



Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

Korner Kick

Fall 2003 Edition

CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 28-31	Draft Meetings U9 to U14
August 1	Coaches Meetings U7 & U8
August 4	K-League (U6) Coaches Meeting
August 21	CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
Sept. 6	REC LEAGUE OPENING DAY
Sept. 13	Picture Day
Sept. 18	CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
Sept. 20	Soccerhouse Grand Opening, Raffle Drawing and CLSF 25 th Anniversary Celebration
Oct. 11	Chicago Fire/CLSF Night
Oct. 16	CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
Oct. 25	Fall Season Ends

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CLSF SOCCER – A NEW LOOK

John Savillo – President

As you have all noticed by now, the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation completed the construction of the Soccerhouse. This was the culmination of years of hard work by the multiple Soccer Board administrations of Jeff Greenman, Tom Freeman and Marc Rubin, and of course, thanks to your generosity through all the fundraisers over the years. This is everyone's Soccerhouse and will always be a testament to what can be done when a

community works together to achieve a purpose.

We hope that everyone had a great Spring 2003 season. In addition to the Soccer House, the league instituted a few changes meant to improve everyone's soccer experience during Game Days. First and foremost, we added to our selection of items sold in our brand new concession stand. I hope everyone had a chance to visit and try our new and expanded menu. There will be more to come next season. How about those clean rest rooms? Finally. The league also added designated pet zones for those who brought their pets to the fields. Smoking on the sidelines has been eliminated thereby keeping the air quality much better. The Soccer House was also designated as the official pick up point for everyone needing a ride to the soccer fields. We hope to expand this service next season as word gets out to all the teams early in the season. Based on the Fall 2002 results, a bracketing system was instituted for the K-League, now known as the U6 age group, last Spring. This resulted in closer games and better competition, which led to a lot more fun for our future soccer Olympians. Of course, we did not deviate from our true and tested formula of keeping the fields in excellent playing condition and providing well-trained referees throughout the season. We also completed our coaches training program with Pro-Excel. However, as much as we try to do our best – there is always room for improvement and we would like to hear from you on how the league can do a better job.

Change is good and in the spirit of continuous improvement the board will continue to “tweak” our formula to make every game day a more positive experience. Some of the changes that we envision next season are as follows:

- Improve the bracketing within age groups to even out teams and skill levels;
- Install satellite concessions for the outer fields.
- Continue to expand our coaches training program.
- Expanded coverage of the soccer house- hours will be posted for your convenience. Feel free to drop by during the posted hours for any questions or issues that you need answers on.
- Experiment on smaller teams and shorter fields for the K-League. The intent is to increase game participation and more touches. K-League games will now be played on Saturday afternoon as well.
- Hopefully, an end-of season recreational team tournament for CLSF and other area teams next Spring.

There will be more changes in the months to come. As in the past, the Federation’s ultimate goal is to instill the joy of soccer, the spirit of teamwork and fair play in every child, parent, friend, coach and any participant of the CLSF soccer program. This is your league. As President of the CLSF Board, I speak for the Board in reiterating to everyone that as keepers of this soccer franchise the well being of your child is of utmost importance to all of us.

I hope to see you all at the soccer fields.
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John Savillo, CLSF President

DRAFTS AND COACHES’ MEETINGS

Administrator

Drafts for the U9 through U14 age groups will be held the last week in July at Soccerhouse located in the Lippold Park Soccer Complex as follows:

Monday, July 28: U14 girls and coed. 7 to 9 pm

Tuesday, July 29: U12 girls and coed. 7 to 9 pm. Note: the U11 and U12 age groups have been combined into one age group designated “U12”. All players will be allowed to return to their previous years coach/team.

Wednesday, July 30: U9 girls and coed. 7 to 9 pm.

Thursday, July 31: U10 girls and coed. 7 to 9 pm.

There will be no draft for the U6 (K-League), U7 or U8 age groups. Players will be assigned to teams by the Draft Committee, taking into consideration such factors as player’s desire to return to the previous year’s coach/team; neighborhood in which the player resides; school attended; car pooling; and teammate or coaching preference. While the Draft Committee cannot guaranty that all requests will be honored, it will make every effort to honor those requests. The coaches meetings will be held at Soccerhouse as follows:

Friday, August 1:
U7 girls and coed - 6 to 7 pm
U8 girls and coed - 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Monday, August 4: U6 (K-League), 7 to 9 pm

IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL COACHES ATTEND THE DRAFT (U9 THROUGH U14) OR COACHES MEETING (U6, U7, U8). If a coach is unable to attend, an assistant coach or team representative must attend. Information regarding the Fall 2003

season will be announced and coaches manuals, uniforms, balls, raffle tickets and other materials will be distributed.

Parents will receive notification of the name and phone number of their coach by the end of the first week in August.

RAFFEL TICKET DISTRIBUTION

Adminsitator

Raffle tickets for the CLSF Fall Fundraiser will be distributed to the Rec League coaches at the drafts (U9 to U14 age groups) and at the coaches meetings (U6/K-league, U7 and U8 age groups). Competitive Team coaches and Girls High School Rec coaches will receive their tickets through their respective Coordinators. Each *FAMILY* will receive four (4) \$10.00 raffle tickets which they may sell or keep. The drawing will be on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at noon at Soccerhouse located in the Lippold Park Soccer Complex. If you do not receive your family's 4 tickets by September 1, *CONTACT YOUR COACH.*

PICTURE DAY

Administrator

Picture Day will be Saturday, September 13, 2003, rain or shine, at the new Regional Sports Complex (RSC). RSC is located in Ridgefield at 1310 Ridgefield Rd, about ½ mile east of Rt. 14. Teams will report to RSC one (1) hour before their scheduled game time. Competitive teams and Girls High School Rec teams who wish to have their pictures taken may report between 3:30 and 5 pm. Team picture packets will be distributed at the drafts and coaches meetings.

SOCCKERHOUSE GRAND OPENING/RAFFLE DRAWING/CELEBRATION OF 25 YEARS OF CLSF SOCCER

Administrator

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 20, 2003, and join us at the

Lippold Park Soccer Complex in celebrating the Grand Opening of Soccerhouse and the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation's 25th Season. The raffle drawing will be held at noon at Soccerhouse. To help celebrate, our concession menu will be expanded this one day only to include grilled hamburgers, brats and hotdogs, to go along with our regular and soon to be expanded menu of drinks, snacks and pizza.

CHICAGO FIRE – CLSF NIGHT

Administrator

On Saturday, October 11, 2003, the Chicago Fire is sponsoring Crystal Lake Soccer Federation Night. Game time is 7:30 PM. The Fire will play host to the Columbus Crew in newly renovated Soldier Field. The Crew is lead by U.S. World Cup striker and Buffalo Grove native Brian McBride. McBride has just returned from a successful stint while on loan to Everton of the English Premier League where he scored 4 goals. For details contact us at 477-CLSF (2573).

K-LEAGUE/U6 AGE GROUP

Administrator

Our K-League program, (now known as the U6 age group) for those players who will be entering Kindergarden in the Fall, will undergo some important changes in the upcoming season. Games will now be played on Saturday afternoons instead of Sundays. Games will begin at approximately 2:30 pm, with the last game scheduled at about 4:30 pm. Opening Day will be September 6, which coincides with Opening Day for the rest of the Rec League. Instead of playing 4 games in both the Fall and Spring Seasons, the schedule will be expanded to 5 games each season. Our U6 Committee is presently formulating some format changes to allow a greater degree of participation while the player is on the field. Further details will be announced at the U6 coaches meeting. The meeting will be held on Monday, August 4, 2003, from 7

to 9 pm at Soccerhouse. Uniforms, balls, coaching manuals, raffle tickets and other materials will be distributed at these meetings. Parents will receive notification of the name and phone number of their coach around August 8.

CONCESSION AREA

Administrator

Starting with the Fall, 2003, Season, teams will be sharing the responsibility of serving in the concession area. Each team will be assigned a date and time to serve. Coaches will be given the opportunity to register for a date and time at the draft meetings (age groups U9 to U14) or coaches meetings (U6/K-League, U7 and U8). Instructions will be handed out to the coaches at that time.

Competitive teams will be operating the concession area on Sundays, and will be coordinated by the Competitive Team Board Member.

LIGHTNING PREDICTION SYSTEM

Administrator

The Crystal Lake Park District has purchased a THOR GUARD Lightning Prediction System. 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.

The base unit has been placed at the Lippold Park Soccer Complex in Soccerhouse. The antennae, warning siren and strobe light have been affixed to the roof. Satellite units have been placed at the Family Golf Center at Lippold Park, Main Beach and West Beach. The THOR GUARD system operates 7 days a week from 8 am to 10 pm.

In a developing storm the THOR GUARD unit evaluates the electrical energy within the atmosphere. When it 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 sound, 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.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Administrator

In the event of a medical or other emergency situation, seek out the assistance of a board member or field marshal patrolling the fields, or go to Soccerhouse and seek out a board member. The board member or field marshal will contact emergency personnel. You should not attempt to contact emergency personnel unless you are first unable to locate a board member or field marshal. Multiple phone calls or phone calls containing incorrect dispatching information can create response time delays.

The following procedures have been posted in Soccerhouse:

In case of a medical emergency, dial **911**. State that you are with the **CRYSTAL LAKE SOCCER FEDERATION**; that you need paramedics dispatched to **SOCCERHOUSE** located in **LIPPOLD PARK**, at **951 WEST ROUTE 176, CRYSTAL LAKE**;

Advise the dispatcher to instruct the paramedics to **COME DIRECTLY TO SOCCERHOUSE** which is the gray block

building located at the end drive of the first entry to the Park that is west of Route 14; and that someone will meet them there and guide them to the correct field.

The dispatcher will ask you to describe the nature of the emergency.

Have a board member or field marshal meet the paramedics at the end of the driveway to Soccerhouse.

SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE

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.

ACCESSING YOUR FAMILY INFORMATION PAGE ON THE WEBSITE

Administrator

Families can access their CLSF Family Page by going to the website at www.clsf.org. Click the Member Login button. You will be asked for your PIN and the birthdate of one of your children who has been registered with CLSF. If you have forgotten your PIN, there is a link on the Member Login page that will automatically email it to you. However, if your email address has changed and you have not updated it in our system, you will not receive the email. Your PIN is the 4 digit number on the address label of this newsletter. You may also obtain your PIN by contacting us at 477-CLSF (2573) or by sending an email to info@clsf.org.

Your Family Page contains your current family contact and biographical information as well as information regarding your child's team. The Page also contains important messages and other CLSF information. Please take the time to regularly check your Family Page.

REFEREE TRAINING

Bob Hansen – Referee Administrator

The McHenry County Soccer Referee Association, the organization responsible for training CLSF referees, will hold 4 levels of training classes for referees this fall. The classes will be New Referee, Advanced Assistant Referee, U7-U8 Center Referee, and U9-U10 Center Referee. The schedule for the classes is as follows:

New Referees – Saturday August 16, 2003, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., in Crystal Lake. This class is open to anyone 12 years of age or older. It is not just for those who wish to referee in the Soccer Federation, but for any coach or parent who would like to know more about the laws of the game and how they are applied. There will be a **\$15.00** fee for this class. To register for this class call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451 by August 1, 2003.

Advanced Assistant Referee – Saturday August 23, 2003, 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., at Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., in Crystal Lake. This class is for referees who have attended the New Referee class and have refereed at least 6 games as an assistant referee. There will be a **\$12.00** fee for this class. To register for this class call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451 by August 8, 2003.

U7-U8 Center Referee - Saturday, August 23, 2003, 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., in Crystal Lake. This class is for referees who have attended the Advanced Assistant Referee class or have refereed at least 12 games as an assistant referee. There will be a **\$12.00** fee for this class. To register for this class call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451 by August 8, 2003.

U9-U10 Center Referee – Wednesday, August 20, 2003, 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Hannah Beardsley Middle School, 515 E. Crystal Lake Ave., in Crystal Lake. This

class is for referees who have attended the U7-U8 Center Referee class or have refereed at least 12 games as a U7-U8 center referee. There will be a **\$10.00** fee for this class. To register for this class call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451 by August 8, 2003.

Anyone attending any of the above classes must bring pen and paper. Those attending the New Referee, Advanced Assistant Referee, or the U7-U8 Center Referee should wear gym shoes and appropriate clothing for running in the gym. Those attending the New Referee course should also bring a lunch or make arrangements to go out for lunch as lunch is NOT included.

If you are not sure which class is best for you, or would like more information about the courses, please call Bob Hansen at 815-477-3451.

REC LEAGUE TEAMS LOOKING FOR A SCRIMMAGE GAME? ...

Bob Hansen – Referee Administrator

The McHenry County Soccer Referee Association, the organization responsible for training CLSF referees, will be conducting field training sessions for referees under game-like conditions. The MCSRA is looking for CLSF rec teams to participate in these sessions. The sessions will be held at the Lippold Park Soccer Complex on Tuesday, September 2, 2003, and Thursday, September 4, 2003. Both sessions will be in the evening starting at 6:00 pm. If your team is interested in participating in these sessions, please contact Bob Hansen at 815/477-3451.

COACHING CLINICS

Administrator

Our Director of Education and Training is in the process of scheduling coaching training sessions for later this Summer. Information including dates and locations will be posted on the News/Events page of the CLSF website, www.clsf.org.

SAFE OR NOT SAFE – IT'S THE REFEREE'S CALL

Bob Hansen – Referee Administrator

Everyone knows the 5 S's of player equipment: Shirt, Shorts, Shin guards, Socks, and Shoes. Law 4 also states that no player may wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player. So what is dangerous? Anything the referee feels is dangerous, is dangerous! Most people know that watches, rings, and necklaces are all dangerous, but a question always comes up regarding glasses, earrings, and casts. Let's take each one separately.

The CLSF adopted the policy of NO GLASSES several years ago. Only approved safety goggles or contacts may be worn.

Earrings ARE DANGEROUS and MAY NOT be worn under any circumstances. I have heard several people say that referees have allowed players to wear earrings if they have tape over them. If referees have allowed this, then they are not following proper procedure. All referees trained to do CLSF games have been told that earrings may not be worn. If your child is going to get his or her ears pierced, be sure to do it well before the season starts, because earrings will have to be removed in order to play. Coaches should enforce this during practices as well.

Finally, are casts dangerous or not? Casts can be dangerous if not properly padded. In order for a player to participate with a cast, it must be covered by ¾" thick foam (or similar material) and securely wrapped. There cannot be any metal clips to hold the wrap in place. A cast is on for a reason. To make sure it is safe for a player to play with a cast, a written note from the doctor giving permission for the player to participate must be shown to the referee at every game. No padding or no note means no play!

Hopefully, everyone is now clear on what is safe and what is not.
NO GLASSES! NO EARRINGS! SAFELY PADDED CASTS WITH A NOTE FROM THE DOCTOR!

FIRE TICKETS DISTRIBUTED TO E-BOOK SALES WINNERS

Administrator

Ticket vouchers for a Chicago Fire game have been mailed to all players who sold 2 or more Entertainment Books during last year's fundraiser. If you did not receive a ticket voucher and sold 2 or more Entertainment Books, please contact us at 477-CLSF (2573) or email us at info@clsf.org.

SOCCERHOUSE MEETING ROOM AVAILABILITY

Bob Hansen – Director of Automation and Technology

The meeting room in Soccerhouse is available for CLSF team meetings and other team functions. To check availability go to the CLSF website www.clsf.org and click the League Info button. Next click the "Soccer Links" Information link located on the lower left corner of the page. Once on the Soccer Links page, scroll down to Soccerhouse Facilities and click the Calendar link. To reserve Soccerhouse for your team meeting or function call 477-CLSF (2573) or send us an email at info@clsf.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO INSTALL PAVER PATIO AT SOCCERHOUSE

Administrator

CLSF is looking for volunteers to help install the brick paver patio/walkway at Soccerhouse that is part of the Buy-A-Brick program. We also need volunteers who are experienced in this type of installation. Projected installation date is one of the last 2 weeks in August. If you are available please contact us at 477-CLSF (2573) or email us at info@clsf.org.

TRAILERS FOR SALE

Administrator

CLSF is offering its two trailers for sale. Both in "as is" condition. No representations, no warranties. Asking price for the large trailer is \$1,000.00 and for the small trailer \$500.00. Both prices are firm. Bill of sale only. No titles. Questions call 477-CLSF (2573) or email us at info@clsf.org.

CLSF PETS AND SMOKING POLICIES

Administrator

To insure the health and safety of participants and spectators, CLSF will continue its policies implemented last season regarding smoking and the presence of pets at the soccer fields on game days.

ON GAME DAYS pets are restricted to designated areas of the sidelines. Access routes to those areas are also restricted. Maps designating those areas and routes are posted in the kiosks (message boards) and at Soccerhouse. The restriction of pets to designated areas was reached as a compromise measure, at the suggestion of the Park District Staff. This measure recognizes those who wish to enjoy watching their children play soccer while being accompanied by their pet, while also assuring the safety and comfort of players and other spectators.

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

Both of these policies were adopted by the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation with the advice and consent of the Crystal Lake Park District Board and Staff. Neither policy was adopted by the Crystal Lake Park District Board as one of its rules, regulations or ordinances.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of these CLSF policies.

TIME TO "RENEW" YOUR E-BOOKS

Linda Aubert – U12 Girls Competitive Team Coach

The competitive teams of CLSF will be selling Entertainment Books in August/September for those of you want to continue to enjoy the savings from that fundraiser as well as to support Crystal Lake Soccer. This will NOT be a fundraiser for the entire CLSF organization--just for those competitive teams that choose to participate. (Our organization's major fundraiser this Fall is the Raffle which everyone participated in during online registration last Spring.)