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Communication is Key

AYSO Region 428 - The volunteers that run this soccer program known as your "board" would like to have more effective communications with the parents of the children playing in this league. Please look for us on Facebook by searching official AYSO region 428. YouTube is also a place to find us by searching AYSO region 428, not to mention our website www.ayso428.org. Both Facebook and our web page are great places that have good information listed about schedules, rain dates and the like.

Many hands make light work

Our stand out need currently is - Board Secretary

We would like you to know that we are in need of help running things and making decisions for the program. The small group of folks that make this program happen need your help if only an hour a week. We would like to thank the coaches for their efforts and time but we all need help.

As you know your kids have practice every week. We know you know this because you bring them to and from practice. But what you may not be thinking about is that you are encourage to be there during each and every practice in case your child gets hurt or even perhaps the coaches child were to get hurt. We need you to be there for the children's safety. We also need you on the sidelines of the games supporting all of the children positively. This is a game and it is competitive, however it is about the kids playing and having fun. We also need your help around the concession stand. If every team had one different volunteer parent for concession stand help every week (one hours time) before or after your childs game(before seems to work best). We would have less overall work for everyone.

The proceeds of the concession stand go to our U16 tournament team that will go to the national games. The next National Tournament is going to be in Tennessee. The cost of goods in the concession stand is pretty cheap and it's helping the children have fun. We need more board members. Remember many hands make light work! We meet two times a month and usually from 7:30pm to 9:00pm on a couple of Tuesday's a month (yes most of us have jobs too). We are not asking for a great deal of time and the more people that help the less time everyone needs to be helping. Without the volunteers AYSO soccer

would not be able to exist. Lets also remember that your High school kids (family or friends) need volunteer hours to put down for college applications or scholarships. Contact one of us at the main fields for a volunteer form, usually we are around the concession stand and possibly wearing the Blue & White Polo shirts that say Board Member on them.

Trainer's Corner.

One of the six philosophies of AYSO is player development and to focus on that philosophy, we would like to welcome Curtis White to the AYSO region 428 family.

Curtis has had an extensive soccer history where he was a player in the Colorado Olympic Development Program before heading to Europe and joining the Vorup Football Club in Denmark. As a coach he has led Palisades High School Girls team to a top five ranking and two Colorado state final appearances in his five year tenure. His holds his National Class D USSF coaching license and has been working with AYSO since 2004 in the area since moving to the Illinois Area in 2003. On a fun note he has worked in the Colorado Rapids Organization and is the current statistician for our own Chicago Fire.

Curtis will be working with older players and all coaches in our region and is in the process of developing a program that we will implement in the spring. Welcome Curtis!!

Referee Training

Referee training will be held the first weekend in November. The Basic ref class in ac excellent introduction to being a referee and we are strongly encouraging all our U14 and up players to attend this training. To grow as players what a better way than to know the Laws of the Game they are playing. Parents are also welcome to attend; this will help in the appreciation of what the players on the field are doing as well as the person running around in the Referee jersey.

The Intermediate training is held Friday evening and continues on Saturday and is meant for those who are currently Basic level or those who may have played or referee in the past.



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National Games Update

The next AYSO National Games will take place in Knoxville, TN in 2012. Region 428 is preparing the U16 boys team that we have received a bid for the games. Our region has a solid reputation of participating in the National games having sent teams to Hawaii, California and most recently to Florida in 2010. In the 2010 games we sent a U16 Co-Ed team and were awarded the Sportsmanship Cup. This speaks very loudly of the character of our players, parents and coaches that we can be recognized in this way. So please be on the lookout for ways you can help support our region and the team we send as ambassadors of Round Lake Region 428.

Our Region 428 is committed to pursuing these and other types of extended play opportunities designed to enrich the soccer experience for our young players. In the spring we also have the Section 6 tournament in Libertyville with teams participating from all over Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Illinois, and part of Iowa. We hope your child will have the opportunity to experience a National Games during their time in our program.

Important Dates to Remember

- 10/30 Last weekend of Fall Games.
Spring Registration for HS age boys and Middle School Age boys and girls who are currently not registered in AYSO.
- 11/4-11/5 Referee training
- 11/19-11/20 3v3 Indoor Turkey Tournament
- 1/7/12 Start of the Indoor Soccer Season(sign up through the Round Lake Park District) and is open to all players both those who are current AYSO or not.