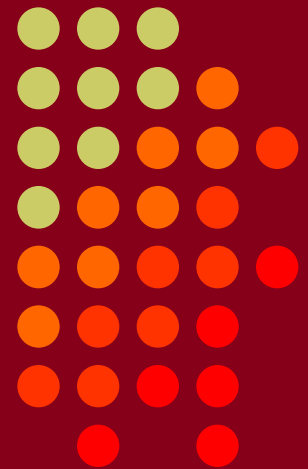


CTU Presents

New Blood Drafting the Next Generation



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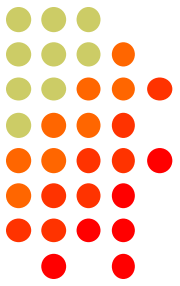


It's not just the NFL. Every other league has a draft. It has been fundamental to the success of professional sports.

-Roger Goodell



How I Get By



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Assumptions

- You are a tester
- You are interested in attracting youth to testing

Sources

- LOTS!
- Youth testers, experienced testers, editors, bloggers, Elmers, educators

Definitions

- Youth = < 26

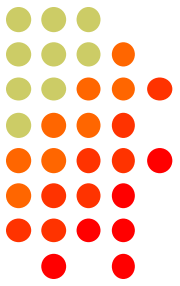


Contesting Back in the Day

- Novice Roundup
- BSA
- Paper logs
- SSB and CW modes only
- EVERYBODY YOUNG (or young-ish)



Youth Contesting Now

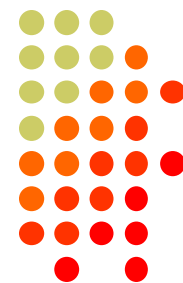


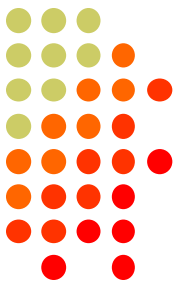
- YOTA YCP (Region 1)
- Dave Kalter YDXA
- Team Exuberance
- YARC YCP
- Corporate/Club Support
- NACC
- WRTC Youth Teams



Youngsters on the Air (YOTA)

- Region 1
- Youth Contesting Program (YCP)
- Some funding through IARU
- Participants provide own travel
- Philipp Springer DK6SP PoC





Dave Kalter Memorial YDXA

- Founded 2010
- Takes youth to DX locations
- Current organizers: Don Dubon N6JRL, Jim Storms AB8YK, Ron Doyle N8VAR
- Challenges: finding DX stations & fundraising



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Team Exuberance

- 1st all youth team at K3LR
 - KM4ATT, NN1C, VE7DZO, K6JO, HA8RT, KG5HVO
- Operating CQ WPX SSB M/2
- Average age 16
- Challenges – fundraising, forming team, travel/lodging logistics, communication



Team Exuberance

- Take-Aways
 - Be Coachable
 - Concise comms, quick response
 - YL – secret weapon
 - Persevere in the doldrums
 - Not 48 hours of fun but 48 hours of satisfaction

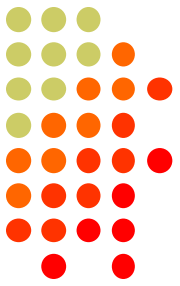


YARC YCP/ CQ WPX Youth

- Brainchild of Sterling Mann N0SSC
- Matches youth contesters with host stations
- New territory



Corporate/Club Support

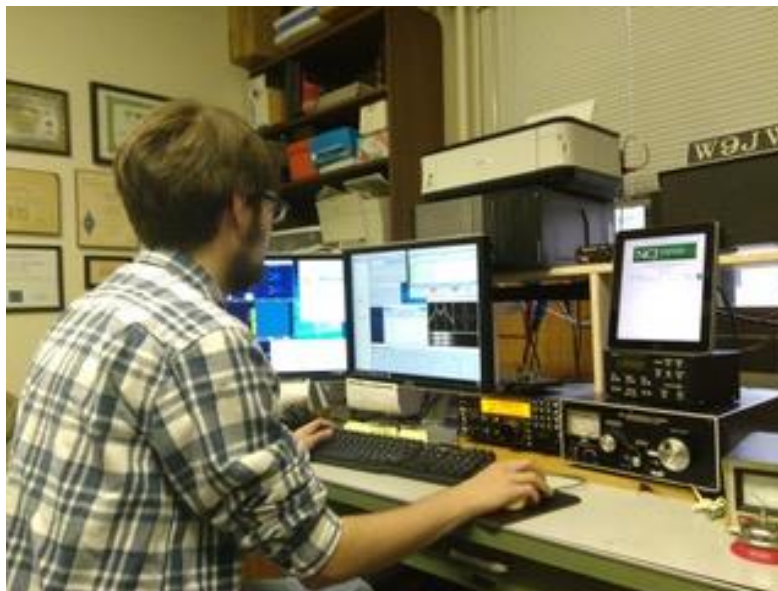
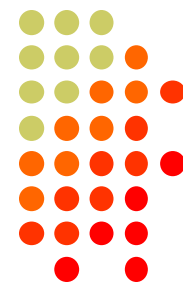


- NCDXF – CTU scholarships
- CWops – CW Youth Academy
- Deep Dixie Contest Club



NACC

- Sponsored by SMC and NCJ
- Active in NAQPs
- Started 2 years ago by K9CT and K7JOE
- 15+ collegiate clubs participated
- Live Scoreboard





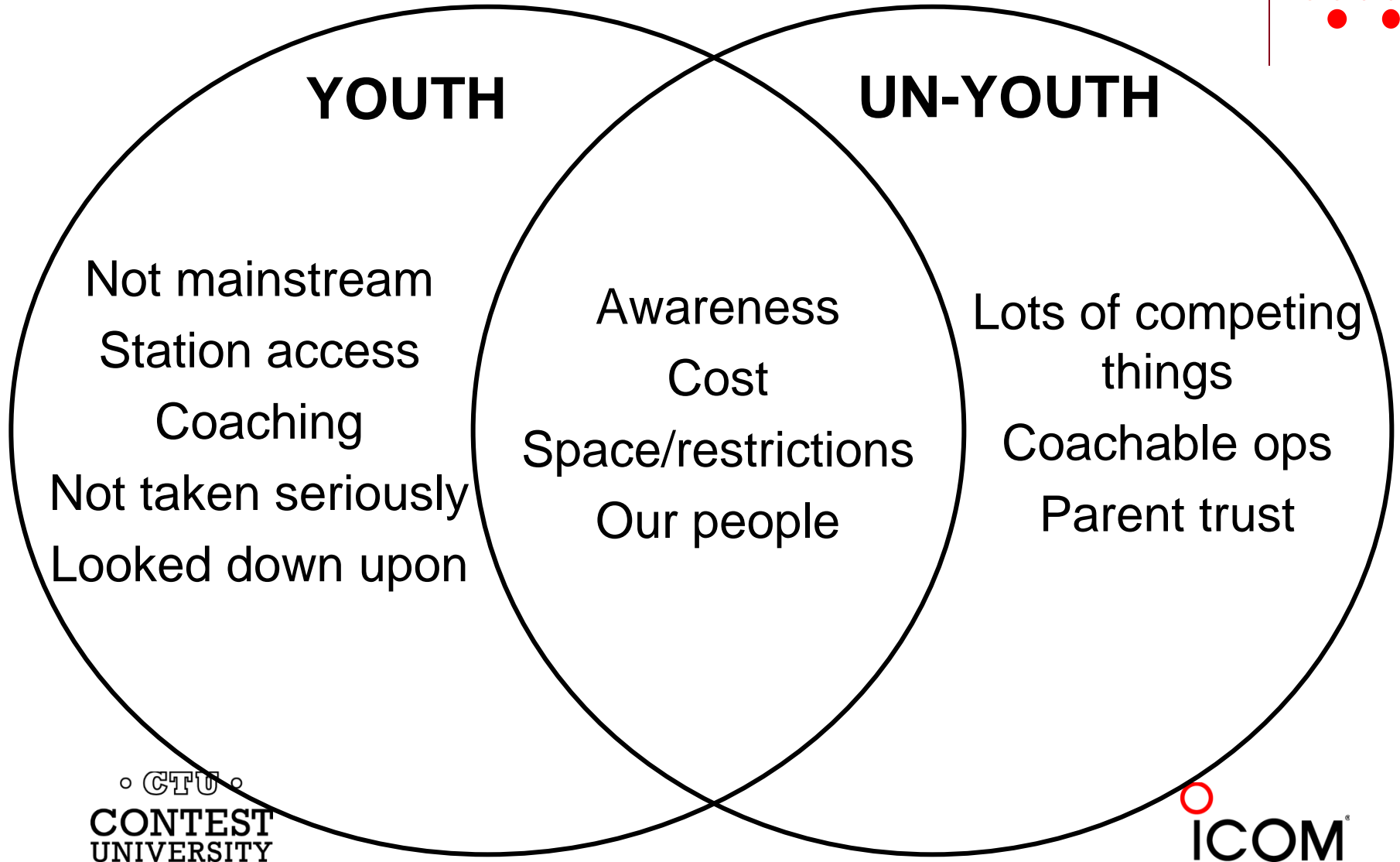
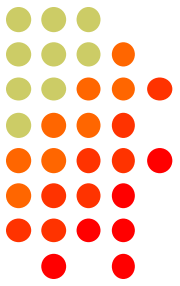
Youth Teams



- WRTC 2014 = 1 youth team
- WRTC 2018 = 3 youth teams
- **WRTC 2022 = 6 YOUTH TEAMS!!!**



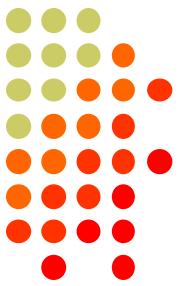
Challenges



Youth Contesters...

- Tend to be motivated
- Do hard things
- Are involved in many things
- Embrace coaching/Elmering
- Take criticism well
- Are committed
- Are **COMPETITIVE!!!**





Live Scoreboard

Love it. I think it is a must. Nothing more exciting than trying to stay on top!

-NN1C

I love the live online scoreboard! It makes it feel more like a competition because you know where you stand ...I think it makes you try harder...”

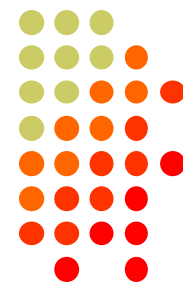
-ZL4YL

Home	Profile	Filter	View	Clear Filter	No bands	Score	QSO	160	80	40	20	15
M/M HP		Score										
1	NE1C	1,017,204					853	167-60	426-202	236-162	22-18	2-2
2	NR6O	545,259					768	48-5	160-36	259-123	289-167	12-10
M/M LP		Score										
1	CK9ML	125,919					183	7-1	51-37	124-114	1-1	
M/2 HP		Score										
1	K3LR	2,568,850					1,197	10-0	473-195	673-388	43-37	
2	IK2YCW	685,140					543	54-29	330-232	159-119		
3	K9CT	629,370					681	29-11	205-111	324-188	123-68	
4	DP7D	624,723					536	105-47	314-228	117-88		
5	KT7E	432,745					766	13-1	111-32	515-226	124-93	3-3
6	WV4P	263,954					413		152-81	211-141	50-49	
7	KB8O	22,359					125	12-5	89-58	24-24		
8	SO4R	8					2					
M/S HP		Score										
1	P40L	1,471,818					786		139-69	370-164	277-153	
2	IR4M	1,402,500					690					
3	KTE1	490,334					909					

Play Ball!

At Bat - This Weekend

- YOTA YCP Phillip DK6SP
- Contest Forum Marty NN1C
- YDXA booth
- Sterling/Chris/Neil Ham Radio 2.0



On Deck - Back home

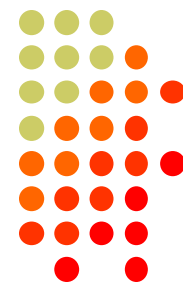
- Learn about youth contesting endeavors
- Invite youth to contest with you
- Open station to YARC YCP
- Consider inter-club challenges with youth/elmer teams
- Make the most of field day!
 - Have a follow-on event ready



In the Hole - Long Term

- Marketing/branding ham radio
 - Fred Kramer AB1OC NARS
- Include youth voice in all levels
- Youth recognition
- Grow Region 2 WRTC YTL

Questions/Resources



I found out that if you are going to win games, you had better be ready to adapt.

-Scotty Bowman, hockey

All coaching is, is taking a player where he can't take himself.

-Bill McCartney, football

Resources

- yarc.world (Sterling N0SSC YCP)
- ham-yota.com (YOTA - Region 1)
- n1fd.org (NARS)
- qsl.net/n6jrl (YDXA)
- n0ssc.com (Sterling Mann)
- w9smc.com/nacc (NACC)
- contestonlinescore.com