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Youth Soccer Association

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August 2010 Newsletter

To start this newsletter I found this poem written by an anonymous person, please enjoy!

Please Mom and Dad

Give me the time and opportunity both on and off the field to make my own decisions

I need to learn about getting it right and wrong

Try not to tell me off for doing things wrong from the sideline

Give me the chance to relax and play; I need the mistakes to help me learn

Try not to give me advice going to games or coming home.

Let me reflect; it helps me learn

Remember I am a young person, not a small adult

Sometimes I don't see things as you do or understand what you are saying

Come and enjoy the game; I will always try my best

Listen to me if I come to you with a problem

Sometimes I need someone to talk to; it helps me learn

Please love me for who I am not what I can do

It's not about me, it's about us; let's learn together

Help bring the World Cup to the USA! - [The Game Is In Us](#)

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Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Sept 1st, 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.



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The agenda for this board meeting will be posted on the web site (when available).

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.

View the calendar online at www.mhysa.net/calendar for important MHSYA dates (like board meetings).

Election Results

So we had some more brave souls offer a part of their life to our great soccer organization. MHYSYA's AGM was held in June and we held an election for the following positions with the results of the election:

- President - Dan Milz
- Secretary - Christina Griffin
- Registrar - Cathy Mandarino
- Fundraising Coordinator - Lisa Johnson
- Referee Coordinator - Jim Terbrueggen
- U6/U8 Division Mgr - Shawn Lavetter (appointed 8/4/2010)
- U12+ Division Mgr - Steve Wands

We need a U10 Div. Mgr! If you can help out in this area please let someone on the board know.

Again, thanks for all the hard work ALL of our volunteers do for MHYSYA.

Coaches & People That Want to Help

We are planning on having the coaches meeting on **Aug 18th starting at 6:30pm**. We will be serving pizza and pop/water.

ALL coaches and asst. coaches are encouraged to attend this meeting.

ALL COACHES & CLUB VOLUNTEERS have to have a RISK MANAGEMENT check done on them. If your's has expired or you don't have one please contact me ASAP and I will help you get one. ALL COACHES have to register through the new GotSoccer system. This is how the state assoc. checks your risk mgt status. So, even if your risk mgt. card is still valid you still have to register through GotSoccer. NO EXCEPTIONS!

For instructions on how to create your coaches profile please email me.

If you can coach or even just help out with a team please contact Mike Mandarino (commissioner@mhysa.net) ASAP so we can get you in the system.

Referees for U6/U8 Div

Blow your whistle loud and proud!



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As most of you know, or maybe not, our U6 & U8 divisions are refereed by volunteers and not licensed refs (well some are and some are not, anyways). If you or someone you know wants to be a soccer referee, whistle blower, for the U6/U8 divisions please contact Jim Terbrueggen (referee@mhysa.net) ASAP.

The referee meeting will be held on the same day as the coaches meeting, **Aug 18th starting at 6:30pm.**

Start of the Fall Season

So, are you ready parents? Well, I have been answering a lot, and I mean a lot of emails and phone messages about when are we going to start. So, if your child is in the recreational league, which you would know if you were not, then opening day is Sept 11, 2010. THIS IS FOR ALL RECREATIONAL TEAMS in the TOTS, U6 & U8 divisions.

For the older divisions we have to wait and see what the schedulers come up with. Remember, in the older divisions MHYSA does not set the schedule. The presidents of each participating leagues meet and exchange information. Then each league is assigned a division to come up with a schedule. So, until we have that meeting I just don't know when the 1st game is going to be. But you can bet it will be around that same time frame as the younger divisions.

Either way I will send out email blasts when we start getting schedules posted.

Stay tuned!

Fall Pictures Day!

Smile!

Mark this date down: **Sept. 18th, 2010**

Yep, it's time for the fall pictures. The schedule is not posted yet on our web site but will be when it becomes available. I just wanted to give you the date so you can mark it down in your calendar.

Pictures will be at the Red Oaks Soccer Complex ([Click here for a map](#)). In the event there is rain the pictures will be held in the complex or under the pavilion area at the complex. So either way, rain or shine, the pictures will be taken at the complex.

Practices (Rec)

Okay, here is another question that keeps coming up (I should start an FAQ for the web site, but I am just lazy!):

When and where are practices going to start?

Practices are determined by the coaches. The start times, frequency and place are all determined by the coach of your team.



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"Your team" is the key word in that sentence above, because we don't have teams formed yet and the coaches meeting hasn't taken place. So, once that process takes place, which should be fun with the new system...right Cathy?, you should hear from your coach.

I would say if you don't hear anything by Aug 24th or 25th, send me an email or call me at 248-408-2202 (email is better). We'll straighten out those coaches! :)

Games (Rec)

Yep, another good question that needs to go on that FAQ list that I'm making (yep working on it...).

So, **when do the games start**, when are they held, blah, blah, blah?

Let me take a stab at this, I think I know what I am taking about but if I'm wrong I sure will hear about it later.

Tots Program - This is new for our league this year. So we are going to have the practices & games on Saturday mornings, around 9 or 10am. (more on the Tots Program later in this newsletter)

U6/U8 Divisions - Well their games will typically be on Saturdays also, but their games will start later, around 11am or later. There will be an occasional game during the week that might start at around 5pm or later.

U10 and above - Well their games are typically on Saturday or Sunday anywhere from early morning until late afternoon, Also, occasional game or two during the week starting around 5pm or later.

So, that's the best I can do for now.

Select Soccer (Travel)

For those of you that don't know what Select Soccer is, here is our take on it:

Provides more structured training and competition for those children that have the desire to increase their knowledge of the game, want to sharpen their skills and technique to the best of their potential and have a passion for the game. For more information about the Select Soccer division visit (<http://shortlinks.milz.net/tecufl>).

I would like to thank all that were involved that help setup our Select program again. We have 3 teams, U9 Coed, U11 Girls, and U16 Girls (I think that's right). We are planning on having more team after the spring 2011 season, which is when tryouts will start.

So, if you're interested in it please start taking a look at it now and let a board member know you are interested.

Tots Program

This is a new program that MHYSA is offering. It's for 2-4 year old children. The primary focus of the program is to introduce the kids to soccer. That's it. Nothing more, nothing less.



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The format we have setup is: 30 minutes of practice followed by a 30 minute game. We are hoping to keep all the children's attention but we all know that's easier said than done.

So parents, you're are probably asking, **what do I need to do to get ready for this program.** Well here is a list of items you will need:

1. Size 3 soccer ball
2. Cleats
3. Shin guards
4. Water

NO JEWELRY can be worn during practice or games!

Also, parents we are asking you to help out. We have coaches (some certified, some not) that will be their to help instruct the kids but we will need your help too. So, put on those warm-ups and running shoes!

After practice, the kids will be divided into equal teams and play a game. So, there are no set teams, each week new teams are formed.

Also, just a quick comment, we (the coaches) are not babysitters, so if you leave the practice area you will need to take your child with you. This is very important because we want to create an environment where everyone has fun (including the coaches). So, we ask that each child have someone there with them at all times.

British Soccer Camp

I would just like to thank Brian Gettel for being the lead coordinator on the summer camp this year. Brian put some time into this so we could have the camp held in Madison Heights for the 3rd time! We continue to get more kids signed up for this summer camp each year. This year we had over 30 kids participate in this summer camp!

For those of you that are interested in this camp next year, just talk to someone that went to the last camp. They will tell you it was worth every penny! Great times!

Concession Stand

Forget to get treats for after the game?..... We can help!

Thanks to MHYSA and the concessions committee lead by Mike Mandarino (yep that guy is everywhere in this organization) the concession stand will be up and running for all U6, U8 and U10 games this fall held at the Youth Soccer Complex.

There is a lot of stuff we have for sale but here is just a few things: hot dogs, pizza, pretzels, bosco sticks, slushes, pop, water, coffee, hot chocolate, sports drinks, nachos, candy, ice cream! All the good stuff!

Great job on getting the stand up and running!



Complex

So if you read above you know that we have a concession stand at the Youth Soccer Complex. So, you say to yourself, 'Self, what is the complex?'

The complex is the facility across the street from the Red Oaks Golf course on John R Rd. The county built the complex and leased it to the City of Madison Heights for 25 years. For a background on this subject please visit [History of complex](#) (click the link).

When all is said and done, MHYSA signed a 1.5 year contract to use the facility without any money coming from our organization.

So, thanks to everyone that showed up to the meetings, sent letters to the city officials and helped fight for the kids. It took a lot of time, effort, determination and hard work to get this done. So, I just wanted to make sure everyone knew of the sacrifices people made on behalf of our organization.

Thanks again!

Facebook

Face who? For those of you are using Facebook MHYSA has a page for our organization. This is just another way for MHYSA to communicate to the masses.

Also, you can view the information by also viewing MHYSA's homepage on the web site. To the right there is a new Facebook column with everything that has been posted recently. Or if you want you can just go to: <http://www.facebook.com/MadisonHeightsYouthSoccerAssociation> to view the page.

Our PR Director, Sarah T., will be adding information to the Facebook page.

Answer to May's 2010 Trivia Question

So here's the answer to the last newsletter trivia question:

Q. Major League Soccer - What year was MLS founded and what year did the 1st season take place?

A. 1993, 1996

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).



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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,

Dan Milz
MHYSA

P.S.

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