



Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

Korner Kick

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CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 15	Registration begins for 2009-10 season
April 18	Rec League Opening Day U6-U14
April 19	Boys Rec HSSL Season Opens
June 6	Rec League Season Ends.
June 15	Last Day to Register for 2009-10 Season
June 16 - 18	Summer Camp #1
July 14 -16	Summer Camp # 2
July 21 - 23	Summer Camp # 3
August 3-7	Rec League Coaches Meetings
September 12	Opening Day Fall 2008 Season



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Margie Johansson – President

We all know change is inevitable. Many times as unsettling as change can be in the beginning, it ends up strengthening us in ways we never knew possible. In the next few months you will see some of the areas within our organization that the Board has been working to strengthen. The new website and electronic administrative functions will be a most welcome upgrade. The lighted training area will provide endless possibilities in the growth of our players and abilities as a respected soccer program. We will be allowing younger players to play in the U6 League next fall, as well as continuing to provide team training to all CLSF players and enhanced training to those individual players interested in pursuing soccer at a higher level. If you have any ideas you would like us to take into consideration, don't hesitate to bring them to our table. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest Board Member Diane Kelly. Diane has

graciously volunteered to take on the duties of Treasurer. I am also very grateful to our returning Board Members Tim VanGoethem, Dan Quinn and Fred Wosik for taking on another term. CLSF is very lucky to have such a dedicated group willing to give up their time to keep the organization running smoothly.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation Board of Directors as presently seated and staff:

Margie Johansson - President
Jack Bragg -Vice President
Diane Kelly - Treasurer
Tim Van Goethem - Secretary
Greg Cole – Registrar/Korner Kick Editor
Bob Hansen – Recreational Teams
Eric Johansson – Co-Director of Competitive Teams
Dan Quinn – Coaching & Player Development
Paula Ripple – Technology/Website
Tracey Dayton – Safety/Fundraising
Steve Schofield – At Large/Fundraising
Fred Wosik – At Large /Fundraising

Staff

Greg Cole – Administrator
Dan Quinn – Supervisor of Training & Education

Thank you for your continued support of our program.

SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS (ie: Concessions, Field Marshals) Margie Johansson – President

Saturday is a busy day at Soccerhouse. Not only do we need volunteers to work in the concession area, but we also need a few people walking around the fields to give assistance. Over 700 people volunteered to help in these areas during our last registration, so filling the timeslots should be no problem. The sign up page for helping on Saturdays is

now open. It can be accessed at www.mysignup.com/SaturdayVolunteers . We will also provide a link from our website homepage. If you need further assistance, send email to: margie00725@comcast.net. Please leave a message at Soccerhouse if you need a return phone call.

REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL 2009 – SPRING 2010 SEASON

Paula Ripple – Director of Technology (Website)
Greg Cole – Registrar

CLSF Implementing New Website and Registration System

Many of you have mentioned it's time to upgrade the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation website and registration system. We heartily agreed and have spent the winter months working with e7sports to build a technology platform that better meets the needs of our organization.

New Website

Our website, www.clsf.org, will continue to provide all the information our families rely on such as game schedules and information about our programs but now that information will be presented in much more attractive and readable format. We now have the ability to add a great deal more information as well as fun things like photos of our players and events. We will even have the ability to create Team Pages for all our Recreational and Competitive teams.

New Registration System

The new player and adult registration system will be maintained by e7sports and will enable us to process registrations without the incomplete registrations and down time that has plagued us in the past. You will enter the registration system from our website, www.clsf.org, just as in the past. Early registration starts this April 15th for the 2009-10 season and here are a few key points to remember when registering:

- **You must login as a new family/player this first year.** Your previous User ID and password will not work if you try to register as a returning player. We apologize for the inconvenience, however, it's necessary for us to start this new season with all the data for our players entered and validated. In upcoming years, your family and player data will not need to be re-entered.
- Use the e7sports navigation buttons in the registration system, not your Internet Browser

back button. Use of your Internet Browser back button can create inconsistent entries.

- Please pay special attention to the Volunteer screens. We are changing our internal process for setting up and tracking volunteers, and these screens are different from what we are all accustomed to.
- If you have questions, please call the Soccer House at 815-477-CLSF or call Paula Ripple directly at 815-715-0260. You may also stop by and register at the Soccerhouse on Saturdays from 9AM to 3PM during our spring recreational season beginning April 18th.

Important Dates

April 15 - Registration for the Fall 2009 – Spring 2010 Season begins

May 15 – Early Bird discount of \$20 ends

June 15 – Registration ends. Players who register after this date will be waitlisted and cannot be guaranteed a roster spot for the 2009-10 Season.

Fees

The registration fee structure remains unchanged from last year:

U6-U14 (K through 8th grade) \$150.00
U15-U19 Rec Girls HSSL \$90.00
U15-U19 Force Girls \$110.00

Donations

At the time of registration, each family will be required to participate in one of our fundraising programs. Families will be able to choose between two fundraising opportunities, the raffle or a charitable donation to CLSF which qualifies as a tax deduction. Please note that each family is only charged for one fundraising option no matter how many children are registered. The costs of the fundraising options have not increased this year.

If you select the raffle option: Each family will be charged \$40. Families will receive eight \$5.00 raffle tickets, which they may sell or keep. Tickets will be distributed to each family on Picture Day in September, during the Fall 2009 Season. Cash, and possibly other prizes, will be awarded. The drawing will be held at Soccerhouse on a Saturday in October to be announced. You need not be present to win.

If you select the charitable donation option: Each family will be charged \$30.00 and will receive a charitable donation letter. CLSF is a tax exempt

charitable organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to CLSF are deductible under section 170 of the Code.

Volunteer "Buyout"

This year CLSF will implement a mandatory volunteer "buyout" charge of \$25.00 assessed to each family at the time of registration. Please note that each family is only charged \$25.00 no matter how many children are registered. This fee will be refunded upon completion of an assigned volunteer task. As in the past families will be given several volunteer options which are chosen at the time of registration. One of the options will be to accept the buyout fee of \$25 in lieu of performing volunteer activities.

CRYSTAL LAKE FORCE COMPETITIVE TEAM TRYOUTS

Eric Johansson – Director of Competitive Teams
Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching and Player Development

Crystal Lake **Force** is a competitive soccer program offered through CLSF. Its mission is to develop players to compete at a higher level of competition. As a member of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) our teams compete in Illinois Women's Soccer League (IWSL) and the Young Sportsmen's Soccer League (YSSL).

Currently, the **Force** has 24 teams between the ages of 7-18. Each year the **Force** program continues to grow and attract gifted players through the efforts of our highly qualified professional coaching staff, dedicated volunteers, and cost effective program.

Force tryouts will be at the Lippold Park Soccer Complex in Crystal Lake. Players should plan on arriving 30 minutes prior to the start of each session with a ball and appropriate soccer gear.

Informational flyers are available at Soccerhouse to anyone who is interested, and of course all information will be posted and updated on our website (www.clsf.org).

Force Tryouts Dates:

U8-U14 Boys	U8-U14 Girls	High School Girls
June 2 nd 6:00-7:30	June 1 st 6:00-7:30	May 16 th 6:00-7:30
June 4 th 6:00-7:30	June 3 rd 6:00-7:30	May 17 th 6:00-7:30

We encourage everyone to tryout. Why not come and see what playing for the **Force** is about? If you have any questions or concerns regarding the **Force** please feel free to Contact Dan Quinn at quinn0205@hotmail.com or call at 847-833-4437

SPRING CLASSES, AND RECREATIONAL TEAM TRAINING

Dan Quinn - Director of Coaching and Player Development

Registration for our Spring Programs, Classes, and Recreational Team Training is now available. Please see the descriptions below to determine which program best suits your needs:

MySignUp

Recreational coaches can sign their teams up to be trained by members of our professional training staff. Signup began on March 16th (limited to 3 sessions per team) and is filling up quickly. Please be sure to get your teams signed up as this is a first come first serve program.

Cost: FREE

Dates: April 6th – May 29th

Got Skills? Class

For ages 7-14, this class focuses on teaching and improving player's technical skills. Each session will focus on passing, receiving, dribbling and 3v3 games. Players will be taught the proper techniques necessary to help improve their overall game.

Cost: \$75

Dates and Time: Tuesday, April 21 – May 19th 4:30 – 6:00

Finishing Class

For ages 7-14, players will be taught the technique of striking a ball. A majority of the session will be spent hitting balls on goal to develop both the form and mental habit of finishing.

Cost: \$75

Dates and Time: Tuesdays, April 21 – May 19th 5:00 – 6:00

Young Kickers Class

For ages 3-6, players will be taught the basics of the game in a fun environment.

Cost: \$75

Dates and Time:

Mondays, April 20th – May 18th 1:00 – 1:50, **OR**
Thursdays, April 23rd – May 21st 1:00 – 1:50

Speed and Agility Class

For ages 7-14, Players will learn proper running form to benefit them in game situations. They will learn explosive running technique that will enhance their speed in the game providing them with both the speed and fitness necessary to play the game at a high level.

Cost: \$100

Dates and Time: Ages 7-10 – Mondays, April 20th – May 18th 5:00 – 6:00

Ages 11-14 – Thursdays, April 23rd – May 21st 6:00 – 7:00

To register for Recreational Team Training, go to:

www.mysignup.com/clsf

To register for Spring Camps, go to:

www.clsf.org/Camps.cfm

SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

Dan Quinn – Director of Training & Coaching Development
For ages 5-14, Summer Soccer Camps offer a wonderful opportunity to keep your child playing the game they love throughout the summer. Each session will include a warm-up with the ball, daily skill sets, and games. Each session also includes a World Cup Tournament where players are placed on teams and compete against other camp members to see who is World Cup Champion for the week.

Summer Soccer Camps will be offered three separate weeks over the course of the summer and are designed for players of all playing abilities. Campers will be broken into similar age groups so players will train with their peers. Upon request, players can be moved into older age groups to match their playing abilities. Our goal is to give players a comfortable setting where they can be challenged, but excel at a comfortable pace.

Cost: \$75.00 includes camp shirt and one week of day or night camp sessions (\$50 each additional week/session).

Week 1: June 16 th – 18 th	Week 2: July 14 th – 16 th	Week 3: July 21 st – 23 rd
Day Session: 10:00 – 12:00	Day Session: 10:00 – 12:00	Day Session: 10:00 – 12:00
Night Session: 5:30 – 7:30	Night Session: 5:30 – 7:30	Night Session: 5:30 – 7:30

Shinguards are mandatory and soccer shoes are preferable. Every player should bring a ball and water. Please register at www.clsf.org/camps.cfm

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE

Greg Cole - Administrator

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.

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT CLSF REC LEAGUE COACHES

Greg Cole – Administrator

All current CLSF Rec League coaches will be asked to submit a completed Coaching Status Information form for the 2009-10 Season. These forms will be distributed to each head coach during the Spring Season. The forms provide an opportunity for each

coach to indicate his/her coaching intentions for the 2009-10 season, as well as any changes that may take place, i.e., a current assistant coach or parent who would like to take over head coaching responsibilities.

Each coach is asked to complete the form and return it to Soccerhouse NO LATER THAN **Saturday June 6**. Please complete and return the form even if you do not plan to return as a coach. The information provided will assist CLSF in determining coaching needs and assignments for next season. Failure to complete and turn in a form may result in your coaching position being assigned to someone else.

Fall 2009 pre-season mandatory Recreational League Coaches meetings will be held the week of August 3-7 as follows:

- August 3 – U7 Age Group
- August 4 – U8
- August 5 – U9 and U10
- August 6 – U6
- August 7 – U12 and U14

Please mark your calendars. All teams must be represented by a head or assistant coach or a designated parent.

GIRLS REC HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION (Ages U15-U19)

Ken Hopp – Girls Rec H.S.S.L. Coordinator

Registration for the Fall 2009 season of the Girls Rec High School Soccer League (H.S.S.L.) begins April 15. Registration is via our website www.clsf.org. The registration fee is \$90. This fee does **not** include a uniform which may be purchased separately, as needed, through the coach. Registration ends June 15.

Teams play in the Northern Illinois High School Recreational Soccer League (NIHSRSL) also known as the BLACKMORE LEAGUE in honor of the league's founder. The league is made up of approximately 16 teams from local communities which participate in scheduling matches. League matches are played on Sundays. Home matches are played at Lippold Park. CLSF teams will travel to play some games in opposing teams' communities. The season begins the end of August and runs through the last weekend in October.

Girls NIHSRSL teams may also participate in League sponsored tournaments. The scheduling and location of such tournaments is by the NIHSRSL and not under the control of CLSF. Participation in tournaments is determined by each CLSF team's coach. Traditionally

three tournaments are offered throughout the season. Some additional costs may be incurred by players depending on tournament participation and selection of uniforms.

RECREATIONAL/COMPETITIVE TEAM DUAL PARTICIPATION POLICY

Bob Hansen – Recreational League Director
Eric Johansson – Director of Competitive Teams
Greg Cole - Administrator

Interested players will be allowed to participate on both a CLSF Recreational team ("Recreational") and a Competitive team ("Competitive"), with prior approval of the Administrator based on the following criteria:

- There is adequate room on Recreational rosters to accommodate the players who have also been selected by a Competitive team once all of the Recreational-only players have been placed. If adding Competitive players creates a scheduling hardship, players will be added on a first-come-first-served basis until teams are completed and a reasonable schedule is assembled. All others will be placed on a waiting list and placed on a Recreational roster as spots become available.
- Players who intend to participate on both Recreational and Competitive teams must state their intention during the registration process for the CLSF and Competitive try-outs. If the player is selected for a Competitive team and is rostered on a Recreational team, s/he must inform both the Recreational and Competitive coach that s/he is participating on both. Failure to so notify the CLSF and coaching staff will, at the discretion of the Board, result in the removal of the Competitive player from the CLSF Recreational team roster.
- The Recreational portion of the player's registration fee normally credited to the player's CLSF Competitive team balance will be withheld.

Recreational coaches shall not recruit Competitive players to participate on their teams, and must not unfairly penalize Recreation-only players playing time for the sake of playing Competitive players instead. Dual-participation players will be placed on Recreational teams according to the following guidelines:

- Competitive players may request placement on a specific team, and the Administrator will make reasonable effort to honor that request provided it does not conflict with the uniform distribution of Competitive players as noted below.
- Competitive players will be evenly distributed across the Recreational teams for each age group at the discretion of the Administrator. No Recreational team will be allowed to have more than one (1) Competitive player than another team in their age group.
- Players are expected to actively participate on both teams, including attendance at team practices, games, and other events consistent with the policies of the relevant coaches and the CLSF Recreational and Competitive leagues. In the event of unmanageable conflict, the Competitive team commitments will take precedence unless doing so creates a hardship for the Recreational team and not the Competitive team; or the Competitive coach provides expressed permission to attend the Recreational event instead, which will not be unreasonably withheld. Failure to honor this commitment may warrant removal from one or both of the teams as determined by the Director of Recreational Program and/or the Director of Competitive Program.

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