

Hello U8 Soccer Families,

Welcome to Fall Soccer!!! My name is _____ and I will be your child's U8 Soccer Coach this Fall. I am so excited for the upcoming season. This year I am coaching with (if applicable) _____ who will be our assistant coach.

**Please reply to this email so that I know you received it.
Thanks!**

Our first practice will be _____ **from** _____ at the South Meadow Field across from Clinton High School. For every **practice**, every child must bring a **water bottle with their name on it and wear comfortable clothes, soccer cleats, and shin guards covered by soccer socks**. If you would like to purchase a ball for your child to practice with at home, we use size 3 soccer balls. Practices are important. They are where your child learns the skills and rules needed to play in the game. **Please email me if your child is unable to attend a practice or a game.**

For every **game**, every child must bring a labeled water bottle and wear the **team jersey**, which will be handed out at the first game, **soccer cleats and shin guards covered by soccer socks**. It is essential that the children wear cleats and shin guards to every game, as they will not be able to play without them. The ref will check before each game. Please be aware that there are many types of cleats available to buy. Please do not purchase baseball cleats. When you purchase cleats for your child, they must be soccer cleats—they are the cleats without the toe cleat at the front of the shoe. Also, no jewelry (including earrings), metal or hard plastic barrettes or headbands, or hard casts are allowed during games or practices. In addition, as per Clinton school policy, no dogs are allowed on the soccer fields.

Our first GAME is Saturday, September 8th. A detailed schedule is not yet available but will be soon. Since our league is comprised of Clinton, Berlin, and Boylston teams, we will have a small amount of away games. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early so that you can pick up your child's soccer jersey for the game.

In addition, in an effort to make CYS as safe as possible, all coaches

are asked to take a quick online training course by the CDC on concussions called Heads Up. I would encourage you, as parents, to check it out. It contains valuable safety information for your child.

Here is the link for the parent portion:

<http://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/parents.html>

Also, if there is any information that you need me to know about your child in order to make their Fall Soccer season a successful one, please let me know.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email or call me. Our schedule of games should be attached to this email, but if it isn't, you can check out the Clinton Youth Soccer website for the list of games. If you have problems doing so, please contact me.

See you on the pitch!!!