



# MEDWAY YOUTH SOCCER

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## SUMMER NEWSLETTER



### REGISTER, REGISTER, REGISTER

While many got this out of the way early, we know there are still some of you out there that need to register your soccer-playing child for the Fall 2009 season.

Yes, travel teams are out of the way, but for those who have children playing in-town soccer, we need you to log on to [www.medwaysoccer.com](http://www.medwaysoccer.com) and register at your earliest convenience.

We will be assembling the instructional, micro and intramural teams this summer and can best assure even teams and answer requests if you get your child registered early.

So get it out of the way and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Thanks!



### IN-TOWN BREAKDOWN

If your child is moving on in the system or is new to the organization, here's a brief rundown on our in-town program. We usually construct teams in mid-to-late August and families should expect a call from their coach in early September.



**INSTRUCTIONAL:** The instructional program is a fun, recreational program for our youngest soccer players, which begins on **Saturday, Sept. 12** and ends on **Saturday, Nov. 7**. 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. Your child will be placed in one or the other.
- ⚽ 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 (Oct. 10-11).
- ⚽ For questions or concerns, email Jim at [jim\\_kelly4@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_kelly4@yahoo.com).



**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. 13** and end on **Sunday, Nov. 8**. 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, scheduled by each team's coach.
- ⚽ 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 (Oct. 10-11).
- ⚽ Soccer Day, a jamboree of in-town soccer, takes place in conjunction with the Pumpkin Fair at the Middle School. More on that at a later date.
- ⚽ For questions or concerns, email Pat at [pats@nineteen47.com](mailto:pats@nineteen47.com) (girls) or Jim at [jim\\_kelly4@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_kelly4@yahoo.com) (boys).

⚽ **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. 13 and end on Sunday, Nov. 8.**

- ⚽ Games are played on Sunday afternoons.
- ⚽ In addition, there is one practice each week, scheduled by each team's coach.
- ⚽ 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 (Oct. 10-11).
- ⚽ Soccer Day, a jamboree of in-town soccer, takes place in conjunction with the Pumpkin Fair at the Middle School. More on that at a later date.
- ⚽ For questions or concerns, email Mark at [mjmurphy@bostonherald.com](mailto:mjmurphy@bostonherald.com) (girls) or Dan at [olsendo@comcast.net](mailto:olsendo@comcast.net) (boys).

### ⚽ **TRAVEL UNIFORMS**

Those players new to travel, or those that are simply in need of a new uniform, are reminded to go to Tri-Valley Sports in the Medway Plaza to obtain your uniforms.

The email address is [www.tri-valleysports.com](http://www.tri-valleysports.com) and the phone number is (508) 533-5080.

### ⚽ **WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK**

Medway Youth Soccer is looking to add to its roster of intramural and travel referees for the upcoming fall season. We are looking for knowledgeable, confident and reliable referees we can count upon to do a great job.

Intramural referees will receive a referee t-shirt, a whistle and a referee clinic before the season starts. Intramural referees must be at least 11 years old.

Travel referees must be at least 12 years old and will need to be certified through the Massachusetts Referee Association. For information on certification classes, please visit the Mass Referee Association's Web site at [www.massref.net](http://www.massref.net). Medway Soccer will reimburse you the cost of your certification class once completed and you sign up to referee in Medway.

This does not pertain to children or teenagers alone. Adults are welcome and encouraged to earn certification as well. Adult referees are especially needed for the spring, when we have U16 & U18 games to schedule.

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 to remember:

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

\*\* Since we often receive many requests, preference in scheduling in-town intramural referees this coming year will be given to certified Grade 9 referees first.

For more information about becoming either an intramural or travel referee, please contact Linda Davey, Referee Assignor, at [lldavey@comcast.net](mailto:lldavey@comcast.net) or at 774-292-6205.



## **LIFTOFF FOR CHALLENGER CAMP**

Medway Youth Soccer is once again proud to recommend the Challenger British Soccer camps. This will be Challenger's fifth straight summer in Medway and we're excited to continue the tradition. If you haven't participated, ask a neighbor who has a soccer-playing child because he or she probably has. It's a great week of fun, sun and soccer development.

The camp will be at Oakland Park in Medway two different weeks this summer. The first week is currently ongoing. The second week will take place **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.

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



## **WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS:**

In case you missed it, the Milford Daily News published a very nice article on Medway's U12 boys soccer team that won the state title at the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions a few weeks ago.

The accomplishment was truly an amazing one and worthy of the notoriety it gained in the local press. Congratulations to all involved, as well as to the U18 boys team that came within penalty kicks of pulling off the same feat.

Here is a link to the article about the U12 team:

<http://www.milforddailynews.com/archive/x488825591/Medways-soccer-stars-win-elite-state-tournament>



### **BECKHAM'S BACK:**

Our cooperative with the New England Revolution has garnered Medway Youth Soccer families a pretty good ticket deal for the Aug. 8 Revs match against David Beckham, Landon Donovan and the Los Angeles Galaxy.

The Revs tell us that MYS families have access to a limited number of Category I midfield seats and Category II sideline seats for the game. Category I seats can be had for \$30 apiece – which is \$10 off the regular price. The Category II seats are available for \$21, which is \$9 off the original price.

This deal should not be confused with the regular MYS Night at the Revs, which is annually held in the fall. But if you are interested in these tickets, act fast because the game draws well and the tickets are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact: Mike Dressler at 508-384-9167 or [MichaelD@revolutionsoccer.net](mailto:MichaelD@revolutionsoccer.net).



### **KEEP THIS IN MIND:**

- MYS gave out two scholarships to outgoing Medway High School seniors this past May. Congratulations are in order for **Jennifer Hooper** and **Tyler Pearl**, 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 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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<http://www.medwaysoccer.com/info/sponsors/default.htm>



## **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.