



# MEDWAY YOUTH SOCCER

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## SUMMER NEWSLETTER



### TICK ... TICK ... TICK

Don't look now, but before you know it, the fall soccer season will be upon us. We've already set the schedule and here it is:

- ⚽ **Travel:** Saturday, Sept. 8 through Saturday, Nov. 10.
- ⚽ **Instructional:** Saturday, Sept. 8 through Saturday, Nov. 10.
- ⚽ **Micro:** Sunday, Sept. 9 through Sunday, Nov. 11.
- ⚽ **Intramural:** Sunday, Sept. 9 through Sunday, Nov. 11.

**TRAVEL:** A reminder: Travel teams are set for the fall. To find your child's placement and roster, go to our Web site at [www.medwaysoccer.com](http://www.medwaysoccer.com) and click on the travel evaluation placement link in the bulletin board.

**IN-TOWN:** Teams will be posted on the Web site by **mid-August** and families should receive contact from coaches shortly thereafter.

Remember, the in-town fall season will also include Soccer Day (sometime in October) and there is no in-town soccer on Columbus Day weekend.

It's not too early to start checking those cleat sizes to see if they still fit. In-town soccer players will need cleats and shin pads for the fall. If you're looking for a new soccer ball, instructional and micro teams use Size 3, while intramural teams use Size 4.



### CALLING ALL COACHES

There will be a preseason travel **coaches meeting** on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at the Senior Center to go over rules and to reinforce MYS guidelines. We are hoping to run our in-town coaching clinics around that time as well.

We urge all coaches to attend these events. We will be passing along more details in the coming weeks.



### A HELPING HAND

Based on our successful relationship with Challenger British Soccer, both with the summer camps and their very effective training program, we are happy to announce that Medway Youth Soccer will be hosting another fulltime **Challenger trainer** this fall.

The trainer will arrive the weekend of Sept. 15 and will begin work with our teams on Monday, Sept. 17. He will be with us for six weeks.

While with us, he will run practices with the travel teams, organize clinics for the younger groups, and attend games on weekends. He will then share his assessments and recommendations with the coaches.

### **HERE'S WHERE WE NEED HELP:**

We are looking for a family or families to volunteer to house the trainer – either for the full six weeks or part of the time. Challenger British Soccer provides thorough background checks on all of its employees and these are readily available.

The O'Connells were gracious enough to host our trainer last spring and would be willing to share their experiences with anyone considering this. If there is a family out there that would like to volunteer to provide living arrangements for the MYS trainer, or would like more information on the process, please contact Steve O'Connell at [num3okie@comcast.net](mailto:num3okie@comcast.net).



### **THANK YOU!**

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual **Medway Cup** was a huge success and we wanted to express our thanks to everyone who volunteered. None of what we do is possible without the help from all the families involved. And a very special thanks to **Paul** and **Liza Martin**, who ran this year's Cup flawlessly.

We expanded the 8v8 portion of the tournament this year. In doing so, we added an extra site, holding games at the high school as well as the middle school. All went very smoothly and successfully.

Next year we may expand even more, possibly including U13 and U14 age brackets. This is because we have heard from many teams that have come to the Medway Cup for years but are now being forced to look toward other tournaments because of our current U12 cutoff. These teams absolutely love our tournament and want to come back. We'll continue to update you on those possibilities.

We also received many positive emails from a number of the 89 teams and their accompanying parents that participated. Here are a couple of samples:

Sherborn Boys team:

Hi Paul... just a quick email to say how much we enjoyed the Medway cup Tourney. The kids as well as the parents had a blast. Thanks again for putting on such an organized event that was easy to participate in. We are definitely in for next year. Great Job!

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Wellesley Boys team:

Congratulations on a terrific tournament. My U8 boys team had a complete blast. The tournament was well-run and your volunteers were all so friendly, from check-in to concessions to the awards. My players also loved meeting a real Revolutions player. They were already talking about coming back next year! All the best,

Beth Thomas  
Wellesley United

Milford girls team:

Thank you for another great year! and for getting Milford's U12 team in at the last minute! They won their division! Very exciting for the girls,.....ok, and us parents!  
Just a thought....U13 next year??? Maybe???  
Thanks again!  
Cyndi Brown



## **NIGHT AT THE REVS**

Our fourth annual **Night at the Revs** is set for Sept. 29 when the home team faces off against the Colorado Rapids. The game starts at 7:30 p.m., but there will be plenty of Medway-only festivities in the parking lot beforehand at Gillette Stadium.

We believe that the cost will be the same as last year: \$25 per person, BUT just \$15 for registered Medway Youth Soccer players. This price includes a ticket plus a huge BBQ pre-game tailgate party. Please stay tuned for more details on this event.

If you haven't attended one of these events in the past, don't miss it this year. Last fall, we had over 500 people from Medway join us. It's a great opportunity to get together with friends, visit Gillette Stadium and enjoy an exciting game of professional soccer. It's something you'll want to mark on your calendars.

**AND SPEAKING OF THE REVS:** There are Revolution flex tickets available through MYS for \$12 apiece. These tickets get you into a general admission seat at Gillette Stadium. For details or to purchase tickets, contact Penny at [pakelley@comcast.net](mailto:pakelley@comcast.net).



## **BOOT CAMP**

We had just shy of 100 soccer players honing their skills at the recently completed **Challenger British Soccer Camp**. The folks at Challenger once again put on a great camp.

If you missed it, don't worry. We have one more week with Challenger and we still have room for your soccer player. The camp is scheduled for **Aug. 20-24** at Oakland Field and you can register online at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com) or find out more about it at <http://www.medwaysoccer.com/info/challengercamp/default.htm>.

This is perfect timing as it's right on the verge of another fall season. The August camp has always drawn kids who are ready to get back into soccer after a summer off. It's also a great chance for travel teams – or members from travel teams – to get to play together once again.

**NOTE:** It's important to act quickly on this. Challenger attempts to supply the proper amount of counselors based on our registration numbers. Late or last-minute registrations sometimes prevent us from getting as many coaches as we want. So if you're interested in the camp, sign up as early as you can.

There are full day, half day and evening sessions offered. Free British soccer jerseys are available with early registration.

Ask a friend, neighbor or coach for a recommendation. Chances are one of them has had some exposure to the camp.



### **THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

- If you have a business or know someone who does and would like to sponsor one of our in-town teams, contact Janice at [Janice.steffens@comcast.net](mailto:Janice.steffens@comcast.net).
- Parents are encouraged to go online and fill out coaching evaluations. Your input is important to us. The feedback we receive will help us identify the strengths and weaknesses of our coaches as well as the entire program. The form is located on the home page ([www.medwaysoccer.com](http://www.medwaysoccer.com)) and must be printed out and mailed to MYS, PO Box 11, Medway, MA 02053.



### **A BIG THANK YOU:**

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### **MYS MISSION STATEMENT**

Medway Youth Soccer's main purpose is to provide a recreational youth soccer program for the town of Medway and to ensure all players have an enjoyable soccer experience. Medway Youth Soccer is a non-profit organization dedicated to the youth of Medway. Membership guarantees equal playing time regardless of ability. As an association, we strive to foster fair play, sportsmanship, teamwork, self-confidence, self-discipline, and competition. Medway Youth Soccer's goal is to encourage these values in our players, coaches, parents, referees, and volunteers. We hope to instill a lifetime passion for the sport of soccer and provide an overall safe and fun experience.