



MEDWAY YOUTH SOCCER

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Welcome everyone to another soccer season. It has come upon us quickly, but hopefully everyone has all the necessary gear and team assignments and is ready to roll. Good luck, have fun, and please remember, whether it be in-town or travel, to always show good sportsmanship. Like BAYS, we practice ZERO TOLERANCE. Respect the refs, the competition and the other fans.

Info throughout the season, including field updates in case of bad weather, can be found at our Web site at www.medwaysoccer.com.

Here are some dates and contacts to remember throughout the season:



INSTRUCTIONAL

- 🏀 **Start date:** Saturday, Sept. 6. **End date:** Saturday, Nov. 1
- 🏀 **Soccer Day:** Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Middle School
- 🏀 No soccer on Columbus Day weekend
- 🏀 For questions or concerns, email Jeff at jsselby@comcast.net.



MICRO

- 🏀 **Start date:** Sunday, Sept. 7. **End date:** Sunday, Nov. 2
- 🏀 **Soccer Day:** Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Middle School
- 🏀 No soccer on Columbus Day weekend
- 🏀 Rules for micro soccer can be found here:
<http://www.medwaysoccer.com/intown/microrules.htm>
- 🏀 For questions or concerns, email Kirk at ksteinhoff21@comcast.net.



INTRAMURAL

- 🏀 **Start date:** Sunday, Sept. 7. **End date:** Sunday, Nov. 2
- 🏀 **Soccer Day:** Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Middle School
- 🏀 No soccer on Columbus Day weekend
- 🏀 Rules for intramural soccer can be found here:
<http://www.medwaysoccer.com/intown/intramuralrules.htm>
- 🏀 For questions or concerns for boys intramural, email Mark at mdiebus@aol.com.
For girls intramural, email Mark at mjmurphy@bostonherald.com.



TRAVEL

- 🏀 **Start date:** Saturday, Sept. 6. **End date:** Saturday, Nov. 8.
- 🏀 BAYS Web site for schedules, standings, rules, etc.: www.bays.org.
- 🏀 For questions or concerns for boys travel, email Tom at irwinland@comcast.net.
For girls travel, email Sean at sean@microfinancial.net.



KEEP AN EYE OUT

We've been told by a couple of parents that this past week at Oakland, a strange animal was spotted in the early evening while practices were in session. It emerged from the woods near the concession stand, headed along the edge of the fields near the bleachers, and disappeared back into the woods by the storage trailer.

The people who saw it thought it could have been a fisher cat, but said they were sure it wasn't a domesticated animal.

We mention this not to alarm anyone, but just to bring it to your attention. If you are aware of this, or see anything of this type again, please bring it up to a board member <http://www.medwaysoccer.com/board/default.htm>.



NIGHT AT THE REVS

Medway Youth Soccer's fifth annual Night at the Revolution will be held Saturday, Sept. 27. The Revs are playing the Columbus Crew at Gillette Stadium and we want you to join us there.

Last fall, we had over 600 people from Medway attend this event, so **YOU NEED TO GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!** It's a great opportunity for your family and friends to enjoy our own personal Medway pre-game tailgate party and catch an exciting Major League Soccer game to boot.

Tickets are \$30 per person for adults, but just \$19 for all registered Medway Youth Soccer players. Medway Soccer will pick up the difference.

The price of ticket includes:

- A game ticket for an assigned seat (not a first-come, first-serve bleacher seat) in a special stadium section reserved exclusively for Medway Youth Soccer.
- Free event parking.
- A catered tailgate barbecue in an exclusive Medway Youth Soccer party area in the Gillette Stadium parking lot. The on-site cookout will include hamburgers, hot dogs, etc., right off the grill. We will also have pizza and a variety of salads.

What you need to bring: Please plan on bringing your own beverages (for adults & children). As for dessert items, in the past everyone has been great about bringing desserts to share. We hope that you'll consider doing that again this year. You may also want to consider bringing a chair. Other than that, we will handle the rest!

The tailgate party begins at 6 p.m. and the game starts at 7:30 p.m.

How to purchase tickets: Tickets can be obtained by contacting Janice Steffens via email at Janice.steffens@comcast.net, by calling 508-533-9976, or by mailing checks (payable to MYSA) to Janice Steffens, 19 Azalea Drive, Medway, MA, 02053. **(Please note: Special seating requests will only be considered with payment).**

It's important to include the following information with your ticket order:

Number of adult tickets and number of child tickets (please note child ages and let us know if they are a MYSA player.) Also, your home address and your e-mail address (email address is required -- all confirmations will be done via email).

Please visit the Gillette Stadium Web site for a list of items that are and are not allowed into the stadium. If you have questions or would like to learn more about this event, feel free to contact Janice Steffens at janice.steffens@comcast.net.

SOCCER DAY – SUNDAY, OCT. 5

Medway Youth Soccer's annual Soccer Day will be held at the Middle School fields on Sunday, Oct. 5. All in-town teams – instructional, micro and intramural – will participate in what has always been the highlight of the fall season: a fun day of soccer, friends and family.

Soccer Day will once again be held in conjunction with the PTO's Pumpkin Fair so that when your child is not playing, there will be plenty of time to enjoy the games and activities that will be on hand.

The day starts with the Parade of Champions as all the players march onto the field to the cheers of moms, dads, siblings and grandparents. Each team will usually play at least two games and then all players will receive participation medals at the conclusion of their day.

Also on hand will be plenty of colored hairspray (to get in the spirit), and Medway Soccer sweatshirts and t-shirts for sale. Medway Youth Soccer will be running a concession stand with hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, etc., as well.




As always, we are in need of **VOLUNTEERS**. It takes a lot of time and effort to coordinate and run Soccer Day (Saturday field setup, Sunday organization, concession work, to name a few), and help of any kind is welcome. To volunteer, please email Mark at mjmurphy@bostonherald.com.

CAMP ROCKED

Our partnership with Challenger British Soccer for the summer camps at Oakland was another success this summer. We had 60 campers for the July session and 175 in August. Those are huge numbers and we've had positive feedback.

In August alone, Challenger provided us with 15 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.
-  Please don't bring your dog to the soccer field for either practices or games.

- ⚽ If you're looking for a Web site to find some training tips for your child outside of practice, try www.4skills.com.
- ⚽ 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.



A BIG THANK YOU:

Medway Youth Soccer would like to thank all of our generous sponsors, including:

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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.