

MANSFIELD YOUTH SOCCER

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Field Opening Celebration
- Spring Events Calendar
- Field Relocation
- MYS Scholarship recipients
- 9th Annual Columbus Day Tournament
- MYS Night at the New England Revolution

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MYS FALL Newsletter

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Ribbon Cutting & Field Opening Celebration

Construction on target for field opening Oct 2.

After three years of fund raising, countless meetings and one big dream, the new fields are becoming a reality.

As the families take to the fields this fall season they will see how the construction of the turf field has progressed over the summer. The earthwork is nearing completion and the installation of the synthetic turf is planned to begin Sept 15.

Besides the space being prepped for the synthetic turf field is the large area being excavated as part

of the project. This space will have new and improved drainage as well as increase pitch and re-seeded grass. While the first weeks of the fall soccer season will be inconvenienced slightly, the big pay off comes once construction is complete. Just think... games and practices will no longer be cancelled due to muddy, unplayable fields.

Bricks—Still Time

Order a brick while supplies last and stamp your name into the history of MYS. Go to mansfieldyouthsoccer.com to order or pick up an order form at the concession stand.

Time to Celebrate

MYS is planning a celebration for opening day of the field. Mark your calendars for October 2nd, 3pm to 5pm. The celebration will begin with a ribbon cutting ceremony and will be followed by a celebration sponsored by **Premier Athlete Training**. There will be food, fun and games for all ages to enjoy as well as T-shirt giveaways, free raffle & a BBQ lunch donated by the 99 Restaurant.



MYS Schedule of Fall Events

For more information on any events listed below and other MYS events visit www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com

Sept. 11	Fall season begins - Road and in-town programs
Oct. 2	Ribbon Cutting and Field Opening Celebration sponsored by Premier Athlete MYS Fall Outing at the N.E. Revolution Game Including High School Night at the N.E. Revolution Game
Oct. 9 - 11	9th Annual Columbus Day Tournament - hosted by MYS
Oct. 13	MYS night at MHS Boys Varsity Soccer Game
Oct. 15	MYS night at MHS Girls Varsity Soccer Game vs. Foxboro
Oct. 17	Registration opens for Spring 2011 season
Nov. 13	Fall season ends - Road and in-town programs

Be Prepared... Construction ZONE

Be sure to review the Field Map on the before arriving at the Plymouth Street fields.

Due to the field construction, MYS has relocated fields to best utilize the available field space. Please review the field map before going to the fields for your first games. The field maps are posted on the FIELD page on our website - www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: As seen below, the fields for the small sided games for U7 & U8 have been moved to the far back field space, fields 5,6,7,8,9. The U5 & U6 players will stay on the front fields 1,2,3,4. 11v11 games will be played off site at East Street and Hutchinson Fields.

Parking and spectator space will be TIGHT so please plan ahead and leave plenty of time for finding your way to the new field locations. There is additional parking behind field 22.

Please park responsibly.

Additional parking is available in the back of field 22.



Apparel store goes online this

MYS Apparel

Coming soon...MYS Apparel will be available via an online store. Apparel plus more will be available to order from the www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com web site. Jacket and warm up orders will be available this fall as well. Please visit the website for further information



MYS In and Around Our Community

Congratulations 2010 Scholarship Winners

MYS congratulates Kara Grandin and Gus Daganhardt who were the recipients of the scholarships awarded to two High School seniors by MYS. Congratulations to these grads and best of luck in college.

MHS Car Wash

Sept 11, 8:30am - 12:00pm
Support the Girls Varsity soccer team and stop by the High School for a car wash.

MYS Varsity Nights at MHS - Save the Dates

Come cheer on your local H.S. teams. Wear your team shirt and bring your spirit to support the girls and boys H.S. soccer teams. MYS players wearing team shirts will get a free pizza slice at the game.

Girls Varsity Game -

Fri. 10/15 vs. Foxboro, 6:00 pm

Boys Varsity Game -

Wednesday 10/13, 6:00 pm

Check website for more information on MYS Varsity Nights.

Photo Gallery

Share your game photos with the MYS community. Send pictures to the webmaster through the website, include your team name & age level.

MYS' Facebook Pages

Join MYS' two Facebook pages:

Mansfield Youth Soccer and

Mansfield Youth Soccer, Then and Now

Stay updated on MYS community news, add photos, share your team achievements, wins, etc.

Fall Family Fun at New England Revolution!

MYS Annual-Family-Fun-Night with the New England Revolution will be **EVEN** more fun this year.

Mansfield Youth Soccer (MYS) is proud to support the New England Revolution in the Annual-Family-Fun-Night at Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA., **Saturday, Oct 2nd at 7:30 p.m.**

New England Rev vs. Real Salt Lake

This year MYS will be going to see the NE Revolution on High School Night at Gillette Stadium! The whole family can enjoy going to the MYS field opening **celebration** and then caravan to the game for a tailgate that includes the whole MYS community!

Don't miss out on this opportunity for team building, family time, and community spirit! At game time sit with the MYS community and cheer on the Rev's as they show their skills and battle it out on the field against Real Salt Lake.

Ticket deadline is Sept.

23rd. For more information on this event and for ticket sales www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com or email dharrin445@aol.com



This event will be even more fun this year as it is lined up with the new turf field ribbon cutting and opening celebration!

9th Annual Columbus Day Tournament

Volunteers Needed for Columbus Day Tournament

Oct 9th, 10th, 11th

We are currently in need of volunteers to help with the Columbus Day Tournament

This annual event is made possible by the help of many dedicated volunteers. This is a great way

to get involved with the tournament and see great soccer at the same time!

If interested in volunteering please contact Diane Corning at d2corn@comcast.net or Diana Garvin at dgarvin55@comcast.net

Thank you in advance for any help you can give. Without people like you this tournament would not be possible.

Coaches, There is still time to register your U8 and above team. See the MYS website for registration information.

If you would like to volunteer and get more involved with the MYS organization please check the website.



The Magic of Small-sided Soccer

In 2005, with the support of Mass Youth Soccer, Mansfield Youth Soccer was one of the first programs in the state to implement the small-sided dual field format for the U5-U8 age groups.

I will admit in the beginning I too had some skepticism — no goals? Two games at once? That isn't the soccer I know! But having been a part as a coach, a parent, administrator, and a spectator for four years, I am a true believer in this format. The primary reason — more touches of the ball for every child.

More touches translates to more

fun, better skills, and all kids getting involved every game, every week!

There is a lot of research that has been done with regard to the small-sided format for younger players. Some of the primary benefits US Soccer lists for the small-sided format include:

- **Fast path to development** — more dribbling, more shooting, more receiving, more passing.
- **Developmentally appropriate challenges** — players have to make more

decisions in a small-sided game, however players face reasonably challenging, less tactically complex situations.

- **Building athletic mentality** — with fewer players on the field there is no place to “hide”, Players maintain focus and compete more often.

Some added benefits include a shift of emphasis from keeping score to having fun. The kids get to play with and against a variety of kids every week. And my favorite...more goals!!!

A few reminders to spectators:

- Encourage good play and sportsmanship by all players
- 100% positive, 100% of the time
- Please observe the games from the outside perimeter of the fields only. Coaches & players only are permitted between the fields
- No pets are allowed at the Plymouth St. facility
- The best post game question to ask your child is “Did you have

Watch our website for updates and cancellations

- Our communication to coaches and families is via email and website.
- Team information as well as program events will be e-mailed.
- If the website and/or hotline are not updated with a **GAMES CANCELLED** message, then games are on and fields are playable.
- If some but not all fields are unplayable, those games affected will be moved to an open field. They will not be cancelled.
- Changes will be posted at the concession stand bulletin board and our website to direct teams to reassigned fields.
- Rainouts will be called no later than 7:00 a.m. on Sat. morning. **Both the website and hotline will be updated.**
- If it has been steady rain Friday check the website or hotline Friday for notices.

Soccer Shorts

Mansfield Bank Facebook

Mansfield Bank has extended its Facebook challenge until the end of September. For every new ‘like’ of their Company Fan Page, Mansfield Bank will donate \$1 to the MYS Fields of Green. It is simple to help raise money for MYS, go to Mansfield Bank's Facebook page and click on LIKE.

Sponsorships

MYS is offering field signs, field equipment sponsorships such as team benches and spectator seating for the new turf field. If you know anyone interested in learning more information please have them contact Kelly Kemp.

Thank You Sponsors

This fall you will see signs around the new turf field from local sponsors: Invensys, Sharpe Construction, Smith & Nephew, Pediatric Dental Center of Mansfield, Lynch and Lynch, Mansfield Sportsplex, The Garden Lady, Best Buy, Pro's Car Care, LifeTouch, 99 Restaurant, Premier Athlete Training, Mulkern Mech and HaborOne.

Referee Assignors Needed

After years and years of dedicated service to MYS Bob Gemme will be stepping down as Travel Referee assignor. Bob has been a great asset to MYS in many ways and for many years but it is his time to pass on the torch to some parent who is as passionate about helping young people in the community as Bob has been. Thank you!

MYS is also looking for a replacement for Jeannine Theall as the intown referee assignor. Jeannine has been a key volunteer for the MYS organization and the youth of Mansfield soccer; many will miss working so closely with her. Thank you!

Please consider this opportunity to make a difference with the youth of Mansfield as Bob and Jeannine have.

Please contact Keith Broyles at president@mansfieldyouthsoccer.com or view job description on the MYS website.

Welcome!

MYS welcomes Bill LeBlanc and David Cass as the newest members to the board of directors. After years of coaching they wanted to help the program and young players even more. Bill has been voted in as the MYS Intown Director and he has already stepped up and done a great job organizing the fall season for the intown program. David took his first steps into the Equipment Manager position working this fall along side Matt Savoie. David's volunteering for the Equipment Manager opens up an opportunity for Matt Savoie to move into the Field Manager role. This is an exciting time for MYS as we welcome newcomers and welcome new opportunities for our experienced volunteers.

MYS thanks Bill, David and Matt for their continued support and time.

Coaches Corner

Coaching Tips for Practices and Games

As you embark on the 2010-2011 season, make it a goal to optimize the time you spend each week with the children of MYS. Online resources are available at the Coaches Page of the MYS Website, as well as through the In-Town and Travel Directors.

An old friend, coach, former board member and parent within MYS, Darlene Menz, put together this simple road map a few years ago. Many of the "roads" are timeless and should be shared with our coaches:

- Be prepared for practice
- Small-sided games are encouraged
- Have the children use soccer skills in soccer game-like situations
- Organize your practice such that it allows the children to touch the ball frequently and keep everyone active
- Equal Playing Time for all players
- AVOID CONSTANT INSTRUCTION DURING GAMES AND PRACTICE. ALLOW FLOW TO HAPPEN
- Avoid pressuring children to meet your own needs. Striving to win is an important objective, but not the most important. Keep in mind long-term goals of helping athletes develop physically, socially and psychologically.
- Winning is the purpose of the game but should be accomplished within the rules of the sport and without sacrificing the player's development.
- Do not impose adult standards of performance on not make a good team nor guarantee a winning record.
- Develop team spirit. Everyone matters. Everyone treats each other with respect regardless of talent. Learning how to support teammates is a life lesson.

Coaching involves many skills to develop players. If you need support, please contact Jim Boushell at coachandplayerdevelopment@Mansfieldyouthsoccer.com.

Calling All Coaches (and Future Coaches!!)

Would you like a simple, easy to use method to earn your G-License? MYS is now offering the G-Licensure course online! This interactive training tool is an excellent introduction into your coaches' education. The better trained you are, the better prepared your players will be for the future, and the more rewarding your coaching experience will be! Even better, MYS will reimburse you for the online fee...so it's FREE! For more information, go to www.massyouthcoachingcourse.org.

Continuing Education

Are you looking to continue your Coaching Education and in the process obtain your F-License? MYS offers community based training for all coaches. These single or multi-day courses are held at regional locations and are packed full of information and educational material to help enhance your coaching experience. Visit www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com for courses.

Parent's Place

Our Role On Gameday

We received great feedback from our Spring letter regarding this section, so to share again as a friendly reminder...

It's Saturday morning, gameday. The Coaches and Players know what to do, but what about us (the Parents)? If we go off of instinct alone, we might find ourselves becoming Parent/Coach...or worse Parent/Player. We don't need a big person in a Yellow Jacket to guide us...it's simple: our role is **Parent/Parent**. Our friends at Mass Youth Soccer wrote an article a few years ago, entitled "For the Parents...Game Day". You can find the entire document at: <http://footballer21.com/?p=1360>. Following are a few excerpts that may be useful in helping you understand your role on GameDay.

The Game

Cheer on the athletes for both teams. They are trying their best. They are youth players and what you say really does affect them...whether you are their parent or not! Please **DO NOT** try to coach your child or the other players. The players must focus their attention on the game and, at times, their coach and the referee. There is a lot to think about in the game of soccer. Let them focus.

Post Game

Good parents and coaches know that immediately after the game is the time for mental, emotional and physical regeneration. A positive word about their efforts in the game is very helpful and means a lot to your child.

Please don't analyze the game or your child's performance in the game. The coach will do this at the next training session.

Final Thought

Enjoy watching your children play...it will be much less stressful on you and, certainly, on them.