



# MEDWAY YOUTH SOCCER

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## SPRING SEASON NEWSLETTER



### SEASON'S GREETINGS

While the travel season has already kicked off, it's time to begin another spring intown soccer season here in Medway. As the travel teams can attest, it's been a soggy start, but fields are open, coaches have rosters, teams have schedules and we're ready to kick it into gear.

Intown players should have heard from their coaches at this point. New players this season will be given team shirts and should remember to wear cleats and shin guards to practice and games.

The instructional season will begin on Saturday, April 24, while the micro and intramural seasons start on Sunday, April 25.

Below is a breakdown on the programs we offer with start and end dates, as well as contacts. Feel free to contact divisional directors with any questions or comments.



### INSTRUCTIONAL

- ⚽ **Start date:** Saturday, April 24. **End date:** Saturday, June 19.
- ⚽ No practices during the week. Sessions run at 9:15 and 10:30 on Saturdays.
- ⚽ No soccer on Memorial Day weekend
- ⚽ For questions or concerns, email Lyle at [lyle.core@swervepoint.com](mailto:lyle.core@swervepoint.com)



### MICRO

- ⚽ **Start date:** Sunday, April 25. **End date:** Sunday, June 20.
- ⚽ No soccer on Memorial Day weekend
- ⚽ Micro soccer games are played on two different fields in a 3v3 or 4v4 format with no goalies. Rules for micro soccer can be found here:  
<http://www.medwaysoccer.com/intown/microrules.htm>
- ⚽ For questions or concerns, email Wade at [wjkillman@verizon.net](mailto:wjkillman@verizon.net) about girls micro or Patrick at [Patrick.foy@siemens.com](mailto:Patrick.foy@siemens.com) about boys micro.



### INTRAMURAL

- ⚽ **Start date:** Sunday, April 25. **End date:** Sunday, June 20.
- ⚽ No soccer on Memorial Day weekend
- ⚽ Intramural soccer games are played on 6v6 fields with goalies. Rules for intramural soccer can be found here:  
<http://www.medwaysoccer.com/intown/intramuralrules.htm>
- ⚽ For questions or concerns email Dan at [olsendo@comcast.net](mailto:olsendo@comcast.net).

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. As always, remember to check our website –

[www.medwaysoccer.com](http://www.medwaysoccer.com) – for all your updates and information throughout the season.

Here's some news for the upcoming season:



## **MEDWAY CUP**

**SET ASIDE THESE DATES:** May 29-30 is the weekend for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Medway Cup. This event is Medway Youth Soccer's lone fundraising event and, largely because of volunteer help from our community, this tournament is a yearly success.

**But once again, 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. Close to 100 teams spend that weekend in Medway and we want to make it the biggest success it can be.

The tournament includes an 8v8 format for U11-U14 aged players as well as traditional 6v6 games for U8-10 teams.

**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 [medwaycup@medwaysoccer.com](mailto:medwaycup@medwaysoccer.com).

The tournament runs from roughly 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**

Plans are in the works for soccer pictures to be taken and information will be available shortly on our website and from your child's coach. We are currently looking to make this happen on **Sunday, May 16 and Sunday, May 23.**

This is an opportunity for you to purchase any number of photo options of your child and/or his or her team.

We will let you know – either by your coach or by email – when your child is scheduled to be photographed and make sure you have the proper order forms.



## **TRAVEL EVALUATIONS**

Travel evaluations for next fall's U10-U14 teams will take place during the weeks of **May 10 and May 17.**

Evaluations will be conducted through the bulk of this two-week period. Each age group will be evaluated twice – once per week.

For a complete understanding of the travel evaluation process, click here:  
<http://www.medwaysoccer.com/travel/info/evaluation.htm>

A full schedule will be available soon at [www.medwaysoccer.com](http://www.medwaysoccer.com) and sent home from school with your child.

Questions can be directed to travel directors Jeff Selby (girls) [jsselby14@comcast.net](mailto:jsselby14@comcast.net) and Mark Diebus (boys) [mdiebus@aol.com](mailto:mdiebus@aol.com).



## SUMMER KICKS

It's not too early to start thinking about summer camp, and after five 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 19-23 at Oakland**
- **Aug. 16-20 at Oakland**

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

Here is a blurb from Challenger's website:

*"Each day includes individual foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, small-sided games, coached scrimmages, and a daily tournament. Equally important, the Challenger coaching staff provides your child with lessons in self-discipline, good sportsmanship and respect for others and for the game."*

Information is coming soon from your child's coach or you can go to **this link to register today:**

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

Complimentary British soccer jerseys are available with early registration – 45 days before camp.



## SURFING THE WEB

Websites worth looking at:

● [www.bays.org](http://www.bays.org): The 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>

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.

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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.