Registrations
Our registration numbers for the 19/20 season decreased significantly to 36,188 players, due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the loss of the Spring and Summer seasons.

Buffalo 10,015 a drop of 26.5% against the previous year. 
Rochester 14,291 a drop of 29.9% against the previous year. 
Syracuse 6,059 a drop of 30.4% against the previous year. 
Southern Tier 1,771 a drop of 63% against the previous year. 
Binghamton 2,131 a drop of 43.9% against the previous year. 
Twin Tiers 1,921 a drop of 35.8% against the previous year.

New York State Government Guidelines
We continue to communicate directly with Albany and Regional Controllers to understand what is and is not permissible for Youth Soccer in the Covid world that we at present occupy.

PPP Loan
We applied for and received a PPP loan of $119,982 in April 2020. We expect to have completed our application for forgiveness of this loan by the end of November. Our Auditors have confirmed that they believe most if not all of this loan will be forgiven.

Staff salary reduction
All staff took a 20% salary reduction between April and June 2020.

New Operations Manager
Pam Whitcomb joined our administrative staff in March 2020.

State Office
As a consequence of the Covid 19 pandemic and to reduce costs, our State Office in Rochester was closed October 2020. All staff now work remotely in a virtual office.

State Cup
After pushing back, the date at least 3 times, changing the format and even the venue. We eventually had to admit defeat and the 2020 NYSWYS State Cup was cancelled.

Futsal State Cup
We had 28 teams registered for the inaugural NYSWYS Futsal State Cup, unfortunately because of the pandemic the event was cancelled.
**Fall League**
With much uncertainty in the Fall especially around School Soccer and after polling membership. We quickly organized a Fall League to get the kids playing. In the end 47 teams took part, unfortunately the season was cut short by yellow Covid cluster areas and most teams were unable to play the full six-game season that we had planned.

**E Sports**
In the early days of the Pandemic lock down we developed our E Gaming offering, initially getting NYW gamers entry into tournaments in VA and NJ. We have since signed a contract with GYO to be part of a broader offering for E Sports for existing and new members alike.

**Women’s Coach Mentor Program**
Diana Groth our Assistant Technical Director took the lead in our Women’s Coach Mentor Program, to direct the drive to recruiting and mentoring more Women coaches.

**RosterPro 2.0**
We are now entering our third year using RosterPro 2.0 our relationship with Demosphere continues to develop, there are now 5 other State Associations using the platform.

**Risk Management**
Having moved to a calendar cycle for Risk Management background checks we are approaching 24 months using NCSI (Sports Engine) with fully integrated video training. This gives us a robust fully Safe Sport compliant check starting at the local court level and working up to National checks. To streamline the process further we have introduced the Sports Engine administrative dashboard and RM pass printing by clubs. Concussion awareness training is now mandatory and has been added to the next RM cycle.

**We Got Soccer/Nike**
We are year two into a four-year relationship with Nike through WGS, which gives us a fully automated online order portal for ODP/Academy/Top Soccer uniform ordering and also allows us to sell NYSWYSA spirt wear as well as providing a link directly to WGS for purchasing cleats etc.
Insurance – Player medical & liability
Our Insurers K & K continue to provide excess medical, general liability, excess liability and directors and officers cover for our players, coaches and clubs in NYSWYSA. This year we again had to speak to parents of children who were injured and hadn’t been registered with us and therefore were not insured. It is imperative that before any child or coach takes the field for your club, be it training or games, that they are registered with NYSWYSA and therefore insured.

Great Lakes Conference and EDP Conferences
Many clubs continue to take advantage of the new integrated regional conference structure run by US Youth Soccer. The structure allows our top club teams to play either to the East as part of the EDP conference structure or to the West as part of the Great Lakes Conference Structure.

Thruway League
The board of NYSWYSA took the decision that 2020 would be the last year that the Association would administer the League. We wish the League well for the future and hope that our input and management has helped put the League on a firm footing for many years to come.

Recreation Jamborees to Intro to Youth Soccer Days
Following last year’s change from recreation jamborees, of which we still had 1, to Intro to youth soccer days focusing on the younger ages and those not already playing. We held 6 Intro days in Brockport, Arcade, Webster, Buffalo, Lakewood and Johnson city.

Member Grants
We received 31 member Grant applications, however as the pandemic hit, programs were cancelled and registration monies dried up, we were unable to fulfill any applications. This was the first year in ten that NYSWYSA has been unable to reinvest in member clubs via grant programming.

Weekly Newsletter
In 19/20 we rationalized our communication to our membership and consolidated most into a weekly newsletter sent out every Thursday to all members.
Sponsorship
We again recognize and thank our major sponsors Dicks Sporting Goods, Demosphere, K and K Insurance, NY's 529, Nike, We Got Soccer, Sports Engine and Cortland Regional Sports Council. Without the support of whom a lot of the above would not be possible.

The Future
- Getting back to ‘normal’
- Continued Esports development
- Website upgrade

Respectfully submitted,

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