



THE NRASL NEWS



June 2012

Greetings to our NRASL Family!

In our efforts to keep everyone more informed of the current projects, goals, events, and general activities of our league and board, we will be building and distributing a monthly newsletter to help everyone stay up to date and informed with what is going on inside your soccer league. This newsletter will contain information from all different areas inside the league as well as from our high school and national and international soccer news. The table on the left will show just where everything is.

We will also, from time to time, have a featured letter addressing a specific topic relevant to our league. This month, we will speak a bit about the NRASL Director of Coaching position. We will cover the specifics of the job requirement as well as why our board views this as a necessity for solid progress of our players, coaches, and program. The easiest way to cover this topic is by starting off with a few of the questions many of us have asked and then filling in the blanks!

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Q. The first area we must cover is simply, what is a director of coaching (D.O.C.)?

A. *A director of coaching is the one who provides the overall vision of a soccer league, club, organization. They also provide the planning, preparation and execution to make that vision a reality. This is done by every team of every age group and concerns every player as well as every coach. The D.O.C. coaches the coaches, but does not take away their own style or creativity to coach their team. Instead, he/she provides them with an ultimate goal, tools to use to get there, and guidance along the way to make sure the road is as smooth as possible. The D.O.C. is responsible for player development as well, but is not used to coach players. Instead, he/she develops curriculums for each group and then guides those who are doing the coaching. They are to be used by the coaches as teachers and information sources and will be the person holding coaches accountable for the information they teach and the methods in which they use to do it. The D.O.C. does this by making the selections as to who gets to coach or continue to and at what levels. This is to ensure all is fair to those involved and beneficial to the players.*

Q. Now that we know what a D.O.C. does, why does the NRASL need one?

A. *The NRASL currently has almost 80 coaches in its ranks, with 22 Travel coaches and over 50 Recreational coaches. We also have almost 800 players. A club this size with no direction or leadership on the technical and tactical level is just wasting time spinning its wheels. Even with individual, knowledgeable coaches, growth and development across the board is not possible and that means everyone suffers. The D.O.C. is that "Soccer Leader" that we need to help keep us pointed in the right direction.*

Another great advantage of having a paid professional D.O.C. is that because all of our coaches are volunteers and parents, there is a great deal of emotion that is involved with teams and coaching that normally would not be present. A D.O.C. is an independent, clear mind with the knowledge and experience to make sure that the right person for the job is placed where they should be and has all the tools and support necessary to do the job right. Our D.O.C. has an extensive background in community and club coaching and has the credentials and experience to be able to make those impartial, tough decisions that keep us pointed in the right direction.

In addition, our D.O.C. handles the very necessary issue of player development. Aside from his analysis of coaches and players through observation at training and games, Everett designs and adjusts curriculum for the Recreational program and Travel program to address areas of deficiency, and then follows through to make sure that the adjustments made have addressed the problem sufficiently or if repetition or alteration is needed to help make his point.

Q. How do we make sure our coaches are using our D.O.C. in the way he SHOULD be utilized?

A. *Our D.O.C., Everett, conducts coaching clinics all year long for both Recreational and Travel coaches. Dates and times are posted in advance for coaches to be able to schedule around or attend others if a time is unavailable. Coaches can also contact Everett to get information outside the clinics as well as ask questions about drills, tactics, players, and all sorts of soccer related issues. If you see issues that Everett needs to be aware of or involved in, you may approach your coach at any time to ask about those things. You are also free to ask if your coach is participating in the training and classes being provided to them by the D.O.C. for their development to better coach your child. Please remember, the NRASL is strictly volunteer so coaches cannot be forced to participate, but they can be held accountable by concerned parents who want the best for their children!!!*

Now that we have all the blanks filled in, you hopefully have a better picture and perspective of the job of the D.O.C. and Everett. As explained above, although you may not see him consistently, that doesn't mean he is not doing his part in helping your child. Please remember, Coach Everett is "the Teacher's teacher" and is there to make sure that everyone responsible for our children's soccer experience is doing everything they can to make sure our players are safe, are learning, and most importantly, are having fun!

As he will tell you constantly with face to face interaction or through his "Direct from the D.O.C." section in this newsletter, you are ALWAYS welcome to contact him with any questions or concerns you may have. He realizes, as does every member of the board, what a huge responsibility it is to mentor youth and what a tremendous honor it is for so many of you to trust us with that opportunity. He will always welcome questions, discussion, or suggestions from anyone in or outside our program to help make things better.

Hopefully this letter has helped explain things a bit more and clear up any misconceptions people may have! As always, please remember you are free to voice any concerns or questions to Everett or any board member by email or in person at the fields or a board meeting.

Sincerely,
George Panagiotou
NRASL Vice President

NRASL PUBLIC RELATIONS

"COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY"

Hey Everyone!

The NRASL has been extremely busy in the community over the past few months!

On April 21st, we held our first "Community Pride Day!" Over 100 NRASL volunteers cleaned, weeded, and planted in the yards and beds of five North Ridgeville schools. Lear North, Wilcox, Liberty, North Ridgeville Middle School and the High School were all beautified by the efforts of these very selfless volunteers, who spent a few hours of their own time that Saturday to give back to their community and

say thank you to our North Ridgeville City Schools! Over 100 perennials, donated by **CORSO'S** in Sandusky, Ohio, were planted in these beds, along with edging and mulching. All weeds and trash collected were disposed of by another NRASL and tournament sponsor, **1-800-GOT-JUNK**. In addition, three of the schools, Liberty, Wilcox, and Lear North, received two sets of soccer goals, creating two new fields at each of these locations for the kids to be able to use at school or in their free time!

"Community Pride Day" was a huge success and was only possible because of the hard work of those who ran and organized it and all of you who volunteered your time to be there to support it. THANK YOU for your efforts and hope to see you again next year!

ALEX SISMOUR PLAQUE DEDICATION AT FAMILY DAY

During our spring season Family Picnic, Brian and Doreen Sismour joined us in dedicating a memorial plaque of their son, Alex Sismour, who was lost in a tragic accident last fall. The plaque was mounted on the concession stand at the Root Road Soccer Complex. President, Jeff Grau, gave a heartfelt speech during the dedication of the plaque.

In, addition, the Sismour family generously donated a set of soccer goals to the NRASL in memory of their son Alex. The NRASL would like to sincerely thank the Sismour Family for their donations to the league in the name of Alex.

Alex will always be remembered by our NRASL family. We will be forever grateful for the positive impact he had on us all...

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**** THE NRASL WOULD LIKE TO EXTENT A SPECAIL THANKS TO CHAD CORSO / CORSO'S GREENHOUSE AND 1-800-GOT-JUNK FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD "COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY". WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEND SPECIAL THANKS TO CONVENIENT FOOD MART AND OLMSTEAD ICE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NRASL FAMILY PICNIC THIS SPRING! ****

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

At the conclusion of the spring season I'd like to give a sincere thank you to all of our volunteers who continue to amaze with tireless contributions to our league. NRASL is a 501c non-profit organization that can only operate with the help of our sponsors our dedicated team of volunteer in-house and travel coaches, board members, field assistants, and concession workers. Of course, it is the support of the parents that continue to make NRASL a positive influence in our community.



The Spring in-house season was successful because of the positive family atmosphere at our complex. The Saturday sessions featured lots of laughing and learning with the proper amount of friendly competition. We always stress that our in-house coaches are to work as a team to enhance the player's experience as development and instruction are the goals of the in-house program. I was particularly pleased with the skill demonstrated by our U7/U8 age groups. These girls and boys really exhibited the control and confidence on the ball that our academy programs are working towards. Our Director of Coaching, Everett Palache will be working with our player development personnel and in-house coaching director to modify the U5/U6 academy formats for further enhancements for the fall.

Our 21 competitive teams continued to show progress with the help of our Friday night indoor winter program and Tuesday night travel training programs that employ Everett's technical development curriculum. This spring, our travel program focused on defensive principles which were beneficial to players and coaches alike. Our player development committee is currently in the formation process for next year's teams.

This spring was a memorable season with the dedication of the Alex Sismour plaque located on our concession stand. The opportunity to work with Brian and Doreen to keep Alex's spirit alive in our community allowed us all to reflect on the importance of family, community, and the triumph of the human spirit. The Alex Sismour Memorial Fund made a donation to NRASL which contributed to our very exciting goal expansion program. (7) new sets of goals were purchased allowing us to use our existing goals to set up fields and Liberty, Lear North and Wilcox Elementary Schools.

NRASL has a very busy summer planned with a charity ball drive, summer camps for recreational and competitive players, and participation in the Corn Festival. We're also proud to participate as a host site for the Continental Cup soccer tournament. Our biggest endeavor will be our 1st Annual Corn Fest Kick-Off Soccer Tournament. Special thanks to our tournament committee chair George Panagiotou for bringing this project to life. George's committee has been working since last October to ensure a successful first year.

Registration for our fall in-house season opens on-line July 1st. We look forward to seeing you all again soon and wish you a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,
Jeff Grau
President, NRASL



DIRECT FROM THE D.O.C.

• EVERETT PALACHE •



Hello NRASL Members,

I hope this message finds everyone in our soccer community doing well!

For those that are new to the program my name is Everett Palache, and I am the Director of Coaching for North Ridgeville soccer.

The last two years have been a wonderful experience for me as the DOC of NRASL. I truly feel blessed to have the pleasure to work with such an outstanding community. During the first two years many things have been accomplished by the program that have established it as one of the most well run programs in North Eastern Ohio.

My goal, along with NRASL, has been to create an environment where coaches and players can learn new ways to teach and learn the game of soccer. The program's mission has been to develop more technical players for high school programs, in particular North Ridgeville High School. The techniques we have been working to improve are: Trapping, passing, dribbling and shooting to mention a few.

As the seasons progress one of our goals is to develop a comprehensive system of how NRASL players are trained and taught the game of soccer (*travel and in house*); with the ultimate goal being the NRASL program replicating the training habits, expectations, and style of play of the high school program. In year one, NRASL introduced a training curriculum focused completely on offensive techniques, terms and concepts. In year two, we introduced defensive techniques, terms, and concepts. Throughout the seasons we have had many of the coaches participate in coaching clinics where the curriculum philosophies and expectations have been taught and reviewed.

A key piece of the overall system that has been created and implemented is the NRASL "Winter Training Program" held at Force Sports in Rocky River. The last two winters have proven to be very helpful to the players that have participated in the program to improve their individual technique and our program as a whole. Thank you to all that participated and we look forward to seeing you and many more in the Winter Training Program when the snow returns (no rush on the snow:)). Also, a huge THANK YOU to the coaches and other administrators that volunteered time and assistance for this program!

(for more information about the NRASL "Winter Training Program please contact NRASL Travel Directors)

The NRASL philosophy is, training is like the classroom, league games are quizzes, and tournaments are tests. We will look to use this philosophy as we head into the North Ridgeville Cornfest Kickoff Tournament at the beginning of the fall season in order to review the overall development of the NRASL program. I look forward to seeing each players/coaches growth and development throughout the years and to share great memories as a program.

Thanks
Yours in Soccer
NRASL Director of Coaching

RAYING ABOUT REC!!!

This month in *RAYING ABOUT REC*, we have a letter from NRASL Commissioner, Wayne Fox.

To all referees and parents,

As you all know the spring 2012 season has ended. It was a great season and we surely couldn't complain about the weather! I wanted to take this time to thank you all for the hard work you put in this past season and to provide some insight about this coming fall.

This past season we had 55 referees which included many first time referees as well as a few certified referees. In all there were only 120 games which made it difficult to spread the wealth to all referees. Even though there were some referees who worked often, there were still a couple referees who received either 1 or 0 games due to their availability.

For those who were able to cover last moment games, I am very appreciative for your dedication. It is great to see everyone willing to help out when times get tough. A very special thank you goes out to Mark Schnell who was able to cover for one of our injured referees. Also, a strong get well and thank you to Gavan Vanover, the injured referee who broke his ankle in the middle of the last week. Both of these guys were a very big help to me with my first season.

Everyone else should be very proud of themselves too. As referees we often deal with ugly situations and comments from coaches or something spectators, and because every one of you were able to persevere and realize the comments were not personal attacks, you all deserve a huge congratulations. There were a few incidents referees had to deal with, and every one of them were dealt with properly! Each of you have had a chance to taste what it can be like as a certified referee; sometimes it can be brutal. For those of you interested in getting certified, as of now there are no scheduled clinics but there do tend to be clinics scheduled in late summer / early fall. I am still in the process of trying to get a clinic to NRASL to make for a more convenient location. Stay tuned for more details regarding this. For this coming fall, there will be a clinic scheduled sometime this summer for NRASL certification. I intend this clinic to take place at Root Rd. and to include field experience by putting referees on the field during scrimmages. In order to increase the number of games a referee has the potential to work, there will be more strict registration guidelines and more than likely a cap on the number of referees. Stay tuned for more information about this. On a final note, certified referees may like to know about the "Referee night with the Crew" game in Columbus. The date is 7/14/2012 in Columbus and includes a Q&A post game session with that game's referee crew. If interested, let me know and I will forward the details. In closing, I want to thank you all once again and offer the ability for anyone to provide feedback or suggestions. If you have a concern but want to keep me from knowing who you are, simply email nrasl1@yahoo.com. Thank you for time and have a great summer.

Wayne Fox
NRASL Commissioner
US Soccer Grade 8 Referee / Assignor
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2012 FALL RECREATION SEASON DATES:

Online Registration Begins:
July 1st

In Person Sign ups:
To be determined

Late Fee Registration:
To be determined

Registration Closed:
To be determined

FALL Season Begins:
To be determined

FALL Referee Clinic Dates:
To be determined

2013 SPRING RECREATION SEASON DATES:

Online Registration Begins:
To be determined

In Person Sign ups:
To be determined

Late Fee Registration:
To be determined

Registration Closed:
To be determined

FUTURE LEAGUE DATES

**“SUPPORT THE SPORT”
2012 BALL DRIVE**
August 10 – September 10

**2012 CORNFEST KICKOFF
SOCCER TOURNAMENT:**
August 10 - 12

2013 Community Pride Day:
TO BE DETERMINED

2013 Family Fun Day:
TO BE DETERMINED

LET'S TALK TRAVEL

GIRLS TRAVEL DATES:

Upcoming Team Announcements: Week of 6/11
Uniform Night: June 18, 19, NRHS Library, 6-8pm
Fall Travel Soccer Camp: August 6-9
Cornfest Kickoff Tournament: August 10-12
Fall Season: August 26th, 2012
Spring Season: To Be Determined
2013 Try Outs: To Be Determined

FROM THE GIRLS SIDE:

I want to thank all of the girls who tried out for Travel Soccer for the upcoming 2012-2013 season. Final teams are still being formed, and everyone will be notified the week of June 10th on whether or not they made a team, and if so, the specific team they will be playing on. Based on the number of participants during try outs, the girls program continues to grow! We potentially will have four teams in the U9 age group this year! This is the future of our travel program, and eventually our future High School players. This is a great foundation to build on. Based on my preliminary review of those who tried out this year, we could end up with a total of THREE MORE girls teams in all age groups for the girls program compared with last year. This will make a total of ELEVEN Girls Teams for North Ridgeville's Travel Soccer program! This would be the largest yet, and I hope to continue this growth through the upcoming years. We still have a need for girls in the **U13 and U14 age group**, so if you know anyone who is interested in playing soccer in that age group, please have them contact me at jeff.hassler@gmail.com.

Jeff Hassler, Girls Travel Director

UPCOMING TOURNAMENT DATES:

MEDINA MIST: JUNE 9TH AND 10TH
PARKER CLASSIC: JUNE 9TH AND 10TH
AVON LAKE FATHER'S DAY TOURNEY:
JUNE 16TH AND 17TH
NOSO CUP: JUNE 30TH AND JULY 1ST



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FROM THE BOYS SIDE:

Tryouts for the 2012/13 brought out big crowds this year. Almost 200 boys attended and were evaluated by the current high school varsity coach, the technical director, the director of coaching, the travel director, and current travel coaches. Each player was evaluated according to their technical (soccer skills like dribbling and trapping), tactical (field vision), physical (size, coordination, speed), and mental (grasp of what's required) abilities.

Our goal is to ensure that each player is placed into an environment that offers them the best opportunity to develop. Players will be notified of their team assignment by their coach during the week of June 11th, and uniform fittings for new players will be the following week. Lastly, please look for our league's travel soccer camp in late July or early August, and please mark your calendar for the inaugural CornFest Kick-off Tournament during the 2nd weekend in August.

Greg Fry, Boys Travel Director

HIGH SCHOOL HOT SPOT



From the High School Girls Side:

Our open practices start Monday and Wednesday this week and will continue until the season starts August 6th.

The girls will also participate in the NOGSL Summer League - playing 8 games on non-holiday Sundays and Wednesdays from June 10 - July 11.

SPECIAL EVENT:

June 30th Girls are having a Steak Fry dinner @ VFW #9871 in NR - cost is \$20 per ticket includes steak dinner, soft drinks and draft beer, (BYOB - adults only). There will be side boards and raffles as well - for more details or to purchase tickets contact Jeff Wiles @ 440-327-5316.

From the High School Boys side:

A great big WELCOME to BRYAN TINSLEY the new Head Varsity Coach and LUCA SCARMACK the new JV Coach for the Boys soccer team!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

July 7th is the Boys Golf Outing @ Brentwood Golf Course - \$75 per person includes, lunch at the turn, steak dinner, beverages, door prizes. Tickets can be purchased for the raffle - Lake Erie Monster Tickets and Cleveland Gladiators tickets are just a few of the raffle items.

For more details or to purchase tickets contact Ken @ 440-669-9065. ***** Flyer Shown Below *****

The North Ridgeville Men's Soccer team will be conducting tryouts the week of August 6th, if you are or will be a student at North Ridgeville High School and wish to tryout please contact Coach Tinsley at CoachTinsley@gmail.com as soon as possible.

NRHS BOYS SOCCER GOLF OUTING

JULY 7TH
8 A.M. SHOTGUN START
BRENTWOOD GOLF COURSE

\$75 A PERSON – INCLUDES SKINS GAME!

INCLUDED:
LUNCH AT TURN
STEAK DINNER
RAFFLES – 50/50 DRAWING
DOOR PRIZES
ALL BEVERAGES

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SOCCER WORLD WIDE

COLUMBUS CREW UPCOMING SCHEDULE



DATE	TIME	HOME		AWAY	VENUE
16-Jun	7:30 ET	New England	vs	Columbus	Gillette Stadium
23-Jun	8:30 ET	Chicago	vs	Columbus	Toyota Park
30-Jun	8:00 ET	Columbus	vs	Real Salt Lake	Columbus Crew Stadium

<http://www.thecrew.com/>

DATE	TIME	HOME		AWAY	VENUE
June 3rd	7:00 PM	Canada	vs	U.S. Men	BMO Field, Toronto
June 8th	7:00 PM	U.S. Men	vs	Antigua & Barbuda	Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, FL
June 12th	10:00 PM	Guatemala	vs	U.S. Men	Estadio Mateo Flores, Guatemala City
June 16th	10:00 AM	Sweden	vs	U.S. Woman	Orjans Vall Stadium, Halmstad Sweden
June 18th	7:00 AM	Japan	vs	U.S. Woman	Orjans Vall Stadium, Halmstad Sweden
June 30th	2:00 PM	U.S. Woman	vs	Canada	Rio Tinto Stadium, Sandy, Utah

<http://www.ussoccer.com/>



OTHER GREAT SOCCER WEBSITES:

<http://www.concacaf.com/page/Home/0,,12813,00.html> - CONCACAF

<http://www.uefa.com/> - UEFA

<http://www.premierleague.com/en-gb.html> - BARCLAYS Premier League

<http://www.mlssoccer.com/> - MLS SOCCER

<http://espn.go.com/sports/soccer/> - ESPN SOCCER

<http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/index.html> - UEFA WEBSITE

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UEFA_Euro_2012 - UEFA EURO Tournament Info

CHECK OUT THIS YOUTUBE LINK TO SEE THE EURO 2012 POLAND & UKRAINE PROMO!!!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpZLwimnX_s&feature=youtube_gdata_player

The **2012 UEFA European Football Championship**, commonly referred to as **Euro 2012**, will be the 14th European Championship for national football teams organized by UEFA. The final tournament will be hosted by Poland and Ukraine between 8 June and 1 July 2012. It is the first time that either nation has hosted the tournament. This bid was chosen by UEFA's Executive Committee in 2007.^[1]

The final tournament features 16 nations, the last European Championship to do so (from Euro 2016 onward, there will be 24 finalists). Qualification was contested by 51 nations between August 2010 and November 2011 to join the two host nations in the tournament. The winner of the tournament gains automatic entry to the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup hosted by Brazil.^[2]

Read more at <http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/index.html> and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UEFA_Euro_2012.