



Soccer News

Evansville Soccer Club Newsletter

Fall 2008

Welcome Fall 2008 Soccer Season!

Greetings! We're all looking forward to a great fall soccer season, with games beginning September 6th! It's an exciting year as we add **additional playing fields at our West Side Park** (see article in newsletter) and note **record number of registrations!** This year we will have over 300 youth ages 4-17 playing club soccer! Due to larger numbers we have **added a U7 league**. This provides another stepping stone in skill level and 1st graders(6 year olds) playing together. As our club continues to grow, the board looks at other clubs of similar size to see what they're doing that we might want to do. Most clubs our size have a U7 league. We are also implementing a few game changes for the U8 and U10 levels. **U7 and U8 will play on smaller fields; 4 v 4; and no goalie (keeper)**. The Madison Area Youth Soccer Association (MAYSA) follows this and we do model our club after them. The goal here is to give players more touches on the ball and not worry about the goalie position. Our board continues to work on how we can be better at skill development at all levels. Skill work is so important at the younger years-much more than "who is winning the game". **At the U10 level they will play 6 v 6 and on a bit smaller of a field.** Our soccer board members are listed in this newsletter and they are a very active board. The hours they put in as volunteers to provide youth soccer in Evansville are astounding. I do know that many of our board members would like to "retire" someday; they have been serving for many years. Please consider becoming involved. We meet monthly; you have a great opportunity learn a lot about soccer and the club; and can be a part of the continued success of Evansville Youth Soccer. If a board position is not for you; get involved by helping your coach manage the team(phone calls, etc), help with pig receipts; distribute items on fund raiser pick up day. Anything you can do to help makes our club strong. Thank you for supporting your child in playing soccer.



Our club motto continues to be,
"Fair, Fun, Safe".

Amy Eager, Club President

Soccer Youth Night

The Evansville High School Blue Devils will have their Youth Soccer Night on Thursday, September 25. The game begins at 6:30 as the Blue Devils will take on East Troy. It is a great way for young soccer players to see competitive soccer at the high school level. During halftime each Evansville Soccer Club team will be introduced on the field, so kids and coaches should wear their soccer jerseys to the game. The concession stand will be open. Let's hope it doesn't thunderstorm like last year!

Fundraiser

This year we are participating again in a "nut" fundraiser selling high-quality nuts (perfect for the holiday season). Last year we made \$2,800 and used the money to purchase new goals and nets for our U10 field. We still need one more set of goals and hope to raise enough money to make this purchase this year. Our fund raisers also help to keep our registration fees reasonable. Each player with sales over \$200 wins an Evansville Soccer Club water bottle. The top seller will win a \$75 gift card to their choice of BestBuy, Target or Dick's Sporting Goods. The second top seller will win a \$50 gift card. Information will be distributed at games on Sept. 6th. Please note the important turn-in and pick up dates on the forms and support our fundraiser. **We thank Jackie Liebel (882-0283) for coordinating this!**

Pig Receipt Contest



Please save your Piggly Wiggly receipts in your bright colored envelope! This is an easy fund raiser where we turn in our receipts to the Piggly Wiggly and receive a check for our club. Last year we made \$1,200! Collect receipts from neighbors or grandparents-anyone who might not donate their receipts to another cause. These are due April 19th to your coach who will give them to Jennifer Petruzzello. **Thank you Jennifer!!!!** Only Evansville Piggly Wiggly receipts qualify. The team collecting the greatest value in Pig receipts wins a choice of:

- 1 hour indoor soccer session and pizza party; or
- soccer shirts designed for the team with names on the back.

Questions? Please contact Jennifer at 882-0138 or petru@inwave1.com.

West Side Park



Our thanks to the City of Evansville Parks and Recreation Department for the development of a new park in Evansville. Check out the new West

Side park off of 6th street; near Porter Road. The Parking lot has been paved, new playground equipment installed; space for two full size soccer fields and baseball diamonds. Seven of our Maysa Teams will play there this fall. New signs will be installed soon and budgeted for 2009 is a shelter with restrooms. A great addition to Evansville!

Snacks

The board continues to discuss, “should teams have a snack schedule or not”. In an effort to promote healthy, fit youth, our recommendation to coaches is to not have any sort of a snack schedule. Players should bring their own water jug for hydration. Many parents have stated they feel they are bringing snacks to everything their child is in and this gets to be too much. Also, the soccer club can be more “green” by not adding 100’s of juice boxes and snack wrappers to landfills each year.

U-6 League News

Our U-6 league Commissioner is Rich Modaff. We thank Bill Connors for his many years of serving in this role and thank Rich for stepping in! All games will be held on Saturday mornings starting at 10:30a.m. at Countryside Park on Water Street (by the water tower). Each week there will be two half-hour games. The games will consist of 3v3 play and no goalie. During the half hour a team is not scheduled for a game, it will practice. Therefore, players should be present from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Shin Guards

Don't forget. Hard plastic shin guards are required to play.



U7 League News

We welcome our newest league to the club and thank **Shonda Kennedy** for being the Commissioner. As stated earlier, this added league provides another stepping stone for youth with skill development and is an improvement to our overall program. U7 games are Saturday mornings (8am or 9am) or Thursday evenings(5:30pm) at Countryside Park(Water Street). Smaller fields + 4 v 4 = more touches on the ball

U-8 League News

Our U-8 league Commissioner is Mary Beth Anderson. **Thank you MaryBeth!** All games will be held at the Countryside field, located on Water Street (by the water tower). Teams will play on Saturday mornings, and select Thursday evenings. The U-8 games will consist of 4v4 play and no goalie.

U-10 League News

Our Commissioner of the U-10 league is Lisa Olson. Thank you Lisa! All games will be held at the U-10 field, located at the end of Third Street by St. John's Church. All teams will play on Saturday morning and some Tuesday nights. The U-10 games will consist of 6v6 play.

MAYSA News

Our MAYSA (Madison Area Youth Soccer Association) Commissioner is Lisa Fahlgren. We **thank Tom Blain** for his years as commissioner and welcome and **thank Lisa** as our new Maysa Commissioner!. Our U-11 through U-19 teams play in MAYSA. At this age, players are ready to challenge other teams from the surrounding area.

U-13 through U-15 teams will play their home games at the Lake Leota field. U-11 and U-12 teams and the small sided high school teams will play at the new West Side Park. All MAYSA teams travel to their away games to area communities within a 60-mile radius of Madison.

Rain Policy

Games may proceed in light rain as long as the field is safe. If there is lightening, the **game must be stopped**. If a game is stopped prior to the end of the first half, the game should be rescheduled and replayed in its entirety. If a game is stopped after the first half is completed, the score stands final. Once at the game, the referee has the sole authority to stop a game because of weather or playing conditions.

Uniforms

Players are required to wear soccer or tennis shoes. Soccer cleats are round and flat on bottom. Shoes with a heel or dangerous cleats (such as baseball cleats) are not allowed. Players may wear warm clothing during cold weather provided they wear their jerseys on the outside. It is recommended that all players wear black athletic shorts. Hard plastic shin guard must be worn; and with the soccer sock going over the shin guard.

Sideline Coaching

Excessive sideline coaching should be discouraged and may be limited by the referee. If such abuse or interference continues after a warning by the referee, the game may be stopped at the referee's discretion and the outcome of the game referred to the Executive Council. Coaches may be given warnings, cautions or ejections for their actions or the actions of his/her team parents or spectators. (In the case of ejection, play shall not continue until the offender has left the playing area.)

Non-players may not enter the field of play during the game unless so requested by the referee (U-6 and U-8 coaches are typically allowed on the field) or to assist a player due to injury. All spectators will remain at least two meters outside the touchline. This area is known as the Player-Transfer zone and belongs to the playing field.

Water Bottles/Car Window Decals

Get your Evansville Soccer water bottles (\$5) and Evansville Soccer window decals (\$6). Look for club items at the games this fall!

High School Lights

The High School field lights have been fully installed AND paid for! The lights are state of the art, highly efficient, and are nearly bright as day on the field. Thank you to all who supported this project!

EVANSVILLE SOCCER CLUB Board Members and Volunteers 2008-09

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

President	Amy Eager	882-4159
Past President	Andy Graham	882-2419
Vice President	Diane Carlson	882-0114
Treasurer	Roseanne Hatfield	882-5157
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Registrar	Jeff Herbers	882-5517
U6 Commissioner	Rich Modaff	577-6408
U7 Commissioner	Shonda Kennedy	513-3112
U8 Commissioner	MaryBeth Anderson	882-2306
U10 Commissioner	Lisa Olson	882-0933
Maysa Commissioner	Lisa Fahlgren	882-0283
Referee Coordinator	Ben Exley	882-1129
Equipment Manager	Rob Hammond	882-0640
Field Coordinator	Mike Nicholson	882-5030

OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Camp Coordinator	Vacancy	
Pig Receipts	Jennifer Petruzullo	882-0138
Peanut Sales	Jackie Liebel	882-6383
In House Shirts	Diane Carlson	882-0114

Lost your schedule? Need more info on the club? Soccer in general? Camps?

Check out the Evansville Soccer Club Website www.evansvillesoccer.org or

Madison Area Youth Soccer Association
maysa.org

MAYSA Shirts	Diane Carlson	882-0114
First Aid Kits	Mary Beth Anderson	882-2306
Trophies	Kathy Wells	876-6209
Awards/Recognition Night	Lisa Olson/Lisa Fahlgren	882-0933
Week of Young Child	Amy Eager	882-4159
Fun Run Coordinator	Tom Blain	882-6798
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