switzerland ... Named to U.S. roster for pair of games in September against Mexico ... In 2013, was called into camp with the senior team ahead of a November friendly against Brazil ... Travelled with the U.S. to Portugal for the 2011 Algarve Cup ... Earned her first call-up to train with the senior team in December 2009 ... Played for the U.S. U-23 team ... Won the 2008 U-20 FIFA Women's World Cup with the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team, earning the Golden Glove after posting five wins in the tournament ... While in high school was called up to play for the U.S. U-16 and U-17 national teams.

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

**Scholastic/Club:** Parade All-American and two-time NSCAA Youth All-American ... Three-time All-State and three-time FAA All-Conference selection at Christian Heritage School, where she also was an honor roll student ... Scored more than 2,000 points in her career as a standout basketball player.

**Personal:** Daughter of Donna Lynn and John ... Has a twin sister, Amanda, and a younger sister, Abigail

## MOLLIE PATHMAN - DEFENDER

**Name:** Mollie Pathman

**Pronunciation:** mall-EEE PATH-men

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5-4

**Jersey number:** 20

**Date of birth:** Jul. 1, 1992

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Durham, NC

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** Duke University

**How acquired:** Signed as a college draft pick on April 3, 2014

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**Professional:** Selected in the third round (No. 23 overall) of the 2014 NWSL College Draft ... Signed as a college draft pick on April 3, 2014 ... Made 21 appearances (18 starts) and logged 1,519 minutes (fifth most on team) ... Made her professional debut on April 13, 2014 in a 3-0 loss to Seattle Reign FC at Moda Pitch Field in Seattle ... Registered one assist. It came on June 11, 2014 in a 2-0 win at home against the Washington Spirit ... Spent the offseason on loan with Cypriot First Division champions Apollon Limassol ... Appeared in two UEFA Women's Champions League matches for Apollon.

**College:** A two-time All-ACC Second Team selection ... started 82 of 86 career matches ... missed the non-conference portion of the 2012 season due to playing in the U-20 World Cup ... in the Duke NCAA Tournament record book, ranked third in points (14) and tied for sixth in goals (3) ... ranked tied for seventh on Duke's all-time charts with five multi-goal performances ... her 29 career assists ranked third in Duke history.

**International:** Trained with the U.S. U-23 squad in April and May of 2013 ... member of the 2012 U.S. U-20 World Cup team that won the championship with a 1-0 victory over Germany in Japan ... trained with the U-20 National Team in the spring and summer of 2012 ... participated in the CONCACAF U-20 Women's Championship in Panama and the Four Nations Tournament in La Manga, Spain in the spring of 2012 with the U-20 squad ... traveled to Spain in March of 2011 for the Ten Nations Tournament ... trained with the U-18, U-20, and U-23 U.S. National Teams during the spring of 2010 ... traveled to Germany with the U-20 squad for the U-20 World Cup in the summer of 2010 where they advanced to the quarterfinals ... traveled to Spain with the U-18 National Team in 2010 ... on the U-18 U.S. National Team in 2009 and 2010 ... member of the U-17 U.S. National Team World Cup pool ... traveled to Brazil with the U-16 U.S. National Team ... member of the U.S. Youth National Team since U-14.

**Scholastic/Club:** Ranked as the 20th best player in the nation in the TopDrawerSoccer.com Girls 2010 Top 100 ... listed as the second-best player in the South Atlantic Region ... named the Gatorade National H.S. Player of the Year for 2010 ... tallied 130 goals and 65 assists in her career ... all-time leading scorer in Durham Academy history ... four-time National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Youth All-America ... a five-year letterwinner ... earned All-State four straight years ... All-Conference selection for five straight years ... as a senior, totaled 29 goals and 10 assists in only 13 matches ... Gatorade North Carolina Player of the Year ... named to Parade's All-America High School Girls team as a junior and senior ... North Carolina's Gatorade Girls Soccer Player of the Year as a junior and senior ... All-America by ESPN Rise as a junior and senior ... helped lead her Durham Academy squad to the state finals as a sophomore and to the state semifinals as a freshman and junior ... named Conference Player of the Year as a junior and senior ... USL Super-20 League North American Championship MVP in 2008 ... led her squad to the USL Super-20 League National Championship in 2008 and 2009 ... earned All-South distinction as a junior ... voted team MVP three times ... a member of the 91 Navy Triangle club team ... contributed to her club team's North Carolina State Cup championship as a sophomore ... named the 2009 NSCAA/adidas Girls High School Scholar Athlete of the Year ... Member of her ODP regional squad since the age of 14 ... has traveled to Costa Rica, Portugal, and Italy with her Regional ODP squad.

**Personal:** Born in Chapel Hill, N.C. ... daughter of Don and Beth Pathman ... has one brother, Josh ... majored in psychology along with obtaining a markets and management certificate.

## SUZANE PIRES - MIDFIELDER

**Name:** Suzane Pires

**Pronunciation:** soo-ZAN PIE-rez

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5-6

**Jersey number:** 17

**Date of birth:** Aug. 17, 1992

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Sao Paulo, Brazil

**Citizenship:** Portugal

**College:** Southern Connecticut State University

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

**How acquired:** Signed Sept. 12, 2014



**In 2014:** Played for the Boston Breakers Reserves team in the Women's Premier Soccer League ... Scored six goals and tallied five assists in 11 games.

**College:** At Southern Connecticut State University, scored 11 goals and tallied four assists in 18 matches for the Owls as a senior in 2013 ... Named to the 2013 NSCAA All-American Third Team ... Also in 2013, was a First Team NSCAA All-Region and All-Northeast 10 Conference selection and named to the All-New England and All ECAC teams ... As a junior in 2012, was an All-New England, All-Region and All-Northeast-10 Conference selection ... Played in 18 games ... Led team with 16 points (six goals, four assists) ... Also tops on the club in goals and assists ... As a sophomore in 2011, tabbed as an All-Conference selection ... Started and played in all 18 games for the Owls ... Registered 15 points (six goals, three assists) ... As a freshman in 2010, started 17 games ... Tallied two goals and two assists for six points.

**Previous experience:** Played in Brazil and Germany ... Was a member of several championship squads, including a JEBS Championship in 2006 and a Sao Paulo Futsal Championship in 2005.

**Scholastic:** Attended International School of Stuttgart in Germany ... In one of the games she played, scored nine of the team's 10 goals in a 10-0 win.

**Personal:** Daughter of Celso Antero and Ines Maria Leio Pires ... Born in Sao Paulo, Brazil ... Moved to Stuttgart, Germany with her family when she was 14 years old ... Majored in business management at Southern Connecticut State University.

## RAFAELA DE MIRANDA TRAVALAO (RAFINHA) —

### MIDFIELDER

**Name:** Rafinha

**Pronunciation:** rah-FEEN-ah

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5-3

**Jersey number:** 10

**Date of birth:** Aug. 18, 1988

**Age:** 26

**Hometown:** Sao Paulo, Brazil

**Citizenship:** Brazil

**Last club:** Ferroviaria

**How acquired:** Signed Feb. 12, 2015

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**With Ferroviaria:** Won the 2014 Campeonato Brasileiro de Futebol Feminino, beating Kindermann in the finals ... Also captured the Copa do Brasil de Futebol Feminino, edging Sao Jose for the club's first Copa do Brasil title ... Started 10 of the 11 matches in which she appeared for Ferroviária in 2014, scoring five goals in 817 minutes of action. Previously played for XV de Novembro de Piracicaba (2012-2013), Santos (2011), Foz Cataratas (2010), Botucatu Sao Paulo (2006-2009), and Marilia Atletico Club (2004-2005) ... Won Paulista and Libertadores championships in 2011 with Santos ... Won state championships with Sao Paulo in 2006, 2008, and 2009 and did the same with Santos in 2011.

**International:** Helped lead the Brazilian National Team to a third-place finish at the 2013 Summer Universiade in Kazan, Russia by scoring both goals in a 2-1 win over South Africa in the bronze-medal match ... Finished in third place with the national team at the 2013 Valais Women's Cup, a two-day tournament, featuring China, Mexico and New Zealand ... Was part of the national side that finished fifth at the 2008 U-20 FIFA Women's World Cup in Chile after qualifying by winning the South American Championship ... Made her debut with the senior national team in 2013.

## KATIE SCHOEPFER - MIDFIELDER

**Name:** Katie Schoepfer

**Pronunciation:** SHEPP-fur

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5-8

**Jersey number:** 88

**Date of birth:** Nov. 10, 1988

**Age:** 26

**Hometown:** Waterford, CT

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** Penn State University

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

**How acquired:** NWSL Supplemental Draft (2<sup>nd</sup> Round, 11<sup>th</sup> overall)

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**Professional:** In 2014, started 12 of the 17 matches she appeared in ... Played 989 minutes ... Scored four goals, which ranked her fourth on the team, and was the fourth straight season in which she scored at least two goals ... First goal of 2014 came on June 12 in a 2-0 win over the Washington Spirit ... Recorded her three other goals in a span of 13 days (July 6 in a 3-2 loss at Seattle, July 11 in a 2-1 loss at Houston, and July 20 in a 6-3 loss at Portland) ... **In 2013**, started 14 of the 20 games she appeared in ... Tallied 2 goals and 1 assist ... One of 10 Breakers to play more than 1,000 minutes as she logged 1,080 minutes ... **In 2012**, finished second on the team in scoring (7 goals, 6 assists) ... Appeared in 14 games (14 starts), logging 1,057 minutes ... **In 2011**, had a breakout WPS season, scoring two goals (on six shots on goal) and adding two assists ... Appeared in 13 games (nine starts) ... Scored first WPS goal in a 2-1 win over magicJack on June 5, 2011 ... Tallied one goal and one assist in 2-0 win over Atlanta Beat on July 10, 2011 ... **In 2010** with Sky Blue FC, appeared in five games, playing 45 minutes (2010).

**International:** Member of the US U-23 National Team (2008-2011) ... Scored game-winning goal in the championship match vs. England as a player on the U.S. Under-17 national team in Ireland.

**College:** Starred at Penn State from 2006-2009 ... First team NSCAA Scholar All-American as a senior (2009) ... Second team NSCAA All-American as a senior (2009) ... Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year as a senior (2009) ... Big Ten All-Conference player (2007-2009) ... Third team NSCAA All-American as a sophomore (2007) ... Big Ten All Freshman Team (2006).

**Scholastic/Club:** South Central Premier, CT. (2003-2007); State Cup Champions (2005-2006); Disney Classic Champions (2004) ... Western Mass Pioneers, W-League, All-Conference and U-19 Player of the Year (2006) ... SoccerPlus Reds, WPSL, Runner-Up National Championship (2007); All-Conference (2008) ... Played at Waterford High School ... Named Gatorade and NSCAA Girls Soccer Player of the Year for Connecticut ... Soccer Buzz Top 50 recruit ... NSCAA High School and Youth All-American ... Holds state record for goals scored (157).

**Personal:** Daughter of Martin and Mary Jane Schoepfer



## BIANCA SIERRA - DEFENDER

**Name:** Bianca Sierra

**Pronunciation:** bee-AHN-kah SEE-era

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5-7

**Jersey number:** 23

**Date of birth:** Jun. 25, 1992

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Livermore, CA

**Citizenship:** Mexico

**College:** Auburn University

**Last club:** Washington Spirit (NWSL)

**How acquired:** Acquired on June 18, 2014, in a trade  
With the Washington Spirit

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**With the Breakers:** In 2014, Sierra appeared in 11 games (nine starts) ... Tallied one assist in 798 minutes ... Her assist came on Aug. 3, 2014, in a 4-3 loss at home to the Western New York Flash.

**With the Spirit:** Prior to joining the Breakers, Sierra appeared in nine games with five starts in 520 minutes.

**International:** A member of the Mexican Women's National team system since 2009 at the U-20 level ... In 2010, played in the U-20 CONCACAF Championships in Guatemala, helping Mexico qualify for the 2010 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Germany ... Mexico advanced to the quarterfinals at the World Cup, becoming the first Mexican National Women's Team of any age group to advance out of pool play ... Played 261 minutes, fourth-most of any defender ... In January 2012, selected to play for the senior Mexican National team that competed at the CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Vancouver, B.C. ... At qualifiers, Mexico finished second in the group stage and advanced to the semifinals ... In August 2012, competed with Mexico in the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Miyagi, Japan ... Advanced to the quarterfinals ... Played in all four matches.

**College:** Throughout her college career at Auburn University (2010-2013), Sierra played in 85 matches, starting in 66 ... Scored five goals as a defender and tallied seven assists ... Recorded a total of 6,457 minutes.

**Scholastic/Club:** Played for the Mustang Spirit ... Team was ranked 27th nationally by Soccer America in the 2009 Best Girls Clubs ... 2009 Mustang Stampede Finalist ... 2009 Far West Fall Regional League runner-up ... 2009 Northern California State Cup semi-finalist and 2008 finalist ... Las Vegas Showcase Finalist in 2007 ... Played with the Pleasanton Rage Club from 2006-08 ... Played for Granada High School in Livermore, Calif. ... scored five goals in both her junior and sophomore seasons after collecting seven as a freshman ... Began her career as a forward, moved to the midfield as a sophomore and a center back as a junior ... Has 18 career assists ... Also swam for two years.

**Personal:** Daughter of Alberto and Rosa Sierra ... Has a brother, Christian ... Uncle, Alexandro Garcia, played on the semi-pro level with the Pumas second team in Mexico and coached the second team in the 1970s ... Majored in Physical Activity and Health.

## STEPHANIE VERDOIA - MIDFIELDER

**Name:** Stephanie Verdoia

**Pronunciation:** verr-DOY-ah

**Position:** Midfielder

**Height:** 5-6

**Jersey number:** 26

**Date of birth:** Jan. 2, 1993

**Age:** 22

**Hometown:** Salt Lake City, UT

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** Seattle University

**How acquired:** Signed as a college draft pick on April 6, 2015



**College:** Played four years at Seattle University ... Started all 83 games she appeared in and finished with 51 career goals and 30 career assists ... A two-time Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year (2013, 2014) ... Finished as the career leader in goals (51) and points (132) ... Was the Redhawks' single-season leader in goals scored in 2014 (22), which also placed her second in the nation in Division 1 college soccer ... Named to the NSCAA All-American Third Team in 2014 ... Received both the prestigious Senior CLASS Award as well as the Capital One Academic All-American of the Year Award during her senior season of 2014 ... Named Female Sports Star of the Year at the Seattle Sports Commission's 2015 MTR Western Seattle Sports Star of the Year Awards in January ... NSCAA Scholar All-America First Team selection in 2014 and Third Team in 2013 ... As a junior in 2013, named NSCAA/Continental Tire All-West Region Second Team ... Named to the Capital One Academic All-America Third Team ... Tallied a combined 14 goals and 5 assists during her freshmen and sophomore seasons.

**International:** Invited to play with U.S. U-23 Women's National Team in La Manga, Spain (Feb. 21-Mar. 3) during the Six Nations Tournament ... It was her debut in the U.S. Women's National Team system ... Played in two of the three matches for the U.S. in La Manga and tallied one assist. It came in a 2-0 win over Norway on Feb. 28, 2015.

**Scholastic/Club:** A 2011 graduate of Brighton High School ... four-year varsity letterwinner and three-year starter ... helped lead the Bengals to an undefeated record and state championship in 2010 ... Scored a school-record 27 goals as a senior ... named the 2010-11 Utah Gatorade Player of the Year ... named an ESPN Rise Utah All-Star in 2011 ... named Most Valuable Player by both the Salt Lake Tribune and the Desert News in 2010 ... finished her prep career with 58 goals and 40 assists, which included 30 career game-winning goals ... Played club soccer for Sparta Premier from 2001-11 ... helped lead team to championships at the Utah State Cup (2010), the Region IV USYSA Tournament (2010) and the San Diego Surf Cup (2010) ... led Utah Premier League in goals scored in both 2006 and 2008 ... was a five-year member of the Utah State Olympic Development Team from 2005-10.

**Personal:** Born Stephanie Ann Verdoia in Salt Lake City ... youngest daughter of Carol and Ken Verdoia ... has one older sister, Mandy ... pursuing a degree in political science and a career in law ... enjoys traveling, reading and photography.

## CAT WHITEHILL - DEFENDER

**Name:** Cat Whitehill

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 5-7

**Jersey number:** 4

**Date of birth:** Feb. 10, 1982

**Age:** 32

**Hometown:** Birmingham, AL

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** University of North Carolina

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

**How acquired:** Signed as a free agent in Feb. 2013

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**Professional:** In 2014, started and played all 24 games she appeared in, both tied her for first in the NWSL ... Only player on team to play all 24 games ... Also a career single-season high for games played ... Logged 2,101 minutes, most on the team and third most in the league, and the most she's registered in a single season of her professional career ... Registered one assist. It came on Aug. 10, 2014 in a 2-0 win at home over Portland Thorns FC ... When she took the field on May 3, 2014, at Sky Blue FC, it marked the 100th professional appearance of her career ... Her start on May 18, 2014 against Chicago at home marked the 100th start of her professional career ... **In 2013:** One of only three Breakers to play in all 22 games ... Only player on team to start all 22 games ... Logged a team-high 1,978 minutes, which was also tied for fourth most in the league ... Tallied one goal and two assists ... Lone goal came against the Washington Spirit, a 5-2 win on July 27 ... Appointed player coach on Aug. 2 after the Breakers parted ways with coach Lisa Cole ... As player/interim coach, she guided the Breakers to a 2-1-1 record in the final four games of the regular season. **In 2012:** With the Breakers, anchored a back line that led the team to the WPSL Elite regular season championship ... Played 14 games, starting 13 ... Logged 1,190 minutes, ranked third highest on team ... **In 2011,** with the Atlanta Beat in Women's Professional Soccer (WPS), played every minute in 17 out of 18 matches ... Second highest minutes for the Beat at 1,530 ... Took 10 shots, three on goal. Played two seasons with the Washington Freedom prior to joining the Atlanta Beat ... **In 2010** with the Washington Freedom, started 23 matches ... Scored one goal and tallied two assists ... Played all 120 minutes of playoff match vs. the Philadelphia Independence ... **In 2009,** started in 19 games for the Freedom ... Scored three goals and added two assists ... Started 59 games in her three-year Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) career, logging 5,304 minutes ... In six professional seasons combined, has logged 10,573 minutes, made 120 appearances, and started 118 games.

**International:** Scored 11 goals in 134 for the USWNT ... Member of 2004 gold medal winning U.S. squad at Olympic Games in Athens, Greece ... Member of third place U.S. squads at the 2003 and 2007 Women's World Cup ... In 2007, led the U.S. in minutes played (2,116) and played every minute of all six Women's World Cup matches, one of only two players to accomplish that feat ... Played in five games at the 2004 Olympics, starting three ... Only defender to score two goals in a World Cup game (2003 vs. North Korea) ... Most assists in a year by a defender (2007) ... U.S. Soccer Young Athlete of the Year in 2003 ... Made her first appearance with the U.S. on July 6, 2000, vs. Italy ... Scored first goal on March 17, 2001, vs. Norway.

**College:** Member of 2000 and 2003 NCAA Champion Tar Heels squads ... M.A.C. Hermann Award winner in 2003 ... Honda Sports Award winner in 2004 ... Two-time NCAA Tournament Defensive MVP (2000, 2003) ... Four-time NSCAA All-American (2000-2003) ... Three-time ACC All-American ... Member of four ACC championship Tar Heels squads.

**Scholastic/Club:** Member of 2005 W-League Champion New Jersey Wildcats ... W-League Defender of the Year in 2005 ... Played four years at Briarwood Christian School ... Named a Parade All-America selection (1999, 2000) Four-time All-State selection ... Two-time Gatorade Soccer Player of the Year for the State of Alabama

**Personal:** Daughter of Formerly Cat Reddick, she married Robert Whitehill on Dec. 31, 2005 ... Did color commentary for ESPN at the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany.

## RACHEL WOOD- DEFENDER

**Name:** Rachel Wood

**Position:** Defender

**Height:** 6-0

**Jersey number:** 24

**Date of birth:** May 10, 1990

**Age:** 24

**Hometown:** Laguna Niguel, CA

**Citizenship:** United States

**College:** UC Irvine

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

**How acquired:** Signed on July 11, 2014

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**In 2014:** Joined the Breakers NWSL team on July 11, 2014, after playing for the Breakers Reserves in the Women's Premier Soccer League ... Played nine games with the Breakers Reserves, registering one goal and three assists ... With the Breakers in the NWSL, started all seven matches she appeared in ... In 585 minutes of action, scored one goal on two shots on goal and added an assist ... Scored her first NWSL goal on Aug. 10, 2014, at home in a 2-0 win over Portland Thorns FC. It proved to be the game-winning goal ... Registered first assist on Aug. 3, 2014, in a 4-3 loss at home to the Western New York Flash.

**HK/Vikingur:** Prior to joining the Breakers organization, played in Iceland's top-flight professional league, Úrvalsdeild for HK Kópavogur/Víkingur Reykjavik in 2013 ... Appeared in nine matches, logging 751 minutes ... Scored two goals.

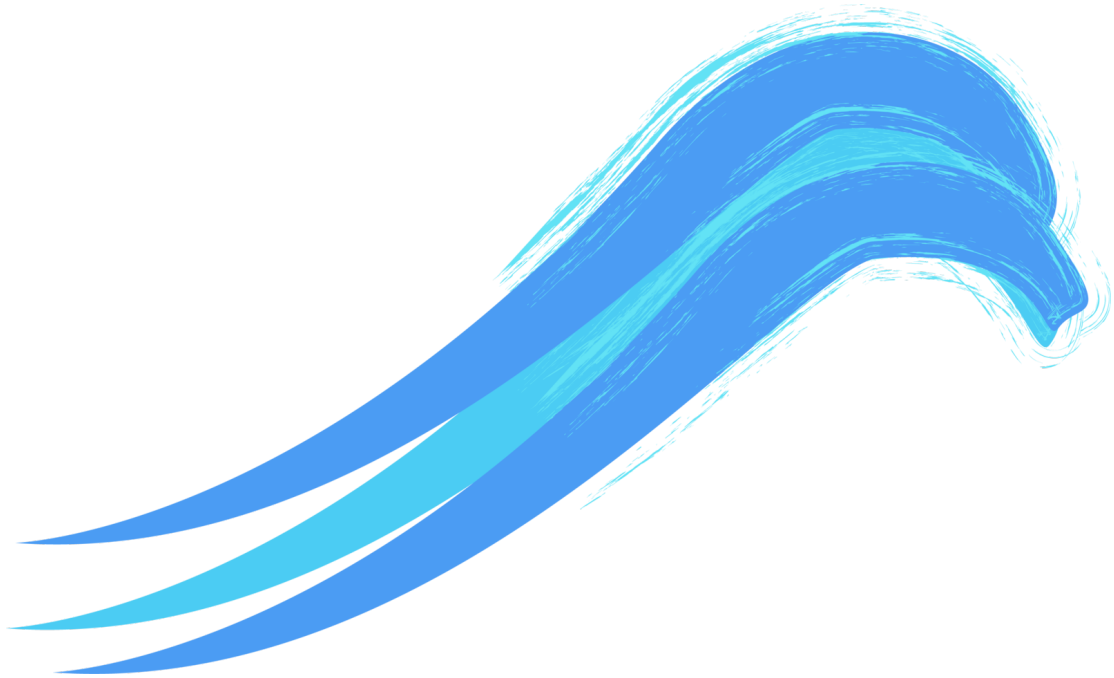
**At UC Irvine:** In 2012 as a senior, started 18 of the 19 matches she appeared in ... Scored five goals, including two game-winning goals, and tallied one assist ... In her college career (UC Irvine and UNC combined), played 84 games with 43 starts and scored 10 goals to go with 10 assists.

**At the University of North Carolina:** Played three seasons at UNC (2008, 2010, 2011) ... As a junior in 2011, appeared in 16 games ... Registered one goal and two assists ... In 2010 as a sophomore, started 21 of the 24 games she appeared in ... Logged 1,872 minutes ... Finished with two goals and five assists ... As a freshman in 2008, appeared in 24 games (four starts) ... Scored two goals and tallied two assists ... Played in all three games of the ACC Tournament, which UNC won ... Won the NCAA National Championship with UNC in 2008.

**International:** Member of the U.S. U-20 team in 2009 ... Previous member of the U.S. U-17 team.

**Scholastic/Club:** Played for Cal South Soccer Club ... Won the Region IV championship ... Part of the U16 team that finished as national co-champions ... A two-sport star at Aliso Niguel High School, played soccer and track ... A forward on the soccer team, she was named to the All-County team in 2007 and 2008 ... In 2008, was named the No. 3 college recruit in the nation by ESPN Rise Magazine.

**Personal:** Born in Long Beach, Calif. ... Daughter of Ted and Cindy ... Has an older sister, Erin ... Majored in psychology ... Has been involved with Habitat for Humanity, Invisible Children, and SJSA camps.



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## About

The National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) is a nine-team Division-I women's professional soccer league featuring national team players from Canada, Mexico and the U.S. The nine clubs are the Boston Breakers, Chicago Red Stars, Houston Dash, FC Kansas City, Portland Thorns FC, Seattle Reign FC, Sky Blue FC, Washington Spirit and the Western New York Flash.

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



# 2015 NWSL SCHEDULE

## ALL TIMES ET

### Friday, April 10

Houston Dash vs. Washington Spirit 8:30 PM

### Saturday, April 11

Portland Thorns FC vs. Boston Breakers 10:00 PM

### Sunday, April 12

FC Kansas City vs. Sky Blue FC 4:00 PM

Seattle Reign FC vs. Western New York Flash 7:00 PM

### Saturday, April 18

Washington Spirit vs. FC Kansas City 7:00 PM

Sky Blue FC vs. Houston Dash 7:00 PM

Portland Thorns FC vs. Western New York Flash 7:00 PM

Chicago Red Stars vs. Seattle Reign FC 8:00 PM

### Thursday, April 23

FC Kansas City vs. Seattle Reign FC 8:00 PM

### Saturday, April 25

Chicago Red Stars vs. Portland Thorns FC 8:30 PM

### Sunday, April 26

Boston Breakers vs. Houston Dash 5:00 PM

Sky Blue FC vs. Washington Spirit 6:00 PM

### Saturday, May 2

Chicago Red Stars vs. Sky Blue FC 6:00 PM

Western New York Flash vs. FC Kansas City 7:00 PM

Houston Dash vs. FC Kansas City 8:30 PM

Seattle Reign FC vs. Washington Spirit 10:00 PM

### Friday, May 8

Western New York Flash vs. FC Kansas City 7:00 PM

### Saturday, May 9

Chicago Red Stars vs. Boston Breakers 5:00 PM

Sky Blue FC vs. Seattle Reign FC 7:00 PM

Portland Thorns FC vs. Washington Spirit 10:00 PM

Thursday, May 14

FC Kansas City vs. Western New York Flash 8:00 PM

Friday, May 15

Houston Dash vs. Chicago Red Stars 8:30 PM

Saturday, May 16

Boston Breakers vs. Portland Thorns FC 4:00 PM

Washington Spirit vs. Sky Blue FC 7:00 PM

Friday, May 22

Boston Breakers vs. Sky Blue FC 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 23

Western New York Flash vs. Washington Spirit 7:00 PM

FC Kansas City vs. Chicago Red Stars 8:00 PM

Portland Thorns FC vs. Houston Dash 10:00 PM

Saturday, May 30

Boston Breakers vs. FC Kansas City 7:00 PM

Washington Spirit vs. Portland Thorns FC 7:00 PM

Seattle Reign FC vs. Chicago Red Stars 10:00 PM

Sunday, May 31

Sky Blue FC vs. Houston Dash 3:00 PM

Saturday, June 6

Washington Spirit vs. Boston Breakers 7:00 PM

Western New York Flash vs. Chicago Red Stars 7:00 PM

Houston Dash vs. Portland FC 8:30 PM

Seattle Reign FC vs. Sky Blue FC 10:00 PM

Friday, June 19

Portland Thorns FC vs. FC Kansas City 10:00 PM

Saturday, June 20

Chicago Red Stars vs. Washington Spirit 8:00 PM

Houston Dash vs. Western New York Flash 8:30 PM

Sunday, June 21

Boston Breakers vs. Seattle Reign FC 4:00 PM

Saturday, June 27

Washington Spirit vs. Houston Dash 7:00 PM

Seattle Reign FC vs. FC Kansas City 10:30 PM

Sunday, June 28

Boston Breakers vs. Western New York Flash 5:00 PM  
Sky Blue FC vs. Chicago Red Stars 6:00 PM

Friday, July 3

Western New York Flash vs. Seattle Reign FC 7:00 PM  
FC Kansas City vs. Washington Spirit 8:00 PM  
Portland Thorns FC vs. Sky Blue FC 10:00 PM

Saturday, July 11

Boston Breakers vs. FC Kansas City 6:00 PM  
Sky Blue FC vs. Portland Thorns 7:00 PM  
Seattle Reign FC vs. Western New York Flash 10:00 PM

Sunday, July 12

Houston Dash vs. Chicago Red Stars 8:30 PM

Wednesday, July 15

Boston Breakers vs. Chicago Red Stars 7:00 PM  
FC Kansas City vs. Houston Dash 8:00 PM

Saturday, July 18

Washington Spirit vs. Seattle Reign FC 7:00 PM  
Chicago Red Stars vs. Boston Breakers 8:00 PM

Sunday, July 19

Western New York Flash vs. Sky Blue FC 3:00 PM

Wednesday, July 22

Portland Thorns FC vs. Seattle Reign FC 10:00 PM

Saturday, July 25

Washington Spirit vs. Chicago Red Stars 7:00 PM  
Western New York Flash vs. Houston Dash 7:00 PM  
Sky Blue FC vs. Boston Breakers 7:00 PM

Sunday, July 26

Seattle Reign FC vs. Portland Thorns FC 7:00 PM

Wednesday, July 29

Western New York Flash vs. Portland Thorns FC 7:00 PM  
Houston Dash vs. FC Kansas City 8:30 PM

Saturday, August 1

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| Boston Breakers vs. Seattle Reign FC   | 4:00 PM |
| Washington Spirit vs. Houston Dash     | 7:00 PM |
| Sky Blue FC vs. Western New York Flash | 7:00 PM |
| Chicago Red Stars vs. FC Kansas City   | 8:00 PM |

Wednesday, August 5

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| Portland Thorns FC vs. Boston Breakers | 10:00 PM |
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Friday, August 7

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| Houston Dash vs. Sky Blue FC | 8:30 PM |
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Saturday, August 8

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| Boston Breakers vs. Washington Spirit     | 7:00 PM |
| FC Kansas City vs. Western New York Flash | 8:00 PM |

Sunday, August 9

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| Portland Thorns FC vs. Chicago Red Stars | 10:00 PM |
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Wednesday, August 12

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| Chicago Red Stars vs. Sky Blue FC            | 2:00 PM  |
| Washington Spirit vs. Western New York Flash | 7:00 PM  |
| FC Kansas City vs. Portland Thorns FC        | 8:00 PM  |
| Seattle Reign FC vs. Houston Dash            | 10:00 PM |

Saturday, August 22

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| Sky Blue FC vs. Portland Thorns FC | 7:00 PM |
| FC Kansas City vs. Boston Breakers | 8:00 PM |
| Houston Dash vs. Seattle Reign FC  | 8:30 PM |

Sunday, August 23

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| Chicago Red Stars vs. Western New York Flash | 5:00 PM |
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Wednesday, August 26

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| Seattle Reign FC vs. Boston Breakers | 10:00 PM |
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Thursday, August 27

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| FC Kansas City vs. Washington Spirit | 8:00 PM |
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Saturday, August 29

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| Western New York Flash vs. Chicago Red Stars | 7:00 PM  |
| Seattle Reign FC vs. Sky Blue FC             | 10:00 PM |

Sunday, August 30

Houston Dash vs. Boston Breakers 8:30 PM

Portland Thorns FC vs. Washington Spirit 9:00 PM

Friday, September 4

Western New York Flash vs. Portland Thorns FC 7:00 PM

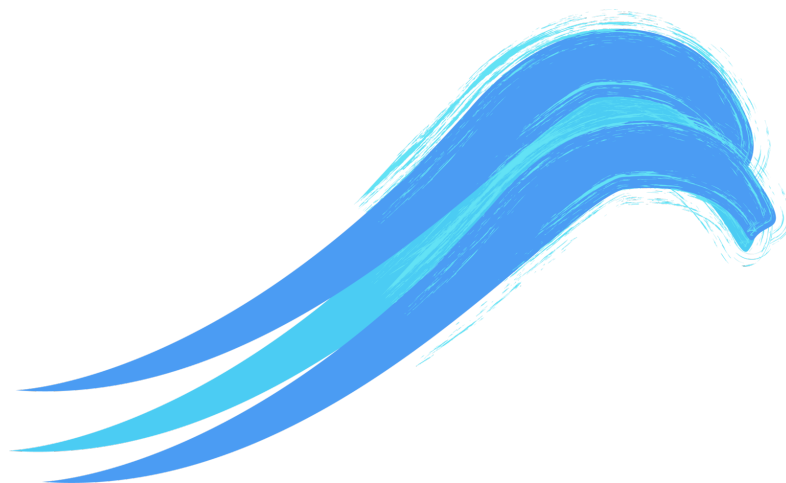
Saturday, September 5

Washington Spirit vs. Seattle Reign FC 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 6

Chicago Red Stars vs. Houston Dash 5:00 PM

Sky Blue FC vs. FC Kansas City 6:00 PM



# RULES & REGULATIONS

## **SINGLE TABLE:**

Teams will be aligned into a single table:

- Boston Breakers
- Chicago Red Stars
- Houston Dash
- FC Kansas City
- Portland Thorns FC
- Seattle Reign FC
- Sky Blue FC
- Washington Spirit
- Western New York Flash

## **REGULAR SEASON:**

Each of the nine (9) NWSL clubs will play 20 games, 10 at home and 10 away.

## **POINT SYSTEM:**

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

## **REFEREES:**

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

## **GAME CLOCK:**

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

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

## **GAME DAY ROSTERS:**

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

## **CAUTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS:**

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

## **NWSL PLAYOFFS:**

Single-Elimination Format

## **WHO QUALIFIES:**

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

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

The NWSL Championship will be a single championship match hosted by the finalist with the most regular season points. If the two finalists have the same number of regular season points, the tiebreaker for playoff qualification will be applied to determine the host team.

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

## **Team-Standings Tie-Breaking Procedures**

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

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



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

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

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

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

# NWSL ROSTER RULES & REGULATIONS

## ROSTER RULES

### Roster Limits

- 18-20 Player Roster
- Teams may have no more than 20 active (registered) Players under contract on their Roster at any one time, subject to Injury Replacement exceptions.
- For Players whose rights a Team holds from the previous Season, the decision must be made by March 9, 2015. Any Player not signed at that point will become available to be claimed as a Discovery Player. The Player would then be available to all Teams through the Discovery Process.
- Once preseason begins, Teams must make a decision on Non-Contracted Players, whose rights they hold, within 10 days once the Player reports (Example: college drafted Players)

### Player Classifications

#### Domestic Players

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

## International Players

Each Team has four (4) international Roster spots for the 2015 season, which will revert back to three (3) international Roster spots at the conclusion of the 2015 season. These international Roster spots may be traded with the only condition being time (spots can be traded for one year, two years or forever). With trades, there is no limit on the number of international Roster spots a Team may have. Any Player who does not qualify as a domestic Player in the U.S. shall be considered an international Player. Any international Player must occupy an international Roster spot on a Team's Roster (with the exception of Canadian or Mexican Allocated Players).

## Allocated Players

The term "Allocated Player" refers to a Player who is designated by her federation (FMF, CSA and U.S.) to play in the League.

## Amateur Players

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

## Amateur List

- Each Team's Amateur List will initially be allowed 10 amateur Players
- The Players listed on the Amateur List may remain there through the end of the 2015 Season.
- If another Team puts in a claim to sign a Player on another Team's amateur list to a SPA the club will have 48 hours to make a decision.

## SOURCES OF PLAYERS

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

- A. Allocations
- B. College Draft
- C. Trades
- D. Discovery
- E. Waivers
- F. Amateur Call-up
- G. Disabled List
- H. Season-ending Injury Replacement
- I. Goalkeeper Replacement

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

### Allocations

Each NWSL Team shall be allotted Allocated Players by the League. Allocated Players are determined by individual federations (Canada, Mexico and United States).

Allocated Players' salaries are generally paid to the League by the respective federations and do not count against the Salary Cap. Allocated Player housing will be provided by the Team for non-U.S. Allocated Players and counts against the Team Housing Cap.

For Teams that receive fewer than the full complement of Allocated Players, salary relief may be provided at the discretion of the League.

In the event a Team has more than the full complement of Allocated Players, that Team will provide back to the League a set salary amount to be distributed to the Teams that do not have their full complement of Allocated Players.

Any additional Salary Cap relief may be provided at the discretion of the League.

## **College Draft**

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

All Players who have exhausted their college eligibility or who will graduate in the 2014-15 year are eligible for the College Draft. Players must be registered by Jan. 16, 2015 to be part of the College Draft. If a Player is eligible and does not register, that Player will not be able to be on the Roster of a NWSL Team until Oct. 1, 2015 - at which point that Player will become eligible as a Discovery Player.

The draft order is based upon the Teams' on-field performance during the previous year. If Teams are tied, the Tie Breaking Procedures set forth in Exhibit 6 shall be utilized.

### Undrafted Players

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

### College Protected List

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

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

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

A college Player would come off a Team's College Protected list by the start of the preseason (March 9, 2015) if she is not contracted by that Team. Any Player not signed at that point will become available to be claimed as a Discovery Player. The Player would then be available to all Teams through the Discovery process.

## Trades

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Binding Agreement and Approval

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

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

### Trades of Signed Discovery Players

Teams may trade signed Discovery Players that were on their discovery lists, but may not trade Discovery Player "rights" or "spots." If a Team trades one of its signed Discovery Players, the Player will continue to count against the original Team's Discovery List for the remainder of the season.



## Trades of Allocated Players

Trades involving Allocated Players may take place regardless of the nationality of the Allocated Players. Teams may trade an Allocated Player for any other Player or College Draft Pick or International Spot.

## Trades for International Spots

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

## Trades for College Draft Picks

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

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

## Trade Deadline

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

## Standard Trade Agreement Forms

All trades should be submitted to the League office on an official Standard Trade Agreement Form (Exhibit 7).

## **Discovery**

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

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

A Discovery Player request must be made to the League on an official Discovery Player Request Form (Exhibit 8) during the "Discovery Period." If approved by the League, the Player will be informed and will be added to the Team's Discovery List.

Teams may submit discovery forms and sign Players during the following Discovery Periods for the 2015 season:

- Seven (7) in the period of September 3-March 9
- An additional four (4) in the period of March 10-April 10
- No more than three (3) unsigned international Players may be on a Team's discovery list in the period September 3-April 10.
- An unlimited number of Players may be signed, but only two (2) unsigned discovery Players may be on a Team's discovery list from April 11-the Roster freeze date.
- No more than two (2) unsigned international Players may be on a Team's discovery list in the period of April 10-the Roster freeze date.

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

## Discovery Process

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

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

## Non-Discoverable Players

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

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

### Discovery Period

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

### Multiple Claims for the Same Player

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

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

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

New expansion Teams shall be in the middle of the Discovery Order. If only one of the claiming Teams participated in the prior League Season, priority shall be granted to the Team that so participated. If neither Team played in the previous Season, priority will be granted to the Team that received the lowest 1st Round College Draft pick. If the Teams are equal in points, the League shall award the Player using the Tie Breaking Procedures for determining playoff participation and seeding (see Exhibit 6).

### Salary Cap of Discovery Players

A Discovery Player's Salary Cap number will include the Player's salary (and bonuses, camps, etc.). The resulting Salary Cap number for the Player must not exceed the maximum Salary Cap charge or cause the Team to exceed its Team Salary Cap (Exhibit 1).

## Loans and Transfers of Players by NWSL

### Transfer of Players by NWSL

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

### Player Transfers or Loans

All contract and transfer negotiations shall be approved by the League, consistent with the current rules.

### Loans of Players by NWSL

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

Loans of Players by NWSL must comply with the following:

- The Loan Agreement will be filled out by the Team and sent to the League Office for approval, along with contact information.
- NWSL will send a Loan Agreement to the Team to which the Player is being loaned. See Loan Agreement NWSL Form (Exhibit 14).
- Loans may not include any player out-of-contract during the NWSL season.
- An exit physical must be conducted prior to the loan being

- NWSL Medical Health benefits will be available only while the Player is in the U.S.
- NWSL Workers Compensation does not apply while the Player is on loan with another League.
- NWSL will write into the loan agreement the Team that is taking the Player on loan will be responsible for injury and guaranteed their health.
- Per FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players: Article 10, paragraph 3 "the club that has accepted a Player on a loan basis is not entitled to transfer her to a third club without the written authorization of the club (NWSL) that released the Player on loan and the Player concerned."

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

### Players Loaned to NWSL

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



## Loans of Players to NWSL must comply with the following:

- The Loan Agreement will be filled out by the Team requesting the loan and sent to the League Office for approval, along with contact information. The League Office will send the Loan Agreement to the Team from which the Player is being loaned.
- NWSL will send a Loan Agreement to the Team the Player is coming from. See Loan Agreement Into NWSL (Exhibit 15).
- A Loan Fee will not be part of the Loan Agreement.
- The Loan Period for the Player shall be from the start date through the conclusion of the League Season.
- The Loan Period for the Player shall be over two (2) consecutive League seasons, as follows: for the 2015 League season from start date through September 30, 2015; and for the entirety of the 2016 League season.
- The NWSL Team will submit a Player Agreement form to the League.
- The loaned Player will sign the Standard Player Agreement.
- The loaned Player must have an entrance and exit physical with the NWSL Team.
- The loan must fall within the Registration Windows (See Exhibit: 2).
- Medical Health benefits will be provided for the term of the loan.
- Workers Compensation benefits will be provided for the term of the loan.
- International Players must provide a P-1 Visa.
- International Players must have a Social Security Number.

LOANS TO WPSL - Teams may loan contracted Players to a WPSL Team. The loan period shall be from the initial date of the agreement through the end of the NWSL season, when the Player is not providing services to her NWSL Team. Teams will need to submit a loan agreement for an amateur Team which will be signed off by the National Women's Soccer League prior to any participation by a Player. (Exhibit 19)

## Waivers

Players may be added to a Team's Roster from the Waiver wire, through a Waiver Draft or "On-going Waivers." See Waiver Request Form (Exhibit 9).

### Current NWSL Players Waived

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

A Team wishing to waive a Player must first obtain a favorable medical examination of the Player - an "exit physical" (Exhibit 10), and then submit its waiver request to the League.

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

## Claiming Period

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

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

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

## Waiver Order

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

In the offseason, once a Team claims a Player from waivers, it is moved to the bottom of the Waiver Order claiming order.

New expansion Teams shall be in the middle of the waiver order. If there is more than one expansion Team in a given year, they shall be listed in reverse priority order of the College Draft order.

## Waiver Forms

All waiver forms should be submitted to the League Office. See Exhibit 9.

## **Amateur Call-up**

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

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

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

### Goalkeeper Exception

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

### **Transfer Windows/Registration Period**

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

### International Transfers and Loans

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

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

### Discovery Players

With respect to Players not under contract to any club, they may be able to be registered outside the transfer windows, provided the Player was out of contract during NWSL's immediately previous registration window. This should be contrasted with Players that have secured a release from an existing contract or whose contracts have expired outside an NWSL registration window.

## College Drafted Players

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

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

## **Disabled List**

In the event a Player suffers an injury that will prohibit the Player from participating for at least 45 days, a Player may be added to a Team's Roster as a "Disabled List" replacement as set forth below. Any Player placed on the Disabled List will have to remain unavailable for a minimum of 45 days once documentation has been provided to the League.

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.

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

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

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

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



## **Season-ending Injury Replacement**

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

## **Unexpected Recovery from Season-ending Injuries**

In the event a Player, who had suffered a Season-ending injury and had been replaced on the Roster by another Player, unexpectedly rehabilitates and recovers prior to the end of the Season, she will nonetheless be barred from playing for the Team through the end of the Season.

## **Goalkeeper Replacement**

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

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

This must be done within the Salary Cap.

## **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 after the Roster Freeze Date in cases of Goalkeeper Replacement (see above) and a Player coming off of the Disabled List. The Roster Freeze Date is set forth in the Competition Calendar.

## **Player Tryouts**

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

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

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

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

## **Preseason**

Teams may commence preseason training on March 9, 2015, but Players may report for off-field activities beginning March 6, 2015. A training session shall include any practice, participation, or training: (a) with any Players under contract to NWSL; or (b) under the direct or indirect supervision of an NWSL Coach, Trainer, or other member of a Team's management.

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

Beginning March 9, Teams must submit a preseason list of up to 32 Players. This list is to include only those Players who are currently participants in the camp. The list should be resubmitted any time there is a change in participants. By March 16, Teams may have a preseason list of no more than 25 Players, again to be resubmitted as changes occur. Forms will be provided to submit your list of Players to the League office. April 6 is the deadline for each Team's 18-20 Player Roster to be submitted to the League.

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

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

## Scrimmages and Exhibitions

Teams may hold scrimmages and exhibitions during the regular season (April 6- Sept. 27) with prior notice and approval from the League office (See section 2.8 of Operations Manual). A scrimmage/exhibition Roster must be submitted at least 48 hours in advance to the League for approval.

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

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

## Off-Season Training

Teams may not commence training between September 1, 2014 and the Pre-Season Start Date (March 9, 2015). A training session shall include any practice, participation, or training: (a) with any Players under contract to NWSL; or (b) under the direct or indirect supervision of an NWSL Coach, Trainer, or other member of a Team's management.

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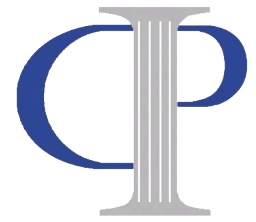
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