

# NGS Travel coaches meeting

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

# Agenda

- Rosters
- Coach passcards & stickers
- Player passcards
- BAYS website
- Fields
- Game rescheduling
- Rebecca Kantar talk
- MPS

# Rosters

- You must have an official roster at each game
- The NGS registrar sends rosters out by email – please let her know if for some reason you don't have yours yet!
- In the cases of late adds:
  - Your division director needs to have received a copy of your roster prior to any added players appearing in a game
  - This is more strictly enforced in Div 1 & 2

# What is MTOC?

- Mass Tournament of Champions
  - [http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/pages/67\\_mtoc.cfm](http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/pages/67_mtoc.cfm)
  - Typically last weekend in June, starting Friday. E.g. June 26, 27, 28, 2009
  - Note that this is often after the start of summer camps
- The end-of-year tournament to determine the best *town travel teams* in the state
  - Club teams – MAPLE, MASC, etc. have a completely different tournament structure
- MTOC-eligible teams:
  - Division 1 and 2 only
  - U12 and above only (but does include U16, U18, and U19 even)
  - Spring only!
  - Note: 2/3 of all BAYS teams are Div 3 or below
- How do you get to MTOC?
  1. If you're an eligible team, win your BAYS section
  2. Play the other section winners in a ladder (e.g. 2A plays 2G, 2B plays 2F, etc.) to determine the overall Div 1 and Div 2 winners
    - Typically only the single overall winning team from each BAYS Age-group/Division goes to MTOC
    - Some years BAYS has a wild-card slot for the runner-up (none in 2009)

# BAYS President's cup

- Only open to Div 3 teams
- “Ladder” style tournament – this is not an event where all the teams get together in one place at one time
- Draw is posted on BAYS website, coaches are expected to schedule games within a one week window
- Elimination tournament – you lose, you're out, you win, you advance
- Typically, high Division 3 teams prevail (it's unlikely your Div 3K team will make it far)
- Scheduling the extra games can be challenging, but rewarding
  - Coach quote: “One year my team got off to a bad start and was out of contention for winning our BAYS section. But we entered the President's cup and won the first round. From then on, we just played for the cup and treated our BAYS games as tune-ups”
- Application form is usually posted on the BAYS web site two or three weeks into the season.
- There's a \$25 (or so) application fee, that NGS has not historically paid

# Coach Passcards

- Any adult on the “team” part of the sideline needs an official laminated coaching card with a current season sticker
- If you don’t have a coaching card, contact the NGS Registrar
- Pick up a sticker here
- You must have an up to date (since June 2005) CORI in order to get a sticker

# Player Passcards

- MTOC – eligible teams are required to have player passcards for all players (Spring only)
- If you don't have passcards for all of your players yet, contact the NGS registrar ASAP
  - You'll need a photo of the player
  - Player passcards *do not* need a current season sticker
- The coach should hold the passcards, not the player
  - Some refs will hold all passcards (coach & players) for the duration of the game
  - Remember to get them back!

# BAYS website

## [www.bays.org](http://www.bays.org)

- Source for your schedule, score
- To get email addresses for other coaches, you now need to login using yours BAYS credentials
  - If you don't know your credentials, try the "lost password" link and give it your email
  - If that doesn't work contact the registrar
- The winning coach should report all game scores to the section captain promptly after each game
  - Don't dawdle or the system will automatically register a mutual forfeit
  - Forfeits are bad – they affect your team standing and cost NGS money (\$100/game)

# Fields

- The fields available to us change every season
- Many fields are only available to us within certain time ranges – **you must pay attention to this to avoid conflicts**
- Move goals off fields when you are done with practice. Other users (schools, Lacrosse, etc.) may be on the fields after us.
- Everyone should have submitted a practice field request by now
  - Use your assigned practice field
  - Remember the Newton schools have absolute priority over us for field use – don't argue with the school coaches if they're on "your" field
  - Your field permit is a necessary, but not sufficient condition for field use
  - **We will likely be losing all Newton South and most Brown/Oak Hill fields sometime in mid-May**
  - Fields have restrictions on hours due to school use and other assignments
  - Don't practice using the goals in the normal place if you can at all help it. The goals mouths get beat up enough as is

# Rescheduling

- Rainouts – nowadays the NGS website homepage is as up to date as the fields hotline, and quicker to access [www.newtongirlssoccer.org](http://www.newtongirlssoccer.org)
  - Use 617 928 6061 if you're not near a computer
- Planned reschedules (e.g. you're going to a tournament)
  - Notify opposing coach *2 weeks ahead*
  - Try to prepone – i.e. play ahead of time, instead of postpone
- Make-up games generally must be played within 2 weeks
  - Spring 2009 change – 3 weeks are allowed for early-season reschedules
- **Always always always** make sure that the Newton referees are informed if you cancel a game
  - If the Newton fields close, your referees will assume the game cancelled
- All game time and locations should always be confirmed with the opposing coach a couple of days in advance

# Rescheduling procedure

- Email the opposing coach as soon as you can about a reschedule
  - Try to get an agreed upon time and date
  - If you're having a hard time agreeing on a date, give him/her three choices and ask to choose
  - Keep your emails as evidence that you tried to reschedule and the other coach wasn't cooperating, so you don't take the forfeit
  - If the opposing coach isn't being responsive, involve your division director
- For Newton home games:
  - Once you've agreed upon a time (or even two possible times) email Stanley Miller and request a field
  - Once Stanley assigns you a field, email Ioannis for a new referee assignment
  - Close the loop and inform the opposing coach, and your team, that you've got a field and a referee (or not!)

# Uniforms

- All coaches should have gotten packets of uniforms if anyone on their team ordered one
- Outgrew uniform?
  - Order new one through NGS registrar
  - Pickup will be at Thunder Sports in Wellesley (wait for email notification)
  - Can also go to Thunder to check size before ordering

# Things to do now

- Organize a pre-season get-together
  - Especially in the Fall, host a parent meeting, introduce yourself, let them know expectations
- Remind parents of BAYS zero-tolerance policy
  - No criticism of a referee is tolerated
  - Only players may talk to the referee
- Remind parents of no jewelery/sharp objects
  - No, ears may not be taped
  - Only exception is medical alert bracelets

# Tournaments

- Taking a team to a tournament can be great fun, great way to get a team to bond
- Fall: Columbus Day Weekend
  - Most top teams are expected to attend the NGS tournament
    - *if it's held this year*
- Spring: Memorial Day Weekend
  - Check tournament list at [http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/pages/65\\_competitive\\_tournaments.cfm](http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/pages/65_competitive_tournaments.cfm)
  - **Framingham** – convenient, well run
  - **Needham** – ultra competitive – you may play club teams
  - Others nearby: **Danvers, Lynn, Foxboro, Holliston, Medway**. Some of these are only for younger age groups and/or only 6 v 6 or 8 v 8 even for older age groups

# Coaches memo

- Last year's is at <http://www.newtongirlssoccer.org/coach/f2007-coach-memo.htm>
  - Pretty much still accurate, except for contacts (use <http://www.newtongirlssoccer.org/contact>)
  - If I have time, I'll revise and email (but no paper this year)
- Ditto for fields memo: <http://www.newtongirlssoccer.org/coach/f2007-field-memo.htm>