



**Northeast Youth Soccer League**

**Parents Meeting**

**FALL 2009**

Welcome to the Northeast Youth Soccer League. Our league is proud to be affiliated with Indiana Youth Soccer.

NYSL continues to maintain the following principles:

**Open Registration** – All children are welcome to participate – there are no try-outs.

**Balanced Teams** – NYSL commissioners attempt to form equal teams based on player ratings from previous seasons.

**Everyone Plays** – Each team member present will play at least half of each game.

**Good Sportsmanship** - All participants are expected to exhibit the highest level of conduct on and off the field. This applies not only to the youth athletes but equally important to the parents and coaches.

**Positive Coaching** - Coaches are expected to respect their players at all times and offer only positive encouragement and reinforcement.

The NYSL Board of Directors is firmly committed to these values, and our decisions are guided by our goals of providing a SAFE, FAIR, and FUN environment.

**Officers**

President	Ed Richardson	823-4294
Vice President	Molly Hershberger	585-9870
Secretary	Tim Hayes	826-7945
Treasurer	Todd Coulter	823-3761

**Directors & Commissioners**

U5-U6 Director	Amanda Allton	897-2247
U7-U8 Director	Rich John	578-9195
U9-U12 Director	Larry Lenne	891-2898
U13-U19 Director	Mark Larew	823-9698

U5 Girls Commissioner	OPEN	
U5 Boys Commissioner	OPEN	
U6 Girls Commissioner	Amanda Allton	897-2247
U6 Boys Commissioner	OPEN	
U7 Girls Commissioner	Bridgett Abston	541-0970
U7 Boys Commissioner	Ed Castaldo	558-0034
U8 Girls Commissioner	Jennifer Julian	319-9090
U8 Boys Commissioner	Derrick Harris	823-7428
U10 Girls Commissioner	Chris Salvo	542-1958
U10 Boys Commissioner	Ed Richardson	823-4294
U12 Girls Commissioner	Gary Millikan	826-9460
U12 Boys Commissioner	Kevin Senninger	585-0978
U14 Girls Commissioner	Mark Larew	823-9698
U14 Boys Commissioner	Mark Larew	823-9698
U19 Coed Commissioner	Jeff Moore	253-6058

**Support**

Director of Coaching	Rich John	578-9195
Concessions Coordinator	OPEN	
Registrar	Molly Hershberger	585-9870

Late Registration	Lisa Ford	595-1850
Webmaster	Greg Hershberger	585-9870
Fields Coordinator	Ed Richardson	823-4294
NCRSL Coordinator	Larry Lenne	891-2898

Picture Day Coordinator	Lupe Roach	823-8444
Uniform Coordinator	Todd Coulter	585-0798
Trophy Coordinator	Bob Hittle	826-8944
Referee Coordinator – U7-U10	Katie Lord	690-5899
Referee Coordinator – U12-U19	Julie Walsman	253-3184

# Reminder!!!

**It is the policy of the USSF, Indiana State Referee Committee, Indiana Youth Soccer and NYSL that NO JEWELRY WILL BE WORN during soccer games.**

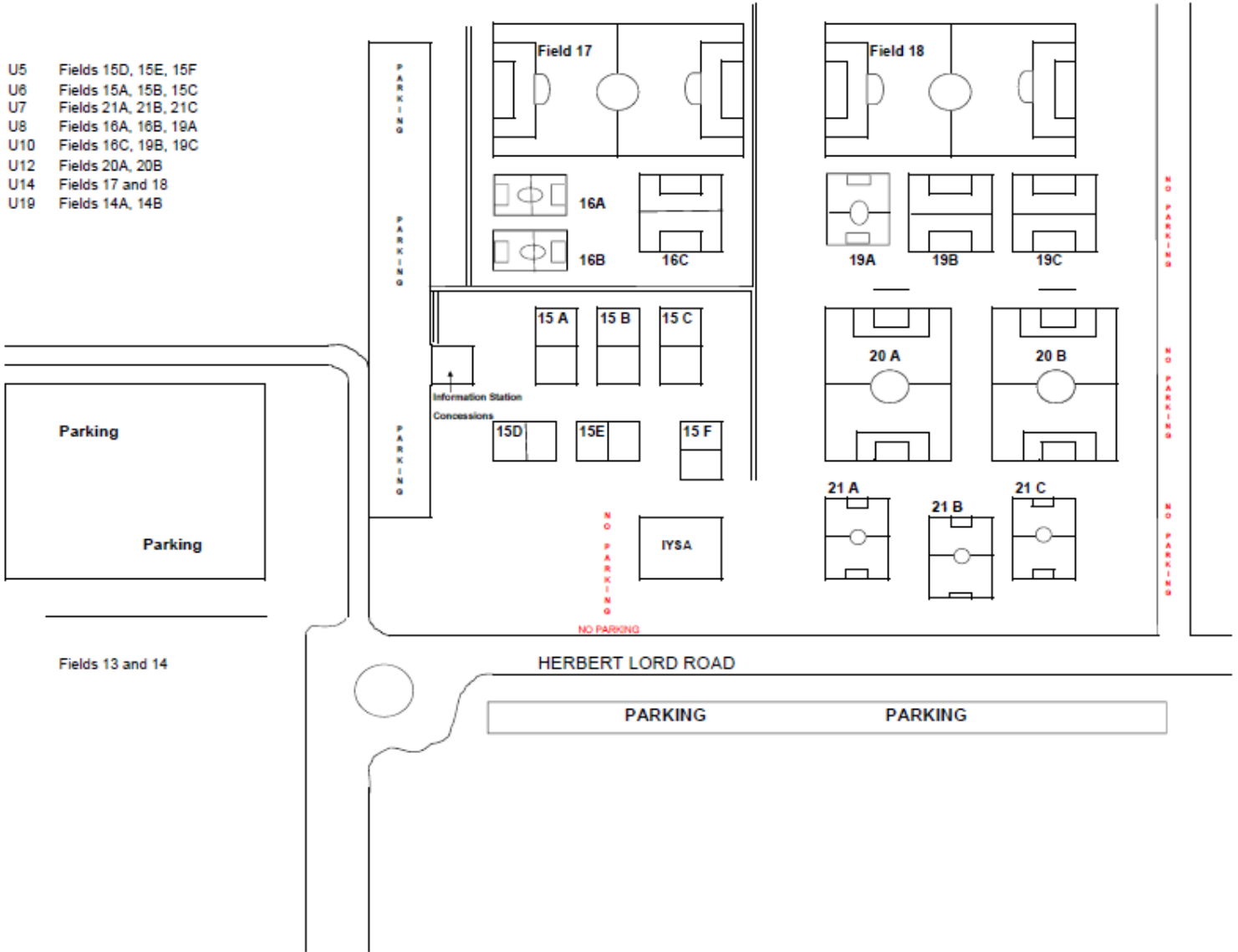
**If the jewelry is not for a medical or religious reason, it must be removed or the player will not play. Please remember this policy when you plan for the season. We strongly suggest that players postpone any piercing until after the soccer season.**

## NYSL Fall 2009 Schedule

NCRSL Meeting	Sunday, August 9 <sup>th</sup> 2:30pm, Lawrence Community Building
Coaches Meeting	Sunday, August 9 <sup>th</sup> 4:00pm, Lawrence Community Building, 4301 Franklin Road
Fields Day – Parent Volunteers	Saturday, August 15 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am – Noon, NYSL Fields
Practice Starts	Monday, August 17 <sup>th</sup>
NYSL Coaches clinic for all age groups <i>Getting Your Season Started</i>	Monday, August 17 <sup>th</sup> 6 PM, NYSL Concession Stand
Game Schedules Available (U5 – U10)	Monday, August 17 <sup>th</sup>
NYSL Coaches clinic for all age groups <i>Coaching Soccer Basics</i>	Monday, August 24 <sup>th</sup> 6 PM, NYSL Concession Stand
First game day	Saturday, August 29
Second game day / Picture Day	Saturday, September 12
Third game day	Saturday, September 19
Fourth game day (2 games for most teams)	Saturday, September 26
Fifth game day	Saturday, October 3
Sixth game day	Saturday, October 10
Seventh (last) game day / Trophy Day	Saturday, October 17

**Make-up policy:** In the event that a game day is canceled because of weather or field conditions, any make-up schedule will be announced on the Fields Information Hotline (595-1858). A general plan is to make up the games the following weekend on Sunday afternoon, but this is not possible in all cases. For older age groups, if a game at another club is canceled, then the host club is responsible for scheduling a make-up game.

- U5 Fields 15D, 15E, 15F
- U6 Fields 15A, 15B, 15C
- U7 Fields 21A, 21B, 21C
- U8 Fields 16A, 16B, 19A
- U10 Fields 16C, 19B, 19C
- U12 Fields 20A, 20B
- U14 Fields 17 and 18
- U19 Fields 14A, 14B



Fields 13 and 14

**NYSL MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME**

AGE	BALL LAW II	PLAYERS LAW III	SUBSTITUTIONS LAW III	DURATION OF GAME LAW VII	SCORING LAW X	OFF-SIDE LAW XI	PENALTY KICKS LAW XIV	GOAL KEEPER
U5	3	3 v 3	Stoppage	4 - 8 min. Quarters	3 goal max.	No	No Direct Kicks	No
U6	3	3 v 3	Stoppage	4 - 9 min. Quarters	3 goal max.	No	No Direct Kicks	No
U7	3	4 v 4	FIFA	4 - 10 min. Quarters	3 goal max.	No	No Direct Kicks	No
U8	3	5 v 5	FIFA	4 - 10 min. Quarters	3 goal max.	No	No Direct Kicks	Yes
U9/U10	4	6 v 6	FIFA	2 - 25 min. Halves	3 goal max.	No		Yes
U11/U12	4	8 v 8	FIFA	2 - 30 min. Halves	4 goal max.	Yes		Yes
U13/U14	5	11 v 11	FIFA	2 - 35 min. Halves	4 goal max.	Yes		Yes
U15-U19	5	6 v 6	FIFA	2 - 40 min. Halves	4 goal max.	Yes		Yes

**LAW III - Number of players**

In U5 and U6 divisions, players on the bench must enter the game at a stoppage of play. U7 and above, substitutions must stand at the half line and wait for referee to admit the players into the game. **Substitutions:** Kickoffs, goal kicks and throw-ins. All players play equal amount of time during the game. In the event of an ejection, that player may not re-enter the game, but the position can be replaced so that an equal number of players are still on the field U5 to U10. U12 and above will not replace lost position. An ejected player will be allowed to play in the team's next NYSL game as long as the player is properly counseled by coach and the age group commissioner notified.

**Law IV - Safety**

**A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewelry)**

**All players must wear shin guards at practices and games.**

**LAW V - Referees**

In U5 & U6 divisions, the coaches will be used to run games and keep time on the field. For U7 divisions, coaches will run the game if referees are not available. For U8 and above, the coach should not enter the field of play without the permission of the referee. Coaches should "maintain order" from the sidelines.

**LAW X - Scoring**

Maximum goals = the difference between total goals scored. Example 4 to 1 or 7 to 4 score = 3 point difference

**LAW XV - Throw-in**

For age groups through U10, players performing an illegal throw-in will be allowed additional chances to throw in correctly.

## **NYSL INFORMATION HOT LINE**

Including weather information

**595-1858**

**Web Site**

**[www.NYSL.com](http://www.NYSL.com)**

***Registration Hotline***

**595-1850**

For all registration information and updates

## Additional Information

1. All goals must have:
  - a. Permanent corner weights *or*
  - b. One or more sand bags on the goal frame to anchor the goal.Please check the goals on the field before each practice or game. If sand bags are needed, please report this to the Director on Duty at the concession stand. Please keep players from climbing on or hanging from the goals!
2. Check the Fields Information Hotline (595-1858) or [www.nysl.com](http://www.nysl.com) or [www.NYSL.com](http://www.NYSL.com) on practice nights after 4:00pm and on game days after 7:00am and encourage your parents to call the hotline or check the website and/or check the web. Fields may be closed for reasons such as standing water, even if it is not raining on a given day.
3. When at the fields, if the red flag is flying or the red light is flashing on top of the concession stand, then the fields are closed and players should not be on the fields. If severe weather is detected during a practice or game day, an NYSL official may turn on the red light and sound an air horn. If this occurs, please clear the fields.
4. Uniforms should be available the second week of practice. Each player receives a jersey and socks (no shorts). Coaches will distribute.
5. NYSL provides a treat for each player for each game.
6. Each player will receive an individual picture and team picture. Order forms will be available the week before Picture Day. Order forms can be used to order additional pictures can be ordered on Picture Day. Pictures will be distributed during the last week of the season.
7. NYSL Can Not Authorize Emergency Treatment. Please be aware, should an injury or emergency occur, your child cannot be treated without your permission. Your registration with the league is not a medical waiver. In addition, should the practice be terminated early due to lightening, your child must leave the field immediately. If you must leave the park, please be sure you provide your Coach or Team Manager a cell phone number or other way for you to be reached.
8. Please Be On Time. Please do your best to be on time for practices and games. With over 1,000 children playing soccer in one place, scheduling is important. Not only are the fields scheduled, but so are the referees. If one game starts late, it impacts many other games. If you're going to be late or miss a practice or game, let your coach know, so they can make adjustments as needed.
9. Cheer Like Crazy! Your team WILL respond to your excitement! Be positive and encouraging! Leave the coaching to the coach. Be sure to compliment good play by either team.

## **Guidelines for Lightning and Severe Weather**

### 10. Lightning

a) Recognizing the threat

Apply the 30-30 rule. When you see lightning, count the time until you hear thunder. If this time is less than 30 seconds, seek proper shelter. If you don't see lightning, but hear thunder, seek proper shelter. ("If you see it, flee it. If you hear it, clear it.") Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing thunder before returning to the fields.

b) Notification

If an NYSL official detects conditions in which the fields should be cleared, the flashing red light on top of the concession stand will be turned on and an air horn will be sounded for 5 seconds. When this occurs, seek proper shelter. If the conditions allow re-opening of the fields, the red light will be turned off and there will be three short bursts of the air horn.

c) Minimizing the risk of being struck

Referees, coaches, and parents must protect the safety of all participants by stopping game or practice activities quickly so participants and spectators can seek proper shelter.

d) Seeking proper shelter

- (1) No place outside is safe near thunderstorms.
- (2) The best shelter is a large, fully enclosed, substantially constructed building.
- (3) A vehicle with a solid metal roof and metal sides is a reasonable second choice.
- (4) If there is no proper shelter readily available, avoid the most dangerous locations, including wide open areas (such as soccer fields), tall isolated objects (such as trees, poles, or light posts), unprotected open buildings, and metal fences.
- (5) If proper shelter is not available, crouch down on the balls of your feet, with your head tucked into your chest and your hands over your ears.

### 11. Tornado

Obey local rules and heed warnings. If the tornado siren sounds, clear the field and seek proper shelter immediately.

### 12. Hail

Stop the practice or game, clear the field, and seek proper shelter.

**NO SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL GIVE 100% GUARANTEED TOTAL SAFETY, BUT THESE STEPS CAN HELP YOU AVOID INJURIES.**

Adapted from September/October 2003 US Youth Soccer Guidelines Severe Weather Policy Document

## **Policy for Behavior toward Referees**

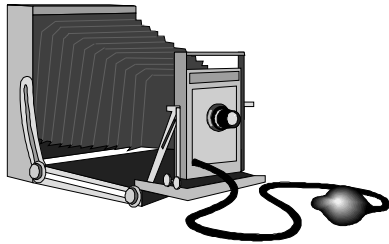
It is the responsibility of ALL adults participating in our program, including coaches, parents, and spectators, to realize that our program cannot continue without the dedication and commitment of our referees. With this in mind, it is the stated policy of **NYSL** to protect our referees from abuse or misconduct of any kind.

ANY disrespectful behavior toward a referee during a game or practice at Lawrence Park, as determined by **NYSL** officials, will result in the following:

- First offense in a season will be handled as a **WARNING**, and will result in a discussion regarding the type of behavior that is expected and the type of behavior that is not allowed.
- Second instance of misconduct in a season during any NYSL sanctioned event will result in a **CAUTION** being issued to the offender by the league with the expectation the disrespectful behavior will immediately stop.
- Third instance of misconduct in a season will result in the offender being issued a **SEND OFF**. Any coach, parent, or spectator receiving this major violation will be immediately asked to leave the vicinity of all games; furthermore, league volunteers will be restricted from any participation during the following weekend.

**Referee doing a great job?** Then fill out a Thumbs Up form and hand it in at the Information Station. The Thumbs Up form can be found in the forms section at the end of the handout.

**Referee need a little more work?** Then fill out a Referee Complaint form and hand it in at the Information Station. The Referee Complaint form can be found in the forms section at the end of the handout.



## VISUAL SPORTS NETWORK PICTURE DAY REMINDERS

1. **Order Forms:** Parents need to have the order forms filled out before they arrive.
  - a. All players **present** need to turn in a form **REGARDLESS** if they are ordering extra pictures.
  - b. Players with more than one order (i.e. grandparents order separately, alternative family situations etc.) – **MUST** fill out separate order forms. A picture will be taken for each order form.
2. **ABSENT PLAYERS do not need order forms:** The order forms correlate with the frames on the film.  
**No child photographed-no frame on the film - no form.**
3. **Missing Players:** Coaches with missing players will need to tell the photographer's assistant how many missing players when they get to the photo table.
4. **Check-In:** Coaches when you have 90% of your team together gather all order forms and check in with the Total Sport's check in team. We will check your forms and send you to a photographer.



## Thumbs-Up Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Field # \_\_\_\_\_

Game Time \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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## Referee Complaint Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Field # \_\_\_\_\_

Game Time \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_

Actions Taken \_\_\_\_\_

**NYSL REFEREE COMMITTEE USE ONLY**