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WA Youth Soccer and Schmetzer's Sporthaus combine history of soccer excellence Partnership will provide merchandise benefits and expert service to Northwest soccer community

FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON (December 5, 2012) – Washington Youth Soccer today announced a new partnership with Schmetzer's Sporthaus, the #1 local source for soccer in the Northwest, to become the Official Soccer Specialty and Team Retailer of Washington Youth Soccer. The Schmetzers, a local prolific soccer family, bring over 35 years of quality business in soccer apparel and expert service to the Northwest, making them a natural fit to partner with Washington's largest youth soccer organization.

The Schmetzer's Sporthaus service legacy is distinguished by a staff of soccer experts with a commitment to customer service. "We are very excited and honored to be the Official Soccer Specialty Retailer and Team Retailer for Washington Youth Soccer," stated Walt Schmetzer, President of Schmetzer's Sporthaus. "We hope to partner with them on many different community events so we can play a role in bringing soccer opportunities to young players of all skill levels."

Exclusive benefits are offered to all Washington Youth Soccer families:

- Washington Youth Soccer Shopping Days at all Schmetzer's Sporthaus stores
- 20% off entire merchandise discounts for Washington Youth Soccer Shopping Days
- Monthly Schmetzer's Sporthaus merchandise specials with discounts included

"We are proud to partner with a local business who has been serving soccer enthusiasts, and our membership, for generations," said Doug Andreassen, President of Washington Youth Soccer. "We look forward to a long successful partnership, offering our membership the best benefits possible."

In their capacity as Official Soccer Specialty and Team Retailer, Schmetzer's Sporthaus will offer Washington Youth Soccer members the chance to save throughout the year at its three Puget Sound locations in Seattle, Everett and Redmond, as well as online at soccerspecialists.com.

About Washington Youth Soccer

Washington Youth Soccer is the largest youth soccer organization in Washington. Washington Youth Soccer is the state's affiliate for US Youth Soccer, which is the largest sports organization in the United States and the most populous member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body for soccer in the United States. Washington Youth Soccer is the sixth largest membership in the nation; our organization represents over 128,000 players (ages 4-19) and their families, 15,000 coaches on 12,000 teams and 6,500 referees in the state of Washington. Washington Youth Soccer's mission is to foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of the State of Washington's youth through the sport of soccer at all levels of age and competition.

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Media Request: When referring to Washington Youth Soccer, please refer to the association only as Washington Youth Soccer, and never as WYS or WSYSA. We appreciate your cooperation.

About Schmetzer's Sporthaus

For over 35 years we have served the soccer community and provided soccer players of all skill levels the best gear, equipment and service in the Northwest. Our commitment to the local soccer community starts with our staff, and we strive to have the best trained and most knowledgeable staff in the country. With three convenient locations we are your #1 local source for soccer.

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