

Montclair Soccer Pitch

Special Interest Articles:

- End-of-Season Tournament: Registration Deadline is Nov. 3
- Soccer Photos are ready for pick-up
- 2007 Coach of the Year Nominations
- Help Wanted—Montclair Soccer Needs Volunteers

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Message From the President

The Fall season is nearly over but there is still a lot of information I want to share with the club. First off, it has been another great year for our fledgling U6 program. These teams will have their last game this Sunday. They had great luck avoiding rain-outs! Our older age groups will finish up the following weekend.

For those of you interested in playing during the Winter months, some local organizations provide indoor opportunities for Winter play. The Oakland-Alameda Futsal League (<http://www.oaklandalamedafutsal.com/>) is now taking sign-ups for their Winter season, which begins January 6, 2008. Futsal is played on a basketball court with five players per side. The Bladium in Alameda (<http://www.bladium.com/>) has indoor soccer leagues that begin Nov. 10. Indoor soccer is played in an indoor arena with seven players per side. Indoor soccer and Futsal are quite different from each other. It has been my experience that players, coaches, and parents often prefer one or the other. I won't bias you by telling you my preference!

The fast-approaching JLYSSL End of Season Tournament is always held the weekend before Thanksgiving. All Class 4 U10-U14 teams that have met their volunteer and referee requirements are encouraged to sign-up. Note that the application deadline is Nov. 3rd, so move quickly! For more information, see our web site

(<http://www.montclairsoccer.org/Announcements/20071029Tournament.html>).

Make-up day for soccer photos is also this weekend, Nov. 3. If your team is planning to go to make-up day and hasn't been contacted by the photographers, contact Kristen of Shooting Stars right away via e-mail to schedule@shootingstarsphoto.com or phone (800) 311-7784 ext. 2.

We are planning to get access to an all-weather field for Winter use. Our teams will be able to use this type of field for scrimmages rain or shine. This is especially important for our players who will be participating in the State Cup tournaments that begin in early January. We will be publishing an online survey soon to determine how many teams want to be able to scrimmage during the Winter months. Coaches, you will get an email announcement when this is ready!

We moved out of our rusty old storage shed last week and transferred our equipment to a brand new one. I want to send a big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped us move. Special thanks goes to Tony Plotkin and Andrew Gee. Tony took the lead for getting the new shed and Andrew coordinated the volunteers for the shed move.

Peter Costantinidis
president@montclairsoccer.org

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nov. 3	Application deadline for JLYSSL tournament
Nov. 4	Season ends for U6
Nov. 5	Practices adjust for daylight savings time
Nov. 11	Season ends for U8 and above
Nov. 12	MSC Monthly Meeting
Nov. 17-18	JLYSSL End of season tournament for U10-U14
Dec. 3	Coaches and Volunteer appreciation dinner
March 2008	Fall registration (tentative)



JLYSSL End of Season Tournament Registration

The registration deadline for teams wishing to participate in the JLYSSL End of Season Tournament is **November 3, 2007**. The application form is posted to our web site:

<http://www.montclairsoccer.org/Announcements/20071029Tournament.html>

The registration process consists of several steps:

1. Verification of receipt by tournament coordinator
2. Verification of referee requirement by William Lee
3. Verification of roster by Club Register
4. Tournament Coordinator Slots Team in Division Based on Season Record
5. Game Schedule Assigned to Team
6. Referee Assigned to Games

The End of Season Tournament, which takes place November 17th and 18th, 2007, is for U10, U12, and U14 Class 4 teams. The tournament will guarantee each team a minimum of 3 games.

Each flight will have a max of 8 teams and will be split in half to "A" and "B". The Top 4 Teams with the most points will play for either Championship or Consolation. In five team flights, each team will play the other four teams once and the winner will be decided on maximum total points.

If tournament games are cancelled due to rain or wet field conditions, they will **not** be rescheduled.

Kristyn Braga
VP JLYSSL
Tournament Coordinator
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2007 Coach of the Year

It is that time of year to nominate your deserving coaches for CYSA Coach of the Year. We realize this is a busy time of year for all of you and we appreciate your help in getting these nominations in. It is important that we recognize the efforts of all our volunteer coaches from each league. The nomination form is attached. You may also find it and more information on the CYSA web site at

http://www.cysanorth.org/Coaching/coach_of_the_year.htm.

Coach of the Year Nominations are accepted at the CYSA office from October 1st to November 15th, 2007.

Mail entries for consideration to:

CYSA
1040 Serpentine Lane, Suite 201
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Many Thanks!

CYSA Coaching Committee

Photos Ready for Pick-up

Team representatives can pick up photos from the front porch of Nora Schweizer's home daily from 8am to 8pm: 2373 Leimert Blvd., Oakland. The photos will be available without special arrangements until November 4th, after which they will be available by appointment only. Please call Nora at (510) 530-3016 to make pickup arrangements.

U10 Girls' Clippers Place 2nd in DVSC 2007 Halloween Kick Or Treat

This weekend at the 2007 DVSC Halloween Kick Or Treat tournament the U10 Girls Clippers took 2nd place overall in their division. They won all three of their preliminary games, winning 29 of 30 possible points. The Championship match was fierce. The teams were tied at the end of regulation time. After 2 halves of overtime play, the game remained tied. The game was finally decided by penalty kicks, with the U10 Clippers taking 2nd place.



U10G Clippers Red: Maria Barkhurst, Alex Darwish, Maia So-Holloway, Zoe Strickland, Teya Bergamaschi, Zoe Marshall, Grace Sanford, Antigone Michaels, Georgia Rabara, Ruby Anderson, Katherine Jerabek, Audrey Arnold, Francesca Kelly, coaches: Keith Holloway, Dan Jerabek, Kimberly Guillen

Volunteers Report

We've had a great turnout at all the events and requests for help so far, but we are not quite done. To see the list of teams and volunteer hours reported for each one, please visit the Volunteers page on www.montclairsoccer.org and click on "[Summary of volunteer hours per team](#)"

Highlights (reported through 10/26/2007)

Total Hours Contributed to Montclair Soccer: 1482
 Number of Teams (U10 - U14) Eligible for Tournament: 26
 Number of Teams with Completed Requirements: 39
 Number of Teams with *any* Volunteer Hours: 83 (out of a total of 98 teams)

Those lightening calculators among you will deduce that there are 49 teams that have not fulfilled their requirement, which is a pretty big number. We don't lean heavily on the U6 teams, since they are so new. But the rest of you – if your team is not listed as "OK" on its requirements, please check the Help Wanted section of this newsletter to learn what you can do to get the rest of your hours in!

Thanks for helping, everyone -
 Nancy Lane
 MSC Volunteers

Track Your Volunteer Hours

In case you missed the earlier announcement, the process for tracking volunteer hours has changed. To enter your hours, please click on the link below. It will take you to a Survey Monkey survey that will collect the information.
<http://www.montclairsoccer.org/Volunteers/hours.html>

Periodically, the data will be collected and published on the MSC website. That's where you can check to see if your team has made it to the 16 hour mark, the requirement for Under 10's and older to be able to play in our end-of-season tournament.

The Volunteers web page will be updated to reflect the change, too. The details of our volunteer policy can be found there - including what activities you can undertake to fulfill your child's team requirement. Check in there if you need more information!

Help Wanted

We have a number of opportunities for you to earn the rest of your team's volunteer hours for tournament play in November. In fact, I've even developed one that can have lasting benefit for the Club. Read on:

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - the dinner at the end of our fall season where we honor the coaches, refs and others who have done so much to make it possible for our kids to play soccer. This one requires NO SOCCER KNOWLEDGE! We need the following help:

- 1) send out announcement via Sportability (1 person)
- 2) Track RSVPs (1 person)
- 3) Make or purchase centerpieces (1 person)
- 4) Make "tickets" for dinner selections (1-2 people)

5) Registration at dinner (4-5 people for first 2 hours).

Jobs 1-4 obviously are completed prior to the event, and the person does not need to attend the dinner.

Please email dinner@montclairsoccer.org if you would like to volunteer for this event. Regene Polk-Ross has graciously agreed to organize the dinner for us again this year (unless you would like to step in and do it instead - she would be happy to train up a replacement!)

Tournament Field Marshals

At the end of season tournament we will need a marshal for each game (though we prefer to have a marshal cover two games.) This is an easy job, and there are details on the website under Volunteers, "Detailed volunteer positions descriptions" (scroll down to see the Tournament Field Marshal). Basic requirements are

- Pass out game cards to coaches & be sure that both coaches fill them out
- Return filled out game card to referee
- Direct coaches, parents, referees, players to correct fields

- Put up large scoreboard for game day
- Collect game cards from referees after the games
- Using Field Marshall instructions, post scores & tally point for teams on the scoreboard
- Use your cell phone to contact Tournament Director as is necessary

Please contact tournament@montclairsoccer.org to volunteer. The hours for which you make a commitment will be added to your team's current hours to determine your team's eligibility for the tournament.

Help us Make it Simpler

This is a great opportunity for the detail-minded among you to help the Club hugely. While we have a great group of volunteers, they are busy DOING the volunteering, and they seldom have a chance to WRITE DOWN WHAT THEY DO. This is your chance to help us get it all down in writing. We need people to:

- pick a job from the Directory and email the current position holder
- set up a time for a phone call or visit to interview them on what they do and how they do it
- take notes, write them up in an email, and send it to the current position holder, who can skim them and help you get it down right.

We will collect these writeups and post them on the website along with everything else we have so that it's easier for people to step into a new position with their eyes open!

(I'd love someone to help write up my "recruiter" position, for instance, because I'd like to find someone to help do it next year!)

Please contact me at volunteers@montclairsoccer.org if you would like to take on this task as your way to boost your team's hours. I'm so keen to get it done that I will offer at least 6 hours per writeup! and more, of course, if it takes you more to get it completed.

Attend the November Board Meeting

Get 2 hours and an earful of how our club actually works - just by attending the November Board meeting! Check the schedule for the date and time.

And remember - when you have done ANY volunteer work, please report it using the online survey tool. The link is, of course, on the website!

- Nancy
MSC Volunteers

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 24th of each month to 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.

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.

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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.