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Subject: **2010 TEAM PLACEMENTS AND FIELD COMMITMENTS**

Welcome to the 2010 Traveling League Season! As always, our ultimate goal is to ensure that your club's outdoor soccer league experiences are worth while. The first step to ensuring all teams are placed appropriately and the master schedule is ready on time is to provide the Games Committee with accurate information about your teams and the availability of your club's facilities. Ideally your rosters should be fairly set, already submitted and approved by CDYSL before your club commits teams to play.

New for 2010

- **On-line rescheduling and score reporting:** CDYSL has been working with our software consultant and will be implementing new on-line systems for both rescheduling requests and score reporting. It is anticipated that the cost savings in printing and postage for game cards alone will be between \$600 and \$700.
- **In preparation for implementation of the new score reporting system, teams will be required to designate ONE person and ONE email address to handle score reporting.** If no information is provided we will assume team score reporting will be handled by the head coach listed on the placement form. Details regarding procedures will be outlined at the mandatory coaches meetings in March.

Carried over from 2009:

- **Only 8v8 play for U12 teams this year.** 2009 was the last year that CDYSL allowed 11v11 league play for U12 teams.
- **10 games schedules for U8 through U17 divisions will be scheduled from April 25th to June 27th** Coaches should review the enclosed list of Potential Play dates for their age groups to prepare their parents and players for the upcoming season.
- **The number of divisions and format of games for U19 divisions will be determined at a special meeting of U19 coaches once team commitment information has been compiled.**
- **Team commitment fees for 2010 will remain at \$110**
- **NO "no play dates":** The initial process to set up the master schedule does **not** schedule games on Mother's Day, Father's Day or Memorial Day weekend. Games may be rescheduled to Mother's Day or Father's Day after the coaches meeting by following established rescheduling procedures and only if doing so is agreeable to both teams and field space is available..
- **ALL teams, coaches and players MUST be officially registered (complete with an officially approved & signed league rosters and player passes) BEFORE they will be allowed to participate in any sanctioned play.** This is NOT a new rule but continues to be a very real problem for us every year. Unregistered teams, coaches and players are NOT covered by league insurance. Additionally, unregistered coaches have not been cleared for risk management, which puts your club and the league in serious jeopardy if a problem should arise at a later date.

Teams not officially registered by their first game will not be allowed to play or reschedule that game and will be charged with a forfeit for each game for which they are not in compliance. They will be additionally fined for failure to comply with League/State/National rules. (See 2009-10 Fines And Fees Schedule).

As always, if your club does not have enough players to fill a roster in a specific age group, we encourage you to send an email to cdysloffice@cdysl.org with a request to post your need for players in the CDYSL "Want Ads" section of the website which acts as a clearinghouse to bring players together.

The forms necessary to commit your club's teams and to identify field space for this year's outdoor traveling schedule are included in this packet. These forms may also be downloaded from the CDYSL website if you need additional copies. Please make sure you and your coaches review all materials carefully. All forms should be filled in completely before you sign them and return them into CDYSL.

Reminder: ALL forms should be sent in at the same time and MUST be signed by Club Presidents before teams will be considered for placement.

The CDYSL website (www.cdysl.org) also provides you and your coaches with the most up to date information regarding the status of team placements, schedules and standings, Games committee activities as well as other important league information. We strongly encourage everyone to check it frequently.

Your completed team placement packet should include the following:

All forms must be filled out completely and then signed by the Club President. Return everything in a single packet to the CDYSL Office by mail or in person **no later than at 5:00 PM on Friday January 22, 2010.** (Incomplete forms and Faxes will not be accepted)

1. **CDYSL Team Placement Check List** : This form is used as a check list for you to make sure your packet is complete. Please use as a cover sheet when you return your completed packet.
2. **Check for Commitment Fees: \$110 per team made payable to CDYSL**
3. **2010 CDYSL Team Placement Form(s)**: Submit one form for EACH team your club plans to commit to the 2010 Spring Traveling Schedule.

When filling out placement forms please keep in mind:

- **ALL forms must be signed by Club President.**
 - **All U8, U10 teams play by special rules for small sided games and non-result oriented (NRO) play as outlined on the CDYSL website.** Coaches are strongly encouraged to review these guidelines before committing teams. Requests for U8 and U10 teams to play in older divisions will NOT be approved. Team placements for U8's will be categorized as experienced or inexperienced.
 - **U12 teams will be playing in an 8v8 format only this year.** Rules for U12 (8v8) play are included in *The Small Games Rules Summary* posted on the CDYSL website
 - **We must have accurate team contact information in case there is a question during the placement process.** (This information is used to notify coaches regarding the Mandatory Coaches meetings. It is our hope to have the coaches' directory ready for distribution at the Coaches meetings, making accurate information critical.) All forms must include the **head coach's** name, mailing address, a valid email address (if available) and phone number(s). All teams must provide at least one valid email address to be used by CDYSL to contact teams. If your head coach does not use email, the alternate team contact info must include it.
 - **New this year: Each team must designate an official score reporter (Sorry we can only handle ONE name and VALID email address per team.**
 - **"No-Play" Dates no longer accepted with team commitment forms:** The schedule has been reduced to 10 games and games will not be scheduled on Mother's Day, Father's Day or Memorial Day weekend. A preliminary Master Schedule will be distributed at the Mandatory Coaches meetings at the end of March. Coaches will have ONE WEEK to review their schedules, contact opposing coaches and request scheduling changes at no charge. Rescheduling requests after that deadline will be charged a rescheduling fee.
4. **Field Commitment Form(s):** **A separate field commitment form must be submitted for each field your club plans to use.** Each field must be uniquely identified with an individual name, number and/or combination of the two.

REMINDER: Small sided play for U8 teams will require dual fields. While we can allow some leeway with goal sizes for U10 and U12 divisions, field sizes **must** be consistent with the recommended guidelines (see attached or website) There is a place on the commitment form to indicate whether or not U8 fields will be shared with other age groups and whether or not your club will be using goal sizes larger than the 6' Pugg goals recommended by CDYSL.

5. **Maps and Written Directions for all fields:** CDYSL has been working with MapInfo to update maps and written directions for all fields on the website. Please review the information posted in Clubs/Maps section to make sure all fields used by your club are listed and the driving instructions are accurate and up to date. If your fields have a 911 address, please forward that information to better assist us with our updates.
6. **Corrections to Current Club officers list:** The League Office must have up to date information about your club's contacts. Minimally, we are requesting mailing/email addresses and phone numbers for all Presidents, Registrars and CDYSL Reps. Enclosed in your packet is a listing of the information we currently have on file, please review for accuracy and/or confirm that the information is correct or update as necessary. Return with your packet

The Games Committee will be reviewing the impact of the changes implemented this year once the season has ended. As always we welcome your feedback, whether positive or negative at any time. This is your league and your comments and suggestions are important to our success.

Here's to another great year! Thank you in advance for your cooperation.