



COACHES QUICK NOTES



- TBAYS is hosting a referee **RECERTIFICATION** clinic this weekend, Dec 6th at TC West HS. Class runs from 10am to 6pm and you can register on site or online after receiving your renewal notice from USSF. Cost is \$55.00.
- TBAYS will also be hosting a new certification course **AND** recertification course on March 6th and 7th at TC West. Friday will be 6-9pm and Saturday will be 9am-4pm.
- TBAYS is looking for a few **committed** volunteers to help run concessions on Saturdays this spring at Keystone. Please contact the office at office@tbays.org for details or to announce your availability. This is a valuable resource for TBAYS and our membership. PLEASE step up and help TBAYS keep Concessions open!
- A reminder to coaches and potential players that spring outdoor registration opens at 12:01am January 13th, 2009. All registration information may be found at www.tbays.org or you may email the office at office@tbays.org. ALL REGISTRATIONS PRIOR TO THAT DATE will not be accepted.



- TBAYS/JFK will be hosting the Juniors program indoors for another successful session. Please encourage your outdoor teams to register for play at www.tbays.org for 2nd session.
- A Juniors camp will be held on Saturday April 11th and April 18th at JFK from 9-11am as a prep for the outdoor spring season. This is open to all players registered in the TBAYS Juniors program and is a free clinic for the players. Coaches are encouraged to attend and interact with the TBAYS staff during these clinics. Please contact Juniors Director Patti Leasure at office@tbays.org to register.



- Indoor registration is going on now! Session 2 begins January 3rd. Please visit www.tbays.org for full registration details. Please do not delay, as that slows the scheduling process down.
- We are running programs for Juniors, U8's, U10-U18, Women's only and Adult co-ed.
- JFK is available to rent for team parties, private practices, lock-in and other events. Please contact the office for details at office@tbays.org
- **GET YOUR TEAMS SIGNED UP FOR THE 2008 INDOOR HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT.** Registration forms are available at <http://www.tbays.org/JFK/PDF%20files/2008%20Registration%20holiday%20tournament.pdf> The tournament will be held Dec 22nd and 23rd (depending on age) and is only \$75 for a minimum of 3 games.



- North Storm will be holding weekly clinics during second and third session for players ages 12-16. Scheduled days and times will be posted to the NS website once second session indoor schedules are worked out. Please visit the NS site at <http://northstorm.cornerkicksystems.com/> for full details once the schedules are determined.



- MSYSA is holding its annual regional meeting in Gaylord this Saturday. The purpose for this meeting is to keep the state office close to soccer in the North. Communication and discussion between coaches, players and participants within Northern Michigan soccer and the state staff is the focus. If you wish to attend this meeting, please RSVP to Thomas at coaching@tbays.org. All are welcomed!

- **D Coaching Clinic**

Dates: Dec 12, 2008-Dec 21, 2008

Times: 9:00am-5:00pm

Location: Lansing Indoor Sports Arena, Lansing

Cost: \$150

Course Information: E LICENSE IS A REQUIRED PREREQUISITE OF D LICENSING. COURSE DATES AND TIMES: 12/12 6-9PM, 12/13 9AM-5PM, 12/14 9AM-5PM, 12/20 9AM-6:30PM, 12/21 9AM-5PM COACHES MUST ATTEND ALL DATES AT THE SAME COURSE. NO TRANSFERS TO ANOTHER COURSE ARE PERMITTED. REFUND POLICY ON THE FORMS PAGE OF OUR WEB SITE. PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING: - athletic, appropriate clothing (e.g. soccer shorts, warm-up pants, T-Shirt) - proper shoes (e.g. indoor soccer shoes, running shoes, turf shoes) - writing utensils - a soccer ball. YOU WILL NEED TO BE PREPARED TO: - take notes during classroom exercises - listen and respect the instructor at all times - participate in on-field coaching sessions – actively engage in lecture and group discussions A RISK MANAGEMENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE.

Driving Directions: Please visit www.mapquest.com for directions from your location to this: Lansing Indoor Sports Arena, 1475 Lake Lansing Rd, Lansing, MI, 48912

Available Spots: Yes

Contact Person: Joel Dragan

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- TBAYS will be hosting a NSCAA coach licensing clinic this February 21st and 22nd at West high school. The course will likely be a regional or advanced regional offering and will help prep coaches for practice planning, practice implementation and coaching youth players. Cost and times to be announced.
- The NSCAA National Coaches Convention is being held this January in St. Louis Missouri. Details are available at <http://www.nscaa.com/annual.php>



- In an effort to ensure that our players are experiencing the best soccer program possible, TBAYS will be making a few changes in its requirements of its coaching pool.
As you know, TBAYS aspires to ensure that our program has the overall quality to provide our player's, parents AND coaches with a great soccer experience. As part of that system, TBAYS will be looking at ways to improve our player's training, our coach's training, our parent's perspective and our team's interaction with each other and the league.
- Step 1 – As of the spring 2009 season, all coaches will be required to accumulate 5 hours of coaching education per year (spring/fall). This resource may come from clinics provided by the DOC of TBAYS, USSF licensing, NSCAA licensing or other APPROVED courses.
- Step 2 – The DOC and TBAYS will provide as many opportunities for coaches to fulfill their commitment as is reasonable. You as coaches WILL need to prioritize these opportunities.



- Step 3 – TBAYS will hold two meetings per season for coaches, one to begin the fall season and one to begin the spring season that will include training and league education.
- Step 4 – The TBAYS DOC will evaluate all coaches and practice sessions seasonally. Written feedback will be provided and face to face time is always encouraged.
- Step 5 – All coaches must understand and implement the TBAYS curriculum. We invite and encourage the individual flair and style of coaches, but within the framework of the TBAYS curriculum. The curriculum is based on hundreds of professional licensing hours and practical experiences of the TBAYS staff.
- Step 6 – All TBAYS coaches will be expected to encourage their players to participate either as a volunteer or with their team in TBAYS functions such as camps and clinics, tournaments, worker bees, indoor soccer or other TBAYS events and activities.
- Step 7 – The TBAYS DOC will provide individual opportunities for your team staff and players to observe and participate in training sessions throughout the year, both indoors and outdoors.
- Step 8 – TBAYS coaches must have a unified understanding of player development and the path within TBAYS available for that development. While we understand teams take on the identity of their coach generally speaking, all coaches MUST remember that your teams and players operate within a larger system that is TBAYS. Every effort must be made to establish a consistent path for players to flourish. Your jobs as TBAYS coaches are to encourage player retention within TBAYS and to encourage players to continue up the developmental ladder, if they wish. Not all players look to be the greatest, they just want to enjoy themselves, and we understand that. But for those that want the chance to excel, we must prepare them for that opportunity.
- TBAYS understands this may infringe on your abilities as a volunteer coach, but TBAYS will do everything possible to maximize your volunteer time and efforts. As a coach, this is a great opportunity to gain confidence in and understanding of training youth soccer players. Your players will be better for it, your parents will be better for it and soccer in Northern Michigan will be better for it.
- PLEASE do not hesitate to call with questions or write me with your input at coaching@tbays.org

Thank you for all you do for our youth and our sport. Please let me know of any help I can be, or of any ideas you may have for program improvements.

Thomas A Singer
TBAYS DOC