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League Founder: Marilyn Marvel



25th Anniversary

THIS YEAR MARKS OUR 25th YEAR !!!!! The league was started back in 1980 by Marilyn Marvel of Swansea and it was called Swansea Youth Soccer. A number of years later they decided to merge the two neighboring towns in order to create a league with a little more size and meaning, and it became Swansea-Somerset Youth Soccer League. Our league is doing very well when you consider that the past few years we have consistently registered between 950-1,050 children in the fall and this year we are once again over 1,000.

We also are one of the very few soccer league's in the country that can say we have our own Indoor Soccer Facility !!! The facility is now entering it's 6th year and doing very well for us. All of our Spring Travel Teams practice in the facility over the winter in order to prepare for the spring season and this added training for the players in our towns is improving the play and skill level of our players. A great example of this is that our Boys U11 Spring Travel Team won the Championship this past year in the South Coast Soccer League. Congratulations to a job well done !!!!!!! Another example of how well our players are developing is by the large number of players from our towns that are playing for the local premier "Club" soccer organizations. There are many players from Swansea and Somerset that are playing soccer at the premier level in leagues such as MAPLE, MASC, NEPSYL, Super Liga and Super Y.

Another program that we are proud of is our Indoor Instructional Soccer Program. For 4 years now we have offered an instructional program for our younger players at a very reasonable price when compared to what other local soccer facilities are charging for instructional programs. Due to it's great success, we have extended the program by one age group each winter and this year is no exception. The Instruction Program for the winter of '05-'06 will be offered to U5-U10 players. However, space is limited so sign up early in order to have your child play a terrific sport all winter long in heated indoor soccer facility

.....Please turn to the middle of this booklet for more information on the program and a Registration Form.

Let's all work hard to make the 25th year, our best year ever !!!!!



Parking Issues

SSYSL needs everyone's support and help in understanding the major parking issues we encounter every year. The issue is that a large number of people are parking in the marked FIRE LANES, NO PARKING AREAS and ON THE GRASS of the school. Also, no one should be parking on the south side of Whetstone Hill and people should only be parking on the North / School side of the street.

People need to park in designated parking spaces at the school and you can no longer park anywhere you like. Please note that there is a large parking area on the rear side of the school that must be used when the lot in front of the fields is full. There is plenty of parking spaces on the other side of the school and the walk is shorter than parking half way down Whetstone Hill Road. So please check it out and hopefully more people will begin to use it.

If people continue to park in non-designated areas there are serious ramifications that can occur and they include.

1) Tickets to those who park in these no parking areas and the police can decide to tow all the cars that are in violation, at the owner's expense.

Parking Issues, continued

2) The hiring of a Police Officer to work the school parking lots on Saturday's to enforce the parking requirements. This officer would have to be paid by SSYSL which means that everyone's registration fees for next year will need to increase in order to pay for this service.

3) The town could decide to revoke our permit to play soccer at North Elementary in which this ramification would mean that SSYSL would not have a place to have games and soccer for everyone's children could come to an end in Swansea & Somerset.

PLEASE ONLY PARK IN DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS AND DO NOT PARK IN FIRE LANES, NO PARKING AREAS AND ON THE GRASS. PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS THAT HAVE BEEN POSTED.

Volunteers Needed

SSYSL is a league that has succeeded for over 25 years due to the parents who have volunteered their time to help make this league what it is today. This year we have over 1,000 children playing soccer in the fall season and none of this can be done without the help of parents stepping forward to volunteer their time to be coaches, board members, team Mom and Dads and referees. Soccer is a very easy sport to learn, teach and coach. We offer coaching clinics to show new coaches and parents fun games and skills that they can use with the children to teach them the game of soccer. You don't have to be an expert in soccer and it doesn't matter if you never played the game as a kid. All you need to do is be able to relate to kids and be organized. By learning some simple games, the kids will learn the skills practically on their own. You just need to guide and mentor them. If you are willing to volunteer your time to this great game and league, please contact one of the age group directors of the league since they would love to talk to you about how you can help. Call the league at 508.673.6423 and let us know that you want to help and someone will contact you.

2005 Fall Fees

As you all should be aware, SSYSL has made the decision to no longer have a yearly fund-raiser, nor will we have the calendar raffle or any other type of fund-raiser starting in 2005. Instead, we raised the registration fees for the 2005 season since the league's expenses are not going down and we do need to make up for the lost revenue. This decision has been made since there are so many leagues, activity groups, schools, etc. that are having fund-raisers and we feel it's time to take a break from this activity. However, the best part for the families is that our total fees have actually gone down when you consider that the fee to play for one player was \$35 and then we asked that player either a) sell a \$40 fundraiser or b) if they didn't want to participate, we asked that they donate \$25 to the league. So instead of the total fee being either \$75 or \$55..... We are only charging \$50 for that same single player.

New Soccer Goals

As most of you probably noticed, last year SSYSL made a major investment in purchasing all new soccer goals, nets and nylon sand bags to secure these goals. The league has invested a large amount of money in the purchase of this new equipment and we ask for all the players and parents to help in keeping these goals in great condition.

Please don't allow children to climb or hang on the goals and please help us in making sure that the new sand bags are placed on the rear back bar in order to secure these goals in place.

Important Topics



- ⚽ SSYSL has established a relationship with a clothing producer who will be selling polo shirts, sweatshirts, fleeces, baseball caps and jackets with the Swansea-Somerset logo embroidered on them. For an small additional charge, you can have your name and jersey number added to the sleeveThey will also have some t-shirts for sale that are printed with things like: I Love Soccer, Soccer Mom, etc. They will have a table/display setup periodically throughout the year so if anyone is interested in purchasing any of these articles, please stop over and check out what they have to offer.
- ⚽ Don't Address the Referee's. Coaches and parents are not supposed to be talking to the ref's or questioning calls during the games. We actually had an incident this past spring where a spring coach was questioning one of our younger linesman. In the end.....the 12 yr old linesman was right and the 40 yr old coach was the one who was wrong. Many coaches and parents think they know the rules, however they really don't fully understand the rules so please let the referees make the calls since they have gone to classes and taken tests on the rules. If you feel a error was made, please inform either the Referee Director (Steve Prario) or Fred Booth. We will then determine if an error was indeed made and if so, we will explain to the referee the proper interpretation of the rules so that they can improve. Our referees are young and learning the game just like the players, so please let them learn it with out the added stress from coaches or parents yelling at them.
- ⚽ Wednesday 9/21 - Please note that all games are CANCELLED on this night since it's Parent/Teachers night at North Elementary. Due to "MAJOR PARKING" issues that will occur if we have soccer games on this same night, we have to cancel all games. These games can be made up and the coaches will discuss with the Age Group Directors to determine when/if the game will be rescheduled.
- ⚽ Please be sure to check the goals before every game to ensure that the sand bags are placed on the rear of the goal. Children have been hurt in the past due to goals flipping over because a child is either hanging on the cross bar or a heavy wind flips it over. For safety purposes, please be sure to check that the bag(s) are on the rear bar and that children are not hanging or climbing on the goals.
- ⚽ Soccer cleats or sneaker, shin guards and soccer socks should be worn by every player for every game. If a child does not have the proper equipment the referee will not allow the player to play.....Soccer socks are required to be worn over the shin guards to cover any exposed plastic and the shin pads should "NOT" be on the outside of the socks. **"BASEBALL CLEATS" are "NOT" allowed** for soccer no matter if they are plastic. The reason is for safety. If you look at the bottom of a baseball cleat you will see that at the tip of the toe there is a cleat and on soccer cleats there is no cleat in this position. Children accidentally kick one another all the time and with the cleat on the tip of the toe, this can cause an injury.....Baseball cleats are not allowed no mater if the cleats are plastic or steel.
- ⚽ No Practicing at North Elementary - No one is allowed to be practicing at North Elementary School since the fields get pretty beat up just from the regular season and they can't take teams practicing on them as well.
- ⚽ Games need to Start on Time - All coaches and players need to arrive at the fields at least 15 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin since we must start games on time.....We can't have coaches and players showing up exactly when the game is supposed to begin and then have the game start 5 minutes late. Otherwise, the last game of the day is going to be 30-40 minutes late and if your the coach/parent who has the last game - you will not be happy.

Important Topics, continued



- ⚽ Parents must remain in the spectator side of the field and NOT behind the net or on the player's side of the field.
- ⚽ For the younger division where the coach is on the field, only ONE COACH should be on the field coaching during the game. This is to eliminate confusion on the part of the players and due to space concerns. The second coach should be on the bench with the players to keep them organized/focused on the game and to teach/explain things that are going on in the game to these players who are watching and hopefully learning.
- ⚽ Substitutions on the fly are not allowed. Subs are only allowed on the quarters unless a player is suddenly unable to play due to an injury, emotionally stressed or feeling ill.

Thank You

On behalf of the players and parents of SSYSL we would like to extend our deepest THANK YOU to all the coaches and Board of Directors who volunteer their time to help make SSYSL the best soccer league in our area.

We would also like to thank everyone who sponsored a team or donated money to SSYSL; your contributions make it possible for SSYSL to be affordable for all our families.

I hope everyone has and exciting an enjoyable soccer season and see you all on the Pitch.

Thank You,

Fred Booth

SSYSL President

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