

MANSFIELD YOUTH SOCCER

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Spring Events Calendar
- Field Relocation
- Keep off Grass Request
- MYS Scholarship recipients
- 10th Annual Columbus Day Tournament
- MYS Night at the New England Revolution

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MYS FALL Newsletter

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MYS Schedule of Fall Events



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

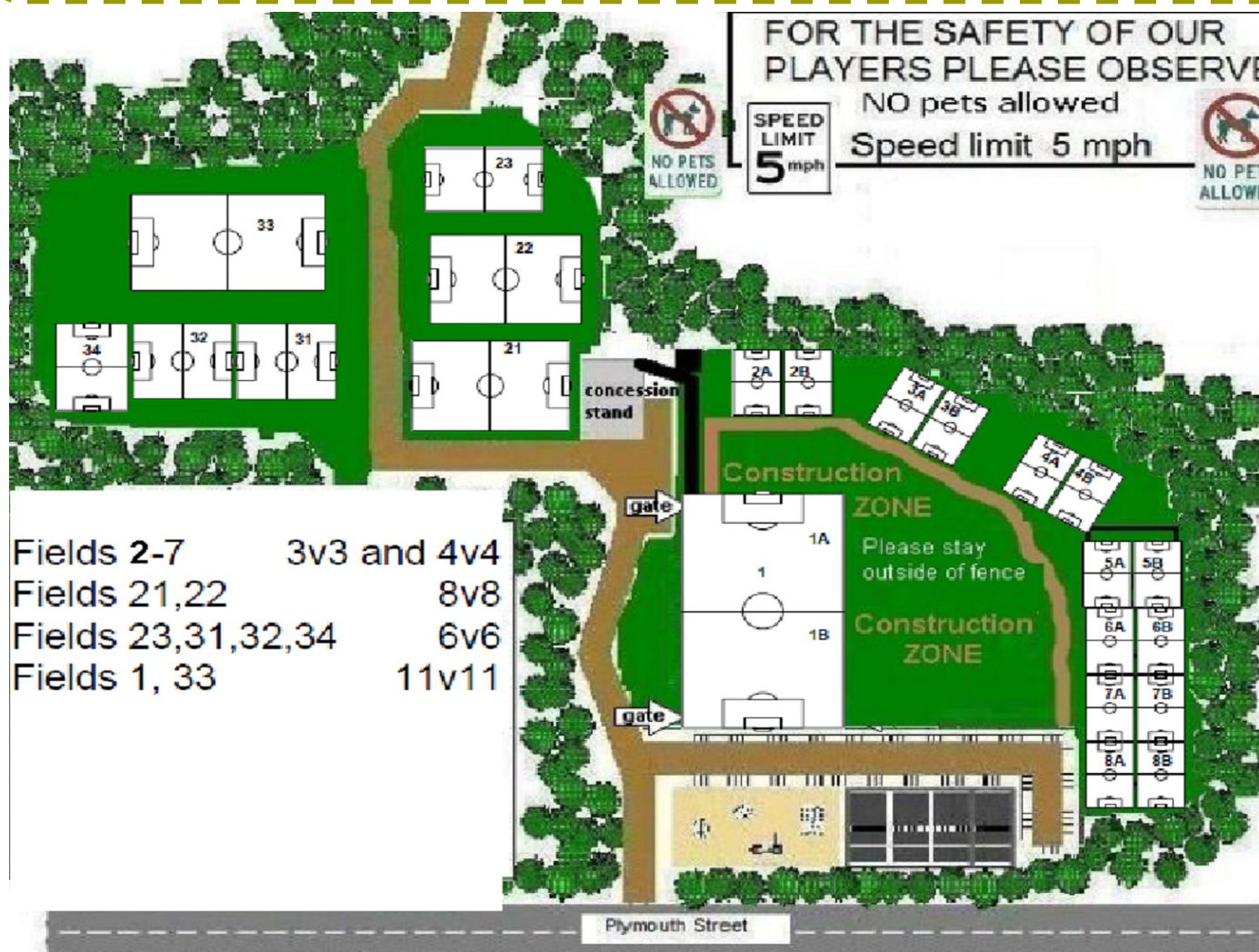
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| Sept. 10 | Fall season begins - Road and in-town programs |
| Sept. 10 | MHS Girls Varsity Car Wash—High School Parking Lot
After a dusty ride at the youth soccer fields get your car washed and support the girls varsity team at the same time. |
| Sept. 15 | Intown Coaches Meeting 5:30-6:00 pm
Plymouth Street Fields Concession Stand |
| Sept. 15 | Accelerated Coach Education Series 6-8pm
Plymouth Street Fields— details forwarded to coaches |
| Sept. 27 | MYS night at MHS Boys Varsity Soccer Game *
6:00 at Mansfield Alumni Field
Show your MYS spirit, come cheer the players on, free pizza slice. |
| Oct. 1 | Annual MYS night at the NE Revolution Game
7:30pm Revolution vs Seattle Sounders
Great team building and soccer community fun event ! |
| Oct. 3 | MYS night at MHS Girls Varsity Soccer Game vs. Foxboro
6:00 at Mansfield Alumni Field
Show your Mansfield colors, come support the team, free pizza slice. |
| Oct. 8 - 10 | 10th Annual Columbus Day Tournament - hosted by MYS
Mansfield Teams Welcome !
124 teams + new fields in full use = Great Team Fun |
| Oct. 17 | Registration opens for Spring 2012 season |
| Nov. 12 | Fall season ends - Road and in-town programs |

Green is Still Growing...Please keep off

The new grass area surrounding the synthetic field needs another season to grow strong before hundreds of soccer feet play on it. This area will be closed for the fall season, please obey the signs and stay off the grass this fall to help the grass grow strong roots.

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 U5 - U8 are located along the outside edges of the new grass area, fields 2-8.



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 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.

MYS In and Around Our Community

Congratulations 2010 Scholarship Winners

MYS congratulates Emily Broyles and Joe Cole 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 10, 8:30am - 12:00pm

Support the Girls Varsity soccer team and stop by the High School for a car wash on Saturday.

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 -

Monday 10/3 vs. Foxboro, 6:00 pm

Boys Varsity Game -

Tuesday 9/27 6:00 pm

Fall Family Fun at New England Revolution!

Mansfield Youth Soccer is proud to support the New England Revolution in the Annual-Family-Fun-Night at Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA.,

Saturday, Oct 1st at 7:30 p.m.

New England Revolution
vs.
Seattle Sounders

For Team Ticket Orders contact
Donna Harrington directly
dharrin445@aol.com

Ticket deadline is Sept. 22rd.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for team building, family time, and community spirit!

Tailgate with the MYS community then attend the game and sit among fellow MYS fans to cheer on the Rev's as they show their skills and battle it out on the field against Seattle Sounders.

MYS tailgate location is posted to the MYS website one week before the event.

For more information on this event and for ticket sales
www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com



SAME NIGHT as Mansfield High School

Night at the NE Revolution. High School

players should contact Donna Harrington

through their coaches/captains.

10th Annual Columbus Day Tournament

Oct 8th, 9th, 10th

Over 120 teams and hundreds of parents, sisters, brothers, grandparents and volunteers will swarm the Plymouth Street Complex over the span of 3 days. The Mansfield tournament continues to grow each year. Join the fun, enter your U9 and above team NOW.

Volunteers Needed for Tournament

We are 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 !

Please contact one of our volunteer Coordinators

Diane Corning at d2corn@comcast.net

Diana Garvin at dgarvin55@comcast.net

See the MYS website for registration information.



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

Soccer Shorts

Support MYS Advertise your business HANG a SIGN

MYS is offering field signs for the new turf field. The turf field is a **focal point** to MYS' 1,200 players and 800 Mansfield families, to the general Mansfield community, Mansfield business park local business as well as surrounding towns who play on the field. Hanging a business sign or personal sign will NOT go unnoticed. Hundreds of people will notice your sign as they walk the sidelines of the games and practices. Signs will hang for 2 seasons and during the Columbus Day tournament, the exposure can't be matched. Plus as a sponsor you are supporting a youth non-profit, fully volunteer organization.

PLEASE consider being a MYS sponsor. Sponsorship forms can be found on the website sponsor page

www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com/sponsors.shtml

If you know anyone interested in learning more information please pass along our website and information.

MYS thanks all our current sponsors their continued support and time.



MYS Gear

MYS Apparel is available via our online store. Apparel plus more is available to order from MYS GEAR-
www.mansfieldyouthsoccer.com web site. Please visit the website to order.

Welcome!

New Blood for Mansfield Soccer Board ! MYS welcomes Jenn Blood as the newest member to the board of directors. After just a year in the program Jenn has stepped up to help the program on the board level. Jenn has been voted in as the MYS Registrar. Jenn has been working this fall along side Christine Eddy as they transition the role. Jenn's volunteering for the Registrar opens up an opportunity for Christine to move into the Vice President role as Kelly Kemp steps up to MYS President. This is an exciting time for MYS as we welcome newcomers and welcome new opportunities for our experienced volunteers.

MYS thanks all volunteers for their continued support and time.

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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 reasona-

bly 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 fun today?"

Coaches Corner

Preseason Checklist

While we are shaking off the cobwebs from our season away from coaching soccer, here are a few helpful reminders to think about as you're walking onto the field each week:

Keep it Fun for the Kids!

For the 60-90 minutes of weekly practice you are the kids entertainer ... be creative within the weekly coaching plans that MYS provides on-line. Instead of "Dribbling the ball" refer it as "Painting the field with the ball" or how about calling a keep away game Red Sox vs. Yankees instead of Cops and Robbers? Make it age appropriate... you'll

have fun and they will have fun while learning the game of soccer!

No Lines!

We don't like the at the Bank or the Coffee Shop... and the kids don't like them on the soccer field. Try and keep the kids in constant motion, whether it be dribbling or passing, or juggling as they wait.

No Lectures!

Instead of reading out the instructions to a drill, put the ball on the ground and demonstrate it. Nothing more needs to be said here.

Early Bird catches the worm!

When the kids arrive for soccer, get them out on the field immediately, dribbling, passing... or just bouncing around. The quicker you engage them the more eager and interested they will be in participating.

Don't Over Do It!

You will notice that the weekly practice plans involve 3-5 drills, each one averaging 5-8 minutes in length. Play attention to the time... the attention span of a child is short. By following the practice plans, you will have more productive practice and

spend less time corralling the kids back onto the field.

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

Online resources are available at the Coaches Page of the MYS Website, as well as through the In-Town and Travel Directors.

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! Follow this link for more information on the course: https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/online_programs/g.aspx

Continuing Education

Are you looking to continue your Coaching Education... and in the process obtain your E or F-License? Mass Youth Soccer offers community based training for all coaches. These single or multiple day courses are held at regional locations and MYS is planning to host one in Nov or May. Coaches will be contacted via email with details.

MYS Policy Update - MYS will be making the G-license for all coaches mandatory in the seasons to come. Knowledgeable and informed coaches is the foundation to our youth program. With the G-license available on line and free of charge MYS has agreed to add a policy that coaches must agree to obtain their G license within one season of coaching if they plan to continue to coach within MYS.

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. ...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.

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