



Mendon Upton Youth Soccer Association



Parents,

It is incredible to imagine that with record breaking snow still on the ground we are already talking spring soccer. We wanted to take a minute to cover off on some housekeeping heading into the spring season. First, as the Board of Directors of the MUYSA Club we want to wish you all a great, fun and productive season and we are very excited about the potential of this spring season through the combined collaboration of the players, parents and coaches. In this communication we want to reinforce some key pieces of the season and new initiatives.

Volunteering for the Benefit of the Club

This is a very special club and program. Over the course of its existence it has developed an incredible heritage of success for the development of its youth in Mendon and Upton. This has been done exclusively through the time, energy and efforts of volunteers. In every instance these are the people that attribute to:

- How the facilities and turfs are prepared for practices and games
- The organization and coordination of all team and club activities
- The mentoring, training, development and coaching of each and every player
- The mentoring, training, development of assistant coaches and referees
- Managing the administration, registration, finance, fundraising, team coordination that makes the club run
- Provide scholarship funding to deserving Mendon Upton High School Seniors
- Plan, implement and insure the long term vision of MUYSA

When done correctly it is a very rewarding activity. There is a backbone of volunteers for MUYSA that on a weekly basis give selflessly to ensure each player has the most rewarding experience in our program. It's time to add to the ranks and we would love for you to join this group. If you are sitting on the sidelines because you are concerned about your ability, we can help with that and put you in a capacity that fits your skills. If you are sitting on the sidelines because it just doesn't seem like something you want to get involved with, you may be missing out on a rewarding activity where you can have a positive impact on your child and maybe a couple more along the way. If you have any interest at all in contributing to the club please feel free to reach out to any board member.

Scholarship Committee

We are also looking for Coaches or Parents to participate in the Scholarship Committee. The MUYSA Scholarship Committee will accept applications, review and determine the distribution of two \$2500.00 Scholarships, one to a deserving Mendon Upton Senior Girl and the other to a deserving Mendon Upton Senior Boy. MUYSA President Kerry Miller is the interim Committee Chair and is joined currently by Committee Member Chris Belleville. Those that want to participate cannot be related to an eligible applicant who has applied for a scholarship. Please reach out to Kerry Miller if you have an interest in this committee at kmiller@themassrest.org

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Expectation Letters

Attached to this communication will be two expectations letters. One for the U6 and U7 group and the other for all other age groups. It's important that Players, Parents and Coaches review and understand each roles expectations. These expectations are all very intuitive, but it is important that everyone has taken the time to read and understand them. It sets us up for a successful season and eliminates the time robbing event of reestablishing expectations at each practice or game. This is time better spent teaching and coaching soccer and we ask that all parties insure that they have a full understanding and are practicing the expectations of the Club.

Spring Season Planning

We fully understand the intricacies surrounding managing multiple children through multiple activities. Throw on top of that 4 feet of snow still on the ground. Based on a moving target when we can get on the fields we are working diligently to get schedules and directions for practices and games to parents for planning purposes. But bear with us.

It is a short season, so please, to the best of your ability, have your kids at their fields on time (or a little early) prepared with the appropriate uniform and equipment and ready to go. The extra 15 minutes it takes coaches to get the kids is time not spent learning. If there are conflicts that delay or prevent you making practice or games, please give coaches as much of a heads up as possible.

All coaches should be providing you with game day timing and directions. Some of our away games are out there so taking a minute on google maps will save you the heartburn of racing to make an away game on time.

Fundraising

I am sure that everyone has just about had it with winter and is looking for a little diversion. Well we have just the thing awaiting you on Saturday April 4th when we kick off the First MUYSA Comedy Night at the Crystal Room in Milford.

For everyone's benefit we went outside of Milford and the Blackstone Valley (not that there aren't funny people there) to find our comedians. Straight out of Boston's best comedy clubs we will present two of Boston's Hottest Comics.

On top of that you will have the opportunity to bid on silent auction items like special events and activities at revs games, autographed revs shirts and balls, some interesting collectable adult beverages and much much more.

So save the date and look for the invitation coming directly to you.

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THANK YOU!

We want to thank all the parents for their time, dedication and support of the MUYSA Club. And we welcome any thoughts and questions you may have. For those who have been with the club we look forward to seeing you again on the sidelines at practices and games this season, for those of you that are new to us, we look forward to the opportunity to get to know you this season.

Go Warriors!

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