



COACHES CORNER

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Welcome to the monthly newsletter from the desk of the State Director of Coaching John Curtis.

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Coach Education: MYSA Winter Symposium 2009

Creating the right soccer environment is key to the success of each and every soccer player, team and club. This year the MYSA Winter Symposium is intended to plant the seeds which lead to an optimal environment for players and their families. Parents, coaches and club administrators have the opportunity to attend symposium sessions on Friday, February 6 and Saturday, February 7, 2009, designed to assist them as they work with our growing and changing athletes.

- www.mnyouthsoccer.org/events/symposia.cfm

Coach Education: Region II Coaching Symposium

The Region II Coaches Program in cooperation US Soccer is conducting their annual Coaching Symposium at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. The program will be held indoors at the Perry Fieldhouse with registration from 5:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday, February 27th. The program will end at noon on March 1st. This Regional Symposium is being jointly sponsored by Region II, adidas, Ohio Youth Soccer Association-North and Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, in cooperation with Bowling Green State University. Two Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be awarded for attending the symposium.

- www.region2.com/symposium.html

MYSA Coach Education

The season for coach certification and licensing is fast approaching. The time is now for you to get prepared prior to the start of the summer season. Courses are mainly set up between the months of February through April. The first link below provides a description of the different courses. The second link lists all of the courses currently available. Be sure to check back often as the clinic calendar will be updated as courses are set up.

- www.mnyouthsoccer.org/coaches/license.cfm
- www.mnyouthsoccer.org/coaches/clinics.cfm

Mike Warter College Scholarship

The Mike Warter Scholarship is awarded annually to one male and one female Minnesota soccer player who is registered to a MYSA affiliated club and is a graduating high school senior. The scholarship is a \$500 tuition award that is to be used toward expenses at an accredited college, university or community college. Applications must be received no later than **Friday, April 24, 2009** to be considered. For more information, please contact Kelli Donohoo, MYSA Manager of Programs, at 952-252-0227 (800-366-6972) or kellidonohoo@mnyouthsoccer.org.

- www.mnyouthsoccer.org/programs/grants_scholar.cfm

Soccer Article: Club Soccer Produces Scholarship-Backed Players, but At What Cost?

“Somewhere along the line, it seems that some folks have lost sight of the reason why we are all here — FOR OUR KIDS! Let's be mindful that it is still YOUTH soccer.”

- www.mnyouthsoccer.org/coaches/articles/scholarship.pdf

Training Session: U14 First Defender *By Sam Snow, US Youth Soccer*

Do the players recognize when to be the 1st defender? Do they anticipate when a teammate may be beaten when in that role and they will need to step in to take over as the 1st defender? Are they tackling with the correct foot? Are they patient or dive in? Do they communicate with one another? Do they defend the ball or the space behind them? Body posture? Speed of approach? Angle of approach? Tracking runs? Do they recognize the differences in defending 1v1 on the flank and the center of the field?

- www.usyouthsoccer.org/doc_lib/U14_First_Defender.pdf

Training Session: U16 Vision and Support *By Vince Ganzberg – Indiana Youth Soccer*

This session is geared for the advanced level player about the ages of 14 and up. The technical ability to play 1-2 touch, possessing a good first touch, and the ability to receive under pressure is something for you to consider if you are to do this type of training session with your players. The purpose is to work on player's vision and getting support in order to have more productive possessions. This training session also works on speed of play.

- www.usyouthsoccer.org/doc_lib/U16_Vision.pdf