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Division 1 U19 State Champions: **CYSA United**



Back Row Taylor Erminger, Dylan Adam, Kyle Oberman, Ryan Ricau, Juan Amaya, Michael Mejia, Alan Didier. Middle Row left: Coach Hector Vasquez, Brennan Breaux, Paul Martin, Chris Campbell, Luke Baudean, Ector Gutierrez, Kale Ordoyne, James Petersen, Mark Ricau. Front Row left: Micahael Pellissier, Taylor Vairin.

College level coaching comes to CYSA! CYSA is pleased to announce an agreement with Southeastern Louisiana University Soccer Program headed by Coach Blake Hornbuckle to supplement and enhance soccer instruction at CYSA. U10 and U12 players will receive an immediate benefit of skill sessions in addition to keeper clinics and team coaching from SLU player/coaches. Developmental instruction for all of our U10 players will better prepare them for the competitive play of older teams and individual coaches for our young Division 1 teams will give them a unique experience with competitive players. In addition SLU will host a CYSA Day at one of their home games and the SLU team will play a college-level game at CYSA. All CYSA players will be admitted free into SLU home soccer games wearing their CYSA jersey. We look forward to this expanded collaboration with SLU and the benefits for the "beautiful game" and our young players. Division 1 tryouts for girls and boys age 10 (U11) will be May 18th and 19th at CYSA and age 11 (U12) will be May 20th and 21st at 6:00PM. See our web site at www.covingtonsoccer.com for registration details and additional age group information.



Welcome our new corporate sponsor, Kostmayer Construction, to the CYSA family!

Registration for the fall/spring seasons will start June 1. **Online registration** is available at our web site or you may print an application and use the US mail. New recreational teams will form in late August and start playing in September. Division 1 team tryouts are listed on the next page. See the levels of soccer explanation later to find the appropriate program.

Fall (full year) Registration fees:

REC U6 and U8	\$130
REC U10, U12 and U14	\$150
Division 1 U12 thru U19	\$180

State Tournament Results

Six Division 1 teams participated in the State District Tournament this spring. Congratulations to all for their hard work and special recognition to the teams that advanced through the District tournament to the State Championship round: Semifinalists: U15 Boys Magnum (Coach Fox) and U17 Boys Cougars(Coaches Carty and Saltalamacchia), and Champions: U19 Boys United (Coach Vasquez). These teams are no strangers to the championship round. All three have been there before but this was the first state championship win for the United team. Interestingly, it was not the first state championship for Coach Vasquez. His four consecutive U19 championships were interrupted by two years of retirement from club ball before joining United in their final season. Well done boys!

Northshore Recreational Tournament Winners in Spirit: CYSA hosted the North Shore Recreational League Tournament for U12 boys and girls in April of this year. Although our two girls and two boys teams did not win medals this time they played with heart, skill and enthusiasm that is the "Spirit of the Game".

Levels of Soccer. Children may play three levels of soccer in Louisiana: Recreational, Division 1, and Premiere for players 4-18 years of age. Players are grouped by their age as of August 1. For example a U6 player is 4 or 5 years of age on August 1. A player that turns 6 in July would be classified as Under-7 (U7).

Strictly recreational teams are formed by balancing talent on U6-U14 teams. These teams typically practice once a week and play one game on the weekend. Older teams (U10, U12, and U14) may play 2 tournaments per year. All players must play at least 50% of a game (50% play rule).

Division 1 is available for U11 and older more dedicated players (and families). Coaches may use a tryout or other selection process to form the team. The game playing time is not guaranteed. Typically these teams practice more often, play multiple games on a weekend and travel to multiple tournaments during a soccer year. A list of the prospective D1 teams, coaches, and try out schedule follows below.

Premier league soccer is for the most talented and most dedicated players. Typically these players practice more often and longer than other players. They have a special league, an independent state championship tournament, opportunities for post season play, and may pay extra for professional coaching. CYSA has only had a few teams in this category in the past and none are scheduled to form for the fall of 2009.

Thanks for your support. Many of you were aware that this past year we struggled financially due to a drop in registrations following Katrina. Through some cost saving measures and some timely donations from our members, and some old and new friends we appear to have weathered this storm and are looking to the future. We have secured a uniform sponsor (**Kostmayer Construction**) for the coming year and plan to extend this support with sponsorships displayed on our league T-shirt. The plan is to provide all players with a shirt (in addition to their uniform) so if you have corporate connections and want to get involved as a sponsor contact Steve Carty or Peter Feringa.

DIVISION 1 TEAM

Age Group	Team	Coach	Try-out Schedule
U11 Boys	new	SLU coach	May 18 & 19, 6:00-7:30PM
U11 Girls	new	SLU coach	May 18 & 19, 6:00-7:30PM
U12 Boys	new	SLU coach	May 20 & 21, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
U12 Girls	new	SLU coach	May 20 & 21, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
U14 Boys	Pumas	Dyck	June 9 &10 and July 7 & 8, 6:30-8:00PM
U14 Girls	new	Cox	TBA probably August
U16 Boys	Magnum	Fox	June 9&11, 6-7:30PM, Aug 8 11AM-12
U16 Girls	Fusion	Doran, Jones	July 7,9,14, 16, 6:00-7:30PM
U17 Boys	Clash	Carty, Salt	June 11& 13, 5:00 – 6:00 PM
U18 Boys	Cougars	Carty, Salt	June 11& 13, 5:00 – 6:00 PM
U19 Girls	new	Newman, Scherer	None scheduled, sign up in August

Additional teams may be formed depending on interest and demand.

Referee Course: Referees are desperately needed particularly for U10 and U12 games. Once trained, there are opportunities to get more experience during the off season officiating at junior high and high school matches. It's a great hobby for teenagers and adults alike. The next recreational referee course **will be scheduled in the first weeks of June by CYSA and again in August by Mandeville Soccer Club.** We are looking for applicants 12 years and up, \$50 registration fee is reimbursed if you work for CYSA. Contact Pete Didier for the CYSA ref course in June and call MSC at 624-8080 later in the summer for their course or check their web site at mscsoccer.org.

Coaching Courses: The backbone of our coaching staff is a dedicated group of parents who agree to learn the game and teach it to your kids. Some have played the game when they were children or as adults but many learn it for the first time in a certification course and then go on to get the advance degree as they coach their kids through the different age groups. LSA and CYSA require that coaches be certified to coach by completing an age appropriate certification course. For the U6/U8/U10 coaches, Youth Modules 1 (U6/U8) and Module 2 (U8/U10) are scheduled in the area in August. For U12 and older coaches the E License is scheduled for August 14,15,16 at Pelican Park by Mandeville Soccer Club. See their web site (msclub@bellsouth.net) for registration information. CYSA reimburses coaches for the cost of their course registration and expects coaches to take a new certification course about every 2 years.

Summer Camp Schedule (see our Web site for links):

July 27 – 31st - Smothermon's Soccer Camp Series: We are please to have Coach Louie back for the 12th year in a row! Coach Louie is a former professional player and A licensed coach for the previous professional team, the New Orleans Storm. Louie continues to provide southeastern Louisiana with age appropriate professional coaching through camps and clinics for levels ranging from "tiny tots" to premier. See his web page at smothermonsoccer.com

Skills Day and Sponsor Sign up August 22nd :

This year our Skills Day program will be set up by our new Technical Director, Blake Hornbuckle, the Head Coach for soccer at SLU in Hammond. He will be assisted by the SLU college soccer team and our senior coaches. The program will include a series of soccer related activities for U6, U8, U10 and U12 players and is appropriate for new and returning players. Free snow balls for all participants.

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

Important Dates

June 1 - Registration Begins

June 5, 6, 8 or June 12, 13, 14 - Referee Course (Entry level course)

July 28 - 31 - Smothermon Soccer Camp

Aug 15 – Registration deadline for fall season at reduced rate closes

Aug 22 - Skills Day for U6, U8, U10 and U12 players with Sponsor Sign Up

Aug 29 – Games begin

Oct 31 – Fall Season Closes