

# Manchester North Soccer League

March/April 2009

## Registration Night 2009

### \*NEW LOCATION\* - Mt. Saint Mary Academy

Manchester North Soccer League will be holding its 2009 fall sign-ups on Sunday, April 19th at **Mount Saint Mary Academy at 2291 Elm St in Manchester**. Registration will be from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the school cafeteria and signs will be posted. Parking is in the small lot in front of the school entrance or out on Elm Street.

In the Fall of 2008, MNSL had nearly 700 players and more than 200 volunteers participate during the soccer season. This year, we plan on fielding over 50 teams ranging from U-6 through U-19. Last year several divisions were full and had a waiting list, so we strongly urge all interested players to attend our registration event. Or get signed up via our website.

As was the case in 2008, there **will be registrations accepted through the mail**. Beginning April 1st, families can go to [www.mnsl.org](http://www.mnsl.org), click on the link for Registration and complete the online form, print, sign, include payment (checks payable to MNSL) and copy of each child's birth certificate if new to MNSL and mail to MNSL c/o Tina Doyle, 40 Hillcroft Rd, Manchester, NH 03104. Families using this method for registration will also be able to sign up to volunteer so please watch online for more details! If you have other concerns about registration and payments please email [tinadoyle@comcast.net](mailto:tinadoyle@comcast.net)

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is a \$45.00 fee due with each registration (maximum of \$90.00 per family). **REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER May 31st, 2009 WILL BE ASSESSED A FEE OF \$65.00- \$130.00 PER FAMILY** with no exceptions. Late registrations will be subject to a waiting list. **Registrations that are incomplete or without the appropriate fee or birth certificate copies will be returned.**

Registrations are non-refundable.

## Age and Birth Certificate Requirements

MNSL still requires verification of DOB for new players in 2009. ***If you are registering players new to MNSL*** at registration or via the online/mail in process, you **MUST** include a copy of each player's birth certificate with your registration whether in person or via mailing. If you are registering a player who played in 2007 and 2008 and he/she is returning to the league, a birth certificate is not required.

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U-6	4.5-5	8/1/03 - 12/31/04	
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 Additional information on [www.mnsl.org](http://www.mnsl.org)  
 or call 647-1766

## “British are Coming” 2009 Soccer Camp

MNSL will once again host the annual "British are Coming" Soccer Camp at Livingston Field in 2009. *The camp will run for one week only this year*, July 27th through the 31st. As in prior years, the Camp will offer a choice of full day (8:30 am– 5:30 pm) or half day (8:00 am- 12:30 pm) sessions. Extending the full day session to end at 5:30 is the result of requests and feedback received the last few years. Renowned Coach Graham Hesketh is back with thirteen of his finest coaches and we will plan additional fun and frolics during the week. We hope children ages 5-15 will join us. Please call 647-5843 for further details or check the website at [www.mnsl.org](http://www.mnsl.org).

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## Coaches Corner

MNSL will once again be looking for volunteer coaches for the 2009 season. It's great fun, good exercise and another way to support your child. At Manchester North Soccer, coaching experience is desired but not required. We will offer coaching clinics focused on all age groups and plan to have a variety of clinics available both before and during the season. The NH Soccer Association will provide the training and there will be no cost to you. We also hope to have additional mini clinics designed to assist coaches at all levels. So don't be intimidated, we'll show you the way. More details to follow as the season approaches (check out [www.mnsl.org](http://www.mnsl.org) for additional details). So come coach, and join a group of volunteers committed to providing a fun and safe soccer learning experience for our players. If you have any specific questions, contact Frank McBride, Director of Coaching, at [fmcbride@goffstown.k12.nh.us](mailto:fmcbride@goffstown.k12.nh.us).

## **More about MNSL soccer**

MNSL is run entirely by volunteers, and we need more volunteers in order to make this a great experience for the players. Experience is not necessary!! There are clinics available for those individuals who wish to coach or referee but don't feel they have the skill set (The league will reimburse you for any clinic fees). Simply put, **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. The board welcomes any suggestions, comments and even constructive criticism. Our goal is to make this a very positive experience for all children who participate in the program.

For the 2009 season, here are some bits of information about our league and the requirements of the players:

- **No smoking, pets or bikes are allowed on the field at anytime.**
- Requests for team placement will not be honored.
- Games begin the Saturday after Labor Day for the U-6, U-8 & U-10 divisions.
- Games may begin before Labor Day for the U-12, U-14, U-16 & U-19 divisions.
- Season will end on the last weekend of October.
- The first week of November will serve as a makeup date (schedule TBD).
- U-6's and U-8's will play on Saturday mornings and practice once during the week.
- All other divisions will play games on Saturday and one other day during the week.
- All divisions will hold practices once during the week.
- Players are not allowed to wear any jewelry AT ANY TIME including earrings (for safety and insurance reasons). Medical bracelets are OK however they should be taped down. Referees will ask players wearing jewelry of any kind to remove it. Refusal to do so will result in the player not being allowed to participate. We would advise anyone considering piercings before or during the MNSL season to delay having it done until after the season
- Casts must be covered with soft foam rubber.
- Properly sized shin guards are required.
- It is strongly recommended that cups (hard or soft) be worn by the boy players.
- Players are also advised to wear mouth guards during games
- Team uniforms (socks, shorts and shirts) are supplied by the league. Older division players do not receive shorts. Team uniforms must be worn for games.
- Soccer cleats are not mandatory, but they do provide better traction than sneakers. Baseball cleats (metal or front toe style) are not allowed under any circumstances.
- Players may not play in a younger age group.

## **Refereeing Opportunities**

MNSL has always provided referees for all games starting in the U10 division. Where do these referees come from? Parents of players as well as players themselves! Older players in the league are encouraged to work as referees and can make some extra cash! Players can start refereeing as early as age 12 and the experience serves as a great way to develop self confidence. We also invite adults to participate-it's a great way to be involved with kids while providing a valuable community service. The league recommends new referees get training and become certified or 'patched'. The process includes taking a course specific to the age level and passing a related competency exam. Complete information can be found at [www.nhreferee.net](http://www.nhreferee.net). If you are interested in taking one of the offered courses, MNSL will reimburse you once you have completed the course and passed the exam. The league is very careful about placing referees in game situations where they will be comfortable calling the game. We do our best to avoid having players referee games at their own age level and we work with the adult refs to leverage experience for the best possible match. The result is a win-win for all as we provide excellent referees while the referees themselves gain confidence and experience. To learn more, contact Howard Sevey at 566-6550 or [hsevey@msn.com](mailto:hsevey@msn.com).

# Important information about the upcoming season

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