



MEDWAY YOUTH SOCCER

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



HERE WE GO!

New cleats ... check! Shin guards ... check! Size 4 ball ... check! Must mean we're ready to go.

A new season is upon us and we're excited to start it up this weekend. By now, everyone should have heard from their coach and should be ready to roll. Remember to keep an eye on the Web site (www.medwaysoccer.com) for updates and news and to sign up for our mailing list.

At times, the fall season can be real hot and real buggy. So remember the water and the bug spray.

Here's a brief overview on what to expect this fall:



INSTRUCTIONAL: The instructional program is a fun, recreational program for our youngest soccer players, which begins on **Saturday, Sept. 8** and ends on **Saturday, Nov. 10**. The program is designed to provide the players with an outdoor activity and to introduce them to soccer through a variety of fun games.

- ⚽ Sessions run from 9:15-10:15 a.m. and 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Saturday.
- ⚽ Shin guards are mandatory, cleats are optional but suggested. A size 3 ball is used.
- ⚽ A t-shirt/jersey is issued to all new players.
- ⚽ There is no soccer on Columbus Day weekend.
- ⚽ For questions or concerns, email Kirk at ksteinhoff21@comcast.net



MICRO: The micro program is designed to be a fun and recreational program for children 5 and 6 years old (Kindergarten and first grade usually). **Games will begin on Sunday, Sept. 9** and end on **Sunday, Nov. 11**. The children play in a 4v4 format to allow many touches on the ball. Children play both offense and defense with **no goalkeeping**.

- ⚽ Games are played on Sunday afternoons.
- ⚽ In addition, there is one practice each week.
- ⚽ Shin guards are mandatory, cleats are optional but suggested. A size 3 ball is used.
- ⚽ A t-shirt/jersey is issued to all new players.
- ⚽ There is no soccer on Columbus Day weekend
- ⚽ Soccer Day is October 21 at the Middle School.
- ⚽ For questions or concerns, email John at jehrmann@wellesley.edu (boys) or Kevin at Kevin@microfinancial.net (girls).



INTRAMURAL: The intramural program is a fun, recreational program for children 7 and 8 years old (second and third grades usually) and is played in a 6v6 format

with goalkeeping. Basic FIFA rules are followed. **Games will begin on Sunday, Sept. 9 and end on Sunday, Nov. 11.**

- 🏠 Games are played on Sunday afternoons.
- 🏠 In addition, there is one practice each week.
- 🏠 Shin guards are mandatory, cleats are optional but suggested. A size 4 ball is used.
- 🏠 A reversible MYSA jersey is issued to all new players. Second-year intramural players are encouraged to use the jersey they already possess.
- 🏠 There is no soccer Columbus Day weekend
- 🏠 Soccer Day is October 21 at the Middle School.
- 🏠 For questions or concerns, email John at jehrmann@wellesley.edu (boys) or Kevin at Kevin@microfinancial.net (girls).

🏠 **TRAVEL:** The travel program is a competitive program that operates under Boston Area Youth Soccer (BAYS) rules. The BAYS Web site can be found at www.bays.org. Here you can also track your team's schedule and standings in a new, easy format. The Season begins **Saturday, Sept. 9** and ends **Saturday, Nov. 10**.

- 🏠 Games are played on Saturday afternoons.
- 🏠 There are two practices per week.
- 🏠 Uniforms are purchased at Tri-Valley Sports in Medway.
- 🏠 Information on travel evaluations and processes can be found at <http://www.medwaysoccer.com/travel/default.htm>
- 🏠 For questions or concerns, e-mail Tom at irwinland@comast.net (boys) or Sean at sean@microfinancial.net (girls).

🏠 **SPARE ROOM, ANYONE?**

We are in serious need of a family or families to volunteer to host the trainer we have arranged to hire from Challenger British Soccer. A week, two weeks, the full six weeks – whatever anyone can offer. The bottom line is that part of our deal to employ the trainer, who works for Challenger British Soccer, is to also house him. If we can't do that, we won't be able to follow through on our agreement.

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.

Challenger British Soccer provides thorough background checks on all of its employees and these are readily available to anyone who can help out.

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.

Thanks to everyone for your consideration.



CAMP-TASTIC!

Speaking of Challenger British Soccer, our partnership with them on the summer camps was another rousing success. We had 98 campers for the July session and 168 in August. Those are huge numbers and the feedback has all been positive.

In August alone, Challenger provided us with 13 coaches to teach and instruct our players. The MYSA board sends out a huge thank you to the families that volunteered to house those coaches during their stays.



THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- 🏐 **BUG SPRAY.** It's that time of year, so make sure your child is loaded up with bug spray before you leave them at practice.
- 🏐 Bring **water** and a **soccer ball** to every practice. It's important for your child's development to keep a ball on her or his foot as much as possible during practice.
- 🏐 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.
- 🏐 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) and must be printed out and mailed to MYS, PO Box 11, Medway, MA 02053.



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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.