



EYSA Newsletter



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EYSA

Easthampton Youth Soccer Association is an independent, incorporated non-profit, totally volunteer organization dedicated to the advancement of youth soccer in Easthampton. EYSA supports teams in the following categories: Recreational League, Northampton Suburban League, and the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League. Registration fees, sponsorship donations and fundraising efforts provide monies needed to run a successful soccer program.

PVJSL

Are you ready to take your game to a more competitive level?

The **Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League (PVJSL)** is geared to learning soccer skills, good sportsmanship behavior and having fun.

However, the level of participation and competition is much greater.

Open tryouts for those entering grades 3 through 8 in the Fall of 2008 will be held at the EYSA soccer fields at Nonotuck Park on

May 17 @ 9:00 - 11:00 am.

All players interested in participating in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League are encouraged to attend.

Please bring completed Registration Form, Payment, and be dressed to play.

For more information check out www.pvjsl.com, or contact Pete Crisafulli @ 529-2114

Team Sponsors:

Without the support of many local businesses, the EYSA would not have sufficient financial resources to run the soccer program. Whenever possible, please utilize the services and products readily available and provided by our sponsors in Easthampton. Show them your appreciation for their support of the youth of Easthampton.

Board of Directors:

New members are always welcome and can join the EYSA Board at any time during the season and off season as well. Board members are responsible for registration, sponsorship, fundraising, uniforms, trophies, field maintenance, etc. **Please join us and participate in the advancement of soccer in Easthampton!** The current members :

Executive Board

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Easthampton Youth Soccer Association's Mission Statement

Easthampton Youth Soccer Association's mission is to organize and provide an environment for the children of Easthampton to learn and play soccer at both a recreational and competitive level. The focus of the soccer association's programs is to develop children's soccer skills and educate them in the rules and strategies of soccer in a fun atmosphere. Coaches and parents are encouraged to work together to foster a love of soccer while developing a strong sense of teamwork, sportsmanship, respect and community.

We Need Your Help!!

It takes YOU to keep YOUth soccer alive and kicking! We can't do it without you. Do you have a good rapport with kids, and an enthusiasm for the game of soccer? Become a Coach! You don't have to be a star soccer-player...just have a basic understanding of the game. It's a fun and rewarding way to spend time with your kids!

A clinic will be held this spring for all fall 2008 coaches. Come learn the basics of coaching youth soccer!

2008 Calendar of Events

May Registration Dates @ Easthampton Park & Rec. Office:

Saturday May 3rd & 10th- 9:00am-1:00 pm /Thursday May 8th- 6:00-8:00 pm

Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League Tryouts (entering grades 3-8):

May 17th– 9am at the EYSA Fields in Nonotuck Park

Registration Deadline: June 14th

Youth Soccer Player Evaluations (Recreation League players entering K-8):

June 14th at the EYSA Fields in Nonotuck Park

Easthampton High School Youth Soccer Clinic: July 14th – 18th

Coaches Clinic: May/June 2008

Coaches Meeting: August 14

September 6th - November 1st - Fall 2008 Soccer Season

Uniforms and Equipment:

Every player should have:

Shin Guards: Required. No one will be allowed to play without them and should be worn to both practice and games.

Cleats: EYSA strongly recommends that cleats be worn for you child's safety but are not required.

Water bottle: Soccer is a game of running and children need to stay hydrated. Water is needed at all practices and games.

Soccer Ball: Children should practice ball handling skills at home, just as they practice shooting hoops or throwing a baseball.

Black shorts: Parents are responsible for providing black shorts. **EYSA will provide all players with team shirts and matching colored socks. PVJSL will provide all players with shirts, socks and shorts that must be returned at the end of the season.**

What is PVJSL? How is it Different from Recreation League?

The three most common levels of youth soccer in Massachusetts are "recreational soccer", "travel soccer" and "premier soccer".

PVJSL is considered "travel soccer". (You may also know this program as "suburban" soccer)

PVJSL is a more competitive option to the recreation league and is for players and families that want to make a higher level of commitment and who may be looking forward to playing soccer competitively through high school.

We strive to develop complete players by building and improving their skills, confidence, fitness, initiative and a sense of teamwork. We are committed to developing coaches to the highest level through a quality instructional program and we promote and encourage high standards of sportsmanship and fair play from players, parents and spectators.

Fall 2008 Easthampton Youth Soccer League

Grades

K - 1

2 - 3

4 - 5

6 - 7 - 8



EASTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC

For children going into 1st – 8th grade– Cost \$65

July 14th-18th 9:00-12:00 at WBMS

The EHS varsity boys and girls soccer players, along with their coaches, are offering a fun experience for players wanting to improve their fundamental soccer skills. Each player will receive a shirt and ball. Registration forms available at www.Easthamptonyouthsoccer.com

Questions? Contact David Lauchmen, 527-2486

Sideline Notes:

- Picture Day photos are optional, however we do require each team to be photographed for sponsor plaques
- If anyone is interested in helping out with the concession stand, please contact Andrea Zawacki 527-8568
- If anyone is interested in coaching for the fall 2008 season, please contact us at rkshea@charter.net

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued support!