

Manchester North Soccer League

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2 Registration Nights in 2008 Revised Online/Mail in Process Birth Cert. Required for New Players Only

Manchester North Soccer League will be holding its 2008 fall sign-ups on Sunday, April 13th and Sunday May 4th at Brookside Congregational Church at 2013 Elm St. Registration on both nights will be from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, which is located under the main sanctuary (enter by the side door on Clarke Street).

In the Fall of 2007, MNSL had nearly 700 players and more than 200 volunteers participate during the soccer season. Preparations are in full swing to make this season even better! 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 either of our registration events.

As was the case in 2007, there **will be registrations accepted through the mail.** Beginning April 14th, families can go to www.mnsl.org, click on the link for Registration and complete the online form, print, sign, include payment 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!

PLEASE NOTE: There is a \$45.00 fee due with each registration (maximum of \$90.00 per family). **REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER May 31st, 2008 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.

Birth Certificate Requirements

MNSL still requires verification of DOB for new players in 2008. *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 2006 and 2007 and he/she is returning to the league, a birth certificate is not required.

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“British are Coming”

MNSL is proud to again host the 2008 "British are Coming" Soccer Camp at Livingston Field. The camp kicks off again at the end of July and continues into early August. This year your choice of full day (8:30 am- 4:30 pm) or half day (8:00 am- 12:30 pm) is the week of July 28th. The week of August 4th will be half day only. Graham is back with thirteen of his finest coaches and we will plan additional fun and frolics for both weeks of the camp. We hope your children ages 5-15 will join us. Please call 647-5843 for further details or check the website at www.mnsl.org.

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Refereeing Opportunities

Manchester North Soccer League has always provided its teams with outstanding 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 given the opportunity to work as referees and 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 encourage adults to participate-it's a great way to be involved with kids while providing a valuable community service.

The league recommends new referees take a course on refereeing to become certified or 'patched'. The process includes taking a course specific to the age level range and passing a related competency exam. Complete information can be found at 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 not allow players to referee in 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. If you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity or have additional questions, contact Gregg Stephens, President MNSL at 668-0867 or gss0820@comcast.net.

More about MNSL

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 2008 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.**
- A great deal of attention is given to create teams of equal experience and talent. Requests for team placement will not be honored.
- Practices begin mid-August for all divisions.
- Games begin the Saturday after Labor Day for the U-6, U-8 & U-10 divisions.
- Games begin late August for the U-12, U-14, U-16 & U-19 divisions.
- Season will end on the last weekend of October.
- In the event inclement weather forces postponement of games, 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 (including earrings) to remove it. Refusal to do so will result in the player not being allowed to participate. **IF YOU ARE CONTEMPLATING HAVING YOUR CHILD'S EARS PIERCED, DO NOT DO IT AT A TIME THAT WOULD CONFLICT WITH PLAYING SOCCER.**
- Casts must be covered with soft foam rubber.
- 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.

Coaches Corner

Manchester North Soccer League will once again be looking for volunteer coaches for the 2008 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 age groups U6 through U12 and plan to have a full day of training on a Saturday either before or 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 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.

Important information about the upcoming season

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