



Union County Youth Soccer Association

Spring Newsletter

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Points of Interest

- Registration Information
- Summer Soccer Camp Opportunities
- Calendar
- Updated Web Site

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Letter from your UCYSA Board

Welcome to another year of fun-filled soccer in Union County. Soccer in our corner of the state keeps growing as more and more children and parents discover how much fun kids can have playing with their friends. That's one of the goals of recreational soccer, to introduce soccer to your children and let them have fun. Last year over 800 children played soccer in Union County.

Making all this happen is a huge job and we need your help. We know most

of you will say "How can I help? I don't know anything about soccer." Children love to play soccer, help us give them a quality program. There are many ways you can help. Besides coaching (which is probably the most rewarding job and we can teach you) we need help preparing fields, moving goals, maintaining our website, help organizing teams for pictures and the list goes on. Soccer is a healthy sport that will develop strong bodies and help build great

healthy self-esteem. And, your children enjoy playing this

The bottom line is we need **you** to get involved to help make sure that your child's soccer experience is safe, rewarding, and fun.



TEAM SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsor membership has been reduced to \$200 per team. This includes shirts printed with the sponsor name that are worn for years to come. Please contact Mike Barry at 541-910-4456 for information about becoming a sponsor.

www.unioncountyyouthsoccer.org

Please visit us at our website! As we continue to build and add to the site, it will be a quick and easy resource for players, parents, and coaches. We will be posting:

- Game Schedules
- Coaching Resources
- Parent Resources
- Reference Information
- Rules of the Game
- Camp Opportunities
- Calendar of Events
- Newsletters
- Soccer Links

We are excited to be able to offer this service to our players and their families. Please let us know if you have any suggestions to improve our website or enhance make your soccer experience.

Support the Businesses that Support Soccer

Be sure to thank our sponsors-- without them we couldn't provide a quality soccer program.

Thanks sponsors!



A heart-felt THANK YOU to the many sponsors that supported soccer in 2009. Without your help our program could not happen.

Each year we depend on the generosity of local companies to support children in Union County by sponsoring soccer teams. This year is no exception. UCYSA will field over 70 soccer teams with almost 853 players county-wide. Soccer is growing and so is our need for sponsors. If you would like to sponsor a team let us know. The investment is small and its impact is huge. Your help will make it possible for children to enjoy a great summer having fun playing a healthy sport with their friends. Please help us to continue building a quality program. Call Mike Barry at 541-910-4456 and tell her you would like to help.

Summer Recreational Referees

Referees are needed for the 2010 summer recreational league season (July and August). Younger refs will earn \$12.50 for six o'clock games (U9 and U11). Experienced refs will earn \$20 for seven o'clock games (U13, U15, and U19). Ref-ing out of (your) town earns \$10 extra. Please call Hank Hudson at 963-6908 for information. There will be a referees' clinic and sign-up

for games right before play starts in early July. We'll be covering about 300 games this year, so we'll need help!

Please call or e-mail o Hank Hudson, Head Ref at 963-6908 or Hank@eotitle.com or sign up at registration.



The Select Soccer Program

“THE SELECT PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR SERIOUS PLAYERS WHO WANT TO TAKE THEIR SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL”

Do you love soccer and think you'd like to play in high school?

Select soccer is a competitive league consisting of separate boys and girls U12 (5th & 6th grades) - U14 (7th & 8th grades). Teams play for two months every fall and spring Practice time is usually 2-3 afternoons a week with a Saturday game. There is some traveling involved depending on which leagues the coach decides to play in. Try-outs are sometime are held during the summer for a fall-spring season starting at the end of summer.

Costs vary from \$60-\$ 125 depending on the team. Scholarships are available.

For more information, please call *Tim Schoenfelder* at 975-1505

Volunteer to Coach

Welcome 2010 Volunteer Coaches

Thank you to those that have shared their time with the youth of Union County over the past years in Union County Youth Soccer Program. Last year we had over 800 participants in youth soccer who would not have been able to play without the involvement of parents and adults like you. It is time again to ask for your valuable time in assisting the youth of Union County. The soccer season runs from June 22nd to July 30th for U-15/19 and June 22nd to August 13th for U-7 through U-13.

You will be given a Coaching Manual, which contains extensive information about the rules, policy for play, age group

curriculums for youth player development and other practical tips on effectively coaching your team. Additional information can be found on the web site.



For new and seasoned coaches we will be providing free coaching clinics the week before practices begin. These will take place on Tuesday

June 15th through Thursday, June 17th, 6pm to 9pm. The National Soccer Association Parent/Coach U9, U11, module through Oregon Youth Soccer Association will be Saturday, June 2nd from 8am-3pm. Even if you have not played or coached youth soccer, you will be given the support and materials needed to succeed. If you are interested in coaching or if you have any questions about coaching, please call me. Thank you for your time and commitment this summer. We look forward to a great season! Please don't hesitate to call if I can help.

David Ebel—UCYSA Head Coach
963-5684 Home, 910-1809 Cell; or e-mail at ndebel@eoni.com

Soccer Skills Camp! Plan now to succeed!

We are very pleased to have Coach Dominic Yambasu. This camp is a quality program that will teach basic ball handling skills and tactical skills giving campers the edge they need to succeed. All camps will be held at the Pioneer Park Field next to the Skate Board Park.

DATE: TBA Grades 1-8 9am-12pm
Grades 9-12 and Select players Grades 7 & 8: 1pm-5pm

For more information or to register, go to www.unioncountyyouthsoccer.org. Mail in registration forms will be available at Mountain Valley Therapy. There is a \$5 discount if registered before June 15th. For information Tim Schoenfelder at 975-1505.



Location Photography is pleased to again be taking your soccer photos

The following dates have been set for photos:

La Grande: June 22, 23 and 29, Riverside Park

Elgin: June 30, Location TBA

Imbler: June 30, Location TBA

Union: July 1, Location TBA

Cove: July 1, Location TBA

Times and location will be announced by coaches before practices begin. Money is not accepted at the time your player's picture is taken; you will receive a proof and an order form in the mail. You'll receive your pictures directly from Location Photography.



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IMPORTANT SOCCER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Check www.unioncountyyouthsoccer.org for updates.

PAY ONLY \$35 PER CHILD WHEN YOU REGISTER BEFORE MAY 4

MAIL IN/DROP OFF REGISTRATION MARCH 15		Mail to address above, or drop off at The Hobby Habit
Walk-in Registration-Elgin	April 22	5-7 p.m. Stella Mayfield Elementary
Walk in Registration-Union/Cove	TBA	5-8 p.m. SE Miller Gym
Walk-in Registration-La Grande	April 22	5-7 p.m. Riveria School
Walk-in Registration-Imbler	TBA	4-7 p.m. Imbler High School
Walk-in Registration-La Grande	April 28	5-7 p.m. Riveria School
Walk in Registration-Elgin	April 29	5-7 p.m. Stella Mayfield-Fee \$45
Walk-in Registration-La Grande	May 4	5-7 p.m. Riveria School- Fee \$45
Walk in Registration-Union/Cove	TBA	5-8 p.m. SE Miller Gym-Fee \$45
Registration Deadline:	May 14	Registration Closes
Coaches Meeting	June 15	U-7 & U-9 Riveria School
Coaches Meeting	June 16	U-11 & U-13 Riveria School
Coaches Meeting	June 17	U-15 & U-19 Riveria School
Rec. League practice begins:	June 21	
Pictures for La Grande:	June 22, 23	Riverside Park
Coaches Clinic:	June 26	U9 & U11 Module Pioneer Park
Pictures for Elgin:	June 30	TBA
Pictures for Imbler:	June 30	TBA
Pictures for Cove & Union:	July 1	TBA
Pictures for La Grande:	June 29	Riverside Park
Rec. League games start:	July 5	
School of Champions Camps:	TBA	
U-15 and U-19 season ends:	30 July	
U-7, U-9, U-11, & U-13 season ends:	13 August	

