



January 3rd & 4th—U12 & U14 Area playoffs
 December 22nd—January 2nd—Holiday break
 December 6th & 13th—Regional playoffs for U10-U14
 November 27th—November 29th—Thanksgiving Holiday

able on line at: www.206soccer.com

Friday, October 17th—Sponsorship money due for teams.
 Saturday, October 11th—U17 playoffs begin (playoffs end Oct. 25th)
 Friday, October 31st—Halloween (be safe)
 Tuesday, November 11th—Veteran's Day
 Saturday, November 15th—Last games for U5-U8
 Tuesday, November 18th—Last coaches meeting (Coach appreciation)
 Saturday, November 22nd—Skills day and Soccerfest at Arthur Pack park (all day) Schedule available on line at: www.206soccer.com



Dates to Remember!



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News Trap

October 2008

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We need your help!

Any parent or player that is willing to help at Soccerfest this year (Nov. 22nd)

Contact Tina Laulusa at:

Soccerfest@206soccer.com

Start planning now for your end of the season party at Soccerfest!

We will provide:

Jumping Castles

Trophies (U5-U8) after skills day

T-shirts (U10-U14) after helping

Yearbooks for each family

3v3 soccer games (for older kids)

Spirit contest at Skills day

Prizes for everyone

Balloons

Popcorn .25

Cotton Candy .25

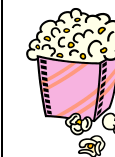
Pizza (orders due by Nov. 15th)

Bring your team banner and a blanket to eat on

Don't miss out on the FUN!

Skills day schedule available on line at:

www.206soccer.com



It's for the Kids!

Sponsorship Info

Sponsor money due on Fri. 17th. There is just enough

to get your team's sponsor turned in.

If you have any questions you can contact Mike

Burkhart at:

Sponsor@206soccer.com



Coaches corner

Set up & take down of nets:

We need to remind the coaches to pass on to anyone helping you put up or take down nets that we need to treat them kindly. We don't want anyone hanging from them or tearing the Velcro. We are constantly having to replace these and it gets to be expensive.

Also don't forget to help set up when your team is the early game or help take down when you are the late game. And don't forget to lock the equipment box.

Any questions contact Wade Crowley at:

FieldsEquipAsst@206soccer.com

Day off:

Don't forget that Sat. Oct. 18th there won't be any games. The week before is Marana's Fall Break and the kids are out of school.

Pictures:

Did your team miss picture day due to the windy weather? If so it has been rescheduled for Sat. Oct. 25th. Details will come in an email to you.

A Note from Manny the Photographer

Greetings, to all parents and teams participating in region 206 Fall Season. We are now into the fifth week of the season and I would like to report to you my progress in photographing your children's action shots as they play the world's most popular sport, SOCCER! We have entered 23 games into Manny's Photography website, www.urbanfotos4u.com. I believe that we are providing top quality action memories for your families scrap book.

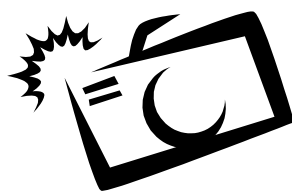
The way my assistant and I photograph your children at play, we are averaging a hundred and twenty images per game. Due to difficult economic times, I wish to point out to you and your teams that I offer a CD of all your team's photos for only \$75.00. That will translate into savings for you families if your teams can pool their resources.

Considering the confusion my website may cause, and I'm trying to make it more user friendly, I felt compelled to address this fact to you, the soccer community. I am here to serve you, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to email me at mfotos4u@hotmail.com or call my cell, 248-9935.

Thanks,

Manny

Manny's Photography



"Oh, come on Ref!"

We've had an average season so far with coaches and parents on the touchlines "helping" our referees make calls. Generally, most parents and coaches have been well behaved, but we haven't had a perfect season. As we head into the second half of the year and look forward to the excitement of the playoffs after Thanksgiving please try to remain calm and respectful of our volunteer referees. They give many hours to referee your child's games, away from the games where their child is playing.

Poor officiating is in most cases "In the eyes of the beholder who may be unfamiliar with the rules of soccer". Are the referees perfect? No, not by a long shot. Are they prejudice against one team or another? Absolutely not. Can they become better referees? Absolutely. Are most referees capable of officiating the games that they are assigned to officiate? Absolutely as long as they receive the cooperation of the coaches and parents.

If you have a "poor" referee in a game and you are a parent or coach, why in the world would you yell and harass the referee if you know he/she is "in over their head". Do you really think that is going to help? If anything it is only going to put the referee under more stress and duress which in turn will probably make the referee perform even worse.

Clearly we need to protect the kids. If a game is "out of control" and placing the children in danger with players being brought down from behind or a seriously dangerous physical play that the referee isn't dealing with, the coach of the team involved should abandon the game and write a report on the actions of the referee. But we do not abandon a game for perceived missed calls on offside, ball in or out of bounds, whether it was a goal kick or a corner kick. (That is all the judgment of the referee) If the players are being "beat up" and in physical danger without the referee taking control of the game the coach should abandon the game and write a report to the board and we will investigate the referee.

Here are a few tips to consider when you find yourself or others too wound up to enjoy the game:

- Remember that the game is for the kids.
- Winning and losing are part of the game. Children develop best when they learn to be good winners and good losers.
- Cheer for everyone. Recognize good play from your team and from your child's opponent.
- Support your coach by keeping your comments positive and not trying to "coach" your child.
- Thank your coach and your referees before and after each game.

When you feel yourself getting angry:

- Look around and see other people enjoying the game
- Tell yourself that it's a game and the purpose is to enjoy
- Count to ten – it works
- Step away from the field for a few minutes
- Think about the impact of your behavior on the kids if you lose control of your temper
- Watch the game from the car



Soccer is a wonderful sport to teach the kids many life lessons. But please remember, it's a player's game and our players are just young kids. Let's all work to make it the positive experience it should be for the players, coaches, and referees. Let the Players Play, Coaches Coach, Parents Cheer, and let the Referees Ref.



Women's Soccer Home games

Friday, October 17th and Sunday October 19th

(Info on these two games are listed on our website www.206soccer.com)

Support UofA soccer by attending one of these last two home games!