

A letter from the President.

I would like to take a moment to comment on the current state of youth soccer in Oregon. The landscape for competitive soccer in Oregon is changing. Currently the state is being split in the competitive ranks by Oregon Youth Soccer and a new league called Oregon Premier League. To learn more about the history of this split you can read about it on the Oregon Youth Soccer Website:

[www.oregonyouthsoccer.org](http://www.oregonyouthsoccer.org)

Thelo United Futbol has determined that it is in the best interest of the players in our club that we remain loyal to Oregon Youth Soccer Association (OYSA). While we agree that OYSA has had some shortcomings and the system is not perfect, we feel it is a better fit for us. All of our recreational affiliate clubs are members in good standing with OYSA. The State cup and Presidents cup are only available to OYSA teams. There will also be a new regional premier league with teams from multiple states participating. OYSA is working hard to fix some of the past issues and is moving forward in directions we feel are very positive. There will be a state wide premier league with Gold and Silver divisions as well as a new regionalized league for the other divisions of classic soccer in Oregon. We fit into the Portland Metro League. This will reduce travel and expense for the non premier level teams which we feel is a major benefit to our club. The expanded league will also have teams from SW Washington increasing the competitiveness of that league.

Although these changes will have an effect on the current soccer climate in Oregon, Thelo FC will continue to provide an affordable, top quality classic soccer experience for players and their families. I, along with the rest of the board and coaching staff, will continue to work hard to improve our club's offerings and experiences. "

Feel free to contact me via the contact link on this website.

Sincerely

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