



Madison Heights

Youth Soccer Association

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October 2009 Newsletter

Hi Everyone,
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Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 7th, starting at 7:30pm**. The meeting will take place at the **Red Oaks Soccer Complex** (next to Texas Roadhouse) on John Rd north of 12 Mile. For a map check our web site on the '[Fields](#)' page.

The agenda for this board meeting will be posted on the web site soon.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.

Note: Past meeting minutes and agendas are available by going to www.mhysa.net and selecting the 'Documents' link on the left and selecting the appropriate category, Agenda or Meeting Minutes.

Rain, Rain Go Away

Well the weather is changing and the brisk cold air is coming. Sorry folks but that's just the facts, it's getting chilly! The dreaded 'R' word, rain is also knocking at our door. So here's a little reminder for everyone:

ALWAYS SHOW UP TO YOUR SCHEDULED GAME UNLESS YOU RECEIVE NOTICE FROM YOUR COACH OR VIA MHYSA'S WEB SITE.

For the U6 & U8 divisions we try to call the games as early as possible but sometimes we have to make game time decisions. Check the web site and your email before coming to the game. If you don't hear or see anything then show up to the game.

U10 and above, only the referee can cancel the game. So again, show up.

Also, if we close our fields that doesn't mean that other cities have closed their fields, so be sure to show up.

Just because it's cold and/or raining out doesn't mean the game will be canceled. So please make an attempt to be at your game at the scheduled time even if it is raining out.

I'm not a myth buster but here's a good question:

Can you catch a cold from being in cold weather? (see <http://www3.niaid.nih.gov/topics/commonCold/cause.htm>, look at The Weather section for the answer. Sorry moms but this myth looks busted!)

Besides, soccer is better its cold and raining out! (my opinion)

The Easy Offside Law 11!?



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Well your child moved up a division and there's this referee blowing their whistle and saying "Offsides". You think to yourself and say "In football that's when some moves to early and the ref puts his hands on their hips.". So you scratch your head and again say to yourself "In soccer, everyone is moving so how is there an offside rule?".

Well, this is going to be confusing but according to FIFA (who?), Fédération Internationale de Football Association, Offside is as easy as 1-2-3.

So those who are brave enough to go read the law in the 'Laws of the Game' and watch the Interactive Guide to Offside Law 11 here's the link (<http://www.fifa.com/worldfootball/lawsofthegame.html>). The interactive guide is located on the right side of the web page and the Laws of the Game are located in the 'Read more' section on the web page.

Be warned though, even if you read Law 11 and watch the interactive guide you still might be confused. Don't worry though that's why there are referees to help us with this new (to most parents and kids in the Under 10 and above divisions) and exciting (maybe controversial is a better word) law!

The New Orange Barrel Driving Course

If driving isn't already hard enough the construction barrels they put up are to test our go-kart driving skills! No just kidding.

In case you haven't noticed (you should open your eyes while driving to those early morning soccer games) there are a lot of orange barrels on 13 Mile Rd. between Campbell Rd and John R. So those people going to and from Civic Center Park or even Ambassador Park please allow some extra time in getting there. Even knowing about the construction I have been late! Go figure a coach late for their own practice!

So let your family and friends that might be traveling to the game know of the new Madison Heights Orange Barrel Driving Course! ☺

Coaches First Aid Kits

Coaches please make sure your first aid kits are all stocked up! Not sure if you had to use any of the first aid supplies, hope not, but if you did and need more supplies please contact Jennifer Anderson ASAP at memberatlarge1@mhysa.net.

Picture Day Here & Gone

Picture Day was held on September 26th. I would like to thank everyone that was involved in the planning and execution of this event. With the season in full swing everyone involved did a great job despite the overcast and slight rain we had.

Pictures will be delivered to the coaches when the photo company delivers the photos to the league in about 3 or 4 weeks (before the end of season).

Extra Information

Anyone have an article, paragraph, sentence or word that you would like included in the next newsletter? If so, please email the information to me.

If you know someone who wants to be on the email list please have them sign up via our web site. There is a place to sign up on the left side of the web site in the section 'Email List Sign-up' (pretty ingenious don't you think).

If you don't want to be on the list anymore (not sure why someone would want off the list) you can send a blank email to mhysa-remove@lists.milz.net. (ONLY IF YOU WANT OFF THE LIST).

As always, if you have a question, comment, complaint (hope not, but you never know) or would just like to say 'Hi' send me an email.

Sincerely,



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Dan Milz
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P.S. Here's a quick list of some possible ways parents can keep warm while the kids play soccer:

1. Do jumping jacks.
2. A warm drink (i.e. coffee, hot coco, **NO ACHOLOL**).
3. Walk up and down the side of the field (not too close to the sideline though).
4. Do more jumping jacks.
5. Complain to the coach that it is cold (won't help though because the coach is going to be cold too).
6. Show off some of your soccer skills or least try (again stay off the field while the game is in session).
7. If sitting in a chair, lift your legs up and down or stomp your feet fast.
8. Buy some battery heated pants.
9. Again, do more jumping jacks!
10. Cheer for both teams!

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