



Happy New Year to All!

Greetings,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the Referees, Coaches and Town Coordinators for helping us have a GREAT 2006 season.

The BCYSL Board had implemented some new rules at the beginning of the season and I'd like to refresh your memories regarding some of these changes:

1. NO HARD CASTS allowed in BCYSL play. Soft casts and splints are allowed with proper padding;
2. All yellow carded players MUST leave the field of play and can be subbed for. The carded player may come back onto the field at the next legal substitution;
3. If a COACH is yellow carded it will count along with any other players cards towards a tie breaker if necessary. Coaches yellow cards will also be reviewed by the Head Referee for possible further sanctions;
4. Coaches will have BCYSL players cards and roster available for check-in prior to the game. If no cards are available before the end of the game then it becomes a forfeit with the winning team having been checked in properly;
5. If a game is unplayable due to weather (rain, field conditions, etc.) then the home coach must call the visiting coach and referee 2 hours prior to game start; and
6. Referee assessments were instituted in Fall 2006 season. I received four assessments for Fall season and look forward to receiving more this Spring. Coaches, if you have a concern or observation, please let me know it through this on-line assessment. It's available on our web site:
www.berkshiresoccer.org

As MTOC season gets ever closer, I encourage you all to familiarize yourself with BCYSL Bylaws as a prerequisite to the season's start. There are changes from previous years. Our Bylaws are available on our web site.

The closest Referee Re-certification is at Nessacus Middle School in Dalton on Saturday, January 20th beginning at 10 a.m. Other re-certification classes are available throughout the State if you cannot make this one. Class schedules can be found on the web at www.massref.net.

The **Grade 8 New Referee Course** is Saturday, March 9th and Sunday, March 10th at Lanesboro Elementary School, 8:00 am - 4:30 p.m. both days. For more information contact me, Carl Filios, Glen Brookman or any BCYSL Board Member. **We need referees!!!**

Keep in mind that we are all role models for the young soccer players in Berkshire County. Please help us make soccer enjoyable for all. Thanks for a great 2006 and I look forward to the upcoming year...

Bill Koziara
BCYSL Head Referee



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Game Changes and Rescheduling Procedures



BCYSL has specific rules that discourage rescheduling games for reasons other than weather-related cancellations. During last season, it was apparent that not all coaches were aware of the procedures, since some of them were calling me directly. Please make sure that you and your coaches are familiar with the policy, and that game changes go through the Town Coordinators.

Note also that makeup games should be rescheduled as soon as possible. Don't leave them until the end of the season. Class trips and other school activities have a way of cutting down the days available for make-ups. Please make sure that your coaches are also aware of the procedure to be followed in canceling a game because of weather.

Carl Filios
BCYSL Referee Assignor

Upcoming Meetings...

Sunday, Jan. 28th – 7:00 p.m. – Town Coordinator Meeting

Over The Rainbow Restaurant, Pittsfield, MA. Town Coordinator Forms and League Fees of \$100/team are due. Teams will be allowed a maximum of 3 black out dates.

Sunday, March 25th – General Annual Meeting - Time and location to be determined.

Sunday, April 15th – Coaches Meeting/Registration Night – Time and location to be determined.

Meeting times and locations will be announced and posted on www.berkshiresoccer.org.
