

Middlesex Youth Soccer League
Spring 2012 Season
Girls U16 & Boys U16

Age Director Information:

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The preferred means of contact is through email. I will make every effort to respond to you within 72 hours.

Please include the following information in your email correspondence to me:

- Name
- Club and Team #
- Division
- Game #

If you need to speak to me via telephone, **Cell # 781-710-7969, Home 781-665-4869**

General Information – Administrative Rules

The Middlesex Youth Soccer League administrative rules document is posted on the league website at <http://www.middlesexsoccer.org>. Please read through the document and familiarize yourself with the league rules.

Important Things to Remember

Coach Behavior: As the coach, you are responsible to set a good example for your team and their parents.

- Exhibit good sportsmanship during games
- Be courteous and respectful to your team, your opponents and to the Referees
- Remember that your team is playing to have fun. Provide them with a safe environment in which to learn the sport and to have a good experience.

Referees:

- The referee calls are final.
- Regularly scheduled games will be worked by a three person crew of referees. Ask the center referee to sign & print their name on the roster form at the beginning of the match and file a referee report each week along with your score.
- Violation of the Zero Tolerance Policy will be investigated and dealt with appropriately. The Zero Tolerance Policy maintains that no coach, player or parent is permitted to abuse a referee physically or verbally before, during, or after a game. Punishments can include expulsion from the league, MYSA and USYSA.

Reporting Scores:

- Report your scores in Sportsmanager after the game. Home coaches should receive an email within 48 hours after the game.
- If you did not receive an email requesting that you report scores, check the web-site to see if the opposing coach already reported the score.
- If scores reported on Sportsmanager are incorrect, send me an email to let me know. Include the Teams, Time, Place and Game ID# in the correspondence. Give me the correct score and cc the opposing coach so I know both of you are aware of the issue. I will confirm the score with the Referee Report and make the adjustment in the system.

Game Cancellations/Postponements

- **The Venue host town is responsible for field closings if the field conditions are poor.** The MYSL league is not involved in the decision to close fields. I will not know if your field is closed and I am not involved in the decision to close the fields. Check the following website for field closings:
<http://www.sportsmanager.us/links/MYSL/AreaClosings.asp>
- U16 plays their games in the **Venue system on Sunday afternoons**. That means there will be three of four games in a row at the same location. If you are listed as the Home team on the schedule that does not mean you will be playing at your home field. Check the field location for every game.
- If games are cancelled due to inclement weather or the other three valid reasons to reschedule a game, follow the rescheduling process in the MYSL administrative rules. Only games which meet the criteria for “rescheduling” will be approved. Vacations are not a valid reschedule request. Unless you are notified in advance that an entire venue is moving, Make Up games will be Scheduled Individually.
 - Home Coaches will take the initiative in scheduling a make up game.
 - Home Coaches must work with their town Field Scheduler to get days/times for the make-up game.
 - Home coaches must offer three (3) alternative days/times to the Away coach.
 - Once you both Agree upon a date, email me the information. Always include the Game Number

- **Important: You must notify me before you can play the make-up game. Make-up games require the Age Director's approval.**
- Age Directors work with the Referee Assignor in the Spring to schedule referees. After I approve the game, I will enter it in to the Referee Assignor's make-up request database. **I need at least 5 days lead time when scheduling a make-up game.** The league can not guarantee that we can get a referee on a day or two days notice.
 - When you email me, include the **GAME ID #** , the original day/time/location/Teams/Game ID **and** the **new** day/time/location; CC your opposing coach in the correspondence. If you do not include this information, I will be emailing you back requesting it, so please save both of us the time and include it in your original correspondence.
- **Saturday afternoons after 4:30 pm is the first choice for make up games** because we have the best chance of getting qualified referees to work at that time. Second choice is an evening during the week. **Do not schedule a make-up game prior to 6PM during the week. (no Sunday make-ups are allowed in the spring)**
- **After I confirm the make-up game, I will work with the statistician to update the new scheduled date in Sportsmanager.**
- If you can not agree upon a date, the Home Coach should email me with the information that led up to the impasse and cc the opposing coach in the email.

Post Season Play

- The Commissioner's Cup Playoff to determine division winners will be played June 17th and 18th in Woburn.
- MTOC will be played at the Mass Youth Soccer Lancaster fields on June 23th, 24th, and 25th. (Please note that the MTOC dates are subject to change based on the last day of school).

U16 Girls Div 1 and Div 2

D1 – one group of six (6) teams,. The 4 teams with the most points after the regular season will participate in the playoffs. (1 vs 4 ; 2 vs 3) The winner advances to MTOC.

D2 – one group of (11) teams. The 4 teams with the most points after the regular season will participate in the playoffs. (1 vs 4 ; 2 vs 3) The winner advances to MTOC

U16 Boys Div 1 and Div 2

D1 – one group of six (6) teams,. The 4 teams with the most points after the regular season will participate in the playoffs. (1 vs 4 ; 2 vs 3) The winner advances to MTOC.

D2 – one group of (10) teams. The 4 teams with the most points after the regular season will participate in the playoffs. (1 vs 4 ; 2 vs 3) The winner advances to MTOC.

- Any ties will be broken per the MYSL rules. Read them online.

Have a great season!