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2017 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome, from the Pottsville Youth Soccer Association Board. We would like to give you some general information in regard to the way the youth association operates:

All registered players will be placed on a team appropriate to their age and/or gender. Players who are 4 through 7 years of age on or before December 31, 2017, will play all of their games in our "In-House" program at the "Pottsville Youth Soccer Complex" on the Gordon Nagle Trail. All teams in the "In-House" program are co-ed. We strive to keep all players returning from last year with their previous team. (Provided the player is properly registered in time) Please note number of registered players and coaching deficits may impact this effort.

Players who will be at least 8 years of age on January 1, 2017, but not 15 on or before December 31, 2017, will play in the Schuylkill County Youth Soccer Association and will be placed on Boys/Girls teams. Those teams will play some of their games at the "Pottsville Youth Soccer Complex" Fields on the Gordon Nagle Trail and the rest of their games will be played in other towns throughout Schuylkill County. Players may try out for one of PYSA's Berks County travel teams. **Contact Eric Alvarez, at (570) 624-8818 or email at alvarez0117@gmail.com our travel team rep, with any questions about playing Berks County travel teams.**

Your child's coach will inform you as to what soccer equipment is needed, when and where practices and games will be held, ball size, color of socks and shorts, etc. It is best to purchase soccer cleats and other equipment about a week or two prior to the beginning of the first practice; children seem to quickly outgrow shoes, clothing, etc. The practices for this year are scheduled to begin before July 25, 2017. **Should you not be contacted by a coach as of July 6th, please call or text Carissa Artz at (570) 728-6688 (Not prior, Thanks!)**

The first games will be played on August 19th & 20th. U-5, U-6, 3rd grade boys will play on Saturday's. U-7, U-8, 3rd grade girls, will play on Sunday's. Team and individual pictures will be taken on August 26th & 27th and September 9th & 10th: more details will be given by the coach.

It is the board's sincere hope, as it has been since 1987 that you and your child will experience a gratifying season of soccer participation. Let's all pitch-in, as adults, and make the game of soccer a fun and learning experience for the youngsters, so that one day they will do the same for their children, grand-children, etc.

Anyone who was or is interested in serving as a coach, please contact Carissa Artz ASAP. Any general questions, please contact Ann Cromyak (570) 294-1964.

Yours in Soccer,
PYSA Board

Read Carefully & SAVE this newsletter!

Duration of Games

Age:	Ball Size:	Practice:	Games:	Planers in the Game:	Game Field:
U-5	3	50 minutes or less	(4) 8 min. periods	4 per team no goalie	2
U-6	3	50 minutes or less	(4) 8 min. periods	4 per team no goalie	2
U-7	3	55 minutes or less	(4) 8 min. periods	4 per team no goalie	2
U-8	3	60 minutes or less	(3) 15 min. periods	4 per team no goalie	2
3rd/4th Grade	4	65 minutes or less	(2) 30 min. halves	GK + 7 per team	1
5th/6th Grade	5	75 minutes or less	(2) 35 min. halves	GK + 10 per team	3
7th/8th Grade	5	80 minutes or less	(2) 40 min. halves	GK + 10 per team	3

Extremely Important Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Place	Time
July 10	Voluntary Practices Begin	Assigned Fields	TBD
July 17	Mandatory Practices Begin	Assigned Fields	TBD
July 25	Club Meeting	Stadium Bar & Grille	8:00 PM
August 6	Mandatory Coaches Meeting Rules & Games Schedule (U5-8)	Gordon Nagle Trail Pavilion	10:00 AM
August 1	Mandatory Coaches Meeting Rules & Games Schedule (Grades 3rd - 8th)	Sch. Haven High School	6:30 PM
August 1, 8, 15	Marking and Lining of Fields Uniform Distribution	Gordon Nagle Fields	4:00 - 6:30 PM
August 15	Club Meeting	Stadium Bar & Grille	8:00 PM
August 19-20	Games Begin	Respective fields/locations	as scheduled
August 25	Fund Raiser Money Due	Coach	as scheduled
Aug. 26-27/Sept. 9-10	Pictures (Rain or Shine)	Academic Center or cafe.	as scheduled
September 19	Club Meeting	Stadium Bar & Grille	8:00 PM
October 17	Club Meeting	Stadium Bar & Grille	8:00 PM
November 1 & 8	Skating Party	Roller Roost	6:00 - 8:00 PM

Registration Fees

	In House Fees U6 - U8	County Fees 3rd thru 8th Grades
1st Child	\$45	\$60
2nd Child	\$40	\$55
3rd Child	\$35	\$50
4th Child	FREE	FREE

Age Groups and Equipment Needed

U-5, U-6, U-7 and U-8: Solid black shorts, socks, Shin-guards, soccer cleats, Size 3 hand-stitched soccer ball.
***Screen-printed T- Shirt (only) will be given to each player to keep at the end of the soccer season. The shin-guards must be worn under the socks.**

3rd thru 8th Grade: Shin-guards, soccer cleats
 3rd/4th Grade require Size 4 hand-stitched soccer ball
 5th thru 8th Grade require Size 5 hand-stitched soccer ball

***These age groups (3rd thru 8th), will receive a pair of socks, screen-printed and numbered jersey and a pair of shorts. The jersey and shorts must be returned at the end of the season. The shin-guards must be worn under the socks.**

*No jewelry, piercings, unyielding hair devices and other apparel, deemed dangerous by the coach or referee, may be worn by any player during the practices or games. Eye glasses must have safety straps.

** Coaches, of all age groups, are to inform the parents of the players as to the appropriate equipment needed for the practices and the games.

Fundraising

Each child is required to participate in one of the four options listed below:

Option 1:

\$30 donation at the time of registration (additional \$25 for 2nd child, \$20 for 3rd child, \$0 for 4th child +)

Option 2:

\$30 donation at the time of first practice session (additional \$25 for 2nd child, \$20 for 3rd child, \$0 for 4th child +)

Option 3:

Sell 20 Charlie's sub tickets (\$4.00 each) (Additional 15 tickets for 2nd child, 10 tickets for 3rd child, 0 tickets for 4th child +) **MAY NOT BUYOUT ONCE YOU CHOOSE TO SELL SUB TICKETS**

Option 4:

Sell 20 Fast Freddie's sub tickets (\$6.00 each) (additional 15 tickets for 2nd child, 10 tickets for 3rd child, 0 tickets for 4th child +) **MAY NOT BUYOUT ONCE YOU CHOOSE TO SELL SUB TICKETS**

Option 5*:

Sell 10 Charlie's sub tickets (\$4.00 each) and Sell 10 Fast Freddie sub tickets (\$6.00 each) (additional 15 tickets (mixed your way) for 2nd child, 10 tickets (mixed your way) for 3rd child, 0 tickets for 4th child +).

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Option 6*:

Sell a banner (4' x 6') located on the Gordon Nagle Field complex for \$250 and any of the above options participated in will be refunded (for the 2017 season). ***Only new, or first-time, banner advertisement sales will be applied towards fundraising.**

The \$100 renewal for existing advertisements do not count towards fundraising.

All fundraisers will be due August 25, 2017