



MEDWAY YOUTH SOCCER

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER



LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD

It's never too early to start thinking about the soccer season, so if you haven't registered your child for the fall, visit www.medwaysoccer.com right now and get it done.

Instructional, micro and intramural teams are being assembled this summer and should be released by mid- to late-August. Make sure your child's name is included by registering.

If your child is moving on in the system or new to the organization, here's a brief rundown on our in-town program:



INSTRUCTIONAL: The instructional program is a fun, recreational program for our youngest soccer players, which begins on **Saturday, Sept. 6** and ends on **Saturday, Nov. 8**. 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 players.
- ⚽ There is no soccer on Columbus Day weekend.
- ⚽ For questions or concerns, email Jeff at jselby14@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.7** and end on **Sunday, Nov. 9**. 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 players.
- ⚽ There is no soccer on Columbus Day weekend
- ⚽ Soccer Day takes place in conjunction with the Pumpkin Fair at the Middle School.
- ⚽ For questions or concerns, email Kirk at ksteinhoff21@comcast.net.



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. 7** and end on **Sunday, Nov. 9.**

- 🏠 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 takes place in conjunction with the Pumpkin Fair at the Middle School.
- 🏠 For questions or concerns, email Mark at mjmurphy@bostonherald.com (girls) or Mark at mdiebus@aol.com (boys).



WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK

If you've got a soccer nut on your hands – or even if you yourself would like to get a little more involved – here's a great opportunity to expand your *futbol* expertise.

Players, parents and coaches are all extended the opportunity to take refereeing classes this summer. Schedules and registration information are available at www.massref.net.

Medway Soccer will reimburse for the initial certification cost. You will need to submit proof of payment and a copy of your certification to be reimbursed.

Minimum age for certification is 12 years old and there are two courses that are great to start with:

- 🏠 **Grade 9 certification** – 6v6 games and assistant referee for 8v8 or 11v11 games. You must be at least 12 years old for this;
- 🏠 **Grade 8 certification** – 8v8 games and higher. You must be at least 16 years old to receive this level of certification. However, you can upgrade from a 9 to an 8 if your age plus the number of years you've been certified equal 16 (i.e. you are 14 years old and have been a 9 for two years).
- 🏠 A couple of other points:

** Adult referees are needed for the spring, especially when we have U16 & U18 games to schedule.

** Games are assigned in Medway, unless the referee would like to go to other towns.

** Finally, since we had so many intramural refs a year ago, preference in scheduling in-town intramural referees this coming year will be given to certified Grade 9 referees first.

For more information or questions, email Linda Davey at lddavey@comcast.net.



KICK START YOUR SUMMER AT CAMP

It's summertime and you know what that means: What are we going to do with the kids?

Two words: Soccer Camp.

Medway Youth Soccer is once again proud to recommend, the Challenger British Soccer camps. This will be Challenger's fourth straight summer in Medway and if your kids haven't attended, there are probably a number of soccer parents around town that could tell you about the benefits of these camps.

The camp will be in Medway two different weeks this summer:

- **July 14-18 at Oakland**
- **Aug. 18-22 at Oakland**

Full day, half day and evening sessions are all available, but they fill up fast. Over 200 Medway soccer players participated last summer alone.

You can download and print the Challenger application from our Web site at www.medwaysoccer.com or you can register by visiting www.challengersports.com. Complementary British soccer jerseys are available with early registration.



KEEP THIS IN MIND:

- ⚽ Medway Youth Soccer will once again hold its annual **MYS Night at the Revolution** this fall. Stay tuned for details.
- ⚽ MYS gave out two scholarships to outgoing seniors this past May. Congratulations are in order for **Adrianna Burke** and **Sean Cullen**, the recipients of those youth soccer scholarships.
- ⚽ If you have a business or know someone who does and would like to sponsor one of our in-town teams, contact Bob at bobtranfaglia@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.