



## LAYSL Newsletter August, 1995

### From the Registrar (Debbie Castro):

For the recreational teams:  
Practice begins the week of August 28.  
First game will be Sept 8 or 9.  
Last scheduled game will be October 14.

The fall registration deadline was July 15. However, we recognize there may be extenuating circumstances that prevent a few people from meeting this early deadline. The early deadline is necessary to give time for preparing all paperwork and making team assignments.

Late registrations can be taken subject to the following restrictions:

- There must be room on one of the appropriate teams.
- The player must pay the late registration fee (double the normal rate)
- The registration form must be delivered to the registrar by Sept 5. Unfortunately, no registrations can be taken after September 5.

Any advanced team coaches planning to participate in any in-state tournament are reminded that they must sign and provide the tournament information on a white roster. This completed form must be provided to Debra Castro (registrar) at least 10 working days prior to the tournament to ensure proper processing at the state level.

### Referee Coordinator (Gary Cort)

We tried a lot of new things last season with very positive results. Consequently we will continue the youth-referee development programs, in particular the mentoring program. We would like to expand the program this season to include providing certified referees as field marshals to help our newly certified youth referees deal with nonplayer incidents that may develop during a game. We desperately need volunteers for mentors and field marshals, so please volunteer. Certified adult referees should contact Gary Cort (672-1901) to volunteer.

We will continue to provide League referees for as many U-8 games as possible. These referees will be assigned to games before the season starts. Here is a real opportunity for all our certified referees (and especially our youth referees) to help our youngest players. U-8 coaches should still be prepared to provide a parent referee for games that we cannot cover.

ATTENTION U8 COACHES AND COORDINATORS: We are planning some significant changes to the U8 rules this season. These rules are intended to prevent players from positioning themselves directly in front of the goals, thereby obtaining an unfair advantage on either defense or offense. The rules involve establishing a small "exclusion area" in front of each goal. Complete rules will be published in the Hey Ref! newsletter that I will mail to all referees later this month. Coordinators should contact Gary Cort at 672-1901 to obtain copies for your coaches. Coaches should plan on attending the Basic Rules Clinic (see below) to learn more about these rules.

Schedule for our semi-annual clinics:

Youth Referee Clinic	August 20	2 - 5 p.m.
Basic Rules Clinic	August 22	7 - 9 p.m.
Linesman Clinic	August 23	7 - 9 p.m.
Referee Clinic	August 24	7 - 9 p.m.
Youth Referee Clinic	August 27	2 - 5 p.m.
Referee Certification Exam	Aug 31	7 - 9 p.m.
Makeup Exam	Sept 13	7 - 9 p.m.

The venue for these clinics is not yet firm. Watch the Monitor or call Kim Thomas at 672-3354 for details.

The 1995 referee exam will next be given at an as yet unsecured Hill location Thursday, August 31. If you plan to referee during 1996 you need to take the exam at that time to recertify (even if you took and passed the exam last Spring). If you cannot make this session, a makeup exam is planned for September 13 at 7 pm in White Rock.

I plan to mail the Fall Referee Scheduling Survey on or around August 12 and need to have it back by August 26. In order to break even on our registration and training expenses, we ask each certified referee to work at least two games per season. More is greatly appreciated.

We need more mentors and field marshals from the ranks of our certified, adult referees. There is a continual need for new volunteers to attend the clinics and serve as linesmen and U8 referees. And we always need new referees who are willing to make the commitment and spend the time to help provide a safe, fair, fun soccer environment for our youth players. No prior experience is necessary; we will train you, pay your registration fees, and support you throughout the season. Call Gary Cort at 672-1901 to learn more.

## Advance Notice: Annual Elections

Half of the LAYSL board of directors are elected at each November regular board meeting. Two-year positions to be filled this coming November are:

- Advanced team coordinator
- Coach Trainer and equipment coordinator
- White Rock coordinator
- Treasurer

New faces are always welcome. If you think you might be interested in one of these positions, please plan to attend one or more of the upcoming meetings and contact one or more of the present BOD members.

## Soccer Coaching Tips

In addition to the F-license coach training clinic to be held late in August, LAYSL is planning to hold an informal discussion with the coaching staff of the Los Alamos High School soccer program. All LAYSL coaches, in both the recreational and advanced programs, are invited to meet with the high-school coaches to discuss approaches for developing players with both technical and tactical skills. The exact place and time is not set, but expect this meeting to be held in mid-September. Watch for an announcement in the LA Monitor.

## How are we doing?

Making soccer a fun and successful experience for our children requires the generous commitment of time and energy from a large number of volunteers. Our volunteers include coaches, assistant coaches, referees, board members, coordinators and dozens of helpful parents. The great majority of all volunteers are parents of soccer players. Coaches and assistant coaches usually have the greatest effect on the players' enjoyment of the game. For this reason, LAYSL is committed to providing the highest quality of coaching possible for players in both the recreational and advanced programs. We offer coaching clinics for the benefit of coaches at all experience levels.

LAYSL wants your feedback on your experience with League activities. Having your comments by early to mid spring is most useful, since new coaches are selected late in the spring season. Your comments may be relayed in confidence to any board members by either mail or telephone.

## NYSCA Coaches Clinic

There will be a coaches' clinic provided by the NYSCA (National Youth Sports Coaches Association) and sponsored by the LAYSL on Saturday, August 19 from 9 am until 3 pm at the Mesa Public Library.

This session is especially important for coaches of U-10 and younger teams, although all coaches are strongly encouraged to attend the NYSCA sessions. Pre-registration is not required, but please contact Phil Warnock to confirm your intended participation.

## Volunteer Registration

This year, for the first time, the New Mexico Youth Soccer Association (NMYSA) requires that all volunteers complete a NMYSA Registration form and Volunteer Disclosure Statement. Board members, referees, advanced and recreational coaches and their assistant coaches are required to complete these forms. If you are in one of the listed volunteer categories, and have not received any of this paperwork, please contact one of the board members.

## 3 on 3 Soccer

You may have noticed in the local newspaper that teams from LAYSL were well represented in the 3-on-3 Soccer Shootout tournament held in Albuquerque July 22-23, 1995. In this tournament, teams of three players compete on small-sized fields against same-age teams from all over the state. The modified rules of play are in many ways similar to the special U8 rules that LAYSL uses for recreational play.

There has been some interest expressed in having LAYSL start a 3-on-3 League, which would play in early summer, between the time school is out and the 3-on-3 Albuquerque tournament (held in July). If you have an interest in helping to organize a 3-on-3 summer league, call Bob Walker at 672-9749.

## Most-probable dates for next regular BOD meetings:

August 23

September 25

October 23

November 27

Regular board meetings are held at 7 pm in the upstairs meeting room of the Mesa Public Library.

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