

COVINGTON SOCCER NEWS

The Newsletter of the Covington Youth Soccer Association

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www.covingtonsoccer.com

Registration for the 05/06 season will begin June 1. A registration document is included with this newsletter and you can print extras from the web site. Give the blank form to a friend!. Registration covers both fall and spring seasons, uniform, registration with LSA (including LSA group insurance). A family discount of \$10 may be deducted for each second child.

REC U6 thru U8	\$110
REC U10 thru U16	\$120
DIVISION 1 U11 thru U19	\$155
PREMIER	\$ 85

Covington Clash 2005 U-19 Boys Nokia Sugar Bowl Champions: See the "News" Page of CYSA Web Site for Story and Photo.

CYSA Board Members ('04-'05)

Pete Didier (Pres)	892-7759	Mike Hunley (Registrar)	898-0303
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CYSA Board News

Welcome to new board members: Wayne Cook and Ron Broussard.

Update and comment from the President on New Rule Changes in Louisiana Soccer - Division 1 replaces Rec +: As surprising as it may seem, change has come to Louisiana soccer! The Rec+ level of play has been replaced by Division 1. For U11 and older players, teams will now be formed more along the style of a Premier team. Players may be selected on the basis of skill, recruiting will be allowed, and coaches will not be required to make sure all players play at least 50% of a game. For premier teams that last year were not very successful, the D1 league may give them an opportunity to develop as a team and become more competitive while leaving the most competitive teams in the state to play Premier. For the older players that don't choose to play Premier, soccer teams and soccer competitions will become more competitive than in the Rec+ system and this more competitive environment will help make them better soccer players. That's a good thing if you are a player in the starting line up. If you are a bench player you will still practice with and against the top players and, if current guidelines prevail, play at least 25% of most games with the opportunity to compete for a starting spot. The potential down side to this system could be for those kids who are not selected for a D1 team. In our small association some years, particularly in U14 and U16 age groups, there has not enough interest to form a rec team. Now, as rosters shrink to insure that players can get more game time, some players could be left without a team. We hope that does not happen and planning is underway to provide more opportunities for the older recreational player to compete. By the fall it is hoped that the North Shore Recreational League (currently providing scheduling for recreational U12 and U14 teams in Abita Springs, Covington, Folsom, Hammond, Pearl River, and Slidell) may expand to include associations on the south side of the lake. This will provide competition for older players and a reason to stay in soccer. You can't get better if you don't play and we hope that scheduling and formatting will keep more of our Junior High and High School players in the game whether they play at the Premier, Division 1, or Recreational level .

Based on early commitments from coaches here is a partial list of D1 teams planned for the fall of 2005:

U11 Boys - ?

U11 Girls - ?

U12 Boys - Coaches Phil Fox/Joe Cunningham

U12 Girls - Coach Gary Schwabe

U13 Boys - Coach Jimmy Inman

U13 Girls - Coach Terry Thiel

U14 Boys - Coach Pete Didier
U14 Girls - ?
U15 Boys - Coach Tony Holquin
U16 Girls - Coach Rob Mingo
U19 Boys - Coach Hector Vasquez

DIVISION 1 informational meeting for coaches and parents will be held at the CYSA fields at 9:00 AM on Saturday, May 21st. This will be especially useful for former U10 players moving up from the recreational teams. **Try-outs for Division 1 U11-U14 teams** may not occur before June 6. **Try-outs for Division 1 U14-U19 teams** may not occur before July 7. Check our web site for specific announcements.

The **U13 Boys Premier team** under Paul Baudean plans to form again. Tryouts are scheduled for May 14th.

Summer Soccer at CYSA:

Kid's Night: For those that just can't get enough soccer throughout the school year, CYSA will organize an Academy Style soccer league for the summer starting in June at the CYSA fields (outdoors!). Academy Style is similar to the format used in most soccer camps. Players warm up in large groups with emphasis on a few different individual techniques at each meeting. New teams are created at each meeting depending on age and numbers of players for a single full sized games, or multiple short-sided games. Our first organization meeting/sign up will be June 2nd at 6:00 PM. After that we plan to meet every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:00-7:30 PM. Sign up throughout the summer is welcomed because many will start and stop as their summer schedule changes. Players must be 4 years of age and not older than 18 years. The cost for the summer will be \$25.

Adult soccer at CYSA will not be supported this summer due to expense and liability issues.

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. If you are a current coach or want to coach or assist in the Fall the summer Annual General Meeting for the Louisiana Soccer Association is a perfect occasion to get some concentrated instruction at several of their FREE lectures or field sessions. The LSA meeting will be held at the New Orleans Airport Hilton in Kenner on Saturday July 16th. Check out the LSA web site for more details at www.LSA-soccer.org. Local coaching courses have not been posted yet but should be available in August and September. We are working hard to get an E license course taught at our facility this summer.

New Building. We're back!!! With the help of a project specific donation from an anonymous donor , funds have been secured to build a restroom facility on the current site of the snack bar. The snack bar will be moved so that construction can start this summer...hopefully. Watch us grow!

Summer Camps. There will be several opportunities in the local area to maintain and improve your skills over the summer and have fun too!

1. Kids Summer Soccer presented by Pete Didier and other CYSA coaches will again present their basic skills camp starting **June 2 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM**. See below.

2. **Louie Smothermon's** Soccer Camp returns with top area coaches and former NO Storm players **August 1-5**. Shirt, ball included. Application enclosed

3. Eurotech Soccer Camp at St. Paul's High School is enclosed.

4. **Indoor Soccer Camps at the Supreme Courts Athletic Training Centre.**

Phone 985-893-7555, FAX 985-893-7050; Email: cgraff@supremecourts.org Web: www.supremecourts.org

Opportunities for Youth and Adult Indoor Soccer 'Open Play' this summer:

Youth - This summer the Supreme Courts Indoor training Centre will host Coach Alan DeRitter's 3-day team camps May 31-June 2, June 2-4, June 13-15, June 15-17, June 27-29, and June 29-July 1. Camps for individual players will be held July 5-8, July 18-22, and July 25-29 (Elite). Contact Supreme Courts or Coach DeRitter at soccerinnovations@yahoo.com.

Adult - At the time of printing, details for an adult summer league are still being worked out. See the web site for more up to date information.

THANK YOU to Covington High School girls soccer for quick and courteous service in the snack bar this year which eared \$2,200 for their program and our gratitude.

SOCCER HOT LINE: 867-1665 (for weather related field conditions and announcements)

Coaching Courses:

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Important Dates in Summer 2005:

May 21: Pre-Registration Division 1 Meeting at CYSA Fields U11, U12, U13, U14, U15/16

May 21: CYSA night at New Orleans Shell Shockers game at Pan AM Stadium

June 2: Register for Kids Soccer Nights: Tuesday/Thursday 6:00-7:30 PM

June 6: Earliest date for Division 1 Team try-outs for U11-U13

July 7: Earliest date for Division 1 Team try-outs for U14-U19

July 16-17: LSA AGM, NO Airport Hilton, Kenner - see LSA-soccer.org

August 1-5 **Smothermon Soccer Camp**

August 6 & 13: Walk-in registration, 9:00 AM - Noon, Covington High School

August 27: Skills Day U6/U8/U10, CYSA Fields, 9:00 AM- 11:00AM