**Agenda**

**LMFC Travel Coaches and Managers Pre-Season Meeting**

**August 30, 2017**

**Travel Program Update**

* LMFC Overview
* Travel Committee & Age Group Coordinators
* Independent, local professional coaches led by highly reputable Directors of Coaching
* **Lmfcsoccer.org** for club information, including Coaches Corner

**MATCH DAY!**

**CONFIRM WITH OPPONENT**

1. By the Wednesday before each game, confirm details with opponent, including time, location and the color of your jerseys. The opponent’s contact information is on the WYSL’s web site.
2. Communicate the details for each week’s schedule (i.e., training sessions and games) with the parents of your players.

**WYSL OFFICIAL LINE-UP CARD**

Given to the referee before games. This form can be found in each coach’s account in mjsl.siplay.com.

*Instructions to complete the line-up card:* Coaches must first fill in their players’ jersey numbers before printing the lineup card. To do so: first, Manage Team Info and enter jersey numbers. After this is complete, go to Print Rosters and then print the Line-up Card.

**WYSL PLAYER AND COACHES PASSES**

* Presented to the referee before games.
* LMFC’s Travel Registrar, David Diamond, can assist with outstanding registration matters: mjslregistrar@gmail.com

**HEADING AND CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT**

* The US Soccer Federation (USSF) has implemented rules to address the issue of head injuries, including concussions.
* See wyslsoccer.org for WYSL Heading and Concussion Rules
* No heading allowed in age groups of U12 and younger.

**NEW COACHES: ORIENTATION & NSCAA LEVEL 2 COURSES**

* The WYSL requires **new** coaches (assistants and heads) to take a mandatory, 2-Hour Coach Orientation Course in order to receive a permanent WYSL coaching pass. The next class is on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 7-9 PM at the WYSL’s office in Rye.
* The WYSL also requires **new** coaches to receive a NSCAA Level 2 certification. This course will comprise of 6 hours of education, both classroom and field.
* *More dates and details at wyslsoccer.org*.

**REPORTING WYSL GAME SCORES**

* Report scores of WYSL games to the following email address: **ehcrook@gmail.com**.
* The email should reference the WYSL game number (which is on the WYSL site); age group and name of your team; your opponent's club and team name; and the score (i.e., the LMFC GU-14 Blue Team defeated the FC Somers Strikers by a score of 6-0).
* The deadline to submit scores to our reporter is 7:00 PM on the day of your game. Teams that do not report their scores will pay a WYSL-mandated fine of $40 for each infraction. No one from the LMFC will ask for your score. It's your responsibility to report it to the club.

**INTRA-CLUB GUEST PLAYER PROGRAM**

* Guest player program on an age-appropriate basis within the same club.
* Maximum of three age-appropriate players (“guest players”) per game. A player may only participate as a guest player three times during a single season.
* LMFC guest player requests should be submitted to Ben Scott, the LMFC’s Director of Coaching for Boys 2007 and older. He will submit a Guest Player form to the WYSL. Ben’s email address is: gentlebenscott@hotmail.com
* The club has until the day after a game to notify the league about guest players. This is to accommodate any late borrowing that may occur on Saturday or Sunday.
* **U11 and Younger:** Free to share players in league games on any age-appropriate team within the same club.

* **U12 and Older:** Free to share players in league games on any age-appropriate team within the same club so long as: (1) the receiving team is in same age group AND in the same or higher division as the player’s team, OR (2) the receiving team is in an older age division than the player’s team.(Examples of permissible transfers include a player on a U12 division 2 team playing on any U13 team or a player on a JV division 2 team playing on any Varsity team.)

**Policies & Guidelines**

* Please hold a parent meeting to discuss your team goals, approach, etc., as well as LMFC Travel Policies and Guidelines. Ask your AGC for guidance.
* Important! Sand bags on the back of goals during games and training sessions! Goals do fall over, especially at Harbor Island in windy conditions!
* The club assigns field space for training sessions to alleviate crowded field conditions. Please share the fields during your team’s assigned times (i.e., 2-3 teams per field); and carry permits with you. Officials will ask for them.
* One adult other than the professional coach must be present in case of emergency.
* No Child Left Behind Policy.
* **Zero tolerance for bullying of any kind**.
* The LMFC Board or the Travel Committee may, in its sole discretion, suspend players, coaches, parents and supporters who violate the club’s policies on its web site or its high expectations with respect to sportsmanship, conduct and behavior.
* The LMFC prides itself on excellence in sportsmanship. *See the WYSL’s Code of Conduct* and WYSL sportsmanship scores for each game.
* WYSL’s Silent Sunday game is TBA

**Fields**

* LMFC master field schedule for games and training sessions managed by Tina and Anita. *This will be available on the club’s web site next week.*
* Please follow the Rules for the municipal fields, including picking up all trash (even if it’s not your own).
* This fall, the LMFC will designate certain field space at certain times for only LMFC high school-aged players to have pick-up games, kick-arounds, etc. *Details will be available in September*.

**Rain and Poor Weather Conditions**

* Please monitor lmfcsocccer.org for the status of fields for games and training sessions.

*Day of Game Field-Pulls*

* WYSL’s preference is to play, barring field closures. You may not cancel or postpone a game on your own because of weather conditions.
* If a game is on, the referee is the ONLY person who can call it.
* You are responsible for contacting and confirming game details with the visiting team.

*Procedure for Rescheduling Games*

* If you are the home team, you are responsible for rescheduling the game. To do so, reference the master schedule for fields and then contact Tina Maresca, on the LMFC Fields Committee (Tina’s email address is tinamaresca@aol.com) to reserve a time.
* Send proposed days/times to reschedule the match to your opponent within two weeks. You must give the visiting team two choices—one of these choices must be a Saturday.
* Once the date is agreed upon, fill out the WYSL’s Game Make-Up Form (found at [www.wyslsoccer.org](http://www.wyslsoccer.org) under “Forms”). This form makes the game official and triggers the league to assign a ref. Please do not contact the ref coordinator, the WYSL will do so.
* If you coach a U8-U10 team, you do not need to reschedule games. If we have many make-up games to fit in, older teams (who must reschedule) will take precedence.

**Equipment & Facilities**

* Harbor Island field set up will take place this Saturday, September 2 at 9:00 AM.
* Corner flags given to each team at preseason meeting, extras in Harbor Island shed. Keep them in your possession. Return them at the end of the spring.
* Goals face to face or facing the fences in the designated sections of fields at the end of practices and games. Violations can result in fines.
* Printed copies of LMFC field permits to use Harbor Island fields must be in your possession.

**Uniforms**

* The entire club is moving new uniforms this fall.
* Kapps will serve as a supporting retailer.
* *Contact Frank Marsella on the Travel Committee for more information RE: uniforms and practice jerseys*.

**LMFC SOCCER CURRICULUM**

* LMFC Directors of Coaching oversee curriculum, player development.
* The LMFC plans to realign the teams at the end of every soccer year, i.e., end of the spring season.
* Professional trainers who have worked with and evaluated all the players throughout the year recommend which team will best meet each player's ability and needs.
* Players may be on one team one year and a different team the next. Players may decline offers to move to higher-division teams.
* LMFC open tryouts will take place in early May. Players on LMFC teams do not try out again.
* Directors of Coaching and Age Group Coordinators oversee the processes above.

**OPTIONAL WINTER PRGRAM**

* Run by Foster Soccer. *Preliminary details TBA soon*.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

* The LMFC provides financial assistance to children that qualify to receive free or subsidized meals in Mamaroneck schools and in certain other extraordinary circumstances.
* All players contribute to the LMFC Scholarship Fund through their registration fees. Fundraising activities are also required for this purpose.
* Contact Bruce Robertson, the LMFC’s Head of Scholarships, for scholarship requests and more information.

**Treasury**

* Please contact David Diamond, the LMFC’s treasurer, with questions.
* Payments for activities not covered under the registration fee should be made through your team’s bank account with the LMFC.

**Other**

* Beginning September 11, the LMFC will host goal keeper training clinics with Memo Valencia, the goal keeper coach of the New York Cosmos, on Mondays through October 30. These will take place at Harbor Island (across from the Toy Box). Boys and girls in the U8-U10 age groups will train from 4-5 PM; and U11s and older will train from 5-6 PM. The LMFC covers the cost of this training.
* The Mamaroneck High School Boys Soccer Program, led by Varsity Head Coach Rich Becker, will host a **free** clinic for registered LMFC boys in the U9 to U13 age groups on Saturday, September 9 from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Hommocks Fields. This is a great opportunity to meet Coach Becker and boys in the MHS soccer program, which last year was ranked #1 in N.Y. and #7 in the U.S. (*according to USA Today*); and in the last 4 years have an incredible record of 59 wins, 9 ties and 8 losses. T*here is no pre-registration for this clinic; players should wear their red LMFC jerseys.*

​The Mamaroneck High School Girls Soccer Program, led by Varsity Head Coach Ron Blain, will host a free clinic for registered LMFC girls in the U9 to U13 age groups on Saturday, October 7 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the Hommocks Fields. This is a great opportunity to meet Coach Blain and the girls in the MHS soccer program. *There is no pre-registration for this clinic; players should wear their red LMFC jerseys.*
* The LMFC will host its annual Veterans Day 4v4 fundraising tournament on Friday, November 10 at Harbor Island. This is a school holiday.

In the spring of 2018, the LMFC will host its bi-annual outing to a NYC FC game at Yankee stadium in March; and in June 2018, the club will host a World Cup viewing party!

*The LMFC needs volunteers for its leadership team. Please notify Trent, Neal, Chuck or Amanda if you, or someone that you know, might be interested in helping the club in an expanded role.*

THANKS & GOOD LUCK!