



SALINE AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION



SASA Sidelines

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Important dates to remember:

- 10/24: Last Friday skill session
- 10/25: Last games of the season
- 11/3-12/19: Indoor session one
- 1/5-2/20: Indoor session two
- 2/23-4/8: Indoor session three

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SASA Motto Competition

The results from the SASA motto competition are in! As you can see, we received tons of terrific suggestions, and we're excited to announce two new SASA mottos! Both teams win a trip to a U of M game with Coach Knox—plus special perks!

**Building a legacy one player at a time.
Passion Honor Teamwork. SALINE—
Swarm Black UI3**

**One club, one team, one dream—
Sting Black U9**

- We SWARM as ONE
- Soccer Starts Here
- Soccer Starts in Saline
- Just Kick It!
- Work hard. Play hard. Sting hard.
- We work hard. We play hard. We sting hard.
- SASA builds our FUTURE
- It's not how you start. It's how you finish!
- Our goal is stopping yours
- Our blood, our sweat, your tears
- Go after your goals
- All out, all game, all season
- Refuse to lose
- "Heading" to the top
- Coach Leigh says "Relax!"
- Champions on & off the field
- Believe & achieve
- Bustin' ours to kick yours
- The game's not over till my uniform's dirty
- Using our heads to kick your butts
- Working together to build self-confidence and character through our love of soccer
- One Ball Fits All
- Saline aspire. Soccer achieve. Passion Honor Teamwork.
- It's what we do and how we do it. Teamwork Honor Passion. SALINE
- Got ball...will use it. Passion Honor Teamwork. SALINE
- Set goals. Make them. Passion Determination Teamwork. SALINE
- I can do things you cannot. You can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things. - Mother Teresa
- Team matters. Respect honor passion.
- Every play. Every day. Passion Honor Teamwork. SALINE
- All it takes is all you've got. Passion Pride Teamwork. SALINE
- The pride you gain is worth the pain. Teamwork Passion Success. SALINE
- Community Team. Player Development.
- Community Team. Player Growth.
- Keep Calm and Go SASA
- Our Power Comes from Passion
- Dedicated to the Goal
- Bee a Part of the Hive
- Get Stung!
- Back in Black and Ready to Fight
- SASA: See the Victory
- Videre, Victor, SASA
- United by Team, Driven by Passion - Go SASA!
- Out of Many, One Team
- Keep Calm and SCORE
- Bee Calm, and Go SASA Hornets
- Watch Out for That Sting!
- Soccer All the Time
- Soccer Rules
- Your Home Team
- Home Team
- We put the buzz in hornet soccer!
- Teamwork. Persistence. Passion. Commitment. Excellence. Dedication.

#CHADTOUGH

Don't forget to order your #ChadTough bracelet at mden.com and show your support for SASA player Chad Carr. Our thoughts and support are with the entire Carr family.



DON'T MISS THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO WATCH SOCCER WITH YOUR SASA PLAYER!

Catch a Washtenaw Community College game featuring one of our U8 rec coaches—Victor Plase!

10/11 vs Hillsdale College
10/17 vs Kettering University
10/19 vs Saginaw Valley State
10/26 vs Wayne State

Did you know that you can get Major League Soccer delivered to your phone? Download the NBC Sports Live Extra app to catch games like:

- New York v Houston (6 PM on 10/4)
- Colorado Rapids v FC Dallas (3 PM on 10/18)

All About Academy Style Training

You may have heard that our U8-U12 travel teams have moved to academy style training sessions once a week. We sat down with Knox Cameron, Director of Coaching and Player Development, to learn about this new system.

The academy style approach places greater emphasis on individual player development. Players are divided into small groups and rotate through stations. At each station, they work on age-appropriate skills like passing, trapping, awareness, and coordination.

As they rotate through the stations, they're exposed to a variety of coaches and skill challenges to help them improve as individual players. Regardless of team performance, we know our kids are getting the support they need to become better players.

The academy approach is standardized. Of course we have a terrific coaching staff who work to bring the best out of their players.

What the academy system brings to the table is assurance that all of our players will cover fundamental skills necessary for individual improvement. They will be prepared to continue playing regardless of where their career takes them. In fact, this move brings us more in line with the coaching system used by US Youth Soccer in their training camps.

Overall, this move puts more focus on the individual player. SASA is not about winning games at any cost. Rather than targeting that short-term goal, we're focusing on the long-term development of our children. This level of skill building doesn't focus on the cheap and easy win, and that may cost us a few matches from time to time.

That's okay. Our goal is to develop each player to their maximum potential in a game they love to play, whether that's in high school, college, or beyond. We hope you agree this is an investment worth making.

Recent Travel Results

U8 Swarm Black 3, Grosse Ile Chaos 2

U8 Swarm Black 2, **Dearborn Drive 5**

U8 Swarm Gold 4, Michigan Tigers Sil 2

U8 Sting Black 10, Plymouth Reign 1

U8 Sting Black 4, Plymouth Reign 4

U8 Sting Black 6, Michigan Alliance 3

U8 Sting Gold 9, Farmington Fury 3

U8 Sting Gold 4, MI Rush Northville 4

U8 Sting Gold 2, **MPSA Crush 7**

U9 Swarm Black 7, La Forza 0

U9 Swarm Black 1, **Hartland United 2**

U9 Sting Black 5, MI Rush Downriver 4

U9 Sting Black 4, Dearborn Drive 3

U9 Sting Gold 0, **MPSA Crush 7**

U9 Sting White 0, **Plymouth Reign 5**

U9 Sting White 1, Dearborn Heights 1

U9 Sting White 2, **Michigan Tigers 3**

U10 Swarm Black 4, Hartland United 2

U10 Swarm Black 4, Michigan Tigers Sil 2

U10 Swarm Black 2, **Van Buren Flames 4**

U10 Swarm Black 0, **Dearborn Drive 5**

U10 Sting Black 3, Michigan Alliance 0

U10 Sting Black 4, Mid Michigan Elite 1

U11 Swarm Black 0, **Chill SBC Black 2**

U11 Swarm Black 3, Taylor Shock 2

U11 Sting Black 2, MI Rush Downriver 1

U11 Sting Black 3, **Chelsea Bulldogs 4**

U11 Sting Black 2, **Midland Fusion 6**

U12 Swarm Black 3, Chill Girls White 1

U12 Swarm Gold 4, Michigan Rush 2

U12 Sting Black 2, **MPSA Crush 4**

U12 Sting Black 2, La Forza 1

U12 Sting Black 2, Michigan Tigers White 2

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER...AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Notice some changes? Our new newsletter is produced by SASA parent Carrie Harris. Carrie is the marketing manager for game company Evil Hat Productions and a published author of books for kids and teens. Check out *Bad Taste in Boys*, a zombie comedy for ages 12 and up, *Sally Slick* and the *Steel Syndicate*, an Indiana Jones style adventure for ages 10 and up, and the upcoming *Dinocalypse Forever* for adults. Learn more about her at her site: Carrieharrisbooks.com!

Do you have special skills that could help make a difference in our club like Carrie? Contact Executive Director Sue Ehman at executivedirector@salinesoccer.org to be a part of the exciting changes at SASA.

Q: Why did Cinderella get kicked off the soccer team?

A: She ran away from the ball!

Announcing Cans for the Club!

SASA is hosting a bottle and can drive! You will find a large garbage bin with a sign labeled "SASA BOTTLE DRIVE" at the Community Drive and Campus Parkway fields near the equipment chests. These bins will be there every Saturday through the month of October from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SASA appreciates any contribution of returnable cans or bottles you wish to put in the bins. Your donation will go toward providing new and improved equipment to enhance your overall experience with the club. This is an easy way for families to help contribute without breaking the bank!

Thanks for recycling with SASA!

On the Sidelines with Leigh Rumbold

This week, we spent a little time with travel coach Leigh Rumbold. Coach Leigh has been playing semi-professional soccer since the age of 16. As captain of Farnborough FC, he led the team to the league title and scooped up awards for Young Player and Players' Player of the Year. Recently, he anchored the central midfield for Lansing United, helping to earn the team a trip to the NPSL National Playoffs. And when he returns to his native England, he plays for Slough Town FC.

To put it mildly, Coach Leigh plays a lot of soccer. And when he's not playing, he's coaching the 07 Swarm Black, 07 Sting Black, 08 Sting Black, and 09 Sting Black teams, as well as coaching all over the US for Challenger Sports.

When we asked him about his life as a young player, Coach Leigh surprised us with a story about how he came late to club-level soccer. Mostly, he played with his dad and his friends at school. He didn't receive any organized coaching on ball skills like striking and passing until around the age of 14 or 15 when he started playing for his school as a defensive midfielder.

As a naturally gifted athlete, Coach Leigh was a success on the field, so much so that he was recruited to play semi-pro at age 16. Then he quickly realized that he had to work on catching up technique-wise because he was no longer playing against other boys, but hard-working men.

It just goes to show that natural talent will only get you so far, but hard work will win the game. As Coach Leigh says, "You have to work hard. You only get out what you're willing to put in."





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