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MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Registration

As most of the members of SSSYL are aware, the Board of Directors (BoD) voted this past year to enforce the registration cut off date for this season. However, what many people might not understand is why we had to do this. As many of you might recall we delayed the start of the season last year for about two weeks due to the overwhelming number of late registrations we received and the problems that this caused was unacceptable for a league of our size. We have just under 1,000 children playing soccer in the fall and this number has been very consistent over the years. However, the number of late registrations has been growing every year and it reached the point where many families were not registering until they saw kids practicing soccer before the season begins.

Considering that the BoD is made up of about fifteen people, and these people run a league for about 1,000 children, this places a huge burden on all of us. The BoD is made up of parents who volunteer their time freely in order for all these children to enjoy the great game of soccer. Because we all have families, full time jobs and we all coach teams as well, having this large number of children signing up in August and September (when the season is suppose to be starting) needed to be resolved. This is why we decided to enforce the deadline.

Because of this, we made a valiant effort to get the word out that we would be enforcing the deadline this year and not accepting late registrations like previous years. We started to deliver the message last fall with a handout that was distributed to the players at the fields in October. We also placed numerous articles in the Fall River Herald News and the Spectator throughout the year, we completed and mailed two SSSYL Newsletters to all the families who were registered with the league last year, we placed a statement to this effect on the website, and we distributed 3,000 handouts to all the children in Swansea and Somerset Schools from Pre-K through the Jr. High Schools.

I'm glad to report that we did get the message out to parents and proof is that our registration numbers are at approximately 980 players, just like previous years. Also, the number of calls that we have received by parents trying to signup their children after the deadline, is very small.

As a result, this is the best year the BoD has probably ever had in organizing and preparing for the season and for once we had everything in place before the season was scheduled to begin. Due to the success of the deadline, I'm expecting the BoD to maintain this policy for next season with a couple of slight modifications to make it work even better for everyone.

Parking Issue

SSYSL needs everyone's support and help in understanding the major parking issues we encountered last 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 they can only park on the North/School side of the street.

People need to park in designated parking spaces at the school and can no longer park anywhere they 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.

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.

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.



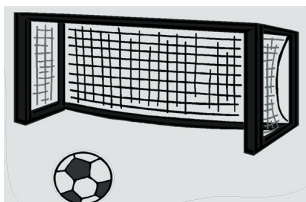
PLEASE ONLY PARK IN DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS AND DO NOT PARK IN FIRE LANES, NO PARKING AREAS AND ON THE GRASS. PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS THAT HAVE BEEN POSTED.

2005 Fall Fees

We also are pleased to announce that the decision has been made to no longer have a yearly fund-raiser, nor will we have the calendar raffle or any other type of fund-raiser in 2005. Due to this, we will be raising the fees slightly for next season since the league's expenses are not going down and we do need to make up some of 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.

New Soccer Goals

As the season begins, the biggest thing about SSYSL that coaches, players and parents will notice is that SSYSL has purchased all new goals 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.

Land

As most of you probably already are aware, SSYSL has been raising money for numerous years for the purchase of land to create our own fields and this is what the money from the yearly fund-raiser is set aside for. We came very close to making this dream a reality about a year and a half ago. We signed a P&S, put down a deposit, received approval from a local bank for a business loan and hired a Civil Engineer to evaluate the property and develop formal plans. However, to our dismay, it was determined that about 2/3 of the property was considered wetlands and because of this there wasn't enough land left to create the fields and parking lots. Due to this, we ended up having to back out of the deal. We continue to search for land and we are hoping that we can identify a piece of property in the next 6 months that will meet our needs and we can make this dream become a reality. If anyone knows of someone who might be willing to sell SSYSL 15-20 acres of land in the Swansea or Somerset area, please have them contact Fred Booth @ 508.678.4392.



Soccer Donation

SSYSL is also very please to announce that this summer we donated over \$500 worth of books and videos to the Somerset Library. This material is for both players and coaches to reference in order to become better players and teachers of the game. These can be withdrawn from the Swansea Library as well due to the local Library network that both towns participate in.

Thank You

To begin, on behalf of the players, coaches and parents of SSYSL we would like to extend our deepest THANK YOU to LENNIE CONNORS for all his years of volunteer service as a Coach, Director and more recently, as its President. The countless hours that he has given to this league has enabled many children to enjoy the game of soccer, and more importantly, they have learned sportsmanship and team values. We thank you for all that you have done for the game of soccer in our community and we wish you success in all that you encounter in the future.

A thank you needs to be given to all the parents and coaches who volunteer their time to help make SSYSL the best soccer league in our area.

Lastly, I 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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2004-2005 Indoor Instructional Soccer Program

U5/U6/U7/U8 &U9 Divisions

SSYSL is pleased to announce that we are offering an Indoor Instructional Soccer Program for players in the U5/U6/U7/U8 &U9 age groups. (U-5: 4yrs old by 07/31//04 to U-9: 8 yrs old by 08/01/04). This program will run 12 weeks from December through mid/late March and the season will be divided into two sessions. The first session will be dedicated to teaching the players skills, playing fun games and they will end each practice with an instructional scrimmage game. The second session will be instructional games where the teams will play a full 45-minute game against the other teams/players in their age division.

We are very excited about offering this program once again for the young players in our league since we feel that this will give your children a fun activity to play throughout the winter. We are now entering our 5th winter season with our Indoor Practice Facility and the Board of Directors are very proud of this facility since if you haven't seen it yet, you will be quite impressed. We have invested a lot of time and money in making this a great facility for the players of our league. Not many soccer leagues in this state or country can say that they have an Indoor Facility for their Players to learn and play the game of soccer once the weather gets cold.

The fee to have your child(ren) participate in this program is the same as our Fall Season.
One child = \$35: Two children (same family) = \$50: Three or more children (same family) = \$60.

Required Equipment: Shin guards, soccer socks, sneakers or indoor soccer shoes. Not Allowed: jewelry or plastic elbow/knee pads.

If you would like to register your child(ren) in this program, please complete a registration form and mail to: SSYSL C/O Joseph Sousa 163 New Jersey Ave. Somerset, MA 02726.
If you have any questions or comments you can contact Joe Sousa or Linda Sousa at 508-677-9453.

Directions to the Indoor Practice Facility:

From 195E, Swansea / Somerset / Seekonk / Providence:

On 195E (Once you enter Massachusetts), after you cross the Braga Bridge and enter Fall River, immediately following the City Hall Tunnel take Exit #7 - Plymouth Avenue. Please note that there is one off ramp from the highway for Exits #6 & 7 and be sure to stay left on the Exit since you want #7.

Proceed to the traffic light and you want to bear left onto Plymouth Avenue and go back under the highway. Just before Burger King, at the Honey Dew Donuts sign, you will take a right onto Wordell Street. Take the next left, which is Front Street and you will end up behind Burger King.

On the right is a large mill (old factory) and this is the building that we are located in. Follow past the building and in between the Mill and Sherwin Williams Paint Store is the entrance to the rear parking lot. Please note that the entrance to our Facility is just around the side/rear corner of the main building with the black steps. The Indoor Practice Facility is on the 4th Floor.

From 195W, Rt 24 N/S / New Bedford:

On 195W, take exit #7 - Plymouth Avenue. At the end of the ramp you want to bear right onto Plymouth Avenue. Just before Burger King, at the Honey Dew Donuts sign, you will take a right onto Wordell Street. Take the next left, which is Front Street and you will end up behind Burger King.

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Note: If the gate to the rear parking lot is closed/locked, please turn around and go back to Wordell Street. Take a left onto Wordell and enter the parking lot from the side/rear entrance. Follow all the way to the opposite side. Park and enter the building from the door described above.

Visit Our Website For League Info: www.ssysl.net

Indoor Instructional Soccer Program

U5/ U6/ U7/ U8 & U9 Divisions

MYSYA/USYSA

2004/2005 Membership Form

Affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)

Age Brackets date of birth (please circle one)

U9: 8/1/95-7/31/96

U8: 8/1/96-7/31/97

U7: 8/1/97-7/31/98

U6: 8/1/98-7/31/99

U5: 8/1/99-7/31/00

Program runs for 12 weeks December – March at our indoor facility located at: 88 Front St. Fall River, MA
Limited openings in each age group; U5 U6 U7 U8 & U9

PLAYER INFORMATION:

DATE: ___/___/___

This form must be completed and mailed to the address below, along with the appropriate fee.

Please return by NOV 1, 2004

(Please Print & Only One Child per Form)

CHILD'S NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____ M / F

STREET: _____ TOWN: _____ ZIP: _____

TEL#: _____ MEDICAL PROBLEMS: _____

Person to be notified in case of emergency? _____ phone# _____

Doctor to be notified in case of emergency? _____ phone# _____

Make check payable to: Swansea-Somerset Youth Soccer League or SSYSL.

FEE INFORMATION: CHECKS ONLY, NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Check# _____

One child= \$35 ; Two children (same family)= \$50; Three or more children (same family)= \$60

Mail completed application & fee to:

SWANSEA-SOMERSET YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE, INC.
C/O Joseph Sousa
163 New Jersey Ave.
Somerset, MA 02726

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

Shin guards, sneakers, or indoor soccer shoes. NO outdoor cleats, jewelry or plastic elbow/knee pads.

PARENT/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PLEASE GET INVOLVED!!!

The success of the league depends upon parent volunteers. Please check if you would like to assist the league. Every year we struggle to get Coaches to volunteer and your help would be much appreciated.

COACH: _____ ASST. COACH: _____

I, the parent/guardian of the registrant, a minor, agree that the registrant and I will abide by the rules of USYSA, its affiliated organizations and sponsors. Recognizing the possibility of physical injury associated with soccer and in consideration for the USYSA accepting the registrant for its soccer programs and activities (the Programs), I hereby release, discharge and/or otherwise indemnify the USYSA, its affiliated organizations and sponsors, their employees and associated personnel, including the owners of the fields and facilities utilized for the programs, against any claim by, or on behalf of the registrant as a result of the registrants participation in the Programs and/or being transported to or from the same, which transportation I hereby authorize.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Consent for Medical Treatment (Minor)

As a Parent or Legal Guardian of the above named player, I hereby give my consent for emergency medical care prescribed by a duly licensed Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Dentistry. This care may be given under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve life, limb or well being of my dependent.

Signature _____ Address _____ City _____

Home Phone # _____ Mobile Phone # _____

Thank You

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