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Are You Ready to Play?

From the Regional Commissioner

Well, it is that time of year again. Both the temperature and the humidity are at record heights, so it must be time to start thinking of soccer. The teams are almost cut, the uniforms are being ordered and practice and game schedules are being built. Over 800 children from Jefferson County will be playing with us this fall, and with the use of our new website (www.jcysl.org) we hope that we will be able to get you all the information you need faster and more efficiently than before. In this spring's newsletter you will find important information about the teams, the playing venues, and general operations of our league. Even if your children have played with us in the past, it is important that you take a few minutes and read through all this information. As you and your family enjoy another year of soccer with us, please remember 2 things: 1) JCYSL continues to grow at a rapid rate. We love the fact that more and more families are recognizing the value of a youth organization that is centered not on competition and dominance, but on establishing a love of the game and a field environment where the children of Jefferson County can play soccer in a Fun, Fair, and Safe situation. As we grow, however, we are in need of additional field facilities. We are actively seeking your help in finding space within the county. We are willing to work with private landowners, builders, and/or county officials toward the purchase, lease, and/or development of field space. We need your help! Talk to your friends, family and elected officials about recreation space within the county. Contact us right away if you hear of any possibilities. 2) JCYSL is volunteer driven and self-supportive. Like most other youth sports programs in Jefferson County, JCYSL receives no monetary or personnel support from the county. That means we count on you, the beneficiaries of our program, to support the continued operations of the league. Over the years many people have given their time generously to run JCYSL. As our program grows, however, we need to expand the number of people actively working for the league. In addition, over the next several months, I and others will need to leave the Board of Directors. For the continuity of our program, it is imperative that as many parents as possible step up to fill these gaps now! The league provides training for all the positions, and the children of Jefferson County will reward you with nearly 900 smiles every Saturday of the spring and fall. Give us a call to find out how you can help to sustain one of the largest youth sports programs in the county.

Thanks for your continued support! Have a great season!

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Thanks to all our committee chairs and coordinators! Without the help of these people, we would grind to a halt. If you see them on the field, be sure to stop them and say thanks!

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To Contact Board Members or Committee Chairs Please Call:

876-AYSO

Way to go Division Coordinators

Communication and interactions between the board and all of our 90+ teams is facilitated by our Division coordinators.

Kim Brannon, Vicki Eckert, Christine Hemp, Marie Cipriano, Loren Reed, and Brenda Hooper

The AYSO PAGE Is www.soccer.org

The JCYSL page is www.jcysl.org

Coaches Corner

Coaches Meeting:

Our Fall Coaches Meeting was held on August 13th at North Jefferson Elementary School. Division directors were there and the coaches received their rosters, schedules and other important information

Game Locations (tell your teams):

JCYSL fall games will be held at the Morgan Grove Park in Shepherdstown unless otherwise noted on game schedules. The park is on RT 480 just outside of Shepherdstown. The park is administered by the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Department. Please obey all posted signs about parking and help us preserve this wonderful venue. Coaches are not permitted to hold practices or makeup games at the park without the permission of both league and park officials. The league is billed for unscheduled use.

Field Setup/Tear-down and Lining Assignments:

Coaches are now responsible for making sure that the game fields are lined and that the corner flags are in place before the game begins, and taking down the flags at the end of the day. On the game schedules, the first team listed on the schedule for a 9:00 game must make sure the field is prepped and ready to use. Referees are instructed not to begin play until it has been done. Also, a team that plays in the final game of the day must take down the corner flags and place them back in the shed. This will allow even distribution of the responsibilities throughout the league. Each team should try to recruit a parent to do this when your turn comes around. No one should have to do this more than a couple of times throughout the entire season.

Teams must also police their fields after their games! Make sure you do not leave any trash behind.

Coach Training

Coaches, if you have not attended the Level One and/or Division Specific Training you need to! The next training will be held at North Jefferson Elementary School on September 18, 2002. It starts at 7:00pm. Contact your division coordinator or the coach administrator for details. All AYSO coaches must be trained to be protected under the umbrella of the Volunteer Protection Act.

JCYSL VIP Program

JCYSL is pleased to announce the beginning of our VIP program. The AYSO VIP program provides a quality soccer experience for children and adults whose physical or mental challenges prevent them from successful participation on mainstream teams. Pass the word to anyone who might benefit from this great new program! For more info, contact Vickie Apperson.

Training Super Camp

AYSO Section 13 (that includes us) is running a supercamp next spring at Shepherd College. This is a great opportunity to get more advanced training and take classes that are not often offered. For example the Intermediate Coach Class (What you take after U12) will be given as will the Advanced Coach Class. Referees can take Regional, Area, or Section Referee Classes. We plan to combine our spring training with these dates so mark your calendar for March 21, 22, and 23! As usual there is no cost to any student, the league covers it all!

JCYSL Sponsors

Sponsors of JCYSL help us to keep our registration fees low, keep the kids in cool uniforms, and provide scholarships for disadvantaged kids. Show them you appreciate their support of JCYSL.

Team Sponsors:

- A-1 Exterminating
- Walmart – Charles Town
- SG Plumbing
- Crawford & Jackson Law Office
- SG Plumbing
- JAG
- Todd Electric
- Butterfly.net
- Sherwin Williams
- H&R Block
- Mindcross Training Consulting

In kind Sponsorships:

- Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

Kid's Zone

JCYSL uses a new program to maintain good sportsmanship on the sidelines. Its called Kid's Zone. All parents MUST sign a pledge to be on their best behavior when they are at the games or practices (i.e. the Kid's Zone). The limits of the Kid's Zone will be posted and all adults must exhibit appropriate behavior while in the Kid's Zone. Be on the lookout for the postings and get more information from your coach.

The JCYSL Fall Calendar

August

- 10 Coach and Ref Training NJE
- 13 Coach Meeting, NJE, 7:30pm
- 17 Charles Town Field Day, 9:00
- 24 Shepherdstown Field Day 3:00pm
- 26 Practice May begin
- 27 Referee Meeting, NJE, 7:30pm
- 28 Adult League Org. Meeting, NJE, 7:30pm

September

- 4 Board Meeting, NJE
- 4 Team Parent Meeting, NJE
- 7 Game 1
- 7-20 Sell Those Cookies
- 14 Game 2
- 18 Coach/Ref training, NJE, 7:00pm
- 21 Turn in Cookie Money
- 21 Game 3 and Action Photos Taken
- 28 Game 4 and More Action Photos taken

October

- 2 Board Meeting, NJE, 7:30pm
- 5 Game 5 and Action Photo Sales
- 12 Game 6
- 19 Game 7
- 19 Cookie Dough Delivered
- 26 Game 8

Registration for 2002-2003 was great!

From the Registrar

Registration was a great success. We want to thank all of you who came out to help us this year. Many of you signed up to help with registration next year. Thanks. You will be contacted by the registrar in late winter or early spring. Be sure to keep the second and third Saturdays of May open for us!

Referees Rule!

It is hard to believe, but even with our new regional referees, we are still short. Its time for you to help out the league by becoming a Regional Referee. We train all our referees, supply them with a cool referee uniform, then start them out with young players. Once you are more comfortable on the field, you can move up and do division 6 or 5 games. Referees only volunteer on game days, so it is a great deal for those of you that work late and can't help out coaching. For example, if you want you can come to the field early (a great way to get a good parking spot) and referee a game before your child plays. Another option is to hang around after your child's game, and referee a game before heading home. Referee training is being offered on September 18, 2002 at NJE. It starts at 7:00pm. Come join us!

Referee Facts:

With 90+ teams we need to cover 45 games each week with at least one referee. Division 1,2, and 3 games are better with 2 or 3 refs.

Refereeing youth soccer is a great way for kids to fulfill their community service requirements for school. Children as young as 12 can be certified as regional referees.

If you coach, refereeing is a great way to learn more about the rules.

Safety Notes

As we go into another new season of JCYSL soccer, please remember to report injuries to your Coach, a Referee, or me personally, so an injury report can be recorded. The paperwork helps protect the kids and is required for proper insurance coverage. These simple forms could save you a lot of money! I'm looking forward to another FUN season, and appreciate your help in keeping our kids safe.

Thanks Guys!

Over the last year, several members of the board of directors have moved on. Peter Morgans served on the board of directors for many years as Shepherdstown Field Director, Cheryl Strider reworked our registration and served as secretary too, Eric Zbikowski revamped parking at our CT facility as Safety Director, and Kathleen Meier got us started with the AYSO Kid's Zone program. These folks gave up lots of time to help with bring hundreds of kids a fun, fair, and safe soccer experience. Be Sure to thank them if you seem them on the fields or around town!

Evening Field Day, Soccer Swap, and Pizza

The Shepherdstown Field Day and Soccer Swap is scheduled for Saturday, August 24thth at 3:00pm (rain date is the following day). We need as many people as possible to come down and give us an hour or 2 of your time. We need to prepare the fields so the kids can begin practice on time. We now rotate field positions as much as possible, which means that all the fields need to be redrawn. We are also doing our soccer swap again, so bring your outgrown soccer shoes and gear, maybe you can trade up. We will begin at 3:00pm and will go until the fields are ready. Please come help even if only for an hour or two. If we drop the ball here, the fields will not be approved by the safety director, and the practices and games will not start on time! Please show your support for the league and come for any time you can. If the uniforms have arrived from California they will be given to coaches at the ST Field Day between 3 and 6pm. Contact Van Stemple (ST) or John Robb (CT) for more information about field day.

Do's and Don'ts For Practice and Games

DO:

- Bring a water bottle
- Bring an appropriate size soccer ball
- Wear shin guards
- Wear soccer cleats or sneakers
- HAVE FUN!!!!

DON'T:

- Wear any jewelry
- Wear any type of head gear (i.e. hats or scarfs)
- Wear baseball or football cleats
- Chew gum
- Have hard candies on the field

DON'TS for Everyone

- Bring dogs near the fields
- SMOKE in sight of the fields
- Drink adult beverages in sight of the fields

Reminders for Parents

- Please remember that the games in the Fall are played at Morgan's Grove fields.
- Help out the coaches by volunteering to set up and line the fields for game day.
- If yours is the last game of the day, gather the corner flags for your coach and put them in the shed.
- Come out for ST field day on 8/24/02 at 9:00 a.m. and help set up the fields for the upcoming season
- Let your coaches know if your child will be unable to make it to practices or games.
- We are always looking for volunteers to help out the league. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, call Dan at 876-AYSO
- Most Importantly, remember that our league is all about the kids. Having fun is the key.

Calling All Referees

WHAT A GREAT GROUP OF REFEREES WE HAVE!!!

The past fall and spring season of soccer has been outstanding in terms of referee participation and volunteer participation, in general. We are very fortunate to have the number of quality referees on our roster that we have, and we mean to take care of you to keep you coming out there.

There will be a brief meeting of all referees – Area, Regional and Assistant – on Tuesday, August 27 at 7:30 PM, at North Jefferson Elementary. Any of you who haven't completed your volunteer form can do so at the meeting. These are an essential part of providing a safe environment for our children. We will also update mailing addresses and e-mail addresses, to make it easier to contact you. It is hoped that we'll be able to sign up to referee games via the web site in the near future, but for now, continue to expect a phone call each week unless you have signed up ahead of time. I know one more meeting is sometimes one too many, but this is a great opportunity to discuss some of the issues that we all have with details of the games, coaches, parents, etc. We'll have some free stuff to offer those of you who attend (and we really need those volunteer forms completed). Please try to attend.

A quick reminder – when you do your pre-game equipment check, players must have the following: their uniform shirt (some flexibility with the shorts); shin-guards (definitely a must – no one plays without shin-guards); regulation soccer shoes, gym shoes or sneakers (with or without rubber cleats); no head coverings, jewelry, gum, cast or splint, or anything else which may cause injury to themselves or anyone else.

Once again, we really appreciate all our volunteers, but there is a special place in the heart of the Regional Referee Administrator for the Referees. Play on!!

Ball Sizes by Division

Division Ages	Ball Size
1,2,3 U19, U16, U14	5
4 and 5 U12 and U10	4
6 and 7 U6 and U8	3

Estimated 2002-2003 Budget (for 800 Kids)

Registration Fees	44000
Sponsor Income	5000
Fundraising Income	7500
Interest	600
other	
total in	57100

Player Fee to AYSO	8800
Fundraising Costs	500
Uniform Costs	13600
Soccer Equipment	2000
Field Expenses	12500
Tournament Expenses	0
Trophies and Awards	3750
Postage	1500
Required Travel	0
and Phones	3600
Newsletter Costs	1000
Coach and Ref Training	600
other (Field fund)	6750
Required Contingency	2500
total out	57100

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

When do I hear from my coach?

Coaches get their teams on the 13th. You should hear from them soon thereafter.

What if the Practice Days/Times Don't fit my Schedule?

Sorry, but we cannot move kids to accommodate parent schedule. Our league is way too big. Remember that JCYSL players are not penalized if they miss a practice here and there.

When do we get our uniforms?

If they are in from the vendor, most uniforms will be given to coaches at the Shepherdstown Field day the 24th. Others need additional printing and will get to coaches the first or second week of practice.

“Hand Ball!”

Remember the rule says that for a handball to be called it must be intentional! If a player's hand contacts the ball while they are protecting their face or body, it is not a penalty. The player must intentionally contact the ball for the foul to be called! If you saw the world cup game between the US and Germany, the ball contacted a German defender's hand stopping a goal. As much as we would have wanted it called, this was not a handball and was not called during the game. Some referees will call even accidental handballs that provide advantage to the team. Like many other rules of soccer, calling this penalty is at the discretion of the referee.

*Make plans now for the 2002
AYSO Uncle Ralph Cookie
Dough Fundraiser!*

Schedule:

- September 4 Order Forms Distributed to team parents
- September 7-20 – Selling time
- September 21 – Turn in Money & Order Forms
- October 19 – Cookie Dough Delivered

Everyone Loves Cookies!

**Last year, with just
50% participation,
we raised more than
\$9,500
selling cookie dough!
IMAGINE what we can
do with 100%!**

**Be an AYSO
Administrator:**

Assistants are desperately needed for several of the league administrators. Coaches are familiar with the operations of the league and have seen first hand the pleasure that our program brings to the children of our county. It is time to take the next step and offer to help cut teams, teach coaches, plan fundraisers, order uniforms, handle registration, and make the operational decisions that determine the makeup of the league. Support comes from outgoing people and the national organization. Training is available for all positions. Simply stated, if you do not do it, the league will cease to be. Help to keep JCYSL viable for the children of Jefferson County by calling Dan at 728-0675

The Adult League

JCYSL would like to start an adult league. This venture is made possible by the partnership between AYSO and US Amateur Soccer. The format is up to the folks playing, therefore, we will start with a meeting August 28 at 7:30pm at North Jefferson Elementary School. The league format will be decided during this meeting. If you want to play, be sure to attend and spread the word to others who might be interested.

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