

To: OYAA Soccer Coaches From: Mike Lentz – OYAA Director of Soccer

Thank you for volunteering to help coach an OYAA recreational soccer team this spring. The information below will help you prepare for the coach's meeting, uniform and equipment pick-up scheduled for Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

The location for all meetings noted below will be:

**SUPERKICK** 409 Orangepoint Drive  
Lewis Center, OH 43035  
www.superkickcolumbus.com

The coach's meeting on Sunday 3/6/2011 will be very different from season's past. Please take a moment to review ALL details below. The goal behind making these meeting schedule changes is to maximize everyone's time while still addressing specific age group needs. Some quick notes for your review:

- There will be an Administrative Handout for all coaches, in addition to uniform and equipment pickup.
- There will be demo field sessions for U6, U7 and U8 coaches with emphasis on key skill development areas for Spring, and we will introduce an exciting, new "pilot" supplemental skills program for these age groups that will be provided to all U6, U7 and U8 teams this Spring.

Any coach who may have questions regarding this schedule may call me at 614.570.2605 before Sunday. I will not be able to answer my phone on Sunday 3/6 prior or during the meetings/uniform pick-up.

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### **1. New Coach Meeting Tuesday March 8, 2011 6:30 to 7:15 PM**

**New Coaches are still encouraged to pick up their team's uniforms and equipment bags on Sunday, March 6.**

In addition to the events on Sunday, March 6 (described below) ..... New coaches often have the most questions about the OYAA recreational soccer program. I found that the Sunday meetings are not an ideal environment to answer your questions regarding practice locations, team management, on-field coaching, game formats, rules etc. Therefore, I am offering a special meeting for new coaches. I hope you will be able to attend so I can help you prepare for a great soccer season.

### **2. Returning Coaches Sunday March 6, 2011 1:00 to 4:00 PM**

Since 2008, it has been my experience that the Spring age group/gender meetings are generally not well attended. The coaches *know the ropes* and therefore are comfortable the practice/game timeline and how to communicate with the parents. A coach's priority is picking up uniforms for the new players/coaches on their team or replenishing their equipment bag if needed. I totally understand. I want to make this process as easy as possible for y'all. That said, I would like the opportunity to address specific age groups and some training needs before the spring season.

Please review the schedule below for each age group's assigned times. This schedule allows me to meet the needs of all age group coaches whether new or returning.

#### **U5, U9/10 and U11/12 Uniform Pick-Up Only 1:00 to 3:40 PM**

The U5, U9/10 and U11/12 age group coaches are able to stop by SuperKick anytime between 1:01 and 3:43 PM to pick up their team's uniforms and administrative handout. There will be no age group specific meeting or field sessions for these age groups. RECOMMENDATION- to help with parking/traffic flow, please stop by during the field sessions.... It will be much easier to get your uniform boxes.

**U6, U7 and U8 Uniform Pick-up & Short Field Session SCHEDULE BELOW**

Coaches working with the U6, U7 and U8 age groups are asked to attend a 30 minute field session before getting their uniform boxes. The field sessions are designed to highlight several technical foot skill priorities that I would like to see taught this Spring. These sessions are being run by the Classics FC Directors of Coaching and members of the coaching staff: Mike Lentz, Jay Martin, Brandon Koons, and Earl Devanny

Age/Gender Groups	Field Session Times	Field area at SuperKick	Uniform Pick Up Times	Field area at SuperKick
U7 Girls	1:00 to 1:30 PM	Zones: SK + A	1:30 to 1:45 PM	Zone D
U7 Boy	1:00 to 1:30 PM	Zones: B + C	1:30 to 1:45 PM	Zone D
U8 Girls	2:00 to 2:30 PM	Zones: SK + A	2:30 to 2:45 PM	Zone D
U8 Boys	2:00 to 2:30 PM	Zones: B + C	2:30 to 2:45 PM	Zone D
U6 Girls	3:00 to 3:30 PM	Zones: SK + A	3:30 to 3:45 PM	Zone D
U6 Boys	3:00 to 3:30 PM	Zones: B + C	3:30 to 3:45 PM	Zone D

Important News & Notes

- Please do not park in the Lazer Kraze/Direct Buy Parking Lot adjacent and to the east of SuperKick, your vehicle may be towed. There are plenty of parking spaces on the west side of SuperKick, please be patient when entering and exiting the lot.
- As a strategic facility and program partner of OYAA, SuperKick has provided the following opportunities to OYAA Recreation Soccer teams and coaches:
  - A special **field rental** rate for all OYAA teams of **\$50 per zone hour** (almost 50% off standard rates), for rentals beginning on or after March 19<sup>th</sup>, if you wish to get some field time without worry for the weather of finding field space outdoors. One zone is approximately 24 yards x 42 yards and large enough for any team to hold an effective training session. Please contact [fieldrentals@superkickcolumbus.com](mailto:fieldrentals@superkickcolumbus.com) and provide your team name, team number, coach contact name, phone number and e-mail address with your inquiry. You may also call 740-657-8888 ext. 201. Payment is due at time of reservation, cancellations must be received 48 hours in advance to be eligible for reschedule.

Spring 2011 OYAA Recreational Soccer Timeline

**March 6** – Coaches Meeting: includes Uniform & equipment bag Pick-up and On-field Coaching sessions

**March 8** – New Coach Meeting at SuperKick; 6:30 to 7:15 PM

**March 23** – Spring 2011 OYAA rec soccer schedules released (Target date, like past years, it may change)

**April 2** – Opening day for OYAA recreational soccer games

**April 9** – OYAA recreational soccer picture day