



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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A Message from President Doug Schantz

Welcome to the third week of Saline soccer! I hope your player is having fun and making progress and you're enjoying the games. My son, his friend and I continue to enjoy coaching the U8 Girls Cheetahs.

The season has been exciting so far, and we can't wait for what's next. We'll be holding a bowling party at the end of the season, and I hope you'll join us. If you've got the time to help out, even if for a few hours, please let us know. We've done the fall bowling (and pizza, a personal favorite) party a few times now, and it's fun to bowl a few games and socialize with your friends and team families.

It was great to see so many SASA families at the Michigan soccer game last week. It's close; competition is good, and the tickets

are inexpensive. Saline HS Soccer's regular season goes through October 7th; we're proud of the boys' teams and wish them every bit of success! A lot of the players started with SASA, and I hope you'll come out to cheer them on.

Speaking of wins, we had quite a few teams at the Capital Classic Tournament in Lansing last weekend and a few division wins! Go Sting and Swarm!

Finally, remember that SASA is about community and inclusiveness. We make the effort to create opportunities for all players, from our 3 and 4-year old Mini Kickers through Rec and Travel, for Saline School District and our neighboring communities. It's about the players getting the chance to play.

A Message from Executive Director Sue Ehman

The Board is very excited to introduce you to our new Executive Director, Sue Ehman. Sue brings expertise and excitement to the team and has already made a difference in our club in the short time she's been with us. Here's a message from Sue:

I'm very excited to join the SASA team! SASA brings together my love of our great state of Michigan, its people, and the sport of soccer. I was born and raised in Michigan. I've always been an athlete and to this day love sports of all kinds. In fact, I still play soccer and enjoy the comradery, teamwork, friendships and everything that goes into being a team.

I've always been a people person. While owning a country store for 19 years, I took pride in our great customer service. Our motto was "where country and convenience meet." We knew our customers on a first name basis.

The last ten years of my working career were spent as a financial manager in the insurance industry. While I have a strong background in accounting, I missed being around people, families and positive energy!

Becoming ED for SASA has allowed me to bring all of my skills, passions, and desires full circle. While I have the (continued...)

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9/27 – UofM Women v
Michigan State

9/28 - UofM Men v Penn
State

9/28 – EMU Women v Ball
State

10/1 – UofM Men v Western
Michigan

10/2 – UofM Women v
Nebraska

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NBC will be airing the
Liverpool/West Ham game
on 9/20 at 12:30 PM.

Executive Director Sue Ehman (continued)

skills necessary for the business side, I still want to know everyone by their first name. I get to share every day with the SASA parents, their great children and the SASA staff and many volunteers.

Who could ask for more?

“I am a member of a team, and I rely on the team, I defer to it and sacrifice for it, because the team, not the individual, is the ultimate champion.” ~ Mia Hamm

SASA is a great TEAM, and I am proud to be on it!

Friday Skills Sessions

SASA will be offering Friday Skill Sessions this fall! These sessions are available to all travel and rec players from U10 up. Cost is \$15 per session or \$80 for all six.

As parents, it's hard to know whether or not programs like this are worth the time, effort, and money it takes to get our players there. Why sign up when our kids already practice a lot and schedules are tight? At the end of the day, our kids engage in soccer because they love the game. And we as parents want them to get better—to learn and grow in their abilities and confidence. Regardless of whether they win or lose, we want them to feel proud of their efforts and progress as individuals.

The key to that growth is practice. Touches

on the ball. Access to quality coaches who can help them grow as individual players. Getting our kids fired up to practice on their own because they're passionate about it. That is what Friday Skills Sessions are designed to do for our children.

Each week, Knox Cameron, Director of Coaching and Player Development, will run a session focusing on a different game element. Sign up for individual sessions or the entire series at www.salinesoccer.org.

9/19	Passing and Receiving
9/26	Shooting and Ball Striking
10/3	Dribbling
10/10	Cuts and Feints
10/17	Speed and Agility
10/24	Shooting and Ball Striking

Recent Travel Results

U8 Sting Black 3, **Michigan Rush Northville 7**
U8 Sting Black 2, Michigan Tigers FC 1
U8 Sting Gold 4, Michigan Wolves-Hawks 0
U8 Swarm Gold 2, Michigan Wolves-Hawks 2
U9 Sting Black 3, Michigan Wolves-Hawks 2
U9 Sting Black 4, Michigan Rush Northville 4
U9 Sting Gold 5, Milan Fire 0
U9 Sting Gold 9, Chelsea Bulldogs 2
U9 Sting Gold 2, Mid Michigan Elite Mesa 0
U9 Sting White 1, Lyon FC Silver 1
U9 Swarm Black 2, Hartland United FC 1

U9 Swarm Black 9, Michigan Tigers FC 0
U10 Sting Black 6, Dearborn Drive Red 1
U10 Swarm Black 2, Michigan Alliance FC 2
U12 Sting Black 4, MPSA Crush 3
U12 Swarm Black 2, **Michigan Rush Jackson 6**
U12 Swarm Black 1, **Plymouth Reign Green 5**
U12 Swarm Black 4, Chill SBC White 4
U12 Swarm Gold 1, **Novi Parks Thunder 4**
U12 Swarm Gold 2, **Farmington SC Fusion 8**
U12 Swarm Gold 5, MPSA Crush 0
U12 Swarm Gold 1, **Michigan Alliance FC 2**

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Q: What do Lionel Messi and a magician have in common?

A: They both do hat tricks!

Congratulations U15 Swarm!

On September 6/7, the U15 girls' team attended and won the Lightning Cup Soccer Tournament in Rochester Hills. The weekend culminated in an exciting championship game between the Saline Swarm and the TSL Shock team from Taylor. After overtime, PK shootout, and sudden death PKs, the Swarm defeated the Shock and took home the first place trophy and championship medals.

Standing: Sarah Brannan, Annika Udrys, Mary McCall, Maddie Eastridge, Cerys Rogers, Amanda Fox, Natalie Wlotkowski, Emily Cohen, Coach Ray Williams
Kneeling: Jessie Lyons, Maggie McCormick, Karli Bolanis, Emma Petrock, Alyssa Williams, Micaela Long
Not pictured: Riley Salowich, Stephanie Schick



On the Sidelines with Knox Cameron

SASA is very proud of its coaches, and On the Sidelines is a new newsletter feature that will give you some insider info on our terrific staff. For our first column, we sat down with Knox Cameron, Director of Coaching and Player Development.

Coach Knox's list of credentials is a little mind-boggling! He has played for the University of Michigan, Michigan Bucks, and Columbus Crew—to name just a few. Internationally, he's represented the United States at a variety of events, including the 2003 FIFA World Youth Championship. He was also named the Big Ten Player of the Year during his college career at U of M.

If you get a chance, ask Coach Knox about barefoot soccer! We hear he once scored 14 goals in an indoor game without shoes on. Our feet hurt just thinking about that.

But before all of that, Coach Knox played soccer as a kid, just like our SASA players. We asked him to share a memory from that

time, and he told us this story:

"I was born in Kingston, Jamaica, and we moved to New York City when I was nine. I played on a local team there for about two or three years. Then I was invited to join a team in northern New Jersey, which was an hour drive each way. I thought that was impossible; there was no way my dad would make that drive. But he was willing to do it. He said I was one of the best 12-year-olds in America. I thought he was crazy, but I had to take him seriously. Why? He was willing to make that drive, 2, 3, 5 times a week if that's what I needed to get me proper coaching. If he hadn't said or done that, I don't think I would have made it as a professional. It gave me confidence and made me work harder to get better and be a success at whatever I chose to do."

We're so happy our kids can benefit from his drive, expertise, and passion. Thank you to Coach Knox...and his dad!

ENTER THE MOTTO COMPETITION!

We're designing new spirit wear, and we want your help! Enter a motto into our contest for a chance to win a trip to a U of M game with Director of Coaching and Player Development Knox Cameron AND to see your motto on our sidelines!

Email your motto to Sue Ehman at executive_director@salinesoccer.org by 9/30 to be entered!

SASA Day at the U of M Soccer Stadium

September 12th was SASA day at the U of M soccer stadium! Our players had the opportunity to walk out onto the field with the men's and women's teams, serve as ball boys and girls, and play in a halftime scrimmage on the field. Thank you to the U of M teams for hosting us!

Catch a video recap of the men's tie game against Maryland (and a glance at some of our players on the sidelines) [here](#), and a recap of the women's overtime win against Minnesota (with some terrific goalie saves) [here](#).





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