



# MEDWAY YOUTH SOCCER

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## SPRING NEWSLETTER



### SEASON'S GREETINGS

It's that time of year again. The spring travel season got off to a wet and wild beginning on Saturday and the in-town season kicks off this weekend. Instructional games begin Saturday, April 18 while intramural action starts Sunday, April 19.

If you have not heard from a coach as of yet, please contact us at [registrar@medwaysoccer.com](mailto:registrar@medwaysoccer.com).

Fields are open at Oakland, Idylbrook and Medway High School. Please note that Upper and Lower Memorial fields are closed right now because of wet conditions.

We have a busy spring season ahead of us with Photo Day, travel evaluations, and of course Medway Cup.

Here's some news for the upcoming season:



### MEDWAY CUP

**SET ASIDE THESE DATES:** May 23-24 is the weekend for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Medway Cup. This event is Medway Youth Soccer's lone fundraising event and we need your help.

We are hoping for at least one volunteer from every MYSA team. Help is needed before, during and after the event. Over 100 teams spend that weekend in Medway and we want to make it the biggest success it can be.

Last year, we introduced a new 8v8 format for U13-U14 aged players and it really took off. We will once again use the fields at Medway High School to compensate for the extra needed space and anticipate a big turnout. Of course, our U8, U9, U10, U11 and U12 offerings continue to draw teams from throughout the state.

**REMEMBER:** This event takes a lot of work. The success of Medway Cup keeps the program going strong and allows us to avoid having to delve into the countless other fundraisers that are out there. **But we need your help to make it work.** Please volunteer. If you are interested in giving any time – a weekend, an afternoon, an hour between your child's games – please let us know by sending an email to [medwayyouthsoccer@yahoo.com](mailto:medwayyouthsoccer@yahoo.com). The tournament runs from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. We need help with concessions, parking, Friday setup, Sunday breakdown – you name it. The money goes back into the program for equipment, uniforms, training, etc.

All Medway teams are encouraged to participate. **Coaches:** If you plan on putting in a team, please do it ASAP at [www.medwaysoccer.com/medwaycup](http://www.medwaysoccer.com/medwaycup). It will help us immensely by simplifying planning and scheduling. Don't wait until the last minute!



### SMILE FOR PICTURE DAY

Annual soccer photos are on the schedule for this spring. Coaches will be receiving forms soon and we ask that you pass them out to your players. They will also

be available the day of the scheduled photo. Medway residents **Jim McHugo** and **Peter Chapin** of **New England Action Sports Photography** did a great job last year and will be taking our team and individual photos once again.

Stay tuned to [www.medwaysoccer.com](http://www.medwaysoccer.com) for dates on photos in the near future.



## TRAVEL EVALUATIONS

Travel evaluations for next fall's U10-U14 teams will take place between Monday, June 1 and Friday, June 12.

Evaluations will be conducted over a two-week period. Each age group will be evaluated twice – once per week.

A full schedule will be available soon at [www.medwaysoccer.com](http://www.medwaysoccer.com).

Questions can be directed to travel directors Jeff Selby (girls) [jselby14@comcast.net](mailto:jselby14@comcast.net) and Mark Diebus (boys) [mdiebus@aol.com](mailto:mdiebus@aol.com).



## GOING CAMPING

It's not too early to start thinking about summer camp, and after four successful summers here in Medway, the Challenger British Soccer camp will return again.

The camp will come to town two different weeks this summer:

- **July 20-24 at Oakland**
- **Aug. 17-21 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.

Go to this link to register today:


<http://www.medwaysoccer.com/info/challengercamp/default.htm>

Complementary British soccer jerseys are available with early registration.




## SURFING THE WEB

Web sites worth looking at:

 [www.bays.org](http://www.bays.org): The new BAYS site is easy to navigate. You can quickly find your child's travel team, your schedule, the league standings, and directions to that faraway soccer field in Brookline.

 [www.revolutionsoccer.net](http://www.revolutionsoccer.net) OR <http://www.womensprosoccer.com/boston/default.aspx>

What better way to encourage your budding soccer star than taking him or her to a New England Revolution or Boston Breakers game. The Revs – and the newly reformed Breakers – have plenty of home games that are both affordable and accessible.

 [www.soccerhelp.com](http://www.soccerhelp.com): You can find tips for all ages at this site. It's also helpful for coaching or for individual drills.



## **DID YOU KNOW:**

- Medway Youth Soccer Association hands out **two scholarships** to graduating high school seniors who have played within the organization. Applications can be obtained through the guidance department at Medway High School.
- If you have a business or know someone who does and would like to sponsor one of our in-town teams, contact Jim at [jim\\_kelly4@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_kelly4@yahoo.com).
- 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.