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# Korner Kick

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## CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 12 Rec League Opening Day U5-U14  
September 26 Picture Day  
September 21 Board Meeting  
October 19 Board Meeting  
October 31 Fall Rec Season Ends



## **WELCOME**

Greg Cole - Administrator

Welcome back to all of our prior member families and welcome to our new families to the kickoff of our fall season. We are currently in the process of completing the rostering our Recreational League players. When this process is complete each family will be sent an email message notifying them of their player's team assignment. To view your team and coach information simply log in to your account page and go to your TEAM WALL. Your player's coach will be contacting you about August 15 with practice schedules and other important information. Game schedules will be available about August 20.

It is our plan to again be offer our Rec players free skills and goal keeper training sessions on a regular basis. These sessions are conducted by our professional training staff and are offered as a supplement to the regular practices conducted by our volunteer rec coaches. No prior registration is needed just show up at the designated times. The schedule for these training sessions will be posted on our website under the Rec League/Training tab.

The Tournament Committee is busy with final preparations for the CRYSTAL LAKE FORCE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT on August 21-23 at Lippold Park. This is the third year for our tournament and we hope to continue to build on its past success. This event will be a benefit to our organization as well as to the entire Crystal Lake community. Please join us at Lippold Park that weekend to support the tournament as a player, as a supporter, as a volunteer, or even just to experience a competitive soccer tournament close to home. If you are able to lend a hand, please check to Volunteer link found on the Tournament page or contact Tournament Director Kristian Rockall at [tournament@clsf.org](mailto:tournament@clsf.org).

In closing, all the best to our players, coaches, and supporters this season and we look forward to seeing you at Lippold Park. As always, if there is anything we can do to make your experience better please, drop us a note at [info@clsf.org](mailto:info@clsf.org) or stop by and see us at Soccerhouse.

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## **YOUR CLSF FAMILY ACCOUNT PAGE**

Greg Cole – Administrator

By logging in to your family account page and going to your TEAM WALL, you can view your player's team roster, game schedule and coach's contact info. This information should be available by August 20.

## **PICTURE DAY**

Greg Cole - Administrator

Picture Day will be Saturday, September 26 at Lippold Park. Pictures will be taken in the training area which is located just west of Soccerhouse. Teams will report for check-in 45 minutes before their scheduled game time. Force teams and Girls High School Rec League (Blackmore League) teams who do not have games at Lippold Park that day should contact their team manager or coach for times.

Picture order envelopes will be distributed to the Recreational League coaches at the August coaches meetings. Players should bring their order forms to picture day with payment. Coaches will then collect the forms and hand them off to the photographer. Team and individual pictures will be distributed to the coaches prior to the end of the fall season.

## **CLSF Youth Academy - Registration Closes August 15!**

Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching

Do you have a 5-8 year old player who loves soccer and is looking to take their game to the next level? If so, the CLSF Youth Academy is for you!

For players ages 5-8, the Academy program prepares players for the FORCE Competitive Program. Academy players will participate in the recreational program, but will also train one additional day per week in the fall/spring with a FORCE staff coach and train two days per week in the winter with a FORCE Staff Coach. They will also compete in 6 Academy games per season (fall/spring). Full details on the Academy program can be found here: <http://www.clsf.org/page/show/1002985-youth-academy>

Spots are limited, so if you are interested in registering, don't delay!

If you have any questions on the Academy program, please contact Dan Quinn at: [force@clsf.org](mailto:force@clsf.org)

## **2015-16 FORCE Season - Begins in August!**

Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching

We are excited to get started with another great year of competitive soccer! We have a lot of new players fresh out of the recreational program that we look forward to working with this season.

If you are new to the area or just new to CLSF, the FORCE Program is the competitive soccer branch of Crystal Lake Soccer Federation. The FORCE program is for players ages U8-U23 and hosts over 50 teams and over 600 players! FORCE teams compete locally in the IWSL, YSSL, and IYSA premiership division; regionally in the Midwest Regional League; and National in College Showcase Events. The FORCE is committed to taking your player to the next level with a consistent development process and the best staff coaches in the area!

You can find full details on the FORCE program here: <http://www.clsf.org/page/show/999509-program-details>

Tryouts for the 2016-17 FORCE program begin in May 2016, but we do have some spots available at certain age groups for the 2015-16 season. If you have a player that may be interested in trying out, contact Dan Quinn at: [force@clsf.org](mailto:force@clsf.org)

## **CONCESSIONS**

Bernadine Hansen – Director of Concessions

All great sports players love to eat (or so I've heard), and soccer players are no exception! That's why Soccer House has a Concessions Stand, and that's why CLSF needs YOUR help. In order to guarantee quick service to our patrons, please consider signing up to work a three hour shift on a Saturday during either the Fall or Spring soccer season. It's really easy, and also lots of fun. The Concessions Director (that would be me) is always in attendance, so it's a totally stress-free experience. You don't even have to cook or prepare anything! There's only one drawback (yeah, here it comes). There are only a limited number of shifts available each week, so you need to sign up ASAP to get the date and time that best fits your busy schedule. So, right NOW, this very MINUTE, go to [www.CLSF.org](http://www.CLSF.org). Next, go to "HOME" at the far left, and when the drop-down menu appears, click on "VOLUNTEER." Read about volunteering, and at the bottom of the article click on "Saturday Volunteers." Follow the directions and you're done! We really do have a good time, so sign up, come see for yourself, and make some new friends in the process. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me. See you soon!

## NEW OUTDOOR MESSAGE BOARDS

Greg Cole, Administrator

The next time you visit our facilities at Lippold Park please take notice of the 2 new outdoor message boards. The larger free-standing board replaces the old one at the entrance to the fields. The second is mounted on the exterior wall of Soccerhouse next to the front door. These message boards were made possible by the generous donation of the Gerald Marchetti Family via the Bergen City United Way. Long time CLSF Board member Jack Bragg provided the design expertise, carpentry and assembly work. Thanks to all who made this possible.

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Greg Cole - Administrator

### PORTABLE SOCCER GOAL SAFETY

With the safety of your child in mind, CLSF continues to take great care to insure that all goals at Lippold Park are properly anchored at all times. Staff performs regular checks at least weekly to insure that the goals are anchored. Our coaches and referees are also instructed to perform a check before each game and are instructed not to begin a game unless the goals are properly anchored. In addition, warning labels are affixed to each goal. We ask your assistance as well. Please make sure that your children do not climb on the nets or hang from the cross bars. CLSF cannot guaranty that all soccer goals located on practice fields in the various parks are properly anchored. Vandals and teams holding practices sometimes move the goals (although this is strictly against Park District and CLSF policy) without re-anchoring them. If you notice a goal at one of the parks that is not properly anchored, contact the Crystal Lake Park District at 459-0680 or CLSF at 477-2573.

### LIGHTNING PREDICTION SYSTEM

The Crystal Lake Park District has installed a THOR GUARD Lightning Prediction System at Soccerhouse. This system predicts when conditions indicate the potential for a lightning strike. It will give a warning 8 to 20 minutes in advance of a potential strike so that players, coaches and spectators can take shelter.

When THOR GUARD senses the potential for a lightning strike, it will sound a 15 second warning siren and the strobe light will activate. When this happens, **clear the fields immediately and seek proper shelter (building or non-convertible automobile), even if the weather appears not to be threatening.** The strobe light stays on as long as there is the danger of a lightning strike. When the potential for lightning has passed, the THOR GUARD siren sounds 3 blasts. This

may occur as soon as 15 minutes after the initial warning has been given.

If thunder is heard or lightning is spotted, and the THOR GUARD siren does not go off, everyone must still clear the fields and take appropriate shelter immediately. No one should go out again until 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder is heard or lightning seen.

If the Thor Guard sounds, if lightning is observed, or if thunder heard, players and parents should go to their cars and await word from their coach. Coaches should report to Soccerhouse.

### SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE

If a family member or friend is handicapped and needs assistance accessing the fields, golf car rides may be obtained at Soccerhouse.

### SPECTATOR AREA

Spectators are reminded to remain within the spectator areas as delineated by the dashed lines which are approximately 10 feet from the touchlines. There should be **NO ONE** behind or in the vicinity of the goals. All spectators shall observe the game on the opposite side of the field from the players and coaches (except for U5 and U6 age groups).

### PETS

To insure the health and safety of participants and players, CLSF prefers that pets be left at home. If spectators must bring pets, they must sit with their pets leashed and away from other spectators and teams, at least 10 yards off the corner of the field. This measure recognizes those who wish to enjoy watching their children play soccer while being accompanied by their pet, and also assures the safety and comfort of players and other spectators.

### NO SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in the vicinity of the soccer fields and the area in and around Soccerhouse.

### PARKING

The small parking area immediately adjacent to Soccerhouse is reserved for vehicles with handicapped permits, CLSF Board Members and Staff. **Please do not park in this area or enter to drop off or pick up players.** Please do not park in any grassy areas at Lippold Park. You may be ticketed. We ask your cooperation by not parking at the end of any of the North Shore streets which are adjacent to Lippold Park while attending soccer games or

practices at Lippold. Let's be considerate and good neighbors.

## RECREATIONAL SOCCER AND THE PARENT

Bob Hansen- Rec League Director

What is recreational soccer and what is my job as a parent? These should be the questions on every parent's mind when they register their children to play recreational soccer. In order to answer these questions, a definition of recreational soccer is needed. The CLSF defines recreational soccer as, "**A soccer program that is devoted to the enjoyment and development of soccer players without the emphasis on travel or high level competition. The purpose of recreational soccer is to provide an opportunity for the participants to have fun, learn the sport and develop life skills including a life-long love of the game.**" Based on this definition, parents should expect their children to have fun and learn something at every soccer activity.

As a parent you need to support your child and the program so that everyone can reap the benefits of the CLSF recreational soccer program. Here are a few ideas on what you should or should not do to be supportive.

**1. Do be supportive no matter what.** You should ask your child two questions after every practice, "What did you learn? Did you have fun?" If games and practices are not fun, or your child is not learning something, then you need to find out why.

**2. Do not impose your ambitions on your child.** Improvement and progress occur at different rates for each individual. Don't judge your child's progress based on the performance of others, and don't push based on what you think he/she should be doing.



**3. Do say only positive things at a soccer game.**

When you are at the soccer game, cheer and applaud, but never criticize. Always

strive to set a good example for your child.

**Do not coach your child.** Do not undermine the coach by coaching your child on the side. Your job is to support and love your child and the coach is responsible for the technical part of the job.

**4. Do support your child's coach.** The bond between coach and player is a special one which contributes to your child's success as well as fun. Do not criticize the coach in the presence of your child. *Assure your child that the coach would not have told him/her to try something if your child was not ready for it.*

**5. Do not criticize officials.** They are doing their best and you do not ever want to criticize those who are doing their best.

**6. Do make sure your child has goals other than winning.** An honest effort, regardless of the outcome, is much more important than winning.

Remember that the focus of our program is on learning and fun. If as a parent you keep that in mind at all times and you continue to support your child in all that he/she does, then we will all be winners.

## GO GREEN - CELL PHONE RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

Bob Hansen – CLSF Director

Money will be earned for each recycled phone. Please drop off your old cell phones at Soccerhouse Or  
BOB HANSEN – 4605 DANIEL DRIVE, CRYSTAL LAKE

If you know of a business that will serve as a drop off location, contact Bob Hansen at [refbob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:refbob@sbcglobal.net)

## CHANGE IN VOLUNTEER REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

CLSF Board

Taking the advice of our CPA, we will no longer be able to reimburse our volunteers \$25 as we have in the past. Our status as a charitable, non-profit organization prevents us from being able to do this.

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