



Southern Ohio Adult Soccer Association

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SOCCER HISTORY OF SOUTHERN OHIO

The Southern Ohio area is rich with soccer tradition. It started in the early 1950, when several of the ethnic teams in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky would meet to play on weekends. In 1952, the German Club Edelweiss, located in Englewood, Ohio, formed the Ohio-Indiana and Kentucky Soccer Association. The association affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation (then known as the USSFA). The group was chartered and boundaries were outlined. The OIK was comprised of teams in Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus, Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis and Louisville. Neither Indiana nor Kentucky had a charter. They were governed by the Ohio Soccer Association South. In the early 1970's, the OSAS encouraged both Indiana and Kentucky to form their own soccer associations.

The Ohio Soccer Association South was affiliated with its current boundaries by the USSF in 1976. The association administered both youth and adult programs. As the game became more popular with the youth, others came forward and enhanced the youth program. The Ohio South Youth Soccer Association was chartered in 1978 to administer soccer players through the age of eighteen. The youth organization flourished and contributed to the establishment of both High School and College Varsity competition.