



# Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

# Korner Kick

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## CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 9	Rec League Opening Day U5-U14
April 17	Boys Rec HSSL Season Opens
May 1	Registration begins for 2011-12 season
June 15	Last Day to Register for 2011-12 Season



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Steve Schofield – President

Welcome back! The CLSF is excited to get our spring season underway on April 9. We are also busy planning for the next soccer year in 2011-2012. Registration begins on May 1st. Tryouts for the CLSF **Force** competitive program are coming up in May and June. We're also proud to announce the expansion of our **Youth Academy** program to the U6/7 age levels. More details are provided in the related articles in this edition and also on our [www.clsf.org](http://www.clsf.org) website.

In February we held elections for our Board of Directors. Please join me in welcoming new Board member Derek Gablenz, and also in welcoming back Board members Jack Bragg, Greg Cole, Tracey Dayton, and Bernadine Hansen to new three-year terms.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our departing Board members, Ryan Savage and Diane Kelly, for their dedication and service to the CLSF. As Director of Concessions, Ryan implemented many operational improvements including the introduction of the very popular hot chocolate / cappuccino machine. Most importantly he created a fun atmosphere for volunteers while providing a key service our players,

parents, and fans have come to rely on. As Treasurer, Diane worked tirelessly to keep our finances in order. Her leadership in this area resulted in efficiency improvements and the important transition to a new and improved financial reporting system that will serve us for years to come.

Thanks as well to all of you for your continued support of our soccer program, we truly appreciate it. I wish you the best of luck in the upcoming spring season.

Introducing your Crystal Lake Soccer Federation Board of Directors and Staff:

Steve Schofield - President  
Jack Bragg -Vice President  
Eric Bertalon - Treasurer  
Tracy Dayton - Secretary  
Donna Bertalon – Assistant Treasurer  
Greg Cole – Registrar/Korner Kick Editor/Automation  
Derek Gablenz - Safety  
Bernadine Hansen – Concessions  
Bob Hansen – Recreational Teams/Automation  
Paul Kramer – Competitive Teams  
Dan Quinn – Automation  
Steve Scarfe – Fundraising

### Staff

Greg Cole – Administrator  
Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching and Player Development  
Bob Hansen – Referee Development

Thank you for your continued support of our program.

## **REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL 2011 – SPRING 2012 RECREATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON**

Greg Cole – Registrar

Registration for the Fall 2011-Spring 2012 Recreational League Season begins May 1. Register online at [www.clsf.org](http://www.clsf.org) and follow the instructions posted on the Home page. If you encounter difficulties registering online you may stop by Soccerhouse on Saturdays from 9AM to 3 PM, from May 7 through May 28. Thereafter, online registration continues through June 15.

During the latter part of the Spring 2011 Season, Recreational League coaches will receive a list of current players rostered on their team who have not registered. Coaches will be asked to remind those players to register by the **deadline June 15, 2011**. Players who do not register by June 15 and desire to participate will be placed on a waiting list. CLSF cannot guaranty anyone on the waiting list a roster spot for the 2011-12 Season.

#### *Basic Registration Fee:*

The registration fee structure remains unchanged from last year:

U5-U14 ((turns 4 by 8/31/11 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade) \$150.00  
U15-U19 Rec Girls HSSL (grades 9-12) \$90.00

Please NOTE that we will no longer have offer an "early bird" discount.

#### *Donations:*

At the time of registration, each family will be required to select one of our fundraising opportunities - the **raffle** or the **charitable donation**. 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 2011 Season. Cash, and possibly other prizes, will be awarded. The drawing will be held at Soccerhouse later during the fall season later. 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 Guaranty Fee*

CLSF will continue the mandatory volunteer

"guaranty" 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 a volunteer task by a family member. A volunteer sign up page will be posted on the website prior to the fall season.

### **GIRLS REC HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION (Ages U15-U19, Grades 9-12)**

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

Registration for the Fall 2011 season of the Girls Rec High School Soccer League (H.S.S.L.) begins May 1. Registration is via our website [www.clsf.org](http://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. Each family is required to participate in the fundraising option and volunteer guaranty fee as described in the preceding section. 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.

### **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.

### **CRYSTAL LAKE FORCE COMPETITIVE TEAM TRYOUTS**

Paul Kramer – Director of Competitive Teams

Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching and Player Development

Crystal Lake **FORCE** is the 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 29 teams from U9-U23. In the past two years the **FORCE** has nearly doubled its number of teams by offering the best program at the lowest cost in the area.

All **FORCE** teams are professionally coached by our staff coaches and follow the same training program. With our focus on player development, players improve their skills year after year to become the player they want to be. Last year alone, 80% of our players graduated into a college scholarship!

**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](http://www.clsf.org)).

#### Force Tryouts Dates:

U9-U14 Boys	U9-U14 Girls	High School Girls
June 1st & 3rd 6:00-7:30PM	May 31st & June 2nd 6:00- 7:30	May 16, 17, & 23 6:00-7:30

We encourage everyone to try out. 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 [force@clsf.org](mailto:force@clsf.org)

#### Youth Academy

Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching and Player Development

CLSF is excited to add a U6/7 Youth Academy for the Fall 2011-Spring 2012 season in addition to continuing our U8 Academy program. For players **under-8 years old** as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Youth Academy program will be a hybrid of recreational and **FORCE** soccer. Academy players will continue to compete in the CLSF Recreational League, but will also be professionally trained one day per week (fall/winter/spring) and play an additional Academy game each week.

This program is designed to help players interested in participating in the **Force** program to transition from recreational to competitive soccer. For more information on this program, go to: <http://www.clsf.org/YOUTHACADEMY.php>

#### CRYSTAL LAKE FORCE TEAMS DOMINANT IN INDOOR

Dan Quinn – Director of Coaching and Player Development

As we transition to the spring outdoor season, we want to congratulate the **FORCE** teams on a dominant indoor season. We had **6 Division Champions** and **5 Finalists**. This is a tremendous credit to the hard work these players put in and the quality of players representing the Crystal Lake Soccer Federation.

Keep up the good work!

#### ATTENTION ALL CURRENT CLSF REC LEAGUE COACHES

Greg Cole – Administrator

All current CLSF Rec League coaches (age groups U5-U14) will be asked to submit a completed Coaching Status Information form for the 2011-12 Season. This form will be distributed to each head coach during the Spring Season. The form provides an opportunity for each coach to indicate his/her coaching intentions for the 2011-12 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 May 28**. 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.

#### CLSF CELL PHONE RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

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)

#### PLEASE! PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS

Bernadine Hansen, Fund-raising Director

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