

NEWSLETTER



March 2004

SSYSL Hosts Fall Registration Day!

Swansea-Somerset Youth Soccer League Hosts Fall Registration Day
Sign ups for the fall season will be held on March 6th from 3:00-6:00pm at the SSYSL Indoor Facility at 88 Front St., Fall River, MA.
Due to the overwhelming number of applicants the **June 1st registration deadline** will be greatly enforced this year. To support this effort all families who register before May 1st will be eligible to win four free tickets to a New England Revolution game. Three names will be drawn from all the registrations received before May 1st.

Volunteers Needed

SSYSL is a league that has succeeded for over 24 years due to the parents who have volunteered their time to help make this league what it is today. Last year we had over 1,100 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.

Board of Directors Opening

The position of Secretary of the Board of Directors is open. Responsibilities include attending meetings, recording and distributing minutes and coordinating general communication between board members. If you have been looking for a way to get involved in youth sports, but are wary to coach a team, this is a great way to offer your talents and support a great league. Please contact Fred Booth at 508.678.4392.



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Holiday Soccer School

Please note that SSYSL & MLS Camps will be having a 4 day Holiday Soccer School during the week of Spring School Vacation. We will be conducting the event at our Indoor Practice Facility in Fall River. This event is limited to 30 players per session so please register quickly. The cost will be \$35 and they will get a T-shirt and a surprise gift.

Monday, April 19
through
Thursday April 22

U5 - U6
8:00a.m.-10:00a.m.
U7 / U8 / U9
10:30a.m.-12:30p.m.
U10 / U11 / U12
1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.

Board Seeks 15 to 20 Acres of Land

A main objective of the SSYSL is to purchase a large amount of land to create our own fields that would be dedicated to soccer. Last year we identified a 28-acre parcel in Swansea that would meet the needs of the league. We made an offer that was accepted and we signed a purchase and sales agreement. Over the next few months we developed a business plan, applied for a business loan and hired a local Civil engineering firm to analyze the property and complete a preliminary plan. However, after review of the property by the Engineering firm and Botanist, we were sadly informed that the property had extensive wet lands and the majority of the land couldn't be used for fields and parking lots. Due to this, we had to withdraw our offer. SSYSL is not giving up and we have begun our search once again. Our goal is to purchase 15-20 acres of relatively flat land that can be developed to include 14 soccer fields of varying sizes and parking lots. If anyone knows of some land that might meet our needs, please contact Fred Booth at 508-678-4392.

Soccer Camps Announced

Mark Your Calendar
The New England
Revolution's Rev's
Academy is coming to
our community this
summer during the
week of July 19th.



League Meeting Schedule

The monthly league meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month except December.

All meetings are held at our Indoor Practice Facility in Fall River.

All members of SSYSL are welcome at the League Meetings

Jan 14	Jul 14
Feb 11	Aug 11
Mar 10	Sept 8
Apr 14	Oct 13
May 12	Nov 10
Jun 9	Dec 6-Annual Mtg

The Revolution Academy

We are thrilled to be hosting the Community Kickers program that offers 12 hours of instruction over 4 days where participants (U8-U12 Boys & Girls) are grouped by age and ability, with the emphasis on individual improvement. The program is led by New England Revolution coaches, players and technical staff, who offer the very best in youth training. The goal for each camper is to develop a "friendship" with the ball and increase involvement in the game. The themes of the week will include individual training, small sided games, and tactical awareness. Participants can register either by visiting the New Revolution's website at: www.revolutionsoccer.net and registering over the internet by selecting the Rev's Academy or you can contact our Soccer Camp Director Josh Davies at 508.676.6109, and he will send you the registration information.

The cost of the program is \$175 per player and it includes:

- ❖ 12 Hours of Instruction; 12:1 player ratio
- ❖ Regulation size soccer ball
- ❖ 2 Game tickets for Academy Graduation at home Revolution Match
- ❖ Private Observation of a Revolution training session
- ❖ Top Participants eligible for Select Academy **

** The Revolution Select Program is an invitation-only, year round program. This program is not available to the general public.

MLS Camps

This marks our 4th year with MLS Camps and every year it has been an awesome experience for the children. MLS Camps is a well-organized group with dedicated coaches that make learning the game of soccer fun. MLS Camps is a world leader in youth sports education with over 30 years of sound coaching experience. Players of all ages and soccer abilities are served through their unique, child-centered program that is tailored to meet the emotional and physical development of players as they grow. This year's camp will take place the week of July 26th and we will again offer two programs to choose from.

- ❖ ½ day program will run from 9am-12am at a cost of \$101
- ❖ full day program will run from 9am-3pm at a cost of \$150.

The both programs include:

- ❖ 12:1 player ratio
- ❖ MLS Camps regulation size soccer ball
- ❖ MLS Camps T-Shirt



We will be placing a registration form on our website shortly and if you have any questions or comments you can contact our Soccer Camp Director, Joshua Davies at 508.676.6109



MYSA/USYSA 2004 Membership Form

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

SWANSEA-SOMERSET YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE, INC. | P.O. BOX 614 | SWANSEA, MA 02777

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

DATE: __/__/__

PLAYER INFORMATION:

SSYSL has eight divisions from U-5 (4 years old by August 1st) to U-14 (still 13 as of August 1st).

(Please Print & Only One Child per Form)

CHILD'S NAME: _____ M / F BIRTHDATE: _____
STREET: _____ TOWN: _____ ZIP: _____
TEL#: _____

MEDICAL PROBLEMS: _____

FEE INFORMATION:

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

Check# _____

PLEASE PAY BY CHECK ONLY!

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

*Participation in fundraising is mandatory. Those wishing not to participate are required to pay a \$25 fee.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

Shin guards, sneakers, molded soccer or all-purpose shoes with small, rounded cleats.
NOT ALLOWED: steel cleats, baseball shoes, jewelry or plastic elbow/knee pads.

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION:

Team sponsorships are available for business and/or families. Please check the line below and the Director of Sponsorships will contact you regarding your donation and supplying you with the necessary form. **Thank you for your support!!**

Cost: Team Sponsorship is \$75/PerTeam: ___ Yes, I am interested in Team Sponsorship.

PARENT/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PLEASE GET INVOLVED!!!

The success of the league depends upon parent volunteers. Please check as many boxes of interest 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: ___ FIELD MGMT: ___ REFEREE: ___ DIV. DIRECTOR: ___ OFFICER: ___

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 registrant's participation in the Programs and/or being transported to or from the same, which transportation I hereby authorize.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

REGISTRATION CUTOFF is JUNE 1st and we will "NOT" BE TAKING ANY REGISTRATIONS AFTER THIS DATE.

If you don't have your child signed up by June 1st, **DO NOT** call asking if you can get your child registered because we will not be allowing **LATE** Registrations any longer. Please mail your registrations in early and keep a copy of the check. If you register in person at one of our registration days, you will be given a receipt. **Don't give the registration to anyone without getting a receipt.** The check and/or receipt are your proof that you registered your child before the deadline. We basically have a dozen people running a league for over 1,000 children and we need to set a deadline in order for us to focus on the teams we are coaching and our families. We need to stop parents from calling 3 wks into the season asking to get their child registered because they forgot.



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SSYSL offers New England Revolution Tickets

Visit www.ssysl.net for:

- ❖ Registrations Forms
- ❖ Soccer Camp Info
- ❖ League News & Info
- ❖ Bylaws & Rules of Play
- ❖ Board Members
- ❖ Fall Schedules
- ❖ Meeting Schedules
- ❖ Sponsorship Info
- ❖ Presidents Message
- ❖ Soccer Links
- ❖ Directions to Fields
- ❖ Directions to the Indoor Practice Facility

SSYSL's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the league has purchased 200 FLEX Tickets for the 2004 New England Revolution Season. These are general admission tickets that normally retail for \$18.00 per seat and if you purchase a FLEX Ticket from SSYSL you pay ONLY \$13.00 per seat, that's a savings of 39%. A flex ticket can be used for any stand alone regular season game. International matches, double and triple headers games with the Revolution are not included.

SSYSL at the Rev's

We would like to have a large group of players and parents attend the New Revolutions game versus DC United on May 29th. This is a great way for family and friends to get together and enjoy a day of soccer together. If you are interested in attending the game, please contact Josh Davies at 508.676.6109 for Flex Ticket information.

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