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Assignment one

I found ten websites from all over the United States; most of these websites were all created for the same purpose. The purpose is recognizing soccer leagues. In my research, I found that some websites were good and some were just mediocre. However, both the good and mediocre fulfilled their basic purpose and did what was necessary. The most common processes I found were PDF links to forms, application books, rules books, and Top menus. These things make the website easy to use, aesthetic, and to navigate. The least common processes were big bullets links, which is still a useful thing because answers the user’s' questions and sends them to the right page and the weather widgets; I found it cool but not necessary because it helps the referees, coaches and parents to make decision about the day of the games.

There is no perfect website but I had to make a hard decision between those two websites the New Mexico Youth Soccer from New Mexico and Manchester Soccer Club from Connecticut. I found the New Mexico Youth Soccer from New Mexico is the best practice for web to support because they have top-menu and side-menu with drop down-menu; those two make the user easy to navigate in the website and take them to the right page in one click. Ads are the most profitable thinks for the website. The search bar is the most useful tool in my opinion because if users are looking for something in particular they do not have to go looking around. Short cuts are good as they make the website easy for the visitor who is looking for answers to frequently asked questions. The latest news widget is a cool tool for mostly for members to see what has happened in their absence. The calendar’s use is for the events on a particular day. “Field status” is feature of the calendar that shows if any field is available for scheduling a game or in need of referees. I saw a few websites have Find/follow us on social media buttons (e.g. Facebook, twitter, etc). It is a good tool to make a lot of people to website and know about the website. The website has forms in all types of online application. Word and PDF are used if the on-line application has on-line payment and this allows the user to pay by check, Visa, or MasterCard. “Sign in” is a good feature to verify and protect the integrity of users, and only signed in users can edit, post, or change the website.

In my opinion, these are some of processes that I suggest KSOA implement: Top-menu, side-menu, drop-down-menu, big bullets with short cuts, PDF links Ads, search bar, latest news, find/follow us, field status widget, sign in forms and online payment. These features contribute to the websites aesthetics, convenience, and ergonomics.