

COASTAL YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
2010
PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to the spring 2010 Coastal Youth Soccer League season. To all the many volunteers, THANK YOU for making this happen for the players. The league has 340+ teams with 5300+ players at the U10 to U19 levels. Those numbers do not include the younger players who are playing in the individual towns.

An important part of each game besides the players is the REFEREE. We cannot play the game without the referees. Using the 3 referee system (center and two lines), we need 510+ referees each weekend for our CYSL games. Number gets higher with the younger in-house teams. Most of our referees are young people, players, and a parent's child. The first thing the new referees learn when they take the referee course, is being a player, does not mean you know the rules never mind effectively enforcing the rules. They must learn to apply the Laws of the Game. Unfortunately, the first experience as a referee is doing the younger age groups (U8s, U9s & U10s). I say unfortunately, because even though these groups have no standings, we are also training coaches and parents at that level also. An effective coach is quiet and does very little yelling from the sidelines. At the youth level of US Soccer, winning or losing is a minor criteria when evaluating the match or game. To assess whether your players are implementing techniques and tactics taught in practice, you have to watch the game carefully. If you are yelling at your players and the referee then you will miss the game. If you yell at a young inexperienced referee, I guarantee he or she will get more nervous and the game will get worse. Although they might not admit it, you people do expect adults to act like adults. Please read the ZERO TOLERANCE policy and adhere to it. The nervous young boy or girl grows to be the confident young man or woman who you do not even notice at your U14 game. Many of our younger referees quit before they get to the confident stage because adults yell at them.

The CYSL playoffs are list in the book. U12s are in Pembroke this year and U14s up are again at Coppens Fields, Chandler St Duxbury. School conflicts that affect the whole team are the only reason for rescheduling a CYSL playoff game. If your team has one of these then let your association know the details of the conflict ASAP. CYSL Executive Board makes the final decision on rescheduling conflicts. Overtime will not be played during the regular season. For the CYSL playoffs, there will be two 5-minute halves then penalty kicks if the game is still tied. There is no Golden Goal during overtimes.

New England Revolution and Boston Breakers information is in the book. Take you team to a game.

Have a fun season. If all your players sign up for the next season, you did a great job!

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