

Michigan State Youth Soccer Association – Press Release



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MSYSA Coaching & Parent Symposium returns with guest speaker, Mark Pulisic!

Plymouth, Michigan (Dec. 14, 2018) – The Michigan State Youth Soccer Association is pleased to announce the hosting of a Coaching Symposium featuring Mr. Mark Pulisic. The symposium will take place on Friday, January 18, 2018. The symposium is specific to coaches (classroom and field sessions) from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. An additional symposium will take place from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm for parents of youth soccer players, which will include a question/answer session directly with Mark Pulisic.

About Mark Pulisic

Mark Pulisic was introduced to the beautiful game by his Croatian father while growing up on Long Island, NY. He went on to play four years of college soccer at George Mason University, followed by eight years of professional indoor soccer for the Harrisburg Heat. Since retiring from playing, Mark has coached at every level of the game—notably: head coach of the men and women at Lebanon Valley College, head coach of the Detroit Ignition (Major Indoor Soccer League), youth coach at PA Classics and Borussia Dortmund, and assistant coach of three lower league professional teams (Harrisburg City Islanders, Rochester Rhinos and Pittsburgh Riverhounds). In 2015, Mark moved to Germany when his son Christian was signed by Borussia Dortmund. Christian debuted for both Dortmund and the US Men’s National Team as a 17 year-old in 2016. While in Germany, Mark gained invaluable insight into youth development overseas. He holds his USSF ‘A’ and UEFA ‘A’ coaching licenses.

COACHES SYMPOSIUM

***Target Group:** Soccer Coaches (Director’s Academy, MSPSP, etc.)

Agenda & Topics: 9:30am-10:30am (Field Session from warm-up to play from Dortmund), 10:45am-12pm (Classroom discussion on session), 12-1:15pm (Lunch Break), 1:30pm-2:45pm (11v11 older player formations), 3pm-4pm (Classroom discussion on field session and wrap up)

Location: Ultimate Soccer Arenas (867 S Blvd E, Pontiac, MI 48341)

Meeting Room: Ultimate Conference Room & Field Sessions

Date & Time: Friday, January 18, 2019 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Check In: 8:00 am to 9:00 am

Cost: \$20

Registration Information: The cost to register for this symposium is \$20. (Symposium capacity is limited to 100 coaches) | [Register Here](#)

PARENT SYMPOSIUM

Target Group: Soccer Coaches & Parents (Director’s Academy, MSPSP, etc.)

Agenda & Topic: Parenting through the Youth Sports (Question & Answer Forum)

Location: Madonna University, Franciscan Lecture Hall, S100 ([Campus Map](#))

Date & Time: Friday, January 18, 2019 | 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Check In: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Cost: FREE | [Register Here](#)

Registration Information: *The cost to register for this symposium is FREE. However, space is limited to 150. Thus, please register to ensure your spot!*

**This symposium is an approved coaching education event and may be used to help satisfy the Director’s Academy coaching education requirements. As a reminder, clubs do receive a portion of their Director’s Academy entry fees back to help subsidize the costs of coaching education event provided that all club requirements are met.*

The Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (MSYSA) is a nonprofit organization that represents over 88,000+ youth soccer players, 10,000+ coaches, and 86000+ referees throughout Michigan. MSYSA consists of a vast number of leagues that register players (boys and girls) from ages 4 through 19 throughout the state. MSYSA is a member of the United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation. For more information on MSYSA, visit www.michiganyouthsoccer.org.

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