



MEDWAY YOUTH SOCCER

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FALL NEWSLETTER



KICK-STARTING ANOTHER SOCCER SEASON

A new soccer season is upon us and we're excited to get under way. The fall season is a time of new teams, new friendships and new coaches.

Travel teams have been set for a while and you should be hearing from your coaches very soon. **The travel season runs from Saturday, Sept. 11 to Saturday, Nov. 13.** Rosters can be found at www.medwaysoccer.com and schedules should be posted soon at www.bays.org.

Intown teams are currently being constructed and coaches will be informed of their rosters very soon. All families should be getting calls from their coaches in the first week of September. Rosters and schedules will be posted at www.medwaysoccer.com around that time as well. **The intown season starts the weekend of Sept. 11-12 and ends the weekend of Nov. 6-7.**

Below you'll find some news that we on the Medway Youth Soccer Board would like to get out to all families. Please read on and have an excellent fall soccer season.



INTOWN BREAKDOWN

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



INSTRUCTIONAL: The instructional program is a fun, recreational program for our youngest soccer players, which begins on **Saturday, Sept. 11** and ends on **Saturday, Nov. 6**. The program is designed to introduce the beginner players to soccer through a variety of fun games. Much care is put into making the kids feel comfortable and fostering friendships among teammates.

- 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 and will be provided.
- A t-shirt/jersey is issued to all players.
- There is no soccer on Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 9-10).
- Soccer Day, a jamboree of in-town soccer, takes place in conjunction with the Pumpkin Fair at the Middle School. This will take place on Sunday, Oct. 17.
- For questions or concerns, email Lyle at lyle.core@swervepoint.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. 12** and end on **Sunday, Nov. 7**. The children play in either 3v3 or 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. 9-10).
- Soccer Day, a jamboree of in-town soccer, takes place in conjunction with the Pumpkin Fair at the Middle School. This will take place on Sunday, Oct. 17.
- Rules can be found here: <http://www.medwaysoccer.com/intown/microrules.htm>
- For questions or concerns, email Wade at wkillman@verizon.net (girls) or Patrick at patrick.foy@siemens.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. 12** and end on **Sunday, Nov. 7.**

- 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.
- Games are reffed by volunteers who play in our travel program.
- There is no soccer Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 9-10).
- Soccer Day, a jamboree of in-town soccer, takes place in conjunction with the Pumpkin Fair at the Middle School. This will take place on Sunday, Oct. 17.
- Rules are here: <http://www.medwaysoccer.com/intown/intramuralrules.htm>
- For questions or concerns, email Dan at olsendo2@verizon.net.



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 and the phone number is (508) 533-5080.



WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK

The fall referee meeting will be held on Monday Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center off Oakland Street. All referees will be meeting at the same time. The meeting should not last more than an hour.

Referees who have worked in the past and are no longer interested in volunteering should contact referee coordinator Linda Davey at iddavey@comcast.net so you can be removed from the active list.

Those referees who are new will receive a referee t-shirt and a whistle. 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.

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 at iddavey@comcast.net or at 774-292-6205.



SOCCER DAY OCT. 17:

One of the highlights of the fall season is the intown Soccer Day, held at the Middle School complex and run in conjunction with the Pumpkin Fair. This year's Soccer Day will be held Sunday, Oct. 17.

The day is a celebration of soccer in Medway. There are games played all day long while teams create signs and banners to get in the spirit of the day.

There is a lot of work put in to pulling off Soccer Day each fall. Field setup and breakdown, concession stand help, and parade organization are all areas in which we hope to garner volunteers. **If you would like to volunteer to help out on Soccer Day**, please email Mark at mjmurphy@bostonherald.com.



NIGHT AT THE REVS:

One of our most popular events is back again this fall. The annual Medway Night at the Revolution will take place on **Saturday, Oct. 2.**

For those who have not attended, we bring roughly 400 people to Gillette Stadium for a night of tailgating and Revs soccer. We encourage everyone to join us as we take over our own corner of the Gillette parking lot for barbecue and good times. We'll then head inside to watch the Revs take on Real Salt Lake.

Stay tuned to www.medwaysoccer.com for more information as the event continues to take shape.



KEEP THIS IN MIND:

- MYS gave out two scholarships to outgoing Medway High School seniors this past May. Congratulations are in order for **Grey Benjamin** and **Brad Pearson**, 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 intown teams, contact Jim at 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) 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.