



Fall 2016 SCYSL Welcome back letter

Dear SCYSL family, We wish you well and thank you for your continued support of our league.

TRAVEL = FUN, FUN, FUN – Our travel registrations are **252** happy players (and climbing). While we struggled with the new LIJSL mandate to switch to calendar year eligibility this Summer, we managed to work it out. Two teams aged out, others reorganized, but we added 5 new teams giving us a total of **15** travel teams entering the Fall 2016 season! Much thanks goes to travel board of Joe Mordente, Caroline Wilkinson & Guy Rauch who worked tirelessly to ensure every team was properly registered. The travel season begins Saturday 9/10 and all schedules are online for team profiles, games, field maintenance, field usage and you can check the LIJSL website for standings. At this point, Coaches should all be aware of everything necessary to run your games. If you have ANY questions, contact a board member before your first game!

PICTURE DAY – **Saturday Sept 17th**. Please make sure your team has day/time! If not, email the league IMMEDIATELY!

TOURNAMENT – All teams are STRONGLY encouraged to enter the Heckscher tournament on Columbus weekend!

GOALIE TRAINING – All teams must designate 2 goalies and should send them to the Cosmos goalie clinic on Fridays

INTRAMURALS = FUN, FUN, FUN (also)– Our intramural registrations are **266** happy players (and climbing) – While our TRAVEL teams will ALL be playing this weekend, our **INTRAMURAL season begins SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11th** for all divisions except Micro (pre-K). **MICRO begins SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25th**. All games will be played at the **VERNE CRITZ ELEMENTARY**. Go to **bellportsoccer.com** and click on your division for your game schedule.

We would like to welcome Phil Hart as our new Director of Intramurals and thank Steve Manitta for staying on the Board as the intramural registrar. They both have done a lot this Summer to get the Fall 2016 season underway.

- **MICRO (Pre-K)** – You will be receiving a phone call soon to ask what time you prefer for your child. The training begins on Sept 25 with Coaches Josh & Maya and goes for 6 weeks. No uniform required.
- **PEEWEE (Kindergarten)**– Coach Chris is back! Peewee players will get 4 weeks of Professional training, followed by 5 weeks of half training & half game play. Please be on time with ball, uniform, shin guards, drink and cleats every week.
- **SCHEDULE** – We will play 8 weeks plus a mini tournament on week #9. See website for details.
- **COSMOS TRAINING** – **BEGINS MONDAY 9/12!!** In addition to regular practices, all D1 & D2 players have a set time each week for a 45 minute training session with a NY Cosmos trainer. Please try to attend this very important training session each week. The cost for this is included in your registration and covers the FALL only.
- **PICTURE DAY** – **Saturday Sept 17th**. Please make sure your team has day/time! If not, email the league IMMEDIATELY!
- **EQUIPMENT** – News flash...Children GROW! Please check your kids to make sure they have proper cleats, shin guards and uniforms. If you need any part of a uniform, show up at “Uniform day” Friday 9/9 at 5:30 at Verne Critz. As an FYI, all players should bring an INFLATED ball to practice, **Division 1 uses SIZE 3, Division 2 uses size 4.**
- **PRACTICES** – Coaches – you should have contacted your teams and scheduled a practice. They can be held at Verne Critz OR Frank P Long after 4:30. Please do your best to share space.
- **GAMES** – division 1 are 4 quarters of 12 minutes (no offsides), D2 plays two 25 minute halves (with offsides).
- **TEAMS** – some divisions have many players. We may try to add players & split teams in Spring so everyone can have more playing time. If you are interested in coaching, contact us. Some divisions have few players. If your team is short on Sunday, have an opposing player switch teams or ask a player from the game before to stay & play another game!

- **FIELD MAINTENANCE** – (IMPORTANT) Coaches – check the schedule online to see when/if your team is scheduled to set up or clean up that week. Parents – if the coach calls on you for help, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE volunteer for 30 minutes before or after your game on the day you are scheduled. Thank you
- **REFEREES** – While we are sad to see Christine Gentzel leave, we would like to welcome Noreen Velasquez as our new AD of referees! We're sure she will do just as well. Remember referees are children. DO NOT EVER YELL AT A REFEREE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HAVE A GREAT SEASON!

SCYSL Board of Directors