



# Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

# Korner Kick

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## CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 10 Rec League Opening Day U5-U14  
September 11 K. of C. Soccer Challenge  
September 17 Picture Day/Raffle Tickets Distributed  
September 26 CLSF Monthly Board Meeting  
October 1 Raffle Drawing  
October 24 CLSF Monthly Board Meeting  
October 29 Fall Rec Season Ends Season



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Steve Schofield – CLSF President

As we kick off the 2011 – 2012 CLSF soccer year I want to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all of the new families joining us, and to welcome back our returning families. Thank you for choosing the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation. We realize you have many choices when it comes to activities and we appreciate your support.

This season the CLSF is expanding our professional training program for players in the recreational program. Individual skills training is now offered multiple days a week to give more players the opportunity to attend. The price is still the best around – no charge for registered players. This is an excellent opportunity to develop technical ball skills and to see if players might be interested in taking their game to the next level with our Force competitive program. Check out the details on our [CLSF.org](http://CLSF.org) website under the Recreational → Training page.

Bernadine will be serving up some tasty treats in the concession stand again this fall so please stop by and visit her. Also keep your eyes peeled for our concession stand on wheels, the 'chuck wagon', delivering refreshments right to your field. Please consider spending a few hours as a concession volunteer this season. You'll meet some new people, share some laughs, help the organization, and best of all earn back your \$25 volunteer guaranty fee. Click on the Volunteers link on the website to sign-up.

I always like to use this space to say a special thank you to all of you who volunteer countless hours to the CLSF. Whether you're helping as a coach, an assistant, a team mom or dad, on Saturdays in the concession stand, or in any number of other ways, you play a pivotal role in the success of the season. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

In closing, I wish all of our recreational and Force teams the best of luck this fall. Have a great season!

## **CLSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Steve Schofield – President  
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## **STAFF**

Greg Cole – Administrator  
Dan Quinn – Supervisor of Training & Education  
Bob Hansen – Head Referee, Trainer and Assignor

## PICTURE DAY

Greg Cole - Administrator

Picture Day will be Saturday, September 17, 2011 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 1, 2011 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 17. 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 1.

## YOUR CLSF WEBSITE FAMILY PAGE

Greg Cole – Administrator

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](http://www.clsf.org) and select the "LOGIN" menu bar item, then the "Registered 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. If we are aware in advance of this type of special needs situation, CLSF can also arrange to have the game played on a field closer to a parking area.

### 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). *This is a new policy for the U7 and U8 age group (in previous years spectators were permitted on the same side as the players).*

### 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**

Dan Quinn – Player Development

We would like to thank all parents who brought their players out for FORCE tryouts this past June. We are happy to announce that the FORCE has added four more teams and is now up to 35 teams.

We are also excited to announce for the first time in our history, the FORCE has three U9 boys teams. With having over 40 players tryout, we decided to add a third team to give more players an opportunity to develop their skills under our FORCE staff coaches.

We thank you for continuing to support the FORCE and look forward to a great season! We are proud to represent such a great community throughout the state and country!

### **ACADEMY UPDATE**

Dan Quinn – Player Development

We are excited to announce our new U7 & U8 Academy teams for 2011-12! We have nearly 30 players in our academy program and look forward to another great year. We do have room to grow. If you are still interested in adding your son or daughter to the Academy program, we are looking for a few more players to form a third team. If you are interested please contact Dan Quinn at: [force@clsf.org](mailto:force@clsf.org) for more information. You can also find a description of our Academy Program here: <http://clsf.org/YOUTHACADEMY.php>

### **CLSF FALL TRAINING PROGRAMS**

Dan Quinn – Player Development

#### Recreational Skills Training -- NO CHARGE

We now offer an updated skills training program for all CLSF Recreational players. Instead of just Monday skills sessions, we now offer free skills training with FORCE staff coaches on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. This program is free of charge and requires no registration. Here are the details:

Dates: August 22-Oct. 26 (no training on school holidays)

Day: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday

Times: 4:30-5:30 ---- Pre-school, Kindergarten, 1st Grade

5:30-6:30 ---- 2nd Grade & 3rd Grade

6:30-7:30 ---- 4th through 8th Grade

Where: Lippold Park Training Area (near Soccerhouse)

Players are asked to bring a ball, shoes and shin guards, and plenty of water.

Young Kickers Class - Ages 3-6 -- Fee \$75 (\$10 group & previous attendee discount)

An introductory class focused on teaching players the fundamentals of soccer in a fun environment. Each session offers:

- Dribbling warm-ups
- Daily skill sets
- Fun soccer-oriented games
- 3v3 Scrimmage games

Dates: September 17 - October 15

Day: Saturday

Times: 11:00-11:50AM

Where: Lippold Park Training Area (near Soccerhouse)

Players are asked to bring a ball, shoes and shin guards, and plenty of water

Register here: <http://clsf.org/YoungKickersClass.php>

Finishing Class - Ages 7-14 -- Fee \$75 (\$10 Early registration discount ends Sept. 7; \$10 group & previous attendee discount)

This class is for both beginners and advanced players to learn the art of finishing. Players will learn how to:

- Strike with all surfaces for power & placement (instep, inside, outside, etc.)
- Strike from various distances and angles
- One touch strike, two touch strike
- Finishing off the dribble
- Finishing off crosses
- Volleys, ½ volleys
- Heading to score
- Bending balls

Dates: September 20 - October 18

Day: Tuesday

Times: 7:40-8:40PM

Where: Lippold Park Training Area (near Soccerhouse)

Players are asked to bring a ball, shoes and shin guards, and plenty of water

Register here: <http://clsf.org/FinishingClass.php>

FORCE Small-Sided League - Ages 7-14 -- Fee \$65 (\$10 Early registration discount ends Sept. 7; \$10 group & previous attendee discount)

This class is for players looking to improve their game in a small-sided format. With constant touches on the ball, players will improve their confidence on the ball and footwork.

Teams will be formed based on age and ability to compete against other 3v3 teams. Players will have a short warmup and then play for the rest of the session.

Dates: September 16 - October 14

Day: Friday

Times: 6:40-7:40PM

Where: Lippold Park Training Area (near Soccerhouse)

Players are asked to bring a ball, shoes and shin guards, and plenty of water

Register here: <http://clsf.org/FORCESmall-SidedLeague.php>

**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)

**SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Steve Schofield - President

On behalf of the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation (CLSF) Board of Directors, I invite you to participate in a brief satisfaction survey about our recreational and competitive soccer programs. Our goal is to gain a better understanding from our customers about what we do well and where we have opportunities to improve. We place a high value on your input and insight. Please click this link to take the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TCBDLGS>

The continued success of the CLSF and the soccer programs we offer depends in large part on our ability to consistently deliver a quality product at an

affordable cost. Your feedback will help us focus our efforts on improving the programs we offer.

We recognize that you have many choices when it comes to sports and other activities for your children, and we appreciate your participation in the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Paul Kramer – CLSF Director

As we approach another season of soccer, I wanted to pass along a quick note regarding sportmanship and parental conduct. Soccer is a great game for our kids. It teaches teamwork, perseverance, hard work, and self esteem. It is a game that really helps us as parents and coaches teach lessons that will last long after our kids have all grown and move on in life.

All too often, the hard work we put into our kids' and soccer is derailed by those who forget themselves on the sidelines. It seems that no matter what sport our children are involved with, we run into people who make way more out of what's happening on the field or the court than they should. Foul language, insulting or degrading comments to players or referees, general boorish behavior and in some cases, physical confrontation, all threaten the growth and well being of our kids. There is no better way to turn a child off to sports than having this happen to them. It is frightening, intimidating, and it has no place on our soccer fields or anywhere else for that matter.

Please remember, when you attend a game, there is a right way and a wrong way to act. In many cases, the referees working your games are kids, and they certainly don't need an earful because of a missed or blown call. The referees are human like the rest of us, and the game sometimes moves very fast. This is not the World Cup, it's a kids soccer game and things are going to happen out there, but we need to let some of that stuff go rather than lose our minds over something trivial.

Youth sports bring so many positives to kids' lives, it's a shame we even have to bring this topic up. It is a sad reality though that this behavior does go on, and the people it hurts the most, are the children.

Please remember, when you attend your kids' games, encourage your child to play hard and play clean. Encourage their teammates and tell them "Great job!" after the game. Always encourage sportsmanship and teamwork, and please never

make more out of a soccer game than it really is, which is, after all, just a game.

Thanks everyone. Let's have a fantastic fall season out there!!

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YOUTH SOCCER CHALLENGE**

Greg Cole – Administrator

Do you have a player who is looking for an opportunity to show off his or her soccer skills? On Sunday September 11, at 1:00 PM the Crystal Lake Knights of Columbus Councils 3880 and 10678 will sponsor its YOUTH SOCCER CHALLENGE for all boys and girls ages 10-14. The competition will take place at Lippold Park in the practice area just to the right of the east entrance drive as you enter the Park. The rain date is set for September 18, same time same place.

The SOCCER CHALLENGE is sponsored annually by the K. of C. with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K. of C. International headquarters based on scores from state level competitions.

Contestants will compete in their respective age divisions and are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For additional information contact Mike Kebr 815-814-7395 or mkebr@comcast.net

### **PLEASE! PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS**

Steve Scarfe, Fund-raising Director

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