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As we embark on the New Year, the Youth Soccer Community must boldly 'Declare Its Independence' from the usual traditional approaches.

Let's recognize the present hurdles with a positive mindset: the current system is driving away more players, coaches, and referees than it retains! Surveys reveal a staggering 75% of players quit between ages 10-14, while coaches and referees last an average of 3 years.

But here is the thrilling part: <u>WE</u> can change this narrative and make a lasting impact.

It's time to turn these disheartening numbers into a spark for positive action.

Imagine a future where, by the end of 2024, more coaches, referees, and players aren't just registering— but are smiling, having a blast, falling in love with the game, and staying committed for a lifetime. This future is not just a hope but a shared commitment that we, as a community, can make a reality.

Together, let's make a 'New Year's Resolution' committed to rewriting the story of youth soccer and creating a community where everyone feels valued and happy.

So, are you ready to kick off the New Year on the right foot and make 2024 the best one yet for our soccer communities?

How Will We Achieve it?

Think of it as a game plan uniting behind:

1.) The Purpose - FUNdamental SOCCER "Declaration"

11.) The Rules - Our Soccer "Constitution"

III.) The Rights - FUNdamental SOCCER "Bill of Rights"

IV.) The 'Guidelines'

How Can You Help?

Be Open-minded:

Understand 'The Purpose', Embrace 'The Rules,' uphold 'The Rights,' and use 'The Guidelines' to develop a welcoming soccer community.

Support:

Stand behind the Declaration prioritizing the well-being and development of youth coaches and players.

Get Involved:

Attend soccer meetings, actively participate in discussions, and contribute to the positive changes we aim for.

Spread the Word:

Pass along the "Declaration" to everyone involved in your soccer community - administrators, coaches, referees, parents, sponsors, etc.

Share:

Share successful ideas and approaches that have worked in your community.

By uniting and wholeheartedly/enthusiastically supporting this 'New Year's Resolution', we can build a brighter future for youth soccer and end the 75% dropout rate!