

# COVINGTON SOCCER NEWS

August 2004 (CYSA WEB SITE VERSION)

The Newsletter of the Covington Youth Soccer Association

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**Registration** continues by mail if you haven't sent in your application. Teams will be formed the last week of August. Games start September 11<sup>th</sup>.

REC U6 thru U10	\$100	REC U12 thru U14	\$110
REC Plus U12 thru U19	\$145	PREMIER	\$75

**Equipment:** U6 and U8 players use a #3 ball, U10 and U12 players use a #4, older players use a #5. Shin guards are required at all ages. Cleats are optional but very useful for U10 and older age groups.

**SKILLS DAY** is an annual event to "kick off" the CYSA season. All U6, U8 and U10 players are invited to come out on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM till 11:00 AM for some fun soccer exercises organized by our Director of Coaching, Rich Heffernan.. The Madisonville Snowball man will make free snowballs for all.

## Board Members

Pete Didier (President)	892-7759	Robin Ledet (Registrar)	
Mike Ledet (Vice President)	892-1615	Mike Hunley (At large)	898-0303
Ron Broussard (Premier)	792-1911	Rob Mingo (At Large)	893-4809
Bryan Huval (Treasurer)	893-0030	Kevin Cleveland (At large)	893-9589
Bob Monahan (At large)	809-0148	Rich Heffernan (Head Coach)	809-7851

**Congratulations to Robin Ledet and Ron Broussard**, who joined the Board of Directors this summer.

**Special thanks to Frank Caragliano and John Tennyson** who retired from the board this year. Frank will continue on as a U10 coach and John will continue to be a mentor to referees in the area. For the Tennyson's (John and Mandy) this finishes up more than 10 years of continuous service on our board. Our organization owes these folks a huge debt for the unique "soccer knowledge" this family infused into our club. They have been significant contributors in referee scheduling and training, snack bar operation, and tournament planning over the years. Many of the things we do well in this club are the direct result John and Mandy's dedication to the sport and their professional approach to our "week end" passion.

## TOURNAMENT NEWS:

**Our U19 Boys Rec+ team, the Clash coached by Hector Vasquez has now won the Nokia Sugar Bowl Cup three years in-a-row this past May in Baton Rouge.**

In this very competitive tournament, the Clash beat teams from Baton Rouge, Destrehan, Lafayette, Houma, and a tough Lafreniere team in the Finals. This year the Clash also won the Camellia Cup tournament in the Fall, and were Finalists in the Lafreniere Soccerfest and the Strawberry Cup tournaments in the Spring. Congratulations men!

Coach Hector, can you compare the teams from the different years? "The 2004 version of the U-19 Clash was unique, with a distinct personality, just as the 2002 and 2003 teams were unique and different. The 2002 team was the most talented and played the most "attractive" style of soccer. When they were "on", they were beautiful to watch, unless you were on the opposing team. The 2003 team was a team anchored by a strong defense-very quick, very fast, and very skilled. This year's State Champs were the "scrappiest" team of the three. This team took a little longer to find its rhythm and personality, but they started peaking at just the right time and lay their claim to the title of U-19 State champs for the third straight time. As a coach, every team presents its own set of challenges, and I thoroughly enjoyed helping guide this great bunch of young men to reach their potential. I will remember them all with fondness, just as I remember every player I've coached over the last 15 years. "HV.

**Sportsmanship Awards:** Ron Broussard's U11 Rec+ boys, the **Cobras** and Pete Didier's U12 Rec+ boys, the **Cougars** both received sportsmanship awards for their "grace under fire" at the Nokia Sugar Bowl Cup last May. This award is derived from ratings on behavior of the players, coaches, and spectators supplied by the referees after each game. This was first time participation in the state tournament for both of these teams. We're proud of you all!

**Wayne Cook** was named **CYSA Coach of the Year** by the Board of Directors based on his tireless efforts over the years to make the game fun for the little tykes. You know he's doing something right when kids come out of practice in April all in smiles.

**Instruction for Coaches.** Our bylaws require that all coaches be licensed through the Louisiana Soccer Association. We recommend that this training be updated at least every other year by attendance at a clinic or course. U6, U8, U10, and U12 age groups all have age appropriate courses. U14 and older teams require an E License. **Local coaching courses are scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> for Youth Modules U6/8 at 9:00AM-3:00 and for U8/10 on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00AM-6:00 PM at Pelican Park. Call the Mandeville**

**Soccer club at 624-8080 to register.** We have a critical need for coaches at all levels so don't be shy. Put in a little time and CYSA will reimburse the registration fee.

**Referee Needs and News:**

CYSA needs additional referees to officiate our matches. We lose several refs each year to graduation, other commitments, and sadly, to frustration from fan criticism (often with little knowledge of soccer rules!). For our program to continue to improve we must have qualified referees, and, as with all professions, "on the job training" for young referees. Please give them your support by helping quiet the criticism your child's team parents may be spouting!

Another way to improve our program is to become a certified referee. We really need more adults to become certified, and the governing body for US soccer, the USSF, has simplified the process by creating a new category called the Recreational Youth Referee (Grade 9). This individual is certified to be a center referee on matches U14 and younger and assistant ref (line) for older groups. Another class is scheduled for August 1 at the Castine Center from noon to 8:PM. For those that have already had this course the "Bridge Course" for full certification will be offered on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the same time and (Note: CYSA will reimburse the cost of the course for referees who work for us.)

Remember our referees are paid for their work and it's a great way to make some extra spending money while serving the community and having fun! Come join us!

**Supreme Courts Athletic Training Centre:** Year round training programs with local or traveling teams, leagues & camps. **GRAND OPENING Sat., Aug 21 10:00AM - 6:00PM**

Grand opening will include: Free participation in clinics for girls and boys taught by area college coaches in: **Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer.** There will be activities for athletes in:

Plyo-City (plyometrics training), Cheer / Stunt, Dodge ball. Prizes, Giveaways, Free food, Discounts on registration fees. Supreme courts Athletic Training Centre offers adult and youth sports beginning to elite level training available:

**Volleyball / Basketball / Indoor soccer / Cheerleading / Dodge ball / Plyometrics**

Visit our website for complete details on schedule and coaches: [www.supremecourts.org](http://www.supremecourts.org)

Easy access from I-12 exit #57 Madisonville / Goodbee go North turn West on 1085

Phone 985-893-7555 Fax 985-893-7050

Let us show you all we have to offer to expedite the training of today's athlete.

**CYSA SOCCER HOT LINE: 867-1665** (weather/ field conditions/ announcements)

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**Coaching Courses:**

Youth Module

8/ 28	U6/U8	Pelican Park	9:00AM -3:00PM	624-8080	
9/12	U6/U8	Lafreniere Park		(504)465-8224	
8/22	U8/U10	Pelican Park	10:00AM-6:00PM	624-8080	
8/21-22	U10/12	Lafeniery Park (LSC)	8:30AM-3:00PM	(504) 465-8224	<a href="mailto:lafad@bellsouth.net">lafad@bellsouth.net</a>

**E License**

8/13-15	U13-U15	Pelican Park		624-8080	
8/20-22	U13-U15	Hammond		985-386-5221	
8/27-29	U13-U15	Lafreniere Park		(504)465-8224	

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12/3-5,11-12		Mandeville Soccer Club		624-8080	
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**Referee Courses**

8/1(Rec Ref Course)		Castine Center (P Park)	Noon-8:00PM	624-8080	
8/8 (Bridge Course -Advanced)		Castine Center (P. Park)	Noon-8:00PM	624-8080	

**Important Dates in Summer 2004:**

August 25: Coaches Meeting and Team Draft, 7PM, Covington City Hall

August 26 (Thursday): Interleague Scheduling Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Timothy's Methodist Church, Mandeville

August 28: Skills Day, CYSA Fields, 9:00 AM- 11:00AM

September 4: Field Set Up, 11:00AM - 4:00PM

September 11: Game Schedule Begins