



THE NRASL NEWS



January 2014

Greetings to our NRASL Family!

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and is looking forward to Spring 2014! In-house registration is just around the corner (see below for important dates) and our travel program will be wrapping up their winter training and heading into spring training. We are looking forward to another fun year, and are looking for any parents that would like to get involved in the program in anyway that they can.

If you or someone you know may be interested in sponsoring the North Ridgeville Amateur Soccer League, please contact our Public Relations Director, Derrick Cope at, djcope23@windstream.net.

Thanks for your support

Derrick Cope
Public Relations

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Happy New Year to all! I know many of our competitive players are squarely in the middle of their indoor seasons but for others, its not too early to begin thinking about Spring soccer! Please be sure to register on-line for our In-House Development Program (see details in this newsletter).

Last year we introduced additional pro-coaching into our In-House Development program with the U7/U8 academy. We'll continue to try to improve the academy programs (U5 thru U8) to get the most out of our hired coaches while keeping the atmosphere a fun and safe learning environment. Another new program this year was the Competitive Academy for our U8 boys and girls travel players. Thanks to director George P., these groups are developing with a focus on learning the game with a common method and message. We also introduced NRASL's first "club-level" soccer experience with the U10 boys N. Ridgeville Select Team. This team is developing thru a 10 month developmental program directed by a professional coach that works with the team during all training sessions, games, and tournaments. The team's technical ability is showing nice improvements with the boys enjoying the challenging environment. We're eagerly anticipating a similar girl's team for next year.



Special thanks go out to Jeff Hassler and Greg Fry who served for the past several seasons as Girls and Boys Travel Directors, respectively. Both of these volunteers have been instrumental in the continued progression of our travel soccer program. Jeff will continue to serve as NRASL's web master (a new look to the website will be coming soon!) while Greg continues to coach the U12 boys. Thanks guys! Jim Lally has been elected as the Travel Director of both boys and girls programs. Congratulations Jim!

Sincerely,
Jeff Grau
President, NRASL

TRAVEL DIRECTOR

Hello,

I am the new Travel Director for the NRASL. I would like to start off by acknowledging all the coaches for their participation and dedication to the league and the children of North Ridgeville. I would also like to thank all of the parents for the time, effort, and the hard work it takes to get your child/children to the practices, games, and tournaments.

I was a parent watching from the sidelines for many years. I became involved as a coach for the recreation league and I am now a coach in the travel league. My wife and I have two children involved in the program.

I would like to take this moment and ask that any parent that has time and the interest to please become more involved with our program. Become a coach, assistant coach, referee, field assistant, or volunteer for helping with the tournament. If you know of a sponsor, have ideas for the program or tournament, or feel you can assist with a talent you have, please let me know.

This is our program! It is funded by parents, candy drives, sponsors, and the tournament in the fall. There is a great future for our children and the program. Your participation will make it even better. I look forward to hearing from you and wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jim Lally
Travel Director

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Sat. Feb 8th 10am-2pm N.R. Library
Registration Sat. Feb 22nd 10am-2pm N.R. Library
Online registration ends Sunday March 16th

www.nrasl.com

For more information about registration please check out the website, or contact Cindy Jackson at jacksoncindy67@yahoo.com

TOTS - Born between Aug 1, 2009 and July 31, 2011
U5 - Born between Aug 1, 2008 and July 31, 2009
U6 - Born between Aug 1, 2007 and July 31, 2008
U7 - Born between Aug 1, 2006 and July 31, 2007
U8 - Born between Aug 1, 2005 and July 31, 2006
U9 - Born between Aug 1, 2004 and July 31, 2005
U10 - Born between Aug 1, 2003 and July 31, 2004
U11 - Born between Aug 1, 2002 and July 31, 2003
U12 - Born between Aug 1, 2001 and July 31, 2002
U13 - Born between Aug 1, 2000 and July 31, 2001
U14 - Born between Aug 1, 1999 and July 31, 2000

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to the following NRASL Volunteers that were nominated by NRASL and also won awards at the annual OYSAN Luncheon.

Winners from NRASL:

Young Referee of the Year: **Eric Fox**
Boys Competitive Coach of the Year: **Chris Moore**
Girls Recreational Coach of the Year: **Matt Hall**
Administrator of the Year: **Jeff Grau**
Director of Coach Awards: **Everett Palache**
President's Appreciation Award: **NRASL**

Additional Nominations from NRASL:

Girls Competitive Coach of the Year: **Cheri Wohleber**
Volunteer of the Year: **Marcie Smith**

More info can be found at the [OYSAN website](#).



**You can now order NRASL apparel, uniforms, and backpacks
online
from our Supplier the Soccer Post.**

Go to the "[Apparel Purchase](#)" page listed on the left side menu.

NRASL COMMISSIONER

Hello everyone! Happy New Year and I hope your holiday season was terrific.

Just wanted to give some information about the various referee clinics that have become available for In-house, New USSF certification and Certification renewal.

In-house:

The recreation level, In-house referee clinic has been set for the spring season. The clinic will be on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at the North Ridgeville Library from noon until 3:00pm. Anyone 10-years or older (including adults) interested in refereeing the NRASL rec level games is welcome to attend this free clinic. Current referees who hold a current Grade 8 or higher license are not required to attend this clinic, but unlicensed referees MUST attend even with prior experience. To register, please send the following information to wcfpjf@gmail.com. Walk-ins will be permitted but space may be limited at the library.

Referee name:

Age:

Is this the first season to be working for NRASL?

USSF Licensed?

Referee email (to be used for game scheduling):

Contact phone #:

Parent / Guardian name, phone number (if different) and email (if different):

NEW USSF REFEREE CERTIFICATION:

Those who have never been licensed (or have been expired more than 3 calendar years) wishing to obtain their Grade 8 USSF certification can go to www.ohnrefs.org. Registration information is located under the "Become a Referee" and specific clinic information is listed here. The cost for certification is \$75 for the license PLUS a separate amount up to \$25 which is paid to the clinic host. Note: if you are a member of NRASL, the local fee will be waived but ONLY if you attend the clinic that is scheduled in North Ridgeville on Saturday March 8, 2014 from 10am to 6pm at the NR Library.

There is an online component to this clinic which needs to be completed BEFORE attending the in-person clinic, and you must attend the in-person clinic you register for unless you get approval from Ohio North to make a change.

If you have any further questions, feel free to ask me. I will do my best to assist you.

USSF RECERTIFICATION:

For anyone you received their Grade 8 license in spring 2013 or before, you will need to recertify your Grade 8 license. Recertification consists of an online portion as well as an in-person 2 hour clinic. Typically Firelands Referee Association holds a recertification clinic at LCCC but I have yet to see or hear anything about this. The next closest one I have information is in Strongsville and just to be on the safe side, my son, wife and I will likely be at this one. The list of recertification clinics can be found here. There is a \$50 fee for recertification.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask me. I will do my best to assist you.

Thank you,

Wayne Fox

NRASL Commissioner

US Soccer Grade 8 Referee / Assignor

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