



Portland Youth Soccer Association
Membership Update
August, 2010

The next membership meeting for 2010 will be held on September 14th. We would like to invite all board members from our PYSA member clubs. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions regarding the fall season.

Program Updates

From the Technical Directors Desk:

Coaching Clinics – Our coaching clinics have gotten off to a great start. Our numbers have been great. We have had over 175 coaches attend events. We still have a number of clinics scheduled for the coming weeks. Please check the website for the clinic schedule. Along with valuable coaching information our staff is providing each coach that attends a clinic with an informational packet from the CDC. This packet contains information about concussions and head injuries associated with youth sports. If you would like one of these packets please contact me and I will send it to you. All participants also receive a PYSA Coaching Education T-Shirt provided by Tursi's Soccer Store and Supply. Tursi's is a sponsor of all PYSA Development Programs.

PYSA Fall League Cup - We are moving ahead with the 2010 PYSA Fall League Cup. The PYSA League Cup will take place Saturday November 13th, Saturday November 20th, and possibly Sunday November 21st. This event will be for our U11-U14 recreational teams. The entry fee for the tournament is \$350. The PYSA League Cup will guarantee 3 games to each team that enters. Teams could end up playing up to 5 games depending on how they advance within the event. We will also be using 3 referees for the tournament matches.

U11 - U14 Season Length - In response to our membership survey we have eliminated the weekend off in the middle of the season. This will allow us to provide all of our teams with schedules for the entire fall season in August. The other change that was made was to reduce the season from 10 games to 9. The team fee that was published will be reduced to accommodate the loss of one game. The new team fee will be \$315. This is a 10% drop for the original fee of \$350. We feel that dropping the league to 9 games will help us in several areas. These include the ability to host the tournament, less damage done to the fields, and fewer issues with lack of daylight for practices.

Rec Plus / Transition to Portland Metro League and OPL – PYSA decided to eliminate the Rec Plus league for the 2010 season. While we feel that the league was a success last year, there are now many other options available for teams seeking a higher level of competition. OYSA and OPL are both offering leagues that will provide our higher level teams opportunities to find competition that fits their needs.

U9 Jamboree - We will be having our annual U9 Jamboree on Saturday September 11th. We will be asking for volunteers from each club to help make this event a success. There will be more information being sent out in the coming weeks.

From Office Administrators Desk:

Ana Konstin is your contact as the Office Administrator

Referee program is moving positively forward for this season. PYSA will have at least 7 Mentors on the field of play this season to assist and support our referees.

From The Registration Desk:

Nelson Larson is our registration contact person this year.

RMA – background checks have begun processing, coaches are being cleared rapidly, and are being updated in the database.

PYSA has taken steps to insure this process is handled professionally.

Emails will be sent out updating any information you will need.

From The Field Desk:

Tim Copeland is handling all field permits for PYSA for all practices and game day assignments.

This year field permits were sent to our Field Representatives via email as electronic files (PDF). This will allow all the clubs to handle the distribution of permits in a way that meets their needs.

Scheduling of all the games for 2010 will be processed and posted on the PYSA website as they are completed. Final team registration must be in by August 28th.

If you have any questions regarding PYSA or the fall 2010 season please feel free to contact us. We are here to help you make each season fun and rewarding for the players.

Thank you for all that you do for PYSA and our players.

Yours in soccer,

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