

WMYSA Whistle

This Bulletin for all WMYSA Clubs, Parents and Players

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Upcoming Important Dates

- Deadline without late fee charges for registration is August 10th
- WMYSA Schedules will be released August 15th
- Games will begin September 9, 2017.

Follow Us on Social Media!



Launch of New Website

WMYSA is excited to be launching its [new website](#). Based on feedback from club presidents and having outgrown GotSoccer website capabilities, we decided to jump into the 21st century. Our goal with this new site is to provide the same information in simplified, cleaner layout which will be updated regularly. It also has a news section where we will list division champions and information about what different clubs are doing within the community. [Read more](#)

How Can We Help?

Let us know what we can do for you. Training for clubs, coaches, managers, parents, etc. Just go to this link and let us know, it's as easy as [Click](#).

GotSoccer Help is Now Here!

Tired of trying to figure out which GotSoccer account you need to use, why risk management says it is expired when you just did it? Attend this free WMYSA Webinar to learn how to solve these problems and more with your GotSoccer accounts. Did you know you can create a universal account so there is just one password? [Read more](#)

Goal Safety

Goal Safety is a very real concern for all. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), most soccer goal post related deaths and injuries involved either unsecured or homemade goals. Children need to be watched and supervised when on and at the soccer fields to ensure they are not playing on the goals.

Injuries frequently occurred during horseplay such as climbing on the goal or attempting to do chin-ups, thereby tipping the goal over. It only takes 22 pounds of force to bring a 400-pound goal crashing down, injuring – even killing – a player or child. Sadly enough, it has occurred in WMYSA.

It's sad to say, but we have seen the most educated coaches allowing players to move goals. This should not be happening! Relocation of goals should be left to coaches, parents or field maintenance crews; not players!

WMYSA Communications Phone #.

WMYSA established a direct phone line (269) 389-9517 to improve communications. Upon leaving a voice message it will automatically send your voice message to our administrative team. This can be used to report injuries, when none or some of the referees do not show up or to report a concern we should know about.

WMYSA College Scholarship Program

In 2015, the Board of Directors of the West Michigan Youth Soccer Association (“WMYSA”) established a scholarship program to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors who have participated in the West Michigan Youth Soccer Association for at least five years.

Starting in 2016, WMYSA began awarding one \$500 scholarship to the top male and female athlete as determined by an impartial committee based upon the evaluation of the scholarship applications; not the athletic ability of the player. Additional scholarships may be available if funding can be secured. [Read more](#)

Buildout Lines

One of US Youth Soccer Player Development initiatives is the implementation of “Buildout Lines.” The build out line are now being utilized in U9 & U10 games. The concept behind this initiative is ultimately to enhance the development of young players by reducing pressure. It promotes playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting. It also allows an entry level introduction to the offside rule. [Read more](#)

Referee Concerns

All too often we hear from frustrated coaches and parents about poor officiating of our referees. To address these concerns, you need to understand two things. First the officials are not part of WMYSA, they are affiliated with the different contracting referee associations. Second, just like players these individuals are human beings, no different than the players. There is a process coaches can and should follow to help address the situation. [Read more](#)

Understanding the Scheduling Process

Communication is not always an easy thing now a day's due to the increased volume of emails, text messages, and all the other social media available today. Sometimes the more we have, the easier it is to just skim over the communication and not fully understand what it is telling us. Game schedules are initially put out to all coaches in July for them to verify. What they are verifying is if they have been placed in the correct division, have both four home and away games and that none of their games were scheduled on their blackout dates. Also, the preliminary schedule is just that, it is not finalized and subject to change until August 15th.

It should also be noted that coach integration is not guaranteed. The fee simply covers the time spent to try and accommodate the request. While we typically accommodate about 90% of requests, with coaches coaching multiple teams and teams selecting different blackout dates sometimes it becomes impossible for us to accommodate all requests.

Articles of Interest

RUNNING IN SOCCER – MERELY LOCOMOTION OR SOMETHING MORE?

Why do coaches have players run? There are generally three reasons most coaches have players do running exercises. They are for punishment, warm-ups and fitness. Examining these three reasons, punishment is the most erroneous.... By, Sam Snow Director of Coaching for US Youth Soccer U. S. Soccer National Staff Instructor. [Read more](#)

WHAT IS GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.

Good sportsmanship occurs when teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials treat each other with respect. Kids learn the basics of sportsmanship from the adults in their lives, especially their parents and their coaches. Kids who see adults behaving in a sportsmanlike way gradually come to understand that the real winners in sports are those who know how to persevere and to behave with dignity - whether they win or lose a game. (US Youth Soccer) [Read more](#)

PodCast

National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) July 17, 2017

The NSCAA Podcast, presented by TeamSnap, welcomes two more great guests this week as host Dean Linke interviews Marcelo Balboa and Sam Snow.

Balboa, an active NSCAA Member, is currently covering the 2017 CONCACAF Gold Cup for Univision. Balboa helped the U.S. claim the first CONCACAF Gold Cup title in 1991 during an international career in which he made 127 appearances, sixth most of any player, for the U.S. Men's National Team and appeared in three FIFA World Cups. He was inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2005.

Snow, an NSCAA Member since 1978 and past member of the Association's Board of Directors, has served as the Director of Coaching for US Youth Soccer since 2004 in addition to coaching at the youth, high school and college levels. Snow is intricately involved with the 2017 US Youth Soccer National Championships, which will be played from July 25-30 in Frisco, Texas.... [To hear the podcast](#)

