



SALINE AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION



SASA Sidelines

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

SEPTEMBER 12:

Come support SASA-sponsored Team U.S.A. in the EMU International Soccer Tournament. See page 7 for details.

September 11, 2015

A Message from President Doug Schantz:

Dear SASA Families,

On behalf of SASA's Board of Directors, welcome to the fall soccer season! We're eager to get the season going for our youngest players, the Mini Kickers, all the way through to High School rec and travel teams. My son and I are coaching a U8 Girls rec team once again and we're loving it; can't wait for our first game tomorrow!

While I'm not exactly sure how long I've been part of the SASA Board (I think it's been 14 years), I have been coaching rec and or travel here for the past 17 years. Our club and the focus of youth soccer overall has changed significantly since then. For SASA, we've drastically improved our fields (all of Rec used to play their games at Mill Pond Park, sometimes under water), improved our ability to train and coach and improved the ways that we run the club, thanks to countless hours of dedication by many volunteers and our paid staff. It's been very satisfying to see the club progress to where we are through a combination of spirit, generosity and hard work, all in the name of providing opportunities to learn and enjoy the game of soccer.

In the name of good soccer citizenship, some things to remember for our outdoor season:

- **Be safe.** Don't allow young players to cross roads and parking lots unattended, know the rules about evacuating the fields for lightning, and understand the concussion guidelines. Make sure you are there for prompt pickup and if you're leaving the field, make sure everyone has a ride and no one is left alone. We care about all of our 800 SASA players so much and don't want them to get hurt!
- **Don't be "that soccer parent."** We here solely for a safe, fun and developmental experience for our children...don't let the spirit of the game get away from you. In our rec league, winning is *merely interesting* in this context and only *a tie score is encouraged*. As a community-based program, the coaches and referees (those who receive the brunt of criticism) are our neighbors and their children. Players, coaches and parents must demonstrate, without exception, good sportsmanship at all times.



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SEPTEMBER 19:

Want extra socks for the season? Maybe another pair of shorts? You can order your uniform extras now through Sept. 19. on our website:
www.salinesoccer.org

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- **Be good guests on our fields.** Saline Schools and York Township allow us the use of their fields and we're fortunate to have such nice and plentiful facilities. I am embarrassed for our club when players and their families leave garbage on the field for someone else to pick up or when they choose to park on the grass; please don't do either.
- **Be thankful for our volunteers, they keep the club running.** In addition to their day jobs, our volunteer coaches, Board members, set-up and take-down helpers, team managers and parents give up their time to provide coaching and structure (finances, equipment purchase and maintenance, field maintenance, fundraising, league interactions, team placement...and the list goes on) for our teams so that members never have to worry about it.
- **Volunteer.** SASA is continually in need of people who are willing to help run our program in a variety of positions; we always need volunteers to be coaches, team parents and folks to help out with plenty of other activities, including our board of directors. If you're interested, please contact me directly at president@salinesoccer.org.

One final thing though, and maybe the most important of all: **It's not about us parents, it's about our children.** We're here for them to enjoy themselves, to feel like a part of a team and to learn about soccer. I've shown you this in prior editions of *Sidelines*; my favorite dose of perspective comes from Coach Bruce Brownlee (<http://www.fundamentalsoccer.com/members/Brownlee.html>) in "The 6 Things Parents Should Say to Their Youth Soccer Players":

Before the Match:

- I love you!
- Good luck!
- Have fun!

After the Match:

- I love you!
- It was great to see you play!
- What would you like to eat?

Have a great season!

Doug Schantz, President, Saline Area Soccer Association



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A Message from Steven Warren, Director of Travel:

It's that time of year again as we embark on the 2015-2016 soccer season, so let's get ready for cool, brisk (and sometimes blustery) weekends filled with some great soccer. I am proud to announce that we have over 240 travel players and 21 travel teams ranging from U8 all the way up to U16. Seven of our 17 WSSL teams are playing in Division 1, and four of our teams are playing at the Premier level! This fall, we have teams participating in a variety of tournaments including the Capital Area Classic, Abby Rubenson Cup, WAZA Spooktacular, and the WSSL Jamboree. A couple of our older teams will show off their skills at the North American College Showcase Series. Good luck to each and every team at their respective tournaments.

In addition to the excitement over our teams, Coach Knox has added three new coaches to our staff – Stephen Moriarty, Philip O'Kennedy, and John Bentley. I'd like to welcome our new staff, players, and parents to the SASA Travel family.

As we enjoy soccer this fall, I want to provide everyone with some simple suggestions to further appreciate the game:

1. Respect your child's courage
2. Don't bad mouth the club, the team, the players, your coach, the referee, or the opponent...you never know who's listening
3. Don't coach your child from the sidelines
4. Always display appreciation for the other team
5. Broaden your definition of "win" and "lose"
6. Win or lose – always thank your child's coach and congratulate your child
7. Go easy on the referees – they have the hardest job on the field

And always remember...

They are only kids, this is a game, the coaches and referees are human, and this is not the World Cup!

Have a great season!
Steven Warren
SASA Director of Travel

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ONE PLAYER AT A TIME



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SASA Welcomes New Coaches!



Let's give a warm SASA welcome to John Bentley! John comes to us from England with 21 years of age and a long list of coaching experience. On top of possessing his FA Levels 1 and 2 in Football Coaching and Higher Sports Leaders Levels 1 and 2, John also has FAs in Youth Module 1, Safeguarding Children, Emergency First Aid and DBS Youth (U18). He has coached for a number of academies including a woman's team at Leeds Beckett University. John graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Coaching.



SASA is delighted to announce the addition of Stephen Moriarty. Stephen is 23 years old from Trim, Ireland. He comes to us with his NSCAA National Diploma and Kick Start 1 and 2. He held a head coaching position of two girls' teams and one boys' team for Chill SBC Soccer Club, and has been an assistant coach for Waterford Institute of Technology, Athboy Community School and Trim Celtic. Stephen played for and captained the Waterford Institute of Technology Division I team. He completed a Level 7 degree, Bachelor of Business and Sport and Recreation Management.

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ONE DREAM



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Philip O'Kennedy, 25, comes to SASA from New Ross, Ireland. Philip has a good coaching history with New Ross Celtic AFC U13s, and he has worked with UK International Soccer doing camps, skills clinics, fitness and agility, goalkeeping and striker clinics, and working tryouts. He has done AYSO Coaches Clinics for ages U8-U12 as well as AYSO Fall Coach Mentoring. Philip played at the collegiate level for Colaiste Stiofain Naofa where he studied Soccer Coaching and Education.

Uniform Transition:

On behalf of SASA and Soccer World, we apologize for the inconveniences caused this year with any Nike products and their untimely delivery. We had hoped the transition from Adidas to Nike would have been a much more pleasant experience.

Please know that SASA and Soccer World have worked and will continue to work diligently together to rectify any and all Nike delays and issues. We appreciate your patience through this transition.

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Important dates to remember:

SEPTEMBER 18:

There will be no skills sessions on Sept. 18.

SEPT. 11 – OCT. 30:

Skills training sessions occur every Friday from September 11th through October 30th. No sessions on Sept. 18th. More info or online registration: www.salinesoccer.org

September 11, 2015

Friday Night Skills Training

Finishing Class:

- Shooting technique
- Volleys
- Body Positioning
- Finishing from Crosses
- Anticipation

Dates and Times:

Every Friday from Sept. 11 – Oct. 30
NO SESSION SEPT. 18
U8 – U14 → 5 – 6 p.m.
Campus Parkway Fields

Technical Class:

- First Touch / Trapping
- Passing and Receiving
- Fakes and Feints
- Turning
- Passing Accuracy

Dates and Times:

Every Friday from Sept. 11 – Oct. 30
NO SESSION SEPT. 18
U8 – U14 → 6 – 7 p.m.
Campus Parkway Fields

Goalkeeper Training:

- Shot Stopping
- Positioning
- Footwork
- Handling of Crosses
- Distribution

Dates and Times:

Every Friday from Sept. 11 – Oct. 30
NO SESSION SEPT. 18
U8 – U14 → 5 – 6 p.m.
Campus Parkway Fields

Cost is \$15 per session

Discount to \$10 per session if you register for full set of classes

Goalkeeping sessions are FREE (included in SASA registration)

Register at www.salinesoccer.org - Training Camp tab – Skills Training

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3rd Annual International Soccer Tournament

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There will be an opening ceremony at 8:30 A.M. where the countries' flags will be displayed and their national anthems played.

SASA's Team U.S.A. Schedule

9:00 A.M. – U.S. v. Iraq – Field 2
10:10 A.M. – U.S. v. Turkey – Field 3
11:20 A.M. – U.S. v. Spain – Field 2

1:40 P.M. – SEMI-FINAL

2:50 P.M. – FINAL

The tournament is located on Eastern Michigan University's campus:
799 N. Hewitt Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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