



# MYS SWEEPER

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## Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time
09/04/2007	<a href="#">U6 - U8 Coaches Meeting</a>	Churchill Elementary School	7:30 PM
09/05/2007	<a href="#">U9 - U11 Coaches Meeting</a>	Churchill Elementary School	7:30 PM
09/06/2007	<a href="#">U12 and older SFL Coaches Meeting</a>	Churchill Elementary School	7:30 PM
09/06/2007	Travel/MPS Coach & Manager Meeting	Churchill Elementary School	7:30 PM
09/07/07 and 09/08/07	<a href="#">"F" License - Coaching Module (Must attend Friday night and Saturday sessions)</a>	<a href="#">View Locations</a>	
09/08/2007	WAGS, NCSL, ODSL and SFL Games Begin - Fall season	<a href="#">View Locations</a>	
09/10/2007	Referee Assignment Meeting	McLean High School - Cafeteria	7:00 PM
09/15/2007	MYS Fall House League Begins, U5 Soccer Begins, TOP Soccer Begins <a href="#">More</a>		
09/17/07	One Night Coaching Clinic - U6	LP#2	7:30 - 8:30PM
09/20/2007	TSL Training Event	McLean Community Center - Room C	7 - 9 PM
09/24/07	One Night Coaching Clinic - U7	LP#2	7:30 - 8:30PM
10/01/2007	One Night Coaching Clinic - U8	LP#2	7:30 - 8:30PM

[View the complete MYS calendar online](#)

## Get Your Soccer Kicks by Getting Involved!

MYS is looking for volunteers to serve our club and its members in a variety of positions including Deputy House Commissioner, All Star Coordinator and behind the scene IT help. If you are interested in finding out more about any of this positions or other opportunities to get involved this season, please contact Maureen Dalbec, MYS Vice Chair, via e-mail at [mdalbec@gmail.com](mailto:mdalbec@gmail.com).

## FALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome back to all our players and their families; we are particularly pleased to see all the new participants in our programs this season.**

### House/Recreation Information

#### Coaches.....

Our pre-season coaches meetings will be held Tuesday-Thursday, September 4, 5 and 6 next week. Please check Calendar/Events from the left hand menu on the MYS Home Page for details. All Coaches and Assistants are invited to attend, and should also be contacted by the Age Group Coordinator for their group.

### Parents.....

You should expect to hear from your child's coach by the end of the week, giving you the practice time and place. Most will communicate by email. Practices will begin the week of September 10. Game schedules will follow after that, with the **first game for the U7-U11** players on September 15.

**The U6 boys and girls** will not have games on September 15<sup>th</sup>, but will start their season with Parent and Child training that day. Your coach will give you the time and location for that day.

**The U12-U19s playing in the SFL** have their first game on September 8, and coaches will be contacting their teams in the next few days.

**U5 Soccer and Top Soccer** will begin on September 15<sup>th</sup> as well. Parents of players registered for these programs will receive an email to indicate the time and place of their weekly Saturday sessions.

Before the season begins we want to express our gratitude to all the Parents who have volunteered to be a coach, assistant coach or a co-coach. MYS is grateful to have more than 300 parents who will be devoting their free time to our 2,600 plus Recreational Players this season. MYS could not do it without your dedication!!

### All Stars.....

MYS All Star teams will participate in the 7th Annual Herndon All-Star Cup November 17-18, 2007. MYS will form both boys and girls teams from U8-U19, if there is sufficient interest. The number of teams formed per age and gender group will be determined by the number of volunteer coaches. MYS believes All Stars is an essential part of the ongoing development process for our members. Coaches interested in volunteering should submit their application to Maureen Dalbec ([mdalbec@gmail.com](mailto:mdalbec@gmail.com)) no later than September 15th. Applications are available on the MYS website under House - All Star program.

Tryouts will be scheduled for the weekend of September 29-30th. Tryout schedules will be posted on-line once coaches volunteers have been identified. Player registration for All Star tryouts must be completed on-line; there is no cost associated with tryouts. Additional information on All Stars for Coaches and Parents is available on the MYS website.

### Equipment Needs.....

All players must have shin guards to participate in all MYS Programs at all times. Most players wear soccer cleats as well. All players will receive a team jersey this Fall to be worn during the Fall and Spring seasons. Please click here to view information about PJs Soccer, an MYS partner, and get a coupon for 10% off to use in their store. <http://mcleansoccer.org/web/baserenderer.aspx?menuid=962>

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## FALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

In an effort to improve player experiences MYS has a policy that head coaches from U6 through U12 have a responsibility to be certified at the age group they are coaching by having taken the F module for your age group. New coaches have a one season grace period and there is no requirement for assistant coaches even though they are encouraged to take the course. All fees paid by MYS. F module classes this coming weekend. Assistant coaches welcome. Pre-registration required.

For U6-8 module it will be 7 PM to 9 PM, Friday, September 7 at McLean High School (Lecture Hall) and 9 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday, September 8 at Franklin Sherman Elementary School

For U10-12 module (covers U9 also) it will be 7 PM to 9:30 PM, Friday, September 7 at McLean High School (Lecture Hall) and 1 PM to 4 PM on Saturday, September 8 at Franklin Sherman Elementary School

Sign up at coaches meetings or if you cannot make it by e-mail to Bob Maynes, Dir of Coaching, at [<rwmaynes@mindspring.com>](mailto:rwmaynes@mindspring.com). Questions also to Bob.

## AMBASSADORS CUP

McLean, VA -McLean Youth Soccer successfully hosted the second annual Ambassadors Cup June 23 and June 24, 2007. Sixteen teams (Brazil, UK, Germany, Italy, Malawi, Kenya, Mexico, Canada, Sweden, IMF, MYS Coaches, FC Lionheart, Afghan-American, State Department, Japan, and Mongolia) in four separate groups, participated in more than just an athletic competition but in fact played in a diplomatic showcase. All participants enjoyed the sometimes very "spirited" competition and international camaraderie in which FC Lionheart won the actual Ambassadors Cup.

Opening the ceremonies was Bud Jacobs from the US State Department commenting that the athletes were coming to do more than just compete in soccer games but were altruistically promoting their

nations and embassies in the local community. With the help of DC's United mascot, Talon, players were welcomed and matches got underway. The local Lebanese Taverna restaurant chain did an outstanding job of catering, offering great food and refreshments.

After such resounding success McLean Youth Soccer is beginning to organize a bigger and better event for next year. Jon Gunderson, tireless tournament chairperson, anticipates that next year's tournament will take place around the same time of year in McLean (i.e., the last weekend in June, 2008) attracting enough teams to field two distinct leagues on new turf fields that MYS is hoping to open next year. Again, MYS thanks all teams, fans and volunteers for making this year's Ambassador's Cup such a great success and we look forward to seeing everyone once again next year.

### **McLEAN FREEDOM NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

9:50 AM, June 28, 2007, Frisco, Texas: McLean Freedom - U-16 National Champions.

Culminating nearly a year of training; league, state cup, and tournament matches, our McLean Freedom attained the ultimate goal in youth soccer - A National Championship Title! Winning a National Championship is a tremendous accomplishment and Freedom players and coaches are extremely proud. In addition to the title, the Freedom won the Fair Play Award given to the team believed to best exemplify sportsmanship throughout the tournament. But the team's accomplishment is much greater than the win.

For years, Coach Clyde Watson has taught a style of possession soccer that many call "Clyde Watson Soccer." To play his game requires skill, knowledge, and teamwork that many coaches don't want to promote due to considerable time and dedication required. Watson has said that it's much easier to find big, fast, and strong players than taking the time to teach the game. But this very dedicated coach has stayed true to his beliefs and won it all. Congratulations to the Freedom Players and most of all, Clyde Watson. He won it his way!

### **TRAVEL TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All MPS-MYS Travel teams are asked to have either their coach or Manager at the upcoming Travel meeting slated for this Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Churchill Elementary School.

### **TEAM WEBSITES**

Did you know that your house or travel team can host a team website for free on the MYS website? Last fall, many house league teams created some interesting sites, check out the Silver Dolphins, the Green Snakes, the Blue Devils etc. [here](#). Travel team websites are accessible via the top menu choice "Travel Teams" and then selecting "Team Websites." If you are interested in learning how to create and manage a team website, please contact [romanowskig@gmail.com](mailto:romanowskig@gmail.com)

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Items are listed on the MYS website: [www.mcleansoccer.org/lostandfound](http://www.mcleansoccer.org/lostandfound)

### **PHOTO AND STORY OF THE WEEK**

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#### **2007 AMBASSADORS CUP PARTICIPANTS**



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