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## **ABOUT THE CLUB**



Established in 2007, the Chicago Red Stars began as one of seven teams competing in the Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) League, which was in existence from 2009 to 2011. Long-time Chicago Fire President and General Manager Peter Wilt, and WUSA coach and GM Marcia McDermott were brought in to solidify the team's roots in the new league. The first two Red Stars Head Coaches during the WPS years were Emma Hayes and Omid Namazi.

In 2011, under single owner Arnim Whisler, the Red Stars joined the Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL), with Chicago native Rory Dames introduced as Head Coach. In addition to a few former WPS players, the team featured stars from the U-20 and U-23 U.S. Women's National Teams as well as other college standouts. The Red Stars finished the regular season with a 10-1 record, only to fall to the Orange County Waves in the championship match.

The following year, Chicago joined the WPSL Elite with seven other teams, including former WPS clubs Boston Breakers and Western New York Flash. Alyse LaHue returned as the club's second ever General Manager. In a league that was widely considered a step up from the WPSL, the Red Stars again reached the championship match. A hard-fought 1-1 draw with the Flash led to heartbreak, as the Red Stars suffered defeat in penalty kicks.

That same year, Head Coach Dames' side won the USASA's National Women's Cup.

In November 2012, it was announced that the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) would be formed and start play the following spring. The Red Stars became part of a lineup of eight teams that also included Boston Breakers, FC Kansas City, Portland Thorns FC, Seattle Reign FC, Sky Blue FC, Washington Spirit and Western New York Flash.

The 2013 Chicago roster included Maribel Dominguez and Dinora Garza, who had been allocated to the Red Stars from the Mexican Football Federation (FMF), Erin McLeod and Carmelina Moscato from the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA), and Shannon Boxx from the U.S Women's National Team. The Red Stars finished sixth in the regular season standings in their inaugural NWSL campaign.

Last year, the club bolstered its roster with such notable additions as USA star striker Christen Press, Canadian National Team veterans Karina LeBlanc and Melissa Tancredi, and first-round NWSL College Draft picks Vanessa DiBernardo and Julie Johnston. Players returning from the previous season included captain Lori Chalupny, midfielder-forward Alyssa Mautz, and defenders Michelle Wenino (now Lomnicki) and Jackie Santacaterina.

Over the course of 2014, the Red Stars were widely praised for their mature tactics and



## **ABOUT THE CLUB**

disciplined performances, as they conceded the second-fewest goals in the NWSL and showed plenty of promise, only to finish fifth and miss the playoffs in heartbreaking fashion. Tied on points with fourth-place Washington and boasting a far superior goal-differential, Chicago saw its postseason hopes evaporate by virtue of the head-to-head tiebreaker.

A number of Red Stars players had standout seasons, including defender Johnston, who took home the 2014 NWSL Rookie of the Year award and has since gone on to being a regular on the full U.S. Women's National Team roster.

The Chicago backline also featured consistent performances by Canadian up-and-comer Rachel Quon, whose compatriot LeBlanc helped frustrate opposing attacks with her vast international goalkeeping experience. The midfield was anchored by rookie DiBernardo and club icon Chalupny.

A veteran of a FIFA Women's World Cup and an Olympic Games, Chalupny made headlines in December 2014 when she received her first USA call-up after being barred from representing her country for five years due to a history of head injuries.

With second-year striker Jen Hoy showing strong for the Red Stars last year, the attack received an additional boost halfway through the campaign by way of the arrival of forward Press from Europe. A rising star on the U.S. Women's National Team, the California native took the NWSL by storm as she bagged six goals in just twelve appearances with her new side.

Chicago supporters have reason for excitement heading into 2015, as Head Coach Dames has been able to retain the chore of his roster that showed so much potential last year and has added some of the nation's hottest prospects through the 2015 draft. Kentucky defender Arin Gilliland, Virginia attacker Danielle Colaprico, Santa Clara forward Sofia Huerta and Wisconsin forward Cara Walls all signed professional contracts during the offseason.

There is also a buzz off the field, with Chicago having recently undergone the largest front-office expansion in its history as part of a push to further grow its fan base and role in the community. Frequent player appearances are as much a piece of this puzzle as are youth camps and partnerships with local businesses.

Given the encouraging developments on and off the field, many pundits agree this could be the year the Red Stars take the crucial final step into the elite of NWSL clubs.

## WORLD CUP FOCUS



#### "GREATER THAN WORDS CAN DESCRIBE"

Red Stars look ahead to 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup

Canada legend Karina LeBlanc's face lights up whenever she is asked about the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup being held in her home country.

"It's far greater than words can describe," said the goalkeeper, who looks to be joined on the Canucks squad by fellow Red Stars Melissa Tancredi and Adriana Leon. "When you're younger, you dream about it. You dream about playing in a sold-out stadium with everyone cheering for you. There's something about closing your eyes during the national anthem and thinking about all the passion felt by the fans and by your family and friends, and they're all right there with you, taking part in your journey."

One who shares LeBlanc's excitement – albeit for slightly different reasons – is fellow Chicago standout Julie Johnston. An up-and-comer with the USA at 23 years old, Johnston now shares the field with some of her long-time idols.

"It's so amazing to even be in the mix," she raved about being called up alongside such legends as Red Stars midfielder Shannon Boxx. "Just getting invited to camp, I always feel blessed and honored to be there. Playing on the biggest stage, with the people I watched growing up, would be absolutely spectacular."

Johnston recently impressed in the final of the Algarve Cup, in which she scored the USA's opening goal. Her Chicago teammate Christen Press rounded out the score at 2-0 with a spectacular strike. One of the world's top forwards, Press has seen her stock rise rapidly over the past year.

"This would be my first World Cup," said the California native. "Honestly, I don't quite know what to expect, but it would be an honor to represent my country in such a prestigious tournament. As a team, we want to win the trophy."

It will not be an easy task for the Stars and Stripes, who were drawn into the "Group of Death" with fellow title contenders Sweden, dark horses Australia and African champs Nigeria.

A few months ago, Red Stars captain Lori Chalupny had little hope of being a part of the Americans' quest for glory, as she had been barred from national team play due to a history of head injuries. This past December, the midfielder received her first call-up in five years, and she has been a regular since.

Said Chalupny, "Winning the World Cup is the ultimate for any soccer player, so getting this chance with the tournament right around the corner is exciting and a bit of a whirlwind. I'm still trying to wrap my brain around it all."

While the 31-year-old will be teammates with fellow Chicago star LeBlanc during the 2015 NWSL season, both are prepared to put all camaraderie aside for 90 minutes if the USA and Canada should meet this summer. The Canucks first have to make it out of their group, which also features former women's soccer power China, debutants Netherlands, and New Zealand with Red Stars defender Abby Erceg as captain.

"I think every team in the World Cup wants to win it, but we also want to inspire a nation," said LeBlanc, "I believe we can do that if we play at our best and if people see the pride we take in representing Canada. Since the World Cup is in our home country, more people than ever will pay attention. There will be young girls who will hopefully want to one day be on the national team. They will see first-hand what dreaming big can accomplish."



## **COACH'S PERSPECTIVE**

#### HEAD COACH DAMES: "WE CAN PLAY WITH ANYBODY IN THE LEAGUE" Illinois native banks on young team's increased maturity

Head Coach Rory Dames has a clear idea of how to turn the promise his side showed throughout 2014 into a 2015 playoff appearance. When asked to analyze previous Red Stars performances, Dames drew comparisons with the two sides that dominated the competition last year, Shield winners Seattle Reign FC and champions FC Kansas City.

"I think we showed that we can play with anybody in the league," he offered. "But in order to be a team that can win a championship, you have to show consistency throughout the season, which Seattle did last year and Kansas City has done in the past two years. I don't think we've been able to do that. We've gone in spurts. In 2013 we started very poor and finished very well. In 2014 we started very well, hit kind of a rocky stretch in the middle and then closed out decently."

Over the course of the previous campaign, many pundits praised Chicago for its defensive discipline and intelligent tactical setup, both indicators that the strategy implemented by Dames has been bearing fruit. Ever since taking over four years ago, the Red Stars Head Coach has placed a strong emphasis on identifying and developing young prospects as well as integrating them into a cohesive system. He acknowledged the progress made by his squad in 2014.

"We were tied with Kansas City for the second fewest losses in the league last year," Dames said. "We gave up the second fewest goals, behind Seattle. I believe in measuring yourself against the best, and those two teams were the best."

The Illinois native continued, "We played at Seattle twice. In the first game we had the lead and ended up losing, and then we tied them in the second game. The one game we played against them in Chicago, we beat them. We also played at Kansas City twice and lost 1-0 each time with chances to tie those games. They came to Chicago once and we beat them. I think the fact that we played the two best teams in the league four times away and only twice at home was tough but also a good learning process for us."

Chicago missed the playoffs in agonizing fashion in 2014. Tied on points with fourth-place Washington and boasting a far superior goal-differential, captain Lori Chalupny and company saw their postseason hopes evaporate by virtue of the head-to-head tiebreaker. According to Dames, his side's inexperience was the determining factor in last season's disappointment.

"We have to do a better job of understanding the importance of each game and to better manage games," assessed the club's fifth-year Head Coach. "The increased maturity of our young players could be key in that. We can't be up two-nothing at halftime against Sky Blue at home and end up tying that game. Then there was the home game against Houston late in the season when we had them on their heels but were a little too flat and ended up tying zero-zero. Those are the situations we need to learn from."

Dames concluded his analysis on a positive note, emphasizing the relationship between team chemistry and performance.

"One of the reasons we are successful is that the girls genuinely like each other and get along very well, which translates into good cohesion on the field," he said. "Now it's all about taking that next step and getting into the playoffs."



## **STADIUM & FACILITIES**



#### VILLAGE OF LISLE-BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY SPORTS COMPLEX

This 3,000-seat stadium is one of the finest athletics facilities in the nation. The stadium features an artificial playing surface, a state-of-the-art electronic scoreboard and message board, and lights. Natural-grass practice fields and throws venues are located directly adjacent to the main stadium. Atop the seating area of the stadium are the main press box area (complete with coaching/ broadcast booths), four luxury suites and viewing sundecks on both ends. The synthetic turf field is ideal for soccer, lacrosse and football. A nine-lane Olympic-sized track features a 13,000-square foot D-zone, an 111,000-square foot interior oval and an integrated timing system. Concessions offered at the Chicago Red Stars home venue include a variety of tasty foods, snacks and refreshments.

#### PARKING

Parking at Village of Lisle-Benedictine University Sports complex is free and opens two hours prior to kickoff. Main parking is located in the Neuzil/Rice Lot off College Rd., with the Krasa Lot off University Lane used primarily for tailgating.

#### **BOX OFFICE**

The box office opens 90 minutes prior to kickoff. The Main Box Office is located on the east side of the stadium, behind the grandstand, between the baseball and softball field and nearest the Neuzil/Rice Lot. Press/media check-in is located only at the Main Box Office and credentials cannot be picked up at the South End Box Office. A Secondary Box Office is located at the south end of the stadium by the Krasa tailgating lot.

#### TAILGATING

Tailgating opens 90 minutes prior to kickoff and is only permitted in the Krasa Lot, which is located at the south end of the Sports Complex. To access the Krasa Lot, please proceed on College Road approximately one half mile south of Maple Ave., turn right onto University Lane, followed by an immediate left turn.

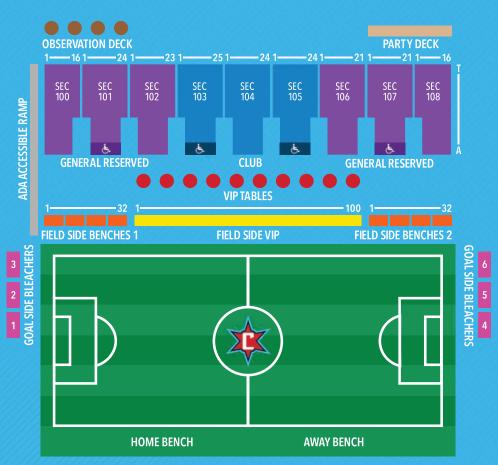
For additional information on the Village of Lisle-Benedictine University Sports Complex, please visit www.chicagoredstars.com/stadium.

#### **TRAINING GROUNDS**

Oak Brook Park District outdoor turf, 1450 Forest Gate Road, Oak Brook, IL Media interested in attending and/or conducting interviews must contact Director of Communications Gunnar Berndt at gberndt@chicagoredstars.com or 301-702-1075.

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	SINGLE GAME	GROUP	SEASON TICKETS
VIP TABLES (4 SEATS)	SOLD OUT		\$2,500
OBSERVATION DECK	TBD		\$2,500
PARTY DECK		\$600	
FIELD SIDE VIP	\$60		\$595
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GENERAL RESERVED	\$15	\$10	\$145



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MAY 2	VS. SKY BLUE FC
MAY 9	<b>VS. BOSTON BREAKERS</b>
MAY 15	VS. HOUSTON DASH
MAY 23	VS. FC KANSAS CITY
MAY 30	VS. SEATTLE REIGN FC
JUNE 6	VS. WESTERN NY FLASH
JUNE 20	VS. WASHINGTON SPIRIT
JUNE 28	VS. SKY BLUE FC
JULY 12	VS. HOUSTON DASH
JULY 15	VS. BOSTON BREAKERS
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## ROSTER

#### NUMERICAL

#	NAME	POS	HT	DOB	HOMETOWN
1	KARINA LEBLANC	GK	5′9	3/30/80	MAPLE RIDGE, BC
2	JEN HOY	F	5′5	1/18/91	SELLERSVILLE, PA
3	ARIN GILLILAND	D	5′8	12/25/92	WILMORE, KY
4	ALYSSA MAUTZ	M/F	5′5	7/28/89	ST. LOUIS, MO
5	ZAKIYA BYWATERS*	М	5′1	7/24/91	LAS VEGAS, NV
6	ABBY ERCEG	D	5′10	11/20/89	WHANGAREI, NZ
7	SHANNON BOXX	Μ	5′8	6/29/77	TORRANCE, CA
8	JULIE JOHNSTON	D	5′7	4/6/92	MESA, AZ
9	<b>MELISSA TANCREDI</b>	F	5′7	12/27/81	HAMILTON, ON
10	VANESSA DIBERNARDO	М	5′4	5/15/92	NAPERVILLE, IL
11	RACHEL QUON	D	5′3	5/21/91	LAKE FOREST, IL
12	CARA WALLS	F	5′9	6/16/93	WAUWATOSA, WI
13	MICHELLE LOMNICKI	D	5′8	5/3/87	AURORA, CO
14	TARYN HEMMINGS	D	5′8	4/25/86	GREELEY, CO
16	SAMANTHA JOHNSON	D/F	5′5	6/10/91	PALMDALE, CA
17	LORI CHALUPNY	М	5′4	1/29/84	ST. LOUIS, MO
18	MICHELE DALTON	GK	5′7	11/5/88	MT PROSPECT, IL
19	ADRIANA LEON	F	5′3	10/2/92	KING CITY, ON
20	SOFIA HUERTA	F	5′7	12/14/92	BOISE, ID
23	CHRISTEN PRESS	F	5′6	12/29/88	PALOS VERDES, CA
24	DANIELLE COLAPRICO	M/F	5′3	5/6/93	FREEHOLD, NJ

\*On season-ending injury list due to calcified labral tear (hip surgery successfully performed)

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TANCREDI, MELISSA

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**CARINA LEBANC** 



## **KARINA LEBLANC**

POSITION: GOALKEEPER
HEIGHT: 5'7"
BORN: MARCH 30, 1980
HOMETOWN: MAPLE RIDGE, BC, CANADA
COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2014-2015: Earned 3 caps and 2 starts with the CANWNT (as of early April 2015)... Member of the CanWNT that won the 2014 Cyprus Cup... Earned one clean sheet... 2013: Member of the CanWNT that won the Cyprus Cup... 2012: Won a silver medal with Canada at the CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying tournament in Vancouver... Finished second at the Cyprus Cup... Was the 10th female player to make her 100th appearance for Canada (March 24)... Won an Olympic bronze medal at the London Olympics... 2011: Finished first at the Cyprus Cup... Represented Canada at the FIFA Women's World Cup Germany... Won a gold medal at the XVI Pan American Games... 2010: Was the 13th female player to make her 75th appearance for Canada (March 3)... Finished first at the Cyprus Cup... Won a gold medal with Canada at the CONCACAF Championship... 2009: Finished second with Canada at the Cyprus Cup... 2008: Won the Cyprus Cup... Finished second at the CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying tournament... Reached the guarterfinal phase at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games... 2007: Won a bronze medal at the XV Pan American Games Rio... Represented Canada at the World Cup China... 2006: Became the 12th female player to make her 50th appearance for Canada (February 23)... 2004: Finished third at the 2004 CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying tournament in Costa Rica... 2003: Represented Canada at the 2003 Algarve Cup... Finished fourth at the World Cup... 2002: Won a silver medal with Canada at the CONCACAF Women's Gold Cup... 2000/2001: Represented Canada at the Algarve Cup... 1999: Represented Canada at the World Cup... Finished fourth at the XIII Pan American Games ... 1998: Won a gold medal with Canada at the CONCACAF Championship... Made her debut for Canada on July 21.

**PROFESSIONAL**: 2014: Started and played 21 games for Chicago... Saved 76 of 97 shots on goal... Recorded 6 shutouts... Traded to the Red Stars from Portland Thorns FC... 2013: Member of NWSL champions Portland... Two-time NWSL Player of the Week winner... Ranked second in the league with 92 saves... Topped all NWSL goalkeepers with 11 wins during the regular season... 2011: Suited up for WPS side magicJack... 2010: Selected as second overall pick in the WPS Dispersal Draft by the Philadelphia Independence... 2009: Named to the WPS All-Star Team Starting XI as a member of the Los Angeles Sol.

**COLLEGE:** A three-year starter for the University of Nebraska and finished her career with a 60-6-3 overall record... Hermann Trophy finalist as a senior in 2000 and ranked second nationally with a 0.40 goals-against-average... Three-time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 Conference selection (1998, 1999, 2000).





POSITION: FORWARD
HEIGHT: 5'6"
BORN: JANUARY 18, 1991
HOMETOWN: SELLERSVILLE, PA
COLLEGE: PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

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

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2014: Played 21 games, starting in 16 and scoring 4 goals, 2 of which were game winners... Assisted on three goals... Took 21 shots with 11 on goal... 2013: Selected in the 4th round of the NWSL College Draft by the Red Stars... Scored her first goal for the club against Seattle on July 25... Scored 2 goals in a come-frombehind 2-1 upset of FC Kansas City on August 18... Was named NWSL Player of the Week for week 19... Finished her rookie season with 3 goals and one assist in only 471 minutes.

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





# ARIN GILLILAND



## **ARIN GILLILAND**

POSITION: DEFENDER HEIGHT: 5'8" BORN: DECEMBER 25, 1992 HOMETOWN: WILMORE, KY COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has been member of the United States U-20 and U-23 USWNT pools.

PROFESSIONAL: 2015: Was the 8 overall selection by the Red Stars in the NWSL College Draft.

**COLLEGE:** Named to All-SEC Team 4 times... Finished her Wildcat career with 30 goals and 25 assists for 85 career points ... Set UK record with 278 shots and eight career game-winning goals... 2014: SEC Defensive Player of the Year... First Team All-SEC... HONDA Award winner... MAC Hermann Award finalist... Team captain ... SEC Player of the Week (September 1)... Three multi-point matches... First in shots in the SEC (87)... 2013: MAC Herrman Award finalist... Third-Team NSCAA All-American... First-Team All-SEC... Tied UK single-game record with three assists against EKU... 20th nationally in assists per game... 27th nationally in total assists... Active team leader in goals scored (23)... Tied for 4th all-time at UK in career points... Scored game-winning goal in 54th minute of NCAA tournament match against Ohio State... 2012: First-Team All-SEC... Started in every game... Helped the defense keep a clean sheet in 5 of the first 8 games... Moved to forward and registered 3 points in her first 2 games up top... Tallied 2 game-winning goals and 2 equalizers... Recorded her 20th point of the season with an assist against Vandy... Assisted on the golden goal in the NCAA first-round win over UT-Martin... 2011: Second-Team All-SEC, Freshman All-SEC... Appeared in every game but one as a true freshman... Started in 8 of the final 9 games... Scored 2 game-winning goals and 3 equalizers.



POSITION: MIDFIELDER
HEIGHT: 5'5"
BORN: JULY 29, 1989
HOMETOWN: ST. LOUIS, MO
COLLEGE: TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

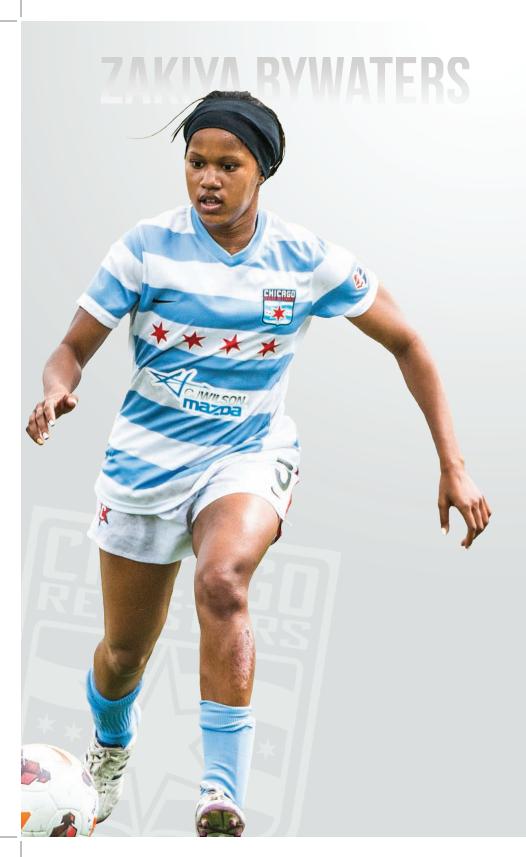
INTERNATIONAL: Trained with U-20 USWNT while in college

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2014: Played in 20 games for Chicago, starting 12... Scored 3 goals, 2 of which were gamewinners... Took 16 shots, 9 of which were on goal... 2013: Allocated to the Red Stars via the NWSL Supplemental Draft... Played in 18 games, starting in 8 and scoring 4 goals... 2012: Played for Chicago in WPSL-Elite... 2011: Played in 5 matches for WPS side Sky Blue FC, making 2 starts and scoring 1 goal.

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









## **ZAKIYA BYWATERS**

POSITION: FORWARD
HEIGHT: 5'1"
BORN: JULY 24, 1991
HOMETOWN: LAS VEGAS, NV
COLLEGE: UCLA

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2010: Member of the U.S. U-20 team that won the 2010 CONCACAF Championships in Guatemala in January... Played in four matches during qualifying and had one assist... Played in 14 total matches for the U.S. U-20s in 2010 heading into the World Cup, including 12 international games... Scored one international goal, that coming against Mexico in a pre-World-Cup friendly... 2009: Called into her first U.S. U-20s camp in January... 2008: Represented the U.S. U-17s at the Future Stars Tournament in New Zealand... Earned five caps and scored one goal for the USA at the U-17 level, but was one of the last roster cuts for the World Cup Team... 2007: Played for the U-16 U.S. Women's National Team... 2005: Attended the U.S. U-14 Development I.D. Camp.

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2014: Played in 19 games and started 10, scoring two goals... Took 23 shots with 14 on goal... 2013: Drafted by Chicago as the number one overall pick in NWSL College Draft... Started 5 of 6 games for the Red Stars... Bagged 2 goals during her rookie season.

COLLEGE: 2012: First-team NSCAA All-American and All-Pacific Region ... Named to the Top Drawer Soccer Team of the Season first team ... Pac-12 Player of the Year... First-Team All-Pac-12 selection... MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist... Twice named the Pac-12 Player of the Week and was the Soccer America National Player of the Week for September 10-16 after recording four goals and one assist in games against Princeton and Pepperdine... Led Pac-12 in goals (15), points (34) and game-winning goals (6)... Totaled 5 multiple-goal games, scoring twice against Princeton, Pepperdine, Arizona, Oregon State and San Diego State... Recorded game-winners against Illinois, Pepperdine, Arizona, Arizona State, California and San Diego State... Moved into UCLA's Top 10 list for career assists (tied for 7th with 21), career multiple-goal games (tied for 7th with 5) and single-season game-winning goals (tied for 10th with 6)... 2011: First-Team All-Pac-12 selection... Member of the All-Pacific Region First Team... One of 5 players to start all 21 matches... Finished the season with 12 points on 3 goals and 6 assists, the 6 assists ranking second on the team... Assisted on 3 goals in the team's 5-2 victory over cross-town rival USC on November 4... Scored the team's only goal in a 4-1 loss to top-ranked Stanford on October 9... 2010: Honorable Mention All-Pac-10 selection... Only field player to start all 23 matches... Ended season with 10 points on 3 goals and 4 assists... Lone game-winning goal came in the team's 7-0 victory over Cal Poly in the season opener... 2009: Named to the Pac-10 All-Freshman Team... Only freshman to play in all 25 matches... Made 23 starts... Ended the season with 11 points on 3 goals and 7 assists ... Registered a goal and an assist in a 3-2 double-overtime victory over ASU.



POSITION: DEFENDER
HEIGHT: 5'10"
BORN: NOVEMBER 20, 1989
HOMETOWN: WHANGAREI, NEW ZEALAND
COLLEGE: MASSEY UNIVERSITY

**INTERNATIONAL:** Current captain of the Kiwis... Has scored 5 goals for New Zealand as a defender... 2015: Played in seven matches (as of early April)... 2014: Played 16 matches and scored one goal... Became the first female player to reach 100 caps for New Zealand on October 25 at the OFC Nations Cup... Helped New Zealand qualify for the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup... 2013: Played in 11 matches... 2012: Played in 16 matches... Played in the London Olympics... 2011: Played in 13 matches... Earned 50th cap at the Cyprus Cup... Played at the World Cup in Germany... Earned NZF Players' Player... 2010: Played in 12 matches and scored 2 goals... 2009: Played in 7 matches... 2008: Played in 13 matches... Played at the Beijing Olympics... Played at the U-20 World Cup... 2007: Played in 15 matches, scoring 2 goals... Played at the Women's World Cup in China... Earned NZF Young Player of the Year... 2006: Earned first full international cap on November 14 against China... Played at U-20 Women's World Cup.

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2014: 11 appearances and 11 starts for the Red Stars... 2013-2014: Made 30 appearances and scored five goals for USVF FF Jena in Germany's Frauen-Bundesliga... 2011-2013: Made 23 appearances for Adelaide United in the Australian W-League... 2010: Made 25 appearances and scored 14 goals for Fencibles United in New Zealand... 2009-2010- Made 11 appearances for RCD Espanyol Femenino in Spain's Primera División... Won La Copa de la Reina... 2009: Made 23 appearances and scored 15 goals for Three Kings United FC in New Zealand... 2007-2008: Made 22 appearances and scored 12 goals for Western Springs AFC in New Zealand... 2004-2006: Made 36 appearances and scored 17 goals for Three Kings United FC in New Zealand...



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## **SHANNON BOXX**

POSITION: MIDFIELDER
HEIGHT: 5'8"
BORN: JUNE 29, 1977
HOMETOWN: REDONDO BEACH, CA
COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

**INTERNATIONAL:** Only player in U.S. Soccer history to be named to a FIFA Women's World Cup Team (2003) without previously earning a cap... 2014-2015: Returned as a regular on the USWNT roster after missing significant time due to injury and pregnancy. Earned her first cap in nearly two years in early 2014... Called up to her fourth World Cup roster in April... 2012: Played in 27 games for the U.S., starting 22 and recording three goals and three assists... Earned an Olympic gold medal... 2011: Started all 17 games she played, recording one goal and two assists... Played 1,344 minutes and became one of just 16 players to surpass 150 caps for the USA... Started five matches at the 2011 World Cup and played every minute, earning World Cup All-Star Team honors in the process... 2010: One of only two players to start all 18 matches the USA played ... 2009: Started seven of the eight matches the USA played, scoring two goals... Led the team in minutes played with 614... 2008: Started in 33 games... On the 10-player shortlist for FIFA Women's World Player of the Year... 2007: Returned to the U.S. team at the Algarve Cup after recovering from major knee surgery... Started 14 of the 18 games she played, recording four goals and three assists... 2006: Started all three games at the Four Nations Tournament... Started all four games at the Algarve Cup and was named tournament MVP for the second time (after 2004)... 2005: Started all four games at the Algarve Cup, playing all but 23 minutes for her team in he tournament... 2004: Started 31 of 32 matches and was second on the team in minutes played with 2,714... Started all six games at the 2004 Olympics and scored the opening goal of the tournament against Greece... Captained the FIFA Women's World All-Star Team... Named MVP of the Algarve Cup... Finished seventh in the voting for FIFA Women's World Player of the Year... 2003: Scored in her first two career caps and starts... Started all five games in which she played at the World Cup ... One of three U.S. players named to the World Cup All-Star Team... Set a U.S. record by scoring in her first three matches... 2002: Called into training camp in January in Charleston, S.C. ... 2001: Participated in training camp in October in San Diego, Calif.

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2013: Allocated to Chicago for the 2013 NWSL season... Played in just two games due to a knee injury... 2011: Signed with magicJack for the 2011 WPS season and played and started in 10 games... 2010: Started the season with St. Louis Athletica, netting one goal an adding 3 assists... After Athletica ceased operations, she signed with FC Gold Pride... Started 19 of the 20 total games she played... Totaled one goal and five assist... A WPS All-Star Game starter and the fifth overall vote-getter... 2009: Allocated to and captained the Los Angeles Sol... Started 18 of 19 matches, recording three goals and three assists... Named to the WPS First Team and played in the WPS All-Star Game... 2003: Started in 21 games for NY Power, scoring one goal... Named to All-WUSA First-Team & WUSA All-Star Team... 2002: Played in 20 games for the San Diego Spirit, starting 15... Recorded two goals and two assists ... Traded to the New York Power on September 30 ... 2001: Drafted by the San Diego Spirit ... Started all 21 matches and missed only 20 minutes all season... Scored three goals and added five assists for 11 points.

**COLLEGE:** Attended University of Notre Dame from 1995-99... Ranks among top 15 players in school history in six career categories, those being consecutive games played (101 – tied for 3rd), total games played (101 – tied for 4th), assists (57 – 6th), points (135 – 12th) and goals (39 – 15th)... One of 12 players in school history with at least 30 career goals and 30 career assists, and one of 11 Fighting Irish players to not miss a game in their Notre Dame careers.



## **JULIE JOHNSTON**



POSITION: DEFENDER HEIGHT: 5'7" BORN: APRIL 6, 1992 HOMETOWN: MESA, AZ COLLEGE: SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2015: played and started in 4 games (as of early April)... Scored in the 4-0 victory over New Zealand on April 4 in St. Louis... Scored her 1st career goal with the senior squad in the 2-0 win over France in the Algarve Cup final on March 11... Started 3 matches in the Algarve Cup... 2014: Made 3 substitute appearances for the USWNT in the latter half of the year... 2013: Earned her first senior cap in a 4-1 win against Scotland on February 9... Played her first full 90 minutes at the international level against the Netherlands on April 9... 2012: U.S. Soccer Young Female Athlete of the Year... Captain of the U.S. team that won the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Japan ... Won the bronze ball as the third-best player in the tournament, a rare honor for a defender... Started all 6 games for the U.S... A member of the American CONCACAF U-20 Championship team that earned a berth to the 2012 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup in Japan.

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2014: Drafted by Chicago in the 1st round of the 2014 NWSL College Draft... Played and started in 21 games for the Red Stars... Scored 2 goals, one of which was a game-winner... Assisted on 2 goals...t

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





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## **MELISSA TANCREDI**

POSITION: FORWARD
HEIGHT: 5'7"
BORN: DECEMBER 27, 1981
HOMETOWN: HAMILTON, ON, CANADA
COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2015: Played in 6 games for the CanWNT and had 5 starts (as of early April)... 2014: Played in 3 games and had one start... 2012: Won a silver medal with at the CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying tournament in Vancouver... Was the 16th female player to make her 75th appearance for Canada (March 6)... Finished second with Canada at the Cyprus Cup... Won a bronze medal at the London Olympics... Played in a career-high 19 consecutive Canada matches... 2011: Finished first with Canada at the Cyprus Cup... Represented her country at the FIFA Women's World Cup... 2010: 20th female player to earn her 50th appearance for Canada (December 9)... Won a gold medal at the 2010 CONCACAF Championship... 2009: Finished second with Canada at the 2009 Cyprus Cup... 2008: Finished second with Canada at the CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying tournament... Reached the quarter-final phase at the Beijing Olympics... 2007: Won a bronze medal with Canada at the XV Pan American Games Rio... Represented Canada at the World Cup in China... Scored the second-fastest goal in FIFA Women's World Cup history (37 seconds from the start of the September 20 draw with Australia)... 2006: Won a silver medal at the CONCACAF Women's Gold Cup... 2004: Made her debut for Canada (February 26)... Finished third at the 2004 CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying tournament in Costa Rica.

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2014: Played in 13 games FOR Chicago and started 7... Scored three goals, one of which was the July 12 game-winner that snapped Seattle's 16-game unbeaten streal. Assisted on one goal... Took 17 shots with ten on goal... Traded to Chicago Red Stars by Houston Dash... 2012: Suited up for Swedish club Dalsjofors GoIF... 2011: Played for Swedish side Pitea IF following a 2010 stint with W-League side Vancouver Whitecaps... 2009: Played for WPS club Saint Louis Athletica.

**COLLEGE:** Played collegiately at the University of Notre Dame from 2000-2004... 2003: Among final 15 candidates for 2003 Hermann Trophy... Earned First-Team All-American honors from Soccer Buzz and Second-Team All-American honors from the NSCAA... 4th Notre Dame player in a span of 7 years to receive a BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year award... 2002: Appeared in 18 games (16 starts) and scored 4 goals, each on headers following corner kicks... Earned Maryland Classic Offensive MVP honors... 2001: Appeared in 16 games (10 starts) and became the fifth-leading scorer with 4 goals and 4 assists... Coming off injury, saw significant minutes in the spring win over the Mexican Women's National Team (2-1), in which she created several scoring chances... 2000: Missed the entire 2000 fall due to an ACL knee injury suffered in preseason.

## **VANESSA DIBERNARDO**



## POSITION: MIDFIELDER HEIGHT: 5'4" BORN: MAY 15, 1992 HOMETOWN: NAPERVILLE, IL COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

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

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2014: Drafted by Chicago in the first round of the NWSL College Draft... Made 23 appearances and 19 stars... Scored one goal and assisted on 3... Took 25 shots with 11 on goal...

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



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## **RACHEL QUON**

<b>POSITION:</b> DEFENDER
HEIGHT: 5'2"
BORN: MAY 21, 1991
HOMETOWN: LAKE FOREST, IL
<b>COLLEGE:</b> STANFORD UNIVERSIT

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2014: Made her first start for the CanWNT at the Cyprus Cup on March 5... Had 4 appearances and one start for Canada, accumulating a total of 110 minutes... 2013: Was called into CanWNT camp by Head Coach John Herdman for a friendly against the United States...

**PROFESSIONAL**: 2014: Started in all of her 19 appearances with Chicago... 2013: Second-round selection by the Red Stars in the NWSL College Draft... Played in 19 matches, starting in 16... Registered one assist.

**COLLEGE:** Four-year starter for Stanford University... Played in 4 NCAA College Cups... Was part of a senior class that went 94-4-4, including 52-0-1 at home and 40-0-0 in conference play... Third all-time in career starts for Stanford with 96... Winner of 4 Pac-12 titles and one NCAA Championship.

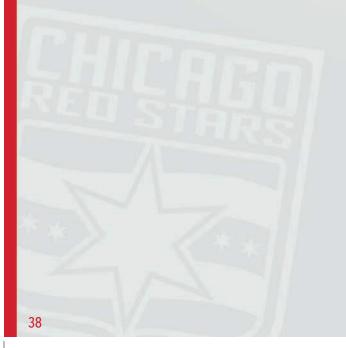


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POSITION: FORWARD HEIGHT: 5'9" BORN: JUNE 16, 1993 HOMETOWN: WAUWATOSA, WI COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2015: Drafted by Chicago as the 23rd overall pick in the third round of the NWSL College Draft. With the selection, Walls became the first player in Wisconsin women's soccer history to be drafted into the NWSL.

**COLLEGE:** Finished career at Wisconsin as the second leading goal-scorer all-time with 42 goals and holding the Badgers record for multi-goal games (10)... 2014: All Big-Ten First Team... Big-Ten All-Tournament Team... Third Team NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region... Ranked 75th best player in women's college soccer by Top Drawer Soccer... Team captain... Her 14 goals were tied for fourth most in Wisconsin history... Helped UW make it to the second round of the NCAA tournament... 2013: Started in all 19 matches... Led the team in goals (9) and game-winning goals (4)... Ranked second in points (22) and shots (63)... Led the team in shots on goal (30)... 2012: Named to All-Big Ten Second Team... Named UW Offensive Player of the Year... 2011: Named to the All Big-Ten Freshman Team... Named Big-Ten Player of the Week 3 times





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## **MICHELLE LOMNICKI**

POSITION: DEFENDER
HEIGHT: 5'8"
BORN: MAY 3 1987
HOMETOWN: AURORA, CO
COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2014: Made 18 appearances for the Red Stars, 15 of them as a starter... Scored 2 goals, one of them a game-winner... Assisted on one goal... 2013: Started 17 games and appeared in 18 games during Chicago's inaugural NWSL season... Scored one goal and had one assist... 2012: Played for Chicago in the WPSL-Elite... 2011: Scored one goal in 3 appearances with Sky Blue FC... 2010: Played for SC Freiburg in Germany... Appeared in 7 games with 5 starts for a total of 476 minutes, scoring one goal... 2009: Played for the Red Stars in the WPS, making one 34-minute appearance.

**COLLEGE:** 2008: Earned Big 12 Conference Defensive Co-Player of the Year and All-Big 12 First Team honors... 2007: Logged a team-high 2,018 minutes... Earned All-Big 12 First Team and NSCAA All-Central Region Second Team honors... 2006: Saw action in just 16 games due to a knee injury, starting 13... Scored goals in 2 of CU's first 3 games... Logged a total of 1,113 minutes... 2005: Started 23 of CU's 24 games as a defender... Had a goal and an assist for 3 points... Logged 11 complete matches and played over 45 minutes in every game except for the overtime loss at Oklahoma.



## **TARYN HEMMINGS**

POSITION: DEFENDER HEIGHT: 5'7" BORN: APRIL 25, 1986 HOMETOWN: GREELEY, CO COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

**PROFESSIONAL**: 2014: Came back from torn ACL... Played 15 games and started 9... Assisted on 2 goals... 2013: Played and started in 14 games for Chicago... Tore left ACL & MCL in July 14 match against FC Kansas City and was out for the remainder of the season... 2012: Played with Boston Breakers of WPSL-Elite and Australia's Canberra United...Won the Westfield W-League Grand Final... Finished second on Canberra in goals (4)... Made 10 appearances (9 starts) ... Played as both a forward and a right back... Scored 2 goals against. Adelaide United in January... Twice named Player of the Match, including in the semifinal win over Melbourne Victory... 2011: Started 10 of 16 games she appeared in with Boston Breakers, logging 893 minutes... 2010: Selected as the 65th overall pick in the 7th round of the WPS Draft by Boston Breakers... Started 4 of the 13 games she appeared in, playing 481 minutes... Made her WPS debut on May 14 at home against FC Gold Pride... Made her first WPS start on June 19 at FC Gold Pride...

**COLLEGE:** Ended her career as the Pioneers' second all-time career scoring leader with 112 points on 42 goals and 28 assists... Tied program record for career goals and ranked third in career assists... Led her side to the 2008 Sun Belt Tournament title and was named to the All-SBC First team and the SBC All-Tournament Team... Was also chosen as the Sun Belt Tournament's Most Outstanding Player after winning Sun Belt Player of the Year in 2006 and 2008... Selected to the Soccer Buzz All-Central Region First Team and the NSCAA Adidas All-Central Region Second Team in 2008.

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SAMANTHA JOHNSON



## **SAMANTHA JOHNSON**

POSITION: DEFENDER HEIGHT: 5'6" BORN: JUNE 10, 1991 HOMETOWN: PALMDALE, CA COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2014: Registered 12 appearances and 11 starts for Chicago after making the team through the open tryouts... Assisted on one goal and took 3 shots... Spent the NWSL off-season with Sydney FC of the Australian W-League.

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





**BORN:** JANUARY 29, 1984 HOMETOWN: ST. LOUIS, MO **COLLEGE: NORTH CAROLINA** 

INTERNATIONAL: 2015: Named to final roster for the FIFA Women's World Cup... Earned four caps and two starts (as of early April)... Scored first international goal since 2008 in front of hometown fans in St. Louis on April 4... Called up and played in the Algarve Cup... 2014: Called up to play in the 2014 International Tournament of Brasilia... Earned first cap since being banned from playing for the USWNT in 2009 due to a history of head injuries... Earned three caps and one assist (to Carli Lloyd) during the Brasilia tournament...2009: Played every minute in five matches for the USWNT... Captaining the USA to a 1-0 victory against Germany in October... Took over as U.S. captain for Christie Rampone... 2008: Moved to outside back after playing in the midfield in 2007 ... Played 34 matches, starting 32, and finished 4th on the team in minutes played... Recoreded two goals and one assist... Was forced out of the USA's first Olympic match after just 15 minutes with a concussion and missed the second game of group play against Japan... Came back to play every minute of the remaining 4 matches... Scored one of the most important goals in U.S. history against Japan in the semifinal, blasting in the go-ahead tally just before halftime... 2007: Played in every game in 2007 as one of just two players to do so... Started 23 of the 24 games the U.S. played, including all 6 at the World Cup... Played every minute of every game in the tournament as one of 2 players to accomplish that feat ... Scored twice at the World Cup, including the game-winner in the 1-0 victory against Nigeria to finish group play... Also scored against Norway in the third-place match, in which she also had an assist... Had 4 goals and 3 assists during the year... 2006: Started two games at the Four Nations Tournament in China, but suffered a serious concussion against France and was out of action for 4 months... 2005: Voted the 2005 U.S. Soccer Young Female Athlete of the Year... Played in 6 total games during the year, starting them all, and scored a goal against Canada... 2004: Member of the Olympic Residency Training Camp... Played in four matches during the year, scoring her first career goal on May 9 against Mexico... 2003: Earned one cap in 2003... 2002: Key member of the USA's U-19 World-Cupwinning team... 2001: Member of the USA's U-21 Nordic Cup championship team, scoring 2 goals in the tournament, one against Denmark and one against Sweden in the final... Earned a total of 14 U-21 caps and 21 U-19 caps during her youth career... 2000: Member of U-16 USWNT... Had played for the USA at four levels by age 17...

PROFESSIONAL: 2014: Played in 23 games for Chicago as team captain and started 22... Scored 5 goals... Took 33 shots with 14 on goal... Logged a team-high 2003 minutes... 2013: Captain of the Red Stars... Started in 17 of 18 matches, totaling 1,500 minutes played... Registered 5 goals and 4 assists for the season... 2012: Played for Chicago in WPSL-Elite, appearing in 10 games and scoring 5 goals... 2010/2011: Played for WPS side Atlanta Beat, starting in 15 and 17 games in 2010 and 2011, respectively, scoring 2 goals each season... 2009: Allocated to St. Louis Athletica for the inaugural WPS season and captained the team... Named to the All-WPS First Team and played in the WPS All-Star Game... Played 18 matches for Athletica, scoring 2 goals and added one assist... Tied for first as the most fouled player in WPS.

COLLEGE: 2005: Started all 23 games she played, recording 10 goals and 8 assists... Finished her college career with 30 goals... Helped UNC to a 23-1-1 record... Named First-Team NSCAA All-American for the second year in a row, and First-Team All-ACC for the third year in a row... Named a Soccer America MVP... 2004: Started 22 of 23 games she played, recording 6 goals and 5 assists ... Named First-Team All-ACC and a First-Team NSCAA All-American... 2003: Helped UNC to the NCAA title and a perfect 27-0-0 record... Started 26 of 27 games and scored 11 goals with 12 assists... Named First-Team All-ACC and an NSCAA Second-Team All-American... 2002: Named to ACC All-Freshman Team.

# MICHELE DALTON



## **MICHELE DALTON**

POSITION: GOALKEEPER HEIGHT: 5'7" BORN: NOVEMBER 5, 1988 HOMETOWN: MOUNT PROSPECT, IL COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2014: Played for Swedish second-division side Kvarnsvedens IK, posting 7 shutouts and a 1.19 goals-against average... 2013: Played for UMF Selfoss in the Icelandic top flight... 2012: Laced up for Philadelphia Fever of the WPSL-Elite.

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





POSITION: FORWARD HEIGHT: 5'3" BORN: OCTOBER 2, 1992 HOMETOWN: KING CITY, ON, CANADA COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2015: Played 7 games for the CanWNT, starting 2 (as of early April)... Scored in a game against Mexico at the Four Nations Tournament in China... 2014: Played nine games and started seven... Represented Canada at the 2014 Cyprus Cup and scored the lone goal in the game against Italy... 2013: Played in 15 games for Canada, starting 12 and scoring 3 goals... 2012: Earned her first cap for the senior team in January at the Four Nations Tournament... Scored her first international goal in a 1-0 victory against China... 2010: Finished 4th with Canada at the 2010 CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship in Guatemala... Represented her country at the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2014: Played in 20 games for Chicago, including 15 starts... Scored one goal and assisted on 3... Took 20 shots with nine on goal... 2013: Acquired by Red Stars in a trade with Boston for Carmelina Moscato on June 29... Played in 10 games for Chicago, recording one goal and one assist... Originally allocated to Boston Breakers on January 11... Appeared in 6 games for the Breakers, including one start, and recorded 163 minutes and one goal.

**COLLEGE:** 2012: Appeared in all 22 matches, including 17 starts... Scored 5 goals, including 4 game-winners ... Tied for third in game-winners in the Southeastern Conference... Named College Sports Madness SEC Player of the Week following Texas A&M match... Joined Florida in the summer, after playing two seasons at Notre Dame... 2011: 2nd among Notre Dame's point scorers in 2011, earning 17 points on 6 goals and 5 assists... Appeared in 20 matches and made 15 starts... Scored Notre Dame's first goal of the season in a 2-0 win over Wisconsin... 2010: NCAA College Cup All-Tournament Team selection... Came off the bench to score the lone goal that gave Notre Dame the NCAA College Cup crown with a 1-0 win over top-seeded Stanford... Appeared in 23 matches and had 7 starts... Tied for third among Notre Dame goal-scorers with 4 in 2011, including 2 game-winners... 5th on the team in points with 10.



SOFIA HUFBTA



## **SOFIA HUERTA**

POSITION: FORWARD
HEIGHT: 5'7"
BORN: DECEMBER 14, 1992
HOMETOWN: BOISE, ID
COLLEGE: SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

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

**PROFESSIONAL:** 2015: Drafted by Chicago as the 11th overall pick in the second round of the 2015 NWSL College Draft.

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

## **CHRISTEN PRESS**





POSITION: FORWARD HEIGHT: 5'7" BORN: DECEMBER 29, 1988 HOMETOWN: PALOS VERDES, CA COLLEGE: STANFORD UNIVERSITY

**INTERNATIONAL:** 2015: Has 6 appearances and 5 starts for the USWNT, with one goal and 2 assists (as of early April)... Played in the Algarve Cup in Portugal and scored one of the goals in the 2-0 final win over France... 2014: Earned 23 caps and 14 starts, scoring 11 goals and assisting on 5... Helped the USWNT qualify for the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup... Played in the International Tournament of Brasilia... 2013: Member of the USWNT player pool... 2012: First appearance for the USWNT in April... An alternate for the Olympic Team... 5th USWNT player to score at least four goals in her first four matches.... 2010: Scored three times in three matches for the U-23 USWNT, including in a 1-0 victory over Sweden that won the U.S. the Four Nations Tournament in England... Started in the 2-2 draws with the U-23 sides of Germany and South Korea... 2009: One of 24 players called into U-23 USWNT training camp in June... Scored against an Irish select side during a U-23 two-match tour of Ireland and Northern Ireland...

**PROFESSIONAL:** Started in all 12 of her games with Chicago, scoring 6 goals, one of which was a game-winner... Took 42 shots with 26 on goal... Allocated to the Red Stars after finishing up the season with her Swedish side Tyresö FF... First American to claim the Golden Boot award in the Swedish top flight... Scored 23 goals on the season... 2013: Spent the campaign with Tyresö FF... 2012: Played for Swedish side Kopparbergs/Göteborgs FC... 2011: 4th overall pick by WPS side magicJack... Played in 17 matches and scored 8 goals... Named WPS Rookie of the Year...

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

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## **DANIELLE COLAPRICO**

POSITION: MIDFIELDER/FORWARD HEIGHT: 5'3" BORN: MAY 6, 1993 HOMETOWN: FREEHOLD, NJ COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

**INTERNATIONAL:** Member of U-23 USWNT player pool... 2015: Called up to U-23s for La Magna tournament in Spain... Started in one of her 3 matches at La Manga and score in the 2-0 win over Norway.

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

## **COACHES & TECHNICAL STAFF**





## **COACHES & TECHNICAL STAFF**



### RORY DAMES HEAD COACH

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

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

Dames has led Eclipse Select to many accomplishments over the past ten years, including being

recognized as the top girls soccer club in the nation by Soccer America in 2007 and 2008, as well as by NationalSoccerRanking.com in 2007. Over the years, Dames has lead the club to eight national championships, six national finals, eleven regional championships, 17 UYSA MRL championships and 37 Illinois State Cup championships.

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

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

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

**STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH:** JOSHUA NEFF **HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER:** CHERLYNE CARLOS, ATC, NASM-PES





## **TRAE MANNY** 1<sup>st</sup> ASSISTANT & GOALKEEPER COACH

This NWSL season is Trae Manny's second as the Chicago First Assistant Coach and his fourth as the team's Goalkeeper Coach. Manny competed collegiately at Louisville and then went on to work as an Assistant Coach with the women's team at Stephen F. Austin State University for two years, followed by two years at the University of Oklahoma. He returned to his native Illinois in 2013 to serve as the Head of Senior Goalkeeping for Eclipse Select Soccer Club. He holds an NSCAA Goalkeeping II Diploma as well as an NSCAA Regional Diploma.

## **CHRISTIAN LAVERS** 2<sup>ND</sup> ASSISTANT COACH

Lavers is entering his third season as an assistant coach with the Red Stars. He has led teams to National Final Fours at five different levels – the WPSL, the W-League, the ECNL, the USYS, and the USASA. He is currently the Director of Coaching for FC Wisconsin Eclipse.

In 2006, Lavers helped lead Eclipse Select to two USYS National Championships and a USYS National Final. In 2010, he led the FC Milwaukee WPSL team to the Midwest Conference championship and WPSL Final Four. In 2011, Lavers' U-18 girls team became the first Wisconsin team

(boys or girls) to win a USYS National Championship. In 2013, his FC Wisconsin Eclipse U-23 team advanced to the ECNL National Championship match.

Lavers has worked as an assistant coach with multiple U.S. Soccer Youth National Teams and holds the USSF "A" License, the USSF "Y" License and the NSCAA Premier Diploma. He also teaches the NSCAA/U.S. Club Soccer "Director of Coaching" course. Lavers is the President of the Elite Clubs National League and the Executive Vice President of U.S. Club Soccer.

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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.





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## **NWSL SCHEDULE**

<b>FRIDAY, MAY 15</b> Houston Dash vs. Chicago Red Stars	8:30 PM
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 16</b> Boston Breakers vs. Portland Thorns FC Washington Spirit vs. Sky Blue FC	4:00 PM 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, MAY 22 Boston Breakers vs. Sky Blue FC	7:00 PM
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 23</b> Western New York Flash vs. Washington Spirit FC Kansas City vs. Chicago Red Stars Portland Thorns FC vs. Houston Dash	7:00 PM 8:00 PM 10:00 PM
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 30</b> Boston Breakers vs. FC Kansas City Washington Spirit vs. Portland Thorns FC Seattle Reign FC vs. Chicago Red Stars	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 10:00 PM
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 31</b> Sky Blue FC vs. Houston Dash	3:00 PM
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 6</b> Washington Spirit vs. Boston Breakers Western New York Flash vs. Chicago Red Stars Houston Dash vs. Portland FC Seattle Reign FC vs. Sky Blue FC	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:30 PM 10:00 PM
FRIDAY, JUNE 19 Portland Thorns FC vs. FC Kansas City	10:00 PM
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 20</b> Chicago Red Stars vs. Washington Spirit Houston Dash vs. Western New York Flash	8:00 PM 8:30 PM
SUNDAY, JUNE 21 Boston Breakers vs. Seattle Reign FC	4:00 PM

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## **NWSL SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY, JULY 26 Seattle Reign FC vs. Portland Thorns FC	7:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 29</b> Western New York Flash vs. Portland Thorns FC Houston Dash vs. FC Kansas City	7:00 PM 8:30 PM
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 1</b> Boston Breakers vs. Seattle Reign FC Washington Spirit vs. Houston Dash Sky Blue FC vs. Western New York Flash Chicago Red Stars vs. FC Kansas City	4:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 Portland Thorns FC vs. Boston Breakers	10:00 PM
<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 7</b> Houston Dash vs. Sky Blue FC	8:30 PM
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 8</b> Boston Breakers vs. Washington Spirit FC Kansas City vs. Western New York Flash	7:00 PM 8:00 PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 Portland Thorns FC vs. Chicago Red Stars	10:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 Chicago Red Stars vs. Sky Blue FC Washington Spirit vs. Western New York Flash FC Kansas City vs. Portland Thorns FC Seattle Reign FC vs. Houston Dash	2:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM 10:00 PM
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 22</b> Sky Blue FC vs. Portland Thorns FC FC Kansas City vs. Boston Breakers Houston Dash vs. Seattle Reign FC	7:00 PM 8:00 PM 8:30 PM
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 23</b> Chicago Red Stars vs. Western New York Flash	5:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 27	
Washington Spirit vs. Houston Dash Seattle Reign FC vs. FC Kansas City	7:00 PM 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	7.00 PM
Western New York Flash vs. Seattle Reign FC	7:00 PM
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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
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Houston Dash vs. Chicago Red Stars	8:30 PM
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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	2.00 DM
Western New York Flash vs. Sky Blue FC	3:00 PM
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Portland Thorns FC vs. Seattle Reign FC	10:00 PM
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## **NWSL 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:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27<br/>FC Kansas City vs. Washington Spirit8:00 PMSATURDAY, AUGUST 29<br/>Western New York Flash vs. Chicago Red Stars<br/>Seattle Reign FC vs. Sky Blue FC7:00 PM<br/>10:00 PMSUNDAY, AUGUST 30<br/>Houston Dash vs. Boston Breakers<br/>Portland Thorns FC vs. Washington Spirit8:30 PM<br/>9:00 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 Western New York Flash vs. Portland Thorns FC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 Washington Spirit vs. Seattle Reign FC

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6** Chicago Red Stars vs. Houston Dash

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Seattle Reign FC vs. Boston Breakers

Sky Blue FC vs. FC Kansas City

5:00 PM 6:00 PM

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## **NWSL RULES & REGULATIONS**





## **NWSL 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 tDiscovery 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

#### 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**

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.

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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 ٠ 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).

#### **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 ٠
- 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 Septem-. ber3-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





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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 Heath benefits will be provided for the term of the loan.
- Workers Compensation benefits will be provided for the term of the loan.
- International Players must provide a P-1 Visa.
- International Players must have a Social Security Number.

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

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 approved.
- NWSL Medical Health benefits will be available only while the Player is in the U.S.
- NWSL Workers Compensation does not apply while the Player is on loan with another League.

• NWSL will write into the loan agreement the Team that is taking the Player on loan will be responsible for injury and guaranteed their health.

• Per FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players: Article 10, paragraph 3 "the club that has accepted a Player on a loan basis is not entitled to transfer her to a third club without the written authorization of the club (NWSL) that released the Player on loan and the Player concerned."

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

#### Players Loaned to NWSL

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

#### Loans 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,



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 80



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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

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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 NWSLTeam cannot be discovered by another NWSLTeam 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 provide



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ed 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.

