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To: All Rage Soccer Club Membership

The purpose of this memo is to communicate and clarify the Rage Soccer Club's professional league affiliations, relationships, and intentions for providing the best opportunities for player development and exposure possible. As most of you are aware, our younger-age boys and girls teams participate in the Delco and PAGES leagues respectively. At the older age levels, both boys and girls teams participate and compete in the United Soccer League's (USL) Super Y-League program.

The Super Y-League is a professionalized national youth development system for the USL, which is the largest system of elite-level soccer leagues in North America. The USL consists of two, full-time professional leagues; USL 1 and USL 2, the Premier Development League (PDL), the W-League (women's league), and the Super Y-League (SYL). The USL is modeled and operates similarly to other international countries' development leagues and programs. The model is a pyramid structure beginning with the youth level at the bottom and allowing players to grow to the highest levels of their capability in the top professional leagues.

The Reading Rage PDL organization, 2008's Mid-Atlantic Division and Eastern Conference Champion, and North American Semi-Finalist, is the top of our current club pyramid structure. The Super Y-League presents opportunities for players ages 13-20 to be introduced to this pyramid. The SYL has over 800 teams and spans every region of North America in an effort to identify the top talent in the country through programs such as the Olympic Development Programs' National ID Camps where the top players identified in the SYL convene in Florida each year to participate before professional scouts, college coaches, and the U.S. Youth National Team coaching staff.

In 2008, the Rage SC was named the #13 club in the top-twenty Super Y-League nationwide club rankings. This includes a top-twenty ranking on the boys' and the girls' side respectively. Four Rage teams qualified to compete for the SYL National Championships in Tampa, FL, last November. This year, over 20 Rage youth players were identified through the Olympic Development Program to attend the SYL National ID Camps in February 2009. Rage boys U17 goalkeeper, Cody Cropper, has just recently joined the U17 U.S. National Team Residency Program in Bradenton, FL.

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We at the Rage SC are very proud to be a part of the USL's PDL and Super Y-League programs as we feel it places our club and players in the best position for providing personal player growth, development, opportunities, and exposure through a proven professional pyramid structure modeled after most international countries.

Some of you may have heard that a local club has started forming teams to compete in the YPSL, [www.youthpremiersoccerleague.com](http://www.youthpremiersoccerleague.com), which is an upstart league formed in 2008. They are promoting their new affiliation as a version of a Super Y-League program in order to compete for players. Simply stated, this new league does not hold the same professional affiliation with the USL as the Rage SC nor does it provide the exposure and opportunities that the USL's SYL program offers our players and organization.

If anyone has any concerns or questions regarding the highest level of competition available in our community we strongly encourage you to talk to one of the members of our coaching staff and visit the USL's website at [www.uslsoccer.com](http://www.uslsoccer.com) to learn more about the league's offerings.

Thank you for your continued support of the Rage Soccer Club.

Yours in soccer,

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