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MYS Newsletter

SPRING ISSUE

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Turf Field and Construction Update

It is time for the youth soccer program to enjoy the new turf field!

Once again MYS thanks our soccer members and community members for helping us achieve our goal in just 3 1/2 years.

Our Field and Travel/Intown directors continue to work diligently to schedule the turf field fairly among all 150 teams of MYS.

Enjoy the field and please help keep it clean. Signs are posted at each

entrance with important rules to help maintain our investment. For example, water is the only beverage allowed on the field.

The natural grass area of the construction will be over seeded this spring. We are starting to see grass already popping up. Please keep off the newly seeded area.

MYS will continue to raise funds by offering field sign advertising. Please help promote this fund raising effort among local and surrounding businesses. Contact us via the MYS website if you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring a sign.

The last of the bricks will be laid over the spring season. We have kept the brick order open for 2 more weeks. Visit MYS website to place your order before it is forever too late.



MYS Schedule of Spring Events

For more information on any events listed below and other MYS events visit www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com

Apr. 9	Spring season begins - Road and in-town programs
May 28 - June 4	Picture Days
Apr. 30	Last Day to submit Scholarship applications
Apr. 30	Great Mansfield Clean-up - MYS & Plymouth St. (contact your coach to participate)
May 14	Mansfield Youth Soccer Night at the NE Revolution Game
May 20	Last Day for Fall Soccer Registration before LATE FEE
TBA - June	Spring Fundraiser—Playing for Green - Marathon Soccer Game FOG Turf 12pm - 12am www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com for details
June 11	Last Day for Travel Spring season - Last Day for In Town Spring Season
June 11	Mansfield Youth Soccer END OF THE SEASON JAMBOREE
July 25-29	Hornets Soccer Camp Partnering with Mansfield Youth Soccer— WEEK 1
Aug. 1 - 5	Hornets Soccer Camp Partnering with Mansfield Youth Soccer - WEEK 2
Aug 15-19	Tetrabrazil Training Academy hosted by Mansfield Youth Soccer
SUMMER WEEKS	Summer Pick Up will be offered again during the months of July & Aug. Details will be posted to the website in late June.

We Want You!

Join our Team!!

After so many years of dedicated service, Keith Broyles is stepping down from the board - and leaving a hole that will be hard to fill. And as we, the other board members, look around, we realized that some of us have served on the MYS board for several years. We have loved every minute; watching not just our children develop their soccer skills, but all 1200 children. For a few of us, the last of our children will be 'graduating' from MYS in the next couple of years.

Mansfield Youth Soccer has expanded and improved in the past few years; more participants, more player and coach clinics, a respected Columbus Day tournament, and the installation of our brand new synthetic turf field and renovating the natural turf fields.

While the board has admirably met these challenges, we need some fresh ideas and new perspectives. Now is the time to join the board and learn from the those of us who have

been with the organization for several years. We want MYS to continue to be the premier youth sports organization that it is today; and continue moving the organization forward in the coming years. And for that to happen, we need dedicated parents whose children will be in the soccer program for several more years.

Contact us with questions -
KellyKemp@comcast.net

Please park responsibly.

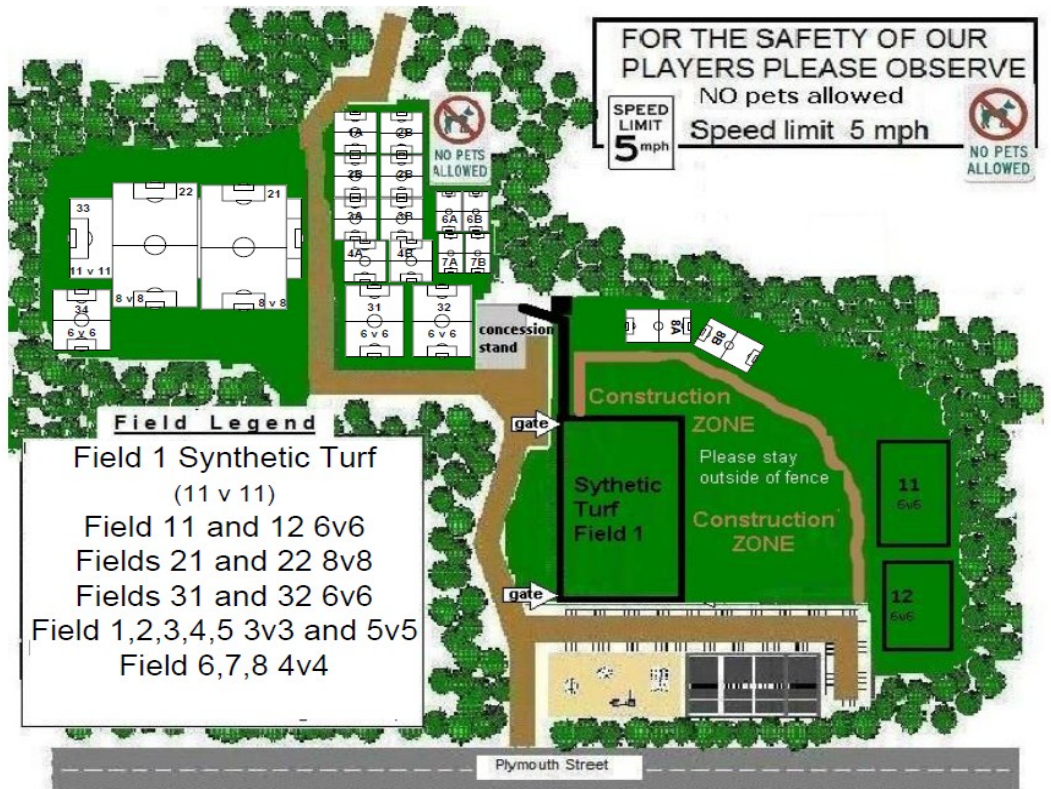
Additional parking is available in the far back of the small sided fields.

Be sure to review the Field Map on the FIELDS page of the www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com website before arriving at the Plymouth Street fields.

Field Layout Changes

Due to the construction, MYS has relocated fields to best utilize the space. Please review the field map before going to the fields for your first practices and games. The field maps are posted on the FIELD page on our website - www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com

KEY CHANGES TO TAKE NOTE OF: As seen below, the small sided games for U5-U8 have been moved to the middle field space. Field 8 is behind the construction zone.



Soccer Shorts

MYS/Hornets Soccer Camp

Registration is officially open for the **2011 MYS/Hornets Soccer Camp**.

Full Day (9-3) or Half Day (9-12)
 Week 1: July 25-29
 Week 2: Aug. 1-5

FREE CAMP T-SHIRT & BALL for anyone registering before July 1! Register online at www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com

Keep an eye out for the Tetrabrazil Training Academy offered this summer. The Academy will be in Mansfield on Aug 15, for more details visit our website.

Marathon Game

The annual marathon game is back this SPRING. The event will be held on the new TURF field. Dates are being discussed and plans are in the works. As one can imagine there is a lot of planning to do to make this another awesome event for all soccer families and community members. We would love your help and need your support. It is a fun way to give back and get involved. Please contact KellyKemp@comcast.net to join the planning committee.

Concession Stand - Free Coffee

Welcome back to soccer! Stop by the concession stand on April 16th and enjoy a free cup of coffee or tea (while supplies last). We'll be brewing with our new Keurig machine! Check out the machine; good coffee, good soccer, what else could you ask for on an early Saturday morning/afternoon?

Pass Back Program

Again this spring there will be a bin outstand the concession stand door waiting for your donations of gently used soccer uniform and/or equipment. At the end of the spring season the donations are brought to the local distribution area so the items can be sent to less fortunate communities. Our MYS contact is Becca.Kemp@comcast.net.



Spring Family Fun at New England Revolution!

MYS Annual-Family-Fun-Night with the New England Revolution

Mansfield Youth Soccer (MYS) is proud to support the New England Revolution in the Annual-Family-Fun-Night at Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA., **Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.**

New England Rev vs. Vancouver Whitecaps

Don't miss out on this opportunity for team building, family time, and community spirit! At game time sit with the MYS community and cheer on the Rev's as they show their skills and battle it out on the field against Vancouver. Enjoy free parking for this event.

Ticket deadline is May 6. For more information on this event and for ticket sales www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com or email dharrin445@aol.com.

Revolution vs. Manchester United Wed., July 13 8:00pm

MYS has access to a limited number of discounted PRIME sideline seats (\$65 each) and endzone/mezzanine seats (\$45 each). There is a \$40 parking fee for this event.

First come, first served!

For more information, please contact Donna Harrington at 508-339-0601 or

The Magic of Small-sided Soccer

In 2005, with the support of Mass Youth Soccer, Mansfield Youth Soccer was one of the first programs in the state to implement the small-sided dual field format for the U5-U8 age groups.

I will admit in the beginning I too had some skepticism — no goals? Two games at once? That isn't the soccer I know! But having been a part as a coach, a parent, administrator, and a spectator for four years, I am a true believer in this format. The primary reason — more touches of the ball for every child.

More touches translates to more

fun, better skills, and all kids getting involved every game, every week!

There is a lot of research that has been done with regard to the small-sided format for younger players. Some of the primary benefits US Soccer lists for the small-sided format include:

- **Fast path to development** — more dribbling, more shooting, more receiving, more passing.
- **Developmentally appropriate challenges** — players have to make more decisions

in a small-sided game, however players face reasonably challenging, less tactically complex situations.

- **Building athletic mentality** — with fewer players on the field there is no place to “hide”, Players maintain focus and compete more often.

Some added benefits include a shift of emphasis from keeping score to having fun. The kids get to play with and against a variety of kids every week. And my favorite...more goals!!!

A few reminders to spectators:

- Encourage good play and sportsmanship by all players
- 100% positive, 100% of the time
- Please observe the games from the outside perimeter of the fields only. Coaches & players only are permitted between the fields
- No pets are allowed at the Plymouth St. facility
- The best post game question to ask your child is “Did you have fun today?”

Watch our website for updates and cancellations

- Our communication to coaches and families is via email and website.
- Team information as well as program events will be e-mailed.
- If the website and/or hotline are not updated with a GAMES CANCELLED message, then games are on and fields are playable.
- If some but not all fields are unplayable, those games affected will be moved to an open field. They will not be cancelled.
- Changes will be posted at the concession stand bulletin board and our website to direct teams to reassigned fields.
- Rainouts will be called no later than 7:00 a.m. on Sat. morning. **Both the website and hotline will be updated.**
- If it has been steady rain Friday check the website or hotline Friday for notices.

MYS Apparel Store

Mansfield Youth Soccer members can now find quality MYS apparel in one convenient location!

MYS is proud to announce they have teamed up with New England Apparel, a company dedicated to team sports, to bring MYS members the ability to find a variety of MYS spirit wear for sale on our website. We have designed the new online store with user-friendly features that allow our members to order apparel at any time of the year and have it shipped directly to their homes.

Our organization has grown over the years to become one of the largest youth organizations in the town and so has our need to outfit our members with custom MYS gear at prices they can afford. Karen Goulet, Merchandise & Apparel Coordinator, has been working with New England Apparel to

design and provide a range of cool products and styles which are sure to be a big hit for the soccer players and family members of our MYS program. The excitement has been building for an online store for our organization for the past couple of years and we'll continue to provide all soccer apparel and gear thru our new online store.



Some of the hot-selling soccer merchandise includes - MYS jackets, t-shirts, sweatshirts, flannel pants, shorts, polos, blankets, hats, coaches apparel, team apparel, backpacks, and soccer gear.

Everyone and anyone is encouraged to purchase items as they make great gifts for soccer players, coaches, team parents, grandparents, etc. All proceeds will directly benefit our MYS program!

Make MYS your ultimate shopping destination for soccer apparel and gear. Our online store is available NOW at:

www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com.

Coaches Corner

SPRING into the New Season!

While we are shaking off the cobwebs from our season away from coaching soccer, here are a few helpful reminders to think about as your walking onto the field each week

Keep it fun for the kids:

For the next 60-to-90 minutes you are their entertainer...be creative with the weekly coaching plans that we provide on-line. Instead of "Dribbling the ball" refer to it as "Painting the field with the ball" or how about calling a keep away game Red Sox vs. Yankees instead of cops and Robbers? Make it age appropriate...you'll have fun and

they will have fun while learning the game of soccer!

No Lines:

We don't like them at the Bank or the Coffee Shop...and the kids don't like them on the soccer field. Try and keep the kids in constant motion, whether it be dribbling or passing, or if they are standing still, juggling the ball with their knees.

No Lectures:

Instead of reading out the instructions to a drill, put the ball on the ground and demonstrate it. Nothing more needs to be said here!

The Early Bird catches the Worm:

When the kids arrive for soccer, get them out on the field immediately, dribbling, passing...or just bouncing around. The quicker you engage them, the more eager and interested they will be in participating.

Don't Overdo it :

You will notice that the weekly practice plans involve 3-5 drills, each one averaging 5-8 minutes in length. Pay attention to the time...the attention span of a child is short. By following the practice plans, you will have a more productive practice and spend less time corralling the kids back onto the field.

Making it Fun is the GOAL!!!

Calling All Coaches (and Future Coaches!!)

New to Coaching? Looking for some fresh ideas & approaches to your weekly practice? Mass Youth Soccer is now offering the G-Licensure course ON-LINE! This interactive training tool is an excellent introduction into your coaches education. The better trained you are, the better prepared your players will be for the future and the more rewarding your coaching experience will be! Even better, **Mansfield Youth Soccer will reimburse you for the On-Line Fee...so it's FREE!** Follow this link for more information on the course: <http://www.massyouthcoachingcourse.org/>

Parent's Place

GAME DAY TIPS

It's Saturday morning, gameday. After a week of dropping off and picking the kids up from practice, we finally get to enjoy watching the game. Like Practice, Game Day is an important "learning day" for the kids. They will be learning how you THE PARENT will handle each and every game day, so here are a tips on making that day a good lesson;

BEFORE THE GAME

- Tell your children you are proud of them regardless of how well they play today.
- Tell them to play hard and have fun and remind them that "nervous is normal".
- Commit to honoring the game no matter what other do.

DURING THE GAME

- Let the coaches coach! Avoid instructing your child (or other players) during the game.
- Fill your child's (and teammates') Emotional Tanks through positive encouragement.
- Cheer good plays and good efforts by both teams.

AFTER THE GAME

- Thank the officials for doing a difficult job.
- Thank the coaches for their effort.
- Remind your children that you are proud of them - especially if the game didn't go so well!
- When talking sports with your kids after the game, keep it a conversation among equals. Get them to share their thought with you rather than you telling them what you think!