



The Lion's Den

Kings Park Soccer Club Newsletter



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President's Corner

The fall 2007 season is the first time we are seeing Kings Park teams outfitted in maroon. It took me a couple of games to get used to the change. Within a year or so we'll all be wearing the new club colors. I am also still getting used to the new intramural division names, but in no time we'll all be used to that too.

You may have noticed how good the fields at Tiffany look. Our summer rehabilitation program was a big success and hopefully we'll see some additional improvements in the near future. I would like to thank all that worked so hard this summer to complete our first phase.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of former board member Joel Blitzer who has stepped down after six years of service. Joel has served as insurance coordinator, registration coordinator and Administrative VP. Joel was instrumental in helping to acquire a long term usage agreement for Tiffany Field and promoting the online only registration system. Joel continues to volunteer his time as insurance coordinator, while still assisting with registration and serving as chair of the Appeals Committee. Thank you, Joel, for your commitment to the KPSC and Kings Park.

I would also like to welcome new board members Rose Mangogna, Mike Mattia and Phil Trapani. Rose takes over registration, resource coordination and will chair the Program Evaluation Committee. Mike steps in as the U7 age group coordinator. Phil continues as the U5 age group coordinator and uniform coordinator. Rose, Mike and Phil are already working hard and making significant contributions to the program.

This season, the KPSC has more players registered than any other fall season in KPSC history and this trend puts us on target for the largest spring registration enrollment on record too. However, almost 20% of our fall registrants registered after the open registration period. In our attempt to make sure that every player is placed on a team, this has led to last

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Picture Day 2007



Sunday, October 21, 2007

Tiffany Field



Travel Camp, August 2007

Have you seen the NEW KPSC Online Photo Gallery?



Registered KPSC Members can create their own albums and upload digital photos of their teams and club events.

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minute division realignments, slightly larger than desired roster sizes, late player notification by coaches and increased equipment expenses. Registration deadlines exist because the KPSC has many areas that need to be addressed to prepare for the start of each season. Prior to each season volunteer club officials must recruit and screen coaches, create team rosters, prepare schedules and fields for the matches, recruit and schedule referees, order equipment and supplies, schedule meetings and training programs, file for field permits, submit insurance rosters and the list goes on. Each late registration means added work for our club volunteers and added expense to the program. The late fee goes to help offset the added expenses and to encourage on time registration. Each season I make a plea for volunteers to step up and help with club activities. I know it's hard for many to take an active role in the club; so if you can't step up to volunteer, please register on time and help reduce the work for those that do volunteer.

I want to wish the US Women's National team the best of luck as they compete in the 2007 Women's World Cup in China. Matches have been airing on ESPN and ESPN2 at 5am and 8am. The finals are scheduled for September 30 and it would sure be nice to see the USA win another WWC.

Finally, I would like to invite you all to visit our web site (www.kpsc.org). Information about all aspects of the Kings Park Soccer Club can be found there. Share your comments with us on the Message Board and share your soccer photos in the Photo Gallery.

I hope you all have fun fall season.

See you on the pitch,
Joseph Piacentino, Jr.
President - Kings Park Soccer Club

How many words, of at least 3 letters, can you make from the word **OVERLAP**

View this page upside down in a mirror for the answers that I found below.

PLB' LES' SEL' SLG' SLE' SBE' SJB' SJE
BEL' BES' BEL' BSL' OLS' OLE' OJE' OSL' OLB' LES'
SLGL' SBL' SJOL' SLO' LOE' LGL' LEB' LSL' BLO'
OLSJ' OLSJ' OLSJ' JOLG' JOLG' JOBE' JESB' JSLG' SELJ'
BOJE' BLES' BSL' BESJ' BSLE' BSLE' BSLE' OLEL'
LESJ' LESJ' LOLE' LOBE' LOJE' LESB' LESJ' LSLG' BOLE'
BSLEL' BSLEL' OBL' JOLG' JSLG' LOJE' LESJ'
BSLOJ' ASLOL' ASLOL' LSLG' BLOLE' BOJSL' BESLJ'



Education

As the season begins, we will be offering a goalie clinic to all players in our travel, pre-travel and inter league programs. Sessions will be on Wednesdays starting September 18, 2007. The sessions will be broken up into two sessions. The first session will be offered for goalies in the U10 and under age group, begin at 5pm and last 1 hour. The second session will be offered for the U11 and above age group, begin at 6pm and also last 1 hour. The sessions will be for 6 consecutive weeks. All sessions will take place at Cy Donnelly Field. There is still space available for the U11 and above. Anyone who is interested in participating in the clinic, please email Kim Mahoney.

Training for our in house programs will begin as well. For our U7 and U9 divisions, training will be offered to all players. Professional training will be headed by USA Soccer Academy on Thursday nights at Tiffany Field from 4:45-6:15pm. All players in these divisions are encouraged to attend the free training each week. Training begins on Thursday, September 20 and will last for 6 weeks. Coaches are also encouraged to come down to see what skills are being taught and join in to practice the skills along with the players.

Training for the U5 and U6 programs will be the same format as in the past. The "Master Coaching" program will also be run by USA Soccer Academy. The sessions will be held on Sundays beginning September 9. This program will coincide with the scheduled playing dates of the other in-house divisions of the KPSC.

Training is also being offered to our travel and inter league teams. Any coach who is looking for training for individual teams may contact Kim Mahoney.

A CPR/AED class is scheduled for October. Anyone interested in taking this class should contact Kim Mahoney for registration.

Kings Park Soccer would like to offer coaching courses this spring. Anyone who is in need of a C or a B license should contact Kim Mahoney for information. In order to take the B course, you must hold a C license for at least a year. In order to take the C class you do not need to have a D license.

For further information on any of the classes and training sessions being held, please contact Kim Mahoney at education@kpsc.org

U5 Another soccer season is upon us and there is a lot to look forward to. This season we have 16 teams and over 120 players. Each Sunday will begin with a ½ hour training session for our coaches. Then the players arrive and are taught soccer skills and play their 3v3 game. It's an exciting time for all!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 16 coaches who have volunteered to coach the U5 teams. Without these wonderful individuals this program could not be successful. Their dedication is greatly appreciated!

Please check the KPSC web site for schedules, cancellations, news and updates.

Phil Trapani – U5@kpsc.org



Welcome back to all players, coaches and parents to another soccer season. It is a nice way to start the fall season. The inter league program has 6 girls and 5 boys teams competing in the fall against the best clubs in Suffolk County. Many of the teams have been together for a long time and a few are new, but all are enjoying a wonderful game. Soccer is really taking hold in this country and it started, and is continuing, because of the youth programs of which your child is the major part. We now have David Beckham and several top international stars playing in the MLS. They can be viewed on Fox Soccer Channel and ESPN. As they say, "Check your local listings.". Watching the game is a great way for your kids to enhance their learning of the game and for you parents to understand the game. It is, after all, the most watched game in the world. Also, this September is the Womens World Cup available on several channels, unfortunately at some very odd times due to its being played in China. What a great thing for your soccer playing daughters to watch!!! GO USA!!!!

In addition to the above, KPSC is proud to continue with the inter league training program offered to all inter league teams. Training, beside practice with your coaches, is something that all travel teams use and is very helpful in advancing your child's skills. The training is conducted by expert soccer players and trainers, many of whom have trained professional teams. The best of all is that the training is offered free of charge. Check with your coaches or your coordinators for dates and times.

In addition, several of the teams are planning to compete in Columbus Day tournaments. Good luck to all in the season and any tournaments. Thank you and remember to call or e-mail with any questions.

Frank Bland (boys coordinator)

Mike Rozza (girls coordinator)

U9 Here we go U9's! After a long, hot summer the fall season has arrived. We are looking forward to a wonderful season with all of our returning players and all of the new players to our division. We have 12 great coaches who will be leading our teams this year. Although we had some reshuffling of teams at the beginning of the season, the end result will be lots of playing time for everyone with a variety of competitive teams to play against.

So get out there and play your best, cheer for your teammates and always demonstrate good sportsmanship. Let's remember to thank your parents, grandparents and friends who bring you to practice and cheer for you during the games. Speaking of cheering from the sidelines, let's keep it positive and leave the coaching to the coaches and the refereeing to the referees!

Have a great season!

Karen Davella - U9 Coordinator



The summer is over, there is a chill in the air and that can only mean one thing...the fall soccer season is upon us. In the U7 division we have 8 teams, each with a dedicated volunteer coach and a roster full of excited young soccer players.

The biggest change you will notice on the field as you move up from U6 to U7 is the introduction of a goalkeeper. Although the games are still small sided (5v5) which allows for all of the players to get touches on the ball, you will notice the games start to look a lot more like soccer. Aside from goal keepers you will see that the field is a little bit larger, the games have referees, throw-ins, goal kicks, corner kicks and lots of kids having fun playing a great game.

Don't forget that there are U7/U9 training sessions for all players on Thursdays starting on 9/23. These sessions run for 6 weeks and are at Tiffany field from 4:45 – 6:15. They will be run by United Soccer Academy. Mark your calendars.

20% of the registrations for this age group came after the registration deadline and after the rosters were set. This creates difficulties for the club and the coaches when it comes to putting together the right number of equally talented rosters. Please register early each season.

Thanks to all the coaches and assistant coaches for volunteering their time. Thanks to all the moms and dads who bring their children to practice and games each week.

Have a great season!

Mike Mattia, U7 Coordinator

Uniforms



If you've been to any of our fields during a Kings Park Soccer Club game you may have noticed something different about the players uniforms. No, you are not colorblind, what you see are the new colors of the KPSC. The Club officially changed the colors from green to maroon this fall season. The change is not mandatory at this time, which is why you may still see some teams wearing green. The KPSC Board decided that there would be a transition from green to maroon over a period of a year or two.

One of the main reasons for the color change was so that our Club would match the Kings Park Schools colors. There was also a poll on the KPSC web site and the majority of people who voted chose maroon as the Club colors.

The new maroon uniforms can be purchased from:

Port Jefferson Sporting Goods
44 East Main Street
Smithtown, NY 11787
(631) 366-2252
Closed Tuesdays

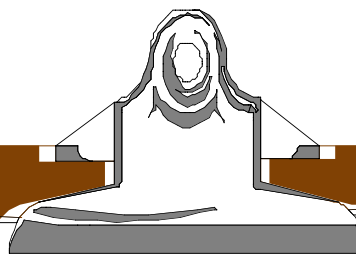
Thank you and I hope you enjoy the new maroon uniforms.

Phil Trapani - uniforms@kpsc.org



Updated value cards will be available in October. Current cards expire on October 31, 2007. Value cards will cost \$10. Anyone who is interested in ordering a card please contact Kim Mahoney at fundraising@kpsc.org.

Anyone who would like to volunteer with this fundraising or have any suggestions as to possible fundraising ideas, please contact Kim Mahoney.



CLUB NOTES

For the health of children, please refrain from smoking at ALL games and practices. See the club web site for our official policy

For the safety of all involved, please leave your pets at home.

Newsletter articles can be mailed to the KPSC or E-mailed to newsletter@kpsc.org

Avoid dangerous situations by parking in designated areas at our fields. There is plenty of parking towards the back of Tiffany Fields and on R Mastrocinque Blvd. Authorities have told us that they will ticket and/or tow illegally parked cars.

Please remember Tiffany Circle is ONE WAY only.

Please help us keep our fields clean. Deposit all garbage in the trash cans placed around the field.

Intramural and Inter League coaches can complete a Referee Evaluation each week. Just visit the Referee Section of the KPSC Web Site.

The Lion's Den can be viewed in Full Color in the Newsletter Section of the KPSC Web Site..

Visit the Club Web Site and add your name to our General Announcements e-mail list and you will be notified about upcoming clinics, classes, meetings and special events!

Our Volunteers are NOT Paid.
Not Because They are Worthless, But Because They are Priceless.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Welcome back to Fall 2007 Soccer! The season is off to a good start. The weather has been cooperative for season opening games and fun was had by all. Remember it's not if you win or loose, it's learning to be a better player, to be a part of the team. Wishing you another fun filled season of learning skills, and playing soccer.

Look for your "General Announcement" emails to keep you updated with what's happening within our club. If you are not currently receiving "General Announcements", please visit our website at www.kpsc.org scroll down to Announcements and sign in. It's that simple!

The KPSC is always looking for volunteers – if you can help in any capacity it would be most appreciated.

Thank you as always for your anticipated help!

*Special Events Coordinator
Connie Lopez-Moorman*



Referees

YOU MAKE THE CALL!

An attacking player in an attempt to play the ball runs around a defender along the touch line, outside the field of play. The defender crosses the touch line and brutally elbows the attacker outside the field of play. What is the correct restart and consequences for the players?

Answer Below

The Kings Park Soccer Club will hold their annual fall Picture Day on Sunday, October 21st. Teams pictures will be scheduled starting at 9:00 AM, throughout the day until 4:00 PM. The scheduling will take into account the individual team game schedules. As always, photographers will be available for all individual picture requests. All coaches will be notified of their teams scheduled time slot and will also be supplied, in advance, with picture order forms for distribution to their players. If you have not received information about picture day from your coach, please check the KPSC web site for more detailed information.



You Make The Call (Answer from Above)
The incident occurred outside of the field of play, therefore, a red card is issued to the defender for violent conduct (elbowing) and the restart can only be a dropped ball.

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KPSC Board of Directors meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 8:00pm at the Nissequogue River State Park.

All Board meetings are open to the public.



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