

Billerica Youth Soccer Association

Welcome Coaches to the 2010 Spring Season!

First let me thank you on behalf of the Board of Directors for volunteering to coach. You are our lifeblood and the children benefit greatly from your donation of time and energy.

The information contained in this document will help you on your way to coaching this year.

Contacts:

President:	Gil Moreira
Intramural Director:	Dan Cugno
Coaching Director:	Sean Gibbons
Referee Director:	Paul Trask
Equipment Director:	Joe Fiumara
Intramural Fields Director:	Gerry Tennetta

SportsManager Administrators: Dan Cugno/Bob Lage

CORI & MA Youth Soccer:

If you are a new coach and have not completed a CORI application, please do so at the MA Youth Soccer Web Site. ***ATTENTION: MANDATORY CORI/Kidsafe form to be submitted by ALL Mass Youth Adult members! If you have submitted the CORI background information form after June 2005 - there is no need to submit a new one. Anyone who has not submitted the CORI background form or is a new coach, administrator, OR referee - MUST submit the form.***

The link is on our page and is;

https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/pages/1266_cori_kidsafe_form.cfm

While you are there, if you are a new coach, we strongly recommend that you take the G License Course for coaches. Once completed, submit a copy of your license for reimbursement to our Coaching Director – Sean Gibbons. As a reference tool there are practice session ideas and other information on the web site as well so please check it out.

SportsManager

Everyone requires access to SportsManager (SM). If you do not have access or do not recall how to access the system please contact your SM Admins.

As a reminder, the web page is accessible via www.billericasoccer.org.

We are experiencing some issues with our web address that will be resolved when Gil returns, so in the interim, please access SM by accessing;
www.sportsmanager.com/billericasoccer.htm

Once you are on the page, coaches can access their team rosters by clicking on the **ROSTER MNG** button on the left. You will then be prompted to enter your email and password. If you have forgotten your password, please contact your SM Admins.

If you are not familiar with this area of the system, you can display your roster, email your roster, and display phone numbers to contact your team or view your schedule. How you communicate to your team is up to you, however email is recommended so that you have a record of what was communicated.

Schedules

All schedules are complete and available in SportsManager. If there are any conflicts with your schedule, please do not reschedule games on your own. We will need to arrange for a referee and you may also wind up conflicting with another teams practice time. Please contact us with any conflicts or reschedule requests.

Please schedule your practices times for your team from the following schedule;

U8 - Practices - 1 per week. Available days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

U11 - Practices - 1 per week. Available days are Tuesday and Thursday.

U14 – Practices - TBD.

You can sign up at the coaches meeting or email your request. Please advise what day and time you would like to practice. These will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Please email me with your selection and/or any questions or concerns that you may have.

The format for the games is;

U8 Boys – 5 v 5

U8 Girls – 6 v 6

U11 Boys & Girls – 6 v 6

Rescheduling

In the event of inclement weather on Saturday, all games will be made up the next day (Sunday) at the same scheduled times. If you and your opposing coach are looking to use a practice time or an alternate time, please coordinate with Referee Director, Paul Trask for a referee.

Coaches: Please do not cancel and reschedule games on your own. Please contact our Referee Director, Paul Trask, so that he can coordinate scheduling a referee.

Team Equipment and Uniforms

Please check with your team and make sure that everyone has a uniform & socks from the fall. If you have new players or you are coaching a new team, we will need to provide you with the uniforms for the season. Please provide us with a summary of what your needs are so that we can get these to you prior to the season. Players are responsible for their own shin guards and soccer ball.

Each team will be issued a bag with soccer balls & pinnies. If you have this equipment from the fall, but are in need of replacement equipment, please contact your Intramural Director and your Equipment Director. On Saturday April 3, we will be at the VVP container distributing equipment, etc. from 9am to 12 noon. If you are interested in helping out (filling balls) please feel free to come up.

Please print out a copy of your Team Info Packet and carry that with you for games and practices. This is the easiest way to have emergency contacts handy

Coaches Clinic

On Saturday March 27 from 12-1 at the Bedford Edge Facility in Bedford, we will be having an Intramural Coaches Clinic. Please dress as if you will be playing soccer as there is a participation portion.

In addition, there will be several other opportunities during the season for coaches' clinics that will be scheduled for during the week at the VVP to include your players. There will be more information on this coming from our Coaching Director, Sean Gibbons.

Parking at the VVP

This year parking will be slightly more complicated, since our U10 Travel teams will also be playing at the VVP. Parking is allowed in the area of the "Flyers" (model airplane area), since they do not meet on Saturdays. A temporary sign will be put up the 1st week.

Reminders from our President and the Board of Directors

Coaches are responsible for your parent's behavior on the fields. Parents should not engage referees or enter onto the playing field. There is a zero tolerance policy for this.

Please remind parents to park with consideration for others, no dogs are allowed on any of the fields and to take their trash with them. We will be reminding everyone on these matters by email as well. Parking is a major concern so that emergency personnel will be able to get to the fields to assist when needed.

Remind parents that children are NOT to be left at the fields for practices or games without a parent present. If arrangements are made between parents that is acceptable, but coaches cannot assume this added level of responsibility.

Please use common sense when dealing with situations. If there is a situation that you are not comfortable in dealing with, please reach out to any of the Board of Directors. Many of the Board members are also coaches and will be on the fields.

Please remember at this level of soccer, it is all about the children having fun! Have them learn about the sport but keep it fun!!

Thank you again for donating your time! Our program will get better with your help and suggestions. Please feel free to contact any of the board members with any comments, suggestions or issues of concerns. –

Dan Cugno – Intramurals - BYSA