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AYSO U10 TOURNAMENTS

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Starting May 12 at 5:30 pm at the Walters State Community College Soccer Fields there was a U10 Single Elimination Tournament.

This Tournament began on Monday, May 12 We have 10 teams in this division. They are: SV01- Wheatley SV02 Whaley, NV01Hammer, NC01 Hogan, NC02Maples, NC03 Parnell, PF01 Walker, GB01 Renfro, GB02 Phillips, CC01 Treadway.

These teams have all played very well this season and we are proud of each and every one of them. We want to say a special thank you to all the coaches, assistant coaches, team parents and especially the players. All of these people made it possible for us to have a U10 division in AYSO Region 440. This is why we are here. So everyone can enjoy the sport of AYSO soccer. Good Luck to all the teams. Have fun and remember "It's not who wins but who has the most fun."Cause if you have fun then you will always be a winner.

Signups for the Fall 2008-Spring 2009 Season



Soccer registration was held at the Tournament.

Volunteers were on site from 5:30pm to 7:30pm each night of the tournament signing up players for the upcoming fall 2008-Spring 2009 season.

Fees this season will be \$50.00. If you wish to play only in the Fall the fee is \$40.00. If there is more than one player in the family the fee will be \$47.50 per player.

Play ball

U12 Teams

This year we only had three U12 Co-ed teams. These teams were coaches by Philip Morris, Misty Posadas and Tammy Hughes along with numerous assistant coaches. Normally these teams would have played in what is known as "Inter-Regional". This meaning either one or all three teams would have been entered in a pool made up from teams all over Area5B (East Tennessee). Meaning these teams would have had to travel to at least half of their games. Instead of doing this we choose to keep the teams here at home and not make them travel. However, by doing this these teams had to play each other several times. Most parents agreed they would rather do this than to have to travel to places like South Knoxville, Maryville, Ball Camp, just to mention a few. Although by keeping these teams at home it put a strain of our very limited Referee staff we managed to complete the season with a Jamboree. Thanks to the U12 Coaches for coming out and making it possible for these young people to be able to play soccer.

U12 Teams Played In A Jamboree

On May 5, 2008 at 6:00pm there was a Jamboree game for all the U12 Boys teams. We took all the boys who were present and the coaches of those players divided their players in to a blue team and a red team. Then all the blue team players were places on a team and all the red team players on a team. This done we needed

to decide which coaches would coach which team. We picked a coach for each team and play began. This was one of the most fun games of the whole season. Parents whose kids had played on the same team this season were now playing against each other while the parents still sat side by side. The parents cheered for each other's kids who were now on opposite teams. Everyone was having a great time. When there was an accidentally hand ball no one got upset. In fact everyone seemed to be laughing and having a great time. I have no idea what the final score was and I'll bet no one else could tell you but I can tell you again this was a very fun game. I sure wish all the games could be this much fun.

On Tuesday night May 13th we had the girls Jamboree game. Once again the teams were divide by the coaches into a red team and a blue team. We had three sets of coaches and at one point in the game it was hard to tell which coach was coaching which team because they were so involved with their own players that they were continuing to coach the players **NOT THEIR TEAM.**

Once again parents were sitting side by side with players on both teams having a blast. These girls played very hard and with a great deal of talent. Some were using skills they hadn't used very often during their regular games. They all looked like real champs.. When kids, parents, coaches and ref's get along this good we are all **CHAMPS.** Keep up the good work.

Go kids play soccer!! You can do it!

U8 Teams

This season we had 14 -U8 Co-ed teams. These were coached by Eric Bradley, Diane Amet, Chad McFalls, JoAnna Ward, Jim Wilcos, Adam Adkins, Paul Barnett, Heather Wallace, Lori Mullins, Jeff Suit, Janice Hoffner, Stacis Spurgeon, Jeff Hale, Nancy Knipp and Tammy Hughes along with numerous assistance coaches, and team parents. Thanks goes out to all these volunteers for taking time from their busy schedules to do some good for their kids. These are the people who make it possible for us to have AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) here in Sevier County.

The U8 played their games on Thursday nights and most had practice on another week night. Games were played not only at the soccer fields of Walters State Community College but also at Northview Optimist Park, Pigeon Forge, New Center, Pittman Center, Caton's Chapel, and Pi Beta Phi. Games were played in the rain, snow and even sunshine. The kids always seem to have the most fun in the rain. Give a kid a mud puddle and look at them smile. Give a kid a mud puddle and a soccer ball and you can see them enjoy their selves like at not other time. There's just something about having the parents' permission to get in the mud that makes it so great. Sometimes teams would show up with only a few players while the other teams had record numbers of players show up. When this happened you would see coaches swapping players around so everyone would have the same number of players and everyone would get to play and no one would be worn out. It was so great to see these coaches and players come together like this for the kids. **WAY TO GO COACHES.** All in all these kids and coaches had a great season and we want to take out hats off to them.

AYSO AND KIDS- THEY JUST GO TOGETHER

THANKS COACHES, PARENTS AND PLAYERS

U6 TEAMS

Our U6 (under age 6) players were such a joy to watch. They would practice for 30 minutes on Monday nights then they would play their games. We had 10 Co-ed teams from all over Sevier County. The coaches for these teams were: SV01 Tom Owenby, Svo2 Carlos Maldonado, Svo3 Beth Costner, NV01 Martina Bohanan, NC01 Brian Smith, NC02 Travis Hicks, NC03 Travis Helton, PF01 Terra Clabough, GB01 Robert Myrick and PC01 David Moore. These coaches did a fantastic job with the kids. Sometimes because of weather some coaches would be short players but they usually worked it out to swap

players evenly and all the kids would get more playing time in. It is so good to be able to have coaches that are willing to work together for the kids. What more could you ask for. These little guys played their hearts out and the coaches should all be very proud of themselves for the great jobs they had done with the kids. I know these kids look up to each and every one of you because after all "YOU ARE THE COACH". That's very important to these little folks. Keep up the good work we all appreciate it.

U5 Teams

These little guys just make you want to laugh every time you see them on the fields practicing and playing their games. Have you ever seem anything sweeter looking than the U5 players. Their little shorts meeting the tops of their socks and shin-guards making them all a sight to behold. Running in little bunches. If one falls then you see

them all start tumbling down. They are just so precious to watch. These little guys played in all kinds of weather. Even when the big kids didn't play in the snow storm most of the U5 teams played. They seemed to have a big time playing in the snow. Mind you the parents looked kind of cold but the kids were having the time of their lives. A special thanks to all the coaches, team parents and parents who helped this year. It's because of your involvement in AYSO that allows these young players and opportunity to come out and learn the sport of soccer. Hopefully someday we will see these same players on our high school teams. Just think coaches you can look back and say "I had a hand in helping that player get start in soccer. Parents thanks for getting involved with these little folks. Because of you they had a great season. Please come back out next year and don't hesitate to get more involved with your child. They think it's great for mom and dad to be "the coach "or "the referee". It's something they can brag about to their friends. So volunteer and make your kids proud of you. **Coaches for U5 this spring were:** SV01 Michael Goodrich, SV02 Devon Koester, SV03 Andrew Joiner, SV04 Julie Smith, SV05 Jim Wilcox NV01 Harold Hurst, NV02 Eric Hunt, NC01 Kristy Jones, PF01 Nir Pasca, and CC01 Lisa Siera, Again a special thanks to each of you.

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Everyone Plays

Our program's goal is for kids to play soccer-so we mandate that every player on every team must play at least half of every game. In our region we have adopted the policy that every child plays three quarter before any child plays four.

Balanced Teams

Each year we form new teams as evenly balanced as possible-because it is fair and more fun when teams of equal ability play.

Open Registration

Our program is open to all children between 4 and 19 years of age who want to register and play soccer. Interest and enthusiasm are the only criteria for playing.

Positive Coaching

Encouragement of player effort provides for greater enjoyment by the players and ultimately leads to better-skilled and better-motivated players.

Good Sportsmanship

We strive to create a positive environment based on mutual respect rather than a win-at-all-costs attitude, and our program is designed to instill good sportsmanship in every facet of AYSO.

THE LONE RANGERS ---THE U14 PLAYERS

In the fall we had two U14 co-ed teams. But when it came time for the Spring season we had lost a lot of players to the Middle School Teams. We are glad we could help them out with players. So this left us with only one U14 team which was coached by Tina Ball. It was rumored at one of the first practices that this season would be a breeze since they had a woose for a coach. We by the middle of the season these same players had learn to respect Tina

and her vast knowledge of the sport of AYSO soccer. See all soccer is not the same as a lot of these kids are to quickly to find out. There's a big difference in AYSO soccer and Club soccer or competitive soccer. In AYSO we teach good sportsmanship for one thing. A lot of these kids had to learn a new way of playing. Not just playing but how to play together and how to make the other guy look good. They learned to complement each other instead of says nasty remarks to or about each other. They learned the true meaning of a "TEAM". The kids learned how important it is to work together. Tina always made it fun for them but they learned when she requested they do something that they needed to pay attention to her and her assistant coaches. If not it was on the side line you went. They didn't get to have as many inter-regional games as they should have because of some teams folding, but Tina found games for them to play. She let them scrimmage against the players on Pigeon Forge Middle school. Most of these players had played AYSO in the fall and now they were playing against their former team mates. It was a fun and exciting game for all. We want to say a special thanks to Tina for all she had done for this team. But we won't stop there.. Thanks Tina for all your years of dedication to AYSO soccer. Way to play soccer U14 players.

**Soccer, Soccer, Soccer
Let's keep the ball
rolling.....**

Featured AYSO ...Volunteer... **Tina Ball**

Tina has been one of the main reason we still have AYSO soccer in Sevier County. A about a year and a half ago when AYSO stated falling apart in Sevier County Tina decide she just wasn't about to let that happen. Tina got behind a lot of the old volunteers and made them take the time to listen to her. She brought them together in a meeting to try to get them to help her save AYSO here in Sevier County. AND it worked. It wasn't and overnight thing either. Tina tried for over a year to get people to listen to her Cry for

help with soccer; finally she was able to bring together a hand full of people interested in the well being of AYSO. They thought they had things worked out but when it came time for the next season to begin plans for the new Commissioner fell thru and once again Tina was out there trying to rally interested parties in to helping her save her sport. After a meeting with the Area Board of Director from Knoxville Tina had managed to not only get AYSO back on the right track but she had also managed to get four positions of the Regional Board of Directors filled. Those were to be and still are at this time: Jerry and June Douglass, Linda

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Hogan, Isaac Adams, Helen McMillion, and Tina herself. With the help of the Area directors we were all able to throw a fall season together in a matter of weeks thanks to one volunteer who got the ball rolling. Tina is always willing to help the other coaches, players and even the parents to understand AYSO better. She is a great asset to AYSO and she will never know how much she is appreciated by not only her players, other coaches, her Board of Directors but also by her special AYSO family. Thanks Tina for a job well

done above and beyond what has been expected of you. YOU SAVED AYSO.. WAY TO GO GIRL.

**FAIR,
FUN
&
SAFE!**

**LET'S PLAY
BALL**

Referees

In our next newsletter we will be featuring our Referee's. But for now we want to say a huge **thank you** for each and every one of you who has helped with the games this season. Although you are never told enough we do appreciate all you do, but let's face it ...Someone just has to be the bad guy, RIGHT. Also remember, we can play a game without the parents, we can play a game without coaches, BUT WE CAN'T PLAY A GAME WITH THE

REFEREE. YOUR ARE THE MAN. Having said this we again want to thank our ref's. These folks give up many hours of their off time to come out to these fields week after week and call these games so the kids have the opportunity to play the sport of soccer. Parents and Coaches don't always give these guys and girls the respect they deserve. I know sometimes you may not agree with their calls, but for whatever reason you don't agree we still need to gives the referee's the respect they deserve just for taking the referee training and putting on that uniform and giving so freely of their time for your child. These guys have studied the Laws of the Game and a lot of the time when someone disagrees with a referee's call it is because the person doesn't know the Laws of the Game. These referees's are out here doing the best they can so your child can play. Please let's support the people in Yellow and black cause without then there would be any games and without games there would not be

AYSO and then you would have to figure out what to do with your child to keep them active and busy. We are in serious need of referee's. If you want to be a better coach the Ref. If you want to be a better ref, then coach. We all have to pull together to keep this region on the right track. We also have to get more parents involved. Ref'n is one sure way to have the best seat in the house at the games. What a better place to watch your child from than out in front of everyone else. Just by becoming a ref you are guaranteeing yourself of the best spot in the house to watch your child from. Besides if you're going to come to the game to see you're your child play shouldn't you have the best spot to watch from? Call 429-ayso and find out how you can help.

COACHES CORNER

Coaches if you have not completed your Safe Haven Course then you must do so before stepping of the soccer fields. This can easily be done in about 30-45 minutes if you have internet access. BUT first you must be a registered volunteer and have ID #. If you have been registered in the past

and you know your AYSO ID # then all you need to do is training link and follow the directions to take the Safe Haven course. If you don't have your ID # and are registered please call 429-ayso and we will give it to you. You can also email us at AYSOREGION440@GMAIL.COM. We will then look up your ID# and email it back to you. If you have never been registered you won't have ID #. We must then get you registered. To register as a volunteer you need your driver's license and your social security card in doing a paper form. However, you may register on line by going to the information link for Registration. This is really the easiest way to register if you have internet.

Once you have obtained your AYSO ID# then you can take the short class on Safe Haven. At the end is the test. If you fail the test it will tell you which ones you missed. Go thru the lesson again and take the test again. You can take it until you pass it.

You can also take the coaching courses through U8 on line. This doesn't give you the hands on field exercises but you can sure learn a lot and best of all it certifies you through U8.

ALL COACHES MUST BE CERTIFIED FOR THE AGE GROUP THEY WISH TO COACH.

Don't be left holding the soccer ball because you are not qualified to coach the team you were planning to coach. GET YOUR HOMEWORK DONE SO YOU WILL BE PREPARED TO START YOUR SEASON ON TIME.

ATTENTION ALL COACHERS

YOU MUST COME TO THE MANADATORY COACHES MEETING . IF YOU DON'T COME AND STAY FOR THE WHOLE MEETING THIS YEAR SOME ONE ELSE WILL BE COACHING THE TEAM YOU HAD PLANS TO COACH.

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU. IF YOU REALLY WANT TO COACH THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO FOLOW THE RULES AND BE PREPARED.

LET'S ALL PULL TOGETHER AND MAKE THIS THE BEST SEASON YET FOR THE PLAYERS, REF'S AND THE COACHES. YOU GUYS DESERVE IT.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN COACHING MUST CALL 429-AYSO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND LET THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS KNOW OF YOUR WISHED. JUST

Upcoming events

Registration Information

What: AYSO SIGN UPS
Date: July 26
Times: 11:00am -2:00pm
Where: In Gatlinburg. Location to be announced later
To volunteer to help call 429-AYSO

What: AYSO SIGN UPS
Date: July 26
Time: 4:00pm-6:00pm
Where: In Pigeon Forge Location to be announced later
Volunteers need to help. Call 439-AYSO

What: AYSO SIGN UPS
Date: August 2nd
Time: 11:00am-3:00pm
Where: In Sevierville
Location to be announced later

Volunteers need to help. Call 429-AYSO.

What: LATE SIGN UPS
Date: August 9th
Time: 11:00am -2:00pm
Where: In Sevierville.
Location to be announced later

Linesperson & Referee Events

What: Linesperson Training
Who: Any parent who wants to be sure there will be games for their child to play this fall.
Date: August 7th. Time 7:00pm-10:00pm.
Where: In Sevierville
Location to be announced later

What: Referee Training. Date August 12th, Time 7:00pm-10:00pm. Location to be in Sevierville.

Coaching Training & Meetings

What: Coached Clinic. When: Saturday, August 16th .
Who: U5, U6 & U8 10:00am-12:00 noon.
U10 and up 1:00pm to 5:00pm.
Location to be announced

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**COACHES DOES NOT
GUARANTEE YOU A
POSITION AS A COACH. SO
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
YOU NEED TO CALL AND
GET YOUR NAME IN THE
HAT.**

BECAUSE YOU DECIDE YOU ARE GOING TO BE A

Upcoming Events For Coaches Continued:

If **you** want to **Coach** in AYSO this season you must be certified to Coach in the age you wish to coach. Only certified Coaches will be permitted to coach. Don't leave your child hanging without a coach..... **gets certified.**

What: Coaches Meeting.

Who: U10 and Up Coaches

When: Monday, August 18th Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Location: To be announced

This is a **Mandatory** Coaches information meeting. If you don't attend you will not be allow to coach in AYSO this season. Team Roster will be available.

What: Coaches Meeting.

Who: U5, U6 & U8 Coaches

When: Thursday, August 21st Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Location: To be announced

This is a **Mandatory** Coaches information meeting. If you don't attend you will not be allow to coach in AYSO this season. Team Roster will be available.

What: Coaches Meeting.

Who: U5, U6 & U8 Coaches

When: Tuesday, August 26th Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Location: To be announced

This is a **Mandatory** Coaches information meeting. If you don't attend you will not be allow to coach in AYSO this season, Team rosters will be available.

What: Coaches Meeting.

Who: U10 and Up Coaches

When: Thursday, August 28th Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Location: To be announced

This is a **Mandatory** Coaches information meeting. If you don't attend you will not be allow to coach in AYSO this season, Coaches rosters will be handed out at this meeting. You must be present for the **WHOLE** meeting.