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CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 7-10	Rec Coaches Meetings
August 20	Rec Schedules Posted
September 8	Rec League Opening Day U5-U14
September 15	Picture Day/Raffle Tickets Distributed
October 6	Raffle Drawing
October 27	Fall Rec Season Ends



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Schofield - CLSF president

Welcome to the start of the 2012 – 2013 CLSF soccer year! We're excited to meet the new families and players joining our club, and we're also happy to welcome back our returning players. We realize you have many choices these days for soccer and other activities, and we truly appreciate your decision to be a part of the largest and, in our humble opinion, best soccer program in McHenry County.

One factor that sets our recreational program apart is the professional training opportunities we offer at no additional cost. This year we will again offer skills training sessions for individual players, tailored to age specific development needs. More details will be posted soon to the CLSF website under the Recreational → Training page.

Our volunteer coaches also play a large role in the recreational player development process. As such we are expanding the tools and training available for our coaches, to help improve the overall experience

for coaches and players alike. In the fall CLSF will hold several coaching clinics to provide the recreational coaches with additional training on organizing fun and productive practice sessions. CLSF is also providing coaches access to an online soccer coaching database with training drills they can use throughout the season. Finally, several of our professional Force coaches will fill the new role of age group coordinators. These coordinators will conduct some of the recreational skills training sessions and will also provide guidance and training for the recreational coaches. More details on these programs will be provided during the coaches pre-season meetings the week of August 6th.

Switching gears to concessions, we had a phenomenal year in 2011-12 due to your strong patronage and also due to the strong efforts of our Concessions Czar, Bernadine Hansen. Make sure you stop by on Saturdays this fall to see what specials she has in store. A special thanks as well to all the volunteers who stepped up to help run the stand. We wouldn't be successful without your help. Please consider volunteering again or for the first time this season. It's a great chance to meet some new people, share some laughs, and best of all earn back the \$25 buy-out fee. Click on the Volunteers link on the website to sign-up.

I hope you all have a great season and I look forward to seeing you out on the pitch. If there's anything we can do to make your experience better please drop us a note at info@clsf.org, or stop by and see us at Soccerhouse.

CLSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steve Schofield – President
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REC LEAGUE SCHEDULES

Bob Hansen – Rec League Director

Fall 2012 U5-U14 Rec League schedules will be posted on the website approximately August 20. To view your team's schedule, scroll over RECREATIONAL on the menu bar and click REC SCHEDULES. Teams are listed on the pull down menu by age group and coach's last name.

PICTURE DAY

Greg Cole - Administrator

Picture Day will be Saturday, September 15, 2012 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. Picture order forms were distributed to the Recreational League Coaches at the August coaches meetings. Additional forms are available at Soccerhouse and will be available on picture day. 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.

RAFFLE

Greg Cole – Raffle Director

The raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at noon at Soccerhouse. You need not be present to win. Families who chose the Raffle option at the time their children were registered may pick up their raffle tickets on Picture Day - September 15. Each family must pick up its own tickets. Identification is required. If you are unable to pick up your tickets on picture day, you may pick them up at Soccerhouse any time before the drawing. Raffle

ticket stubs may be dropped off at Soccerhouse. On Saturdays ticket stubs may be left in the blue plastic bucket inside Soccerhouse. Otherwise, ticket stubs may be left in the locked mailbox outside the front door of the building. Ticket stubs should be dropped off no later than 9 AM on October 6.

YOUR CLSF WEBSITE FAMILY PAGE

Greg Cole – Administrator

Beginning approximately August 20, CLSF Families may view their player's team assignment which includes the coach's name, home phone number and email address. To view this information go to www.clsf.org and select the "LOGIN" menu bar item, then the "Registered Recreational Families" link and enter your username and password. On the next page click "Home" (found in the upper right corner). On the next screen entitled 'Family Account Screen' click the pencil symbol next to the player's name. The following screen contains the coach's (and assistant coach's, if any) contact info. Please ignore the notation which reads "Accept Team Assignment" which may appear above the head coach's name.

OTHER 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 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.

CLSF FORCE UPDATE

Steve Scarfe – Director of Competitive Teams
Diego Cevallos – Force Girls HS Coach

KISS Tournament, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Congratulations to the Force U12 Girls Elite team for taking bringing home the Championship Trophy from the KISS Tournament in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in June. It was the team's first out-of-state tournament. The girls met a team from Schaumburg for the U12 final game. The game ended in a scoreless tie after regulation play and two overtime periods. The Force triumphed 4-2 in a penalty kick tiebreaker. It was a very exciting match!

Illinois State Cup

The U19 Force Elite Girls beat Windy City Pride 1-0 in the Illinois State Cup semi-final game to advance to the finals. In the championship match, the Force lost 3-2 to Eclipse Select, despite coming back twice to tie the score. As a result of its performance the team was invited to represent the State of Illinois at the Regional Tournament in Saginaw, MI as a wild card entry.

In the first game at Regionals the Force lost to Ohio Premier, the Ohio South State Champion, by a score of 3-2. The second match saw the Force suffer a 4-1 defeat to defending national champions FC Milwaukee. The Force ended the Regional Tournament by defeating the Nebraska state champs by a score of 4-1.

2012 Score at the Shore Tournament, Greensboro, NC.

The U17 Force Elite Girls claimed the tournament championship, outscoring its opponents by a margin of 20-0. The Force girls swept through pool play defeating LNSC Carolina 2-0; 12th ranked TUSA Triangle United Gold 6-0; and PWSI Courage Red 4-0.

In the tournament quarter finals the Force knocked off Fayetteville Force 3-0. Advancing to the semi-finals, the girls defeated #7 ranked Tampa Bay United 1-0. The tournament final was a rematch with LNSC Carolina, and the Force girls once again showed their dominance with a 4-0 triumph to claim the tournament championship.

The State of Illinois was well represented in these 2 tournaments.

GO GREEN - CELL PHONE RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

Bob Hansen – CLSF Director

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Please drop off your old cell phones at Soccerhouse
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