

Billerica Youth Soccer Association

Welcome Coaches to the 2011 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 Dan Cugno & Paul Trask 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, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

U11 - Practices - 1 per week. Available days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

U14 – Practices – 1 per week. Marshall & Locke 4:30pm or 6:00pm, (Times have been already distributed. If there are any questions, please contact us).

The format for the spring games are;

U8 Boys & Girls – 5 v 5

U11 Boys & Girls – 6 v 6

U14 Coed – 8v8

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 Intramural Director Dan Cugno and Referee Director, Paul Trask for a referee.

Coaches: Please do not cancel and reschedule games on your own. Please contact our Intramural Director Dan Cugno and our Referee Director, Paul Trask, so that they can coordinate a new time and 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 2, 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

Parking at the VVP

Parking is always a challenge, but hopefully our spreading out the schedule will alleviate some of the past congestion issues. Please be considerate of others. All access lanes must be left clear.

Please do not park on the road or near the gate as you may be hampering access for emergency vehicles. The parking area next to the fields is restricted to handicapped and board member parking.

Dogs

No dogs are allowed on the fields at any time. This is our policy. They are a distraction to the children and some children are afraid of dogs no matter their size or friendliness and they leave unwelcome droppings, which are a health concern. Youth soccer is intended to be a great time for our children, please do not let that time be spoiled for any child due to inconsideration.

Trash

There are dumpsters at every field—Please use them. If they are already full please take your trash with you. It is sad to see our volunteer Board Members, who work hard to put on a quality program for your children, staying hours after everybody has left to pick up the trash that has been left behind. Coaches, please make sure your team cleans up after themselves before they leave the field.

We will be having several recycle bins at the VVP this year as well. Please make sure that no trash is disposed of in these containers. If you or parents are interested in helping out with this, please contact Dan Cugno or Bob Lage.

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!!

As in the past, I would like to thank Bob Lage for his tireless efforts to make BYSA the best organization it can be. Not only is Bob the Travel Field Director, but he has volunteered and done numerous other jobs and tasks for BYSA including assisting me with the Intramural Program and with Sports Manager. Bob is definitely our MVP (Most Valuable Person)!

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 – Intramural Director - BYSA

