

# Montclair Soccer Pitch

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## Message From the President

Welcome to the month of August, our busiest month of the year. We are processing about 1,200 registrations and forming close to 100 teams. About a third of our players are in the Under-6 (U6) and Under-8 (U8) age groups. A quarter are in our Clippers (Class 3) program.

During the summer months, our age group coordinators are busy putting our teams together. Final team placement information will be available to parents later in the month. Don't worry if some of your friends have already been contacted but you have not. It may be that your team has not yet been finalized. If you have not heard from your coach by August 27th, please contact our registrar, Pam Hoffman [registrar@montclairsoccer.org](mailto:registrar@montclairsoccer.org).

The U6 and U8 age groups are when most players and parents are introduced to

Montclair Soccer. To help with this introduction, we have two *U6 and U8 New Parents Nights* planned on the 5th and 13th of September. If you are coaching a team at this age level, we look forward to seeing you at Montclair Soccer's *U6 and U8 Coaches Day* on August 19th. This year, for the first time, SAY Soccer (Soccer Association for Youth) will be hosting a free coach training session for U6 and U8 on August 25th.

As I always say, Montclair Soccer is a great organization because of its tremendous volunteers. I'd like to send a special thank you this month to Monica Yu for stepping up to edit our monthly newsletter. Thanks Monica!

Peter Costantinidis

[president@montclairsoccer.org](mailto:president@montclairsoccer.org)

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

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Aug. 13	Monthly Meeting
Aug. 19	U6 + U8 Coaches Day
Aug. 20	Practices begin for U8 and above
Aug. 21	Coaches Meeting, U10 and above
Aug. 26	Referee Grade Level 9 Clinic
Sep. 5	U6 + U8 New Parents Night, pre-season session
Sep. 7	Field Set Up/Take Down Crew Training
Sep. 8	Fall season begins for U8 and above
Sep. 10	Monthly Meeting
Sep. 13	U6 + U8 New Parents Night, regular session
Sep. 15	Referee Grade Level 9 Clinic
Sep. 16	U6 Season begins
Sep. 22	Referee Grade Level 9 Clinic
Oct. 6	Photo Day

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## Save the Dates: Important U6 and U8 Events for Fall 2007

### Families of Under 6 and Under 8 Players,

Welcome to the 2007-2008 Montclair Soccer Club season. Our U6 and U8 program involves about one-fourth of our Club membership. These youngest age groups are important to our Club.

Every year our Club expends considerable effort organizing parent, coach, and referee training for U6 and U8 families. Most players at this age level are new to playing organized soccer, and our Club recognizes that additional training and support are needed for these youngest age groups.

### When does the season start?

U6s play games on Sundays. **First game:** 09/16/2007. **Last game:** 11/04/2007.

U8s play games on Saturdays. **First game:** 09/08/2007. **Last game:** 11/10/2007.

**When will I know who my child's coach is and what team s/he is on?** The U6 and U8 Age Coordinators are working hard to get teams formed up. Coaches should be in contact with team families in August.

**I'd like to help out as an assistant coach or game monitor (parent referee). Are there any meetings I should attend?** Yes. Coaches Day will be held on Sunday, August 19 at Bishop O'Dowd High School. We'll send out an email with more information in the first week of August.

**Every team needs two Game Monitors (in addition to the Coach)** – Every family should expect to referee at the U6 and U8 age level. Every U6 and U8 game needs a volunteer parent to be a referee (a.k.a. game monitor) at every game.

Please volunteer to referee, and let your team coach know. If you haven't yet been contacted by your child's coach but want to be a Game Monitor, come to Coaches Day on August 19.

**Are there any meetings that I as a parent need to attend?** Yes. MSC hosts two New Parents Nights. **Attendance at a New Parents Night is required by one parent from every family of new U6 and new U8 players.** At this orientation parents learn about MSC and the U6 soccer program, participate in a Positive Coaching (PCA) workshop, and meet other parents. This year our New Parents Nights are:

**Wednesday, September 5, 2007 - U6 + U8 New Parents Night – pre-season session – 7:00pm to 9:00pm**

**Thursday, September 13, 2007 - U6 + U8 New Parents Night – regular session – 7:00pm to 9:00pm**

More information about New Parents Night will be distributed soon. In the meantime, please note these dates.

**New to U6 or U8?** If your child is a new U6 player or a new U8 player, you are required to attend one of the New Parents Nights.

**Returning?** If you are a returning parent and have not yet attended a PCA workshop, you must attend for your child to be eligible for our soccer program. If you attended a PCA Workshop as part of a U6 or U8 New Parents Night in the last 3 years, you are not required to attend again.

## Local Girls on the Pitch with the US Women's National Team

On Saturday, July 28, 2007 the US Women's National Team played Japan [http://www.ussoccer.com/articles/viewArticle.jsp\\_1802242.html](http://www.ussoccer.com/articles/viewArticle.jsp_1802242.html). Of over 11,000 in attendance, three lucky fans were selected to go onto the field at half-time to "shoot" for a national team jersey. Two of those players were MSC's very own Kate Walker and Alex Darwish!



*Kate Walker at the US Women's National Team game*

## Local Team Garage Sale Fundraiser August 18

The U10 Girls Clippers-Red team is having a 13-family garage sale to raise money for tournaments this fall. **Where:** 206 Moraga Ave. **When:** 8:00am to noon, Saturday, August 18

## Fall 2007 Registration a Success

Montclair Soccer registered about 1200 players this year! Thank you to everyone who helped make the registration process go so smoothly. Thanks to all the parents who gathered up their materials and found the time to come to Montera to register, and a special thanks to the volunteers who helped with the registration event. To our age group coordinators—you have all been fantastic. Registering and organizing so many players is truly a feat.

Pam Hoffman [registrar@montclairsoccer.org](mailto:registrar@montclairsoccer.org)

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## Master Plan Design Developed for Raimondi Park

Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation (Friends) in cooperation with the City of Oakland, local sports teams, the West Oakland Commerce Association, and local community members have developed a Master Plan Design for Ernie Raimondi Park. The park would include 2 multi-purpose artificially surfaced regulation size playing fields that would be striped for soccer and football. The sports fields will include scoreboards, bleachers, sports lights, and PA systems for games. The artificial surfacing and lights on the field will increase playing time significantly by allowing the fields to be played year round and

into the evening hours seven days a week.

Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation invites you to buy a personalized, engraved fundraising brick to be placed in the new Raimondi Park. Your contribution supports the construction of this \$7 million renovation project. For \$250 (or \$500) your family, child, team, coach, or business will forever be a part of the park and memorialize the good times spent playing soccer. For more information, go to <http://www.oaklandparks.org/raimondi.htm>

## Online Registration Donations Top \$2800

This year was the first time our online registration included an option for donations. More than 10% of those registering online contributed. We collected nearly \$3,000 in donations, earmarked for much needed supplies. Below is a breakdown of donations.

Donation Amount	Number of Donations	Total	Description
\$30	18	\$540	Buy a Uniform as a Donation
\$50	6	\$300	Buy Goal Nets
\$10	60	\$600	Buy a Ball for the Club
\$40	6	\$240	Buy a Set of Corner Flags
\$100	4	\$400	Equip a Team
\$20	24	\$480	Outfit a Goalkeeper
\$150	2	\$300	Sponsor a Player
		<b>\$2860</b>	




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## Coaches Corner

JLYSSL will be sponsoring the following Coaches Courses this Summer:

- five F License courses (hosted by ASC, RSC, Montclair, Piedmont & Oakland)
- an E course (hosted by Montclair)
- an E/D Course (hosted by ASC)

All Coaching Courses are listed on the official CYSA North website:

[http://www.cysanorth.org/Coaching/coaching\\_courses.htm](http://www.cysanorth.org/Coaching/coaching_courses.htm)

Glenn Van Straatum  
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[glennvs@yahoo.com](mailto:glennvs@yahoo.com)

English F course for Piedmont and Spanish F license course is still in progress.

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All Class IV coaches for U10 and above should get an F license. Class III coaches (Clippers) need an E license. Coaches start with an F license and can advance to an E license after a year.

## Coaches Needed for U14 Boys

The U14B age group had a great turnout this year, with 90 boys signing up to play. This is enough to stock 6 teams. Unfortunately, we currently have only 5 head coaches for U14B, and are badly in need of another coach for the Dragons. The Dragons has a strong nucleus of boys who've played together before. If you have any interest in coaching the Dragons, please contact Rick Ryerson, U14B Age Group Coordinator, [ryerson1@lnl.gov](mailto:ryerson1@lnl.gov).

## Coach Available for Girls U8 or U10

Three Bishop O'Dowd varsity girls' soccer players will be coaching Montclair Soccer teams this year. One of them is still available. She would prefer an U8 or U10 girls' team that plans to practice on Tuesdays or Thursdays. This is an exciting opportunity for a girls' team. If you could use some help with your team, please contact Pam Hoffman, [registar@montclairsoccer.org](mailto:registar@montclairsoccer.org).



## New Referee Requirements

JLYSSL updated the team referee requirements in May of 2007. Teams wishing to play in tournaments must satisfy these requirements. A brief summary of the new requirements is outlined below. The complete description can be found [on the web](#).

A referee can represent no more than two teams. Each Class IV (House) team must have an adult referee do at least six games. These games can be shared by two adult referees. While youth referees are encouraged, they will not count towards the six-game minimum.

Class III and Class IV teams playing at the district level must have two referees. At least one of these must be an adult. They must do at least 12 games. Six of these games can be done by a youth referee.

Detail requirements about age groups and centers vs. assistant referees (AR) are specified on our web site.

## Upcoming Referee Clinics

Several local soccer clubs are hosting both Recreational (Referee Grade Level 9) and Entry Level Referee (Grade 8) Clinics during the next three months.

The Grade 9 Clinic is an eight hour course taught in two four hour or one nine hour session. A Recreational Referee may referee ONLY U14 and younger recreational games in JLYSSL.

The Grade 8 Clinic is an 18-hour course usually taught in six 3-hour sessions. A Grade 8 referee may referee any youth game.

For the latest schedule of local Referee Clinics, consult the [CNRA District 4 Referee Clinics web page](#):  
<http://www.d4ra.com/ref/clinics.html>



Date	Contact
8/6	<b>Gr. 8, PSC:</b> <a href="mailto:referee@piedmontsoccer.org">referee@piedmontsoccer.org</a>
8/26	<b>Gr. 9, MSC:</b> <a href="mailto:referees@montclairsoccer.org">referees@montclairsoccer.org</a>
9/15	<b>Gr. 9, ASC:</b> <a href="mailto:refcoordinator@alamedasoccer.org">refcoordinator@alamedasoccer.org</a>
9/22	<b>Gr. 9, RSC:</b> <a href="mailto:rscrefs@jlysl.org">rscrefs@jlysl.org</a>

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*"Referees help make games safe and enjoyable for players, parents, and fans."*

## Help Wanted: Photo Day Organizer

For the past five years, Peter Costantinidis has organized the Montclair Soccer Club's photo day. He is very ready to retire from this position.

Interested parties should contact:

Peter Costantinidis  
Photo Day Organizer  
[photos@montclairsoccer.org](mailto:photos@montclairsoccer.org)

This position entails:

- Arrange date and location
- Provide game schedules to photographers who produce the photo schedules
- Distribute photos

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*"4 out of 5 parents believe that soccer photos are better than school photos."*

## Field Set Up/Take Down Crew

During the Fall season, we will have each team (U8 and above) supply a volunteer (Field Set Up/Take Down Crew) to set up and take down flags and nets (where appropriate) each weekend on the fields that we oversee. Each person will most likely have to commit to just one weekend of "work".

The U6 teams are exempt from this requirement. U6 teams already set up and take down the fields they practice and play on.

We will make this a requirement before issuing practice slots. The current plan is to set up an on-line survey to

request practice slots. In addition to specifying the team and practice slot preference, the survey will collect team referee names and the name of the Field Set Up/Take Down Crew volunteer.

A training session for these volunteers will take place at 7:15pm on Sep. 7 at Merritt College.

For more information, contact our Fields Coordinator:

Andy Kleiber  
[fields@montclairsoccer.org](mailto:fields@montclairsoccer.org)

## Volunteers Keep Us Going

Volunteerism is a key element of the Montclair Soccer Club philosophy. Your volunteerism is a positive example for children and it can show your commitment to them. The club is an all-volunteer organization that elects its officers and selects volunteers to coordinate all areas of responsibility. Volunteers are always needed to fill these positions plus crucial coaching and referee jobs. Without your volunteer efforts, the club will not function and your children will not be able to play.

## Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The *Montclair Soccer Pitch* is a once-a-month newsletter for members of the Montclair Soccer Club community. This newsletter is our primary communication mechanism for information and announcements. However, we will continue to use email to disseminate time-critical information.

The newsletter will include such content as open volunteer positions, recruiting coaches or players, upcoming events, referee news and information, tournament results, and general interest local soccer news.

Submit news items and announcements by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month to [newsletter@montclairsoccer.org](mailto:newsletter@montclairsoccer.org). Items should be as complete as possible and include appropriate contact information. Most articles should be limited to a couple of paragraphs.

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### *About Our Organization...*

We generally meet on the second Monday of each month. Meeting changes are always reflected in our online calendar.

Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. They are a good opportunity to find ways to help make a difference within our Club.

Our meetings take place at Bishop O'Dowd in the Dominican Hall Board Room. Bishop O'Dowd is at 9500 Stearns Ave (I580 to Golf Links Rd exit; continue on 98th Ave up the hill to Stearns Ave; right to campus entrance). The Dominican Hall Board Room is the first building inside the gate on the left just past the chapel.

There will signs directing you to the meeting room on the first floor. Park anywhere.