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CLSF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 12 Rec League Opening Day U6-U14
September 19 Picture Day/Raffle Tickets Distributed
September 28 CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
October 3 Raffle Drawing
October 26 CLSF Monthly Board Meeting
October 31 Fall Rec Season Ends Season



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Margie Johansson - CLSF president

Every year at this time I can't believe how quickly the summer has passed. This year is no exception. The Crystal Lake Soccer Federation is gearing up for another great fall season. Soon enough, weekends at the soccer fields will be filled with that same youthful excitement and energy that we've all come to love.

The website continues to be a work in progress. So far we've been able to work out most of the glitches. I have every confidence that soon enough we will be able to appreciate all of its capabilities.

The lights are up and ready to go. This should make our fall training sessions much easier to schedule. At the same time, this convenience will make our finances a little tight for the next couple of years. We'd appreciate any help you can give to raise additional revenue to help this cause.

I hope to have the Saturday Volunteer Sign Up page posted on Thursday, August 20, 2009. This is where you

should go if you want to volunteer & work a 3 hour shift in order to get your \$25 Buy Out money back. Refer to the CLSF website for the link.

It's such a pleasure to be able to welcome all of our new families ... and to catch up with the veterans. The players and their families are what make the CLSF Recreational and Competitive Team Program(s) the best soccer experience in McHenry County.

CLSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Margie Johansson – President
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STAFF

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

FALL RECREATIONAL SCHEDULES

Bob Hansen – Recreational Director

Fall 2009 Recreational League game schedules for age groups U6 through U14 are posted on the website www.clsf.org. Choose "Recreational" from the menu bar. Schedules are sorted by age group and coach's name.

PICTURE DAY

Greg Cole - Administrator

Picture Day will be Saturday, September 19, 2009 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. 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 3, 2009 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 19. 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 3.

FALL REC TRAINING PROGRAMS

Bob Hansen - Recreational Director
Dan Quinn - Director of Education and Training

This Fall CLSF offers a new training program for recreational league players age U6 to U14. Each Monday beginning August 24, recreational players may participate in individual skill training sessions.

4:30 to 5:30PM: U6 and U7 (pre-K thru 1st grade)
5:30 to 6:30PM: U8 and U9 (2nd & 3rd grade)
6:30 to 7:30PM: U10 thru U14 (4th thru 8th grade)

These sessions are free of charge and will be conducted by members of our training staff. Players may attend alone or with other team members. *Please note that no sessions will be held on Labor Day September 7 or Columbus Day October 12.*

CLSF POLICY ON JEWELRY AND CASTS

BOB Hansen - Head Referee

Jewelry **CANNOT** be worn at all. Every year I hear, "I just got my ears pierced, I can't take them out." "I thought I could play if I taped them." The answer is no you cannot play, so please don't get your ears pierced before the season starts. The referees feel bad when they tell young players that they cannot play. There are two exceptions to "no jewelry allowed." They are medical alert and religious jewelry. These can be worn if they are taped to the body. In the case of medical alert jewelry the medical information must be left visible.

For CLSF Rec teams a player can play with a cast under two conditions. First, the referee must consider the cast to be properly padded. This means the cast must be well wrapped with foam and no metal fasteners. The second condition is there must be a note from a doctor stating that the player has permission to play. This note must be present at all games. For competitive teams, each league has its own rules. The IWSL rule is Plaster of Paris or similar material casts are not allowed - no exceptions. Braces and other casts are at the referee's discretion. The NISL does not specify any special conditions regarding casts, therefore the FIFA rule would apply. The FIFA rule is that nothing that is dangerous to any player is allowed. Therefore, it would be up to the referee to decide if the player could play.

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-CLSF.

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. The base unit has been placed at 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.

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.

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.

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.

REFUNDS

All requests for refunds must be in writing (email is acceptable). Refund requests are subject to a \$10.00 administrative fee, however requests for refunds received after a child has been rostered on a team will be subject to a \$50.00 penalty. Recreational teams are usually formed, and players placed on a team roster, by the end of July. Force Competitive teams are usually selected by July 1, but final team rosters may be determined sooner. Players who elect not to play during the Spring season will not be entitled to a refund.

RECREATIONAL SOCCER AND THE PARENT

Bob Hansen – Recreational Director

What is recreational soccer and what is my job as a parent? These should be the questions on every parent's mind when they register their children to play recreational soccer. In order to answer these questions, a definition of recreational soccer is needed. The CLSF defines recreational soccer as, **"A soccer program that is devoted to the enjoyment and development of soccer players without the emphasis on travel or high level competition. The purpose of recreational soccer is to provide an opportunity for the participants to have fun, learn the sport and develop life skills including a life-long love of the game."** Based on this definition, parents should expect their children to have fun and learn something at every soccer activity.

As a parent you need to support your child and the program so that everyone can reap the benefits of the CLSF recreational soccer program. Here are a few ideas on what you should or should not do to be supportive.

Do be supportive no matter what. You should ask your child two questions after every practice, "What did you learn? Did you have fun?" If games and Practices are not fun, or your child is not learning something, then you need to find out why.

Do not impose your ambitions on your child.

Improvement and progress occur at different rates for each individual. Don't judge your child's progress based on the performance of others, and don't push based on what you think he/she should be do.

Do say only positive things at a soccer game. When you are at the soccer game, cheer and applaud, but never criticize. Always strive to set a good example for your child.

Do not coach your child. Do not undermine the coach by coaching your child on the side. Your job is to support and love your child and the coach is responsible for the technical part of the job.

Do support your child's coach. The bond between coach and player is a special one which contributes to your child's success as well as fun. Do not criticize the coach in the presence of your child. Assure your child that the coach would not have told him/her to try something if your child was not ready for it.

Do not criticize officials. They are doing their best and you do not ever want to criticize those who are doing their best.

Do make sure your child has goals other than winning. An honest effort, regardless of the outcome, is much more important than winning.

Remember that the focus of our program is on learning and fun. If as a parent you keep that in mind at all times and you continue to support your child in all that he/she does, then we will all be winners.

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