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Subject: **2012 TEAM PLACEMENTS AND FIELD COMMITMENTS**

Welcome to the 2012 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.

Reminders and New Rules for 2012

- **ALL teams MUST be officially registered (complete with an officially approved & signed league roster and player passes) BEFORE March 1st.** Failure to register will remove teams from the schedule and place them on a waiting list with no guarantee that there will a spot in the schedule to allow for outdoor play.
- **RULES FOR U19's: U19 team play will remain Non-result oriented, games will be played on Mondays, League Guest Play rules have been revised to allow more than 3 guests per game.**
- **U18 Divisions will be added to competitive placements the number of teams committed allows for a viable schedule**

Carried over from 2011:

- **On-line rescheduling and score reporting:** Updates in procedures will be reviewed at coaches meetings in late March
- **Teams will be required to designate ONE person and ONE email address to handle rescheduling and/or score reporting.** If no information is provided we will assume both duties 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.
- **6v6 play for U10 teams, 8v8 play for all U12 teams.**
- **10 game schedules for U8 though U18 divisions will be scheduled from Apr 29th to July 1st** Coaches should review the enclosed list of Potential Play dates for their age groups to prepare their parents and players for the upcoming season.
- **Team commitment fees for 2011 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.

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 20, 2012.** (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. **2012 CDYSL Team Placement Form(s):** Submit one form for EACH team your club plans to commit to the 2012 Spring Traveling Schedule.

When filling out placement forms please keep in mind:

- **All teams must submit a complete registration team packet to CDYSL with a minimal number of players by Feb 28th. Attach to team placement form if rosters are available**
 - **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.** 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 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.
4. **Field Commitment Form(s):** All clubs are expected to supply enough field space to accommodate home games for their teams. Failure to identify confirmed field space when teams are committed could jeopardize your club's participation in the league. **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. You should also indicate whether or not you are sharing facilities with another club so schedules can be synchronized.

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 website <http://cdysl.org/fieldsize.asp>). 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.