**Agenda**

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

**September 5, 2018**

**Travel Program Update**

* See Coaches Corner of LMFCSOCCER.ORG
* Directors of Coaching, Travel Committee & Age Group Coordinators

**MATCH DAY!**

***The WYSL is eliminating player/coach individual printed pass cards for all WYSL Travel games.***

* Starting this fall, the WYSL will only accept a hard copy of the Game Line-Up Card at game check-in. Clubs and Coaches will no longer have to manage, control, and handle separate player cards for League games!
* The new Game Line-Up Card will be listed on your team's Sports Illustrated Play print roster page. Please go to your team page and choose WYSL Game Line Up with Photos.

* The Game Line-Up Cards will be date-stamped. Only Approved Game Line-Up Cards dated from the Wednesday or later of the game week will be accepted by the referee. The procedure will require the coach or designee to print out the Game Line Up Card each game week, (anytime from Wednesday at 12:01 AM up to the morning of the Sunday's game) and present to the referee at check-in.

* Photo ID: Parents must upload a clear and recent player headshot (no hats or sunglasses allowed) so referees will not have issues verifying the player identity at game check-in. If the referee is unable to verify the players identify from the image on the Game Line-Up Card, that child will not be allowed to play.

***Printed Passes for Outside the League tournaments.***

* Teams attending NY State Cup or other tournaments may still require a separate player/coach pass. Coaches can contact the WYSL office, which will print and laminate player cards for a $5.00 fee each, if requested. Please check with the Tournament Director first, since many are now accepting PDF of your Roster/ Line Up Card with images in lieu of individual cards.

***New Procedure for Intra-Club Guest players.***

* In addition to filling out the Guest Player Borrowing form, the borrowing team will write in the guest player's name(s) on the space provided on the top of his/her Game Line-Up Card and obtain a copy of the Game Line-Up Card of player's team of record to present to the game referee. Teams may now borrow up to 5 age-appropriate guest players from other teams within their Club (with normal limitations).
* Ben Scott, Director of Coaching, will submit a Guest Player form to the WYSL.
* **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.)

***Roster errors*.**

* Players/coaches/mangers with roster errors will be removed from the team roster Friday morning if the error still exists. Any player or coach with a roster error makes the entire roster “unapproved”; the only way the roster can be approved is if those with errors are removed.
* After players/coaches with roster errors are removed from the roster on Friday morning, all rosters will be approved by WYSL by Friday afternoon. When rosters are approved on Friday, David Diamond will also “lock” all rosters (to make sure they stay approved). Those removed will be added back to the rosters on Sunday night or Monday morning. Hopefully everyone will be approved by next week.
* To print your roster (*which must be done Wednesday or later each week*), log into your team website on SI Play and on the left side under “coach tools” click on “print roster”. Then click on “WYSL Official Game Lineup with Photos”.

*Note that new players can be added to the roster up until the Friday before the 3rd game of the season, as long as they are presently not in the Larchmont recreation league*.

**HEADING AND CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT**

* See wyslsoccer.org for WYSL Rules. Coaches must have their Concussion Awareness Certificate with them at WYSL games.

**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 course will be offered on September 25 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. More details at wyslsoccer.org*.
* 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 details at wyslsoccer.org*.
* New coaches need to complete both courses by beginning of the Spring 2019 season (not this fall).

**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; 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.

**WYSL APPROACH TO SPORTSMANSHIP**

Beginning this fall, the WYSL will take a more aggressive stance enforcing and enhancing its card system. Yellow Cards for the coaching staff will now carry a $100.00 fine and Coach Red Cards will now carry a $500.00 fine with a minimum one-week suspension.

**LMFC Policies & Guidelines**

* Please hold a pre-season parent meeting to discuss your team goals, expectations, etc.,
* LMFC Travel Policies and Guidelines; and the Codes of Conduct for players, parents and coaches are on the LMFC web site.
* Please insure that at least one other adult is present in case of emergency.
* Zero tolerance for bullying of any kind.
* No Child Left Behind Policy.
* The Travel Committee may suspend those who violate the LMFC’s policies and high expectations with respect to sportsmanship, conduct and behavior.
* If you disagree with an incident at a game, please keep your cool and address it through proper channels after the game, i.e., first the Age Group Coordinator; then the WYSL.

**Fields, Equipment and Facilities**

* Master schedule for fields for games and training sessions can be found on the LMFC web site.
* See the Coaches Corner of the site with the Policies of the municipal and school fields, which will be strictly enforced.
* If you notice anyone abusing the goals, nets and equipment, please ask them to stop. The members of the club own its equipment and it’s expensive to replace.
* Move the Goals to their designated places if you do not see a team take the field immediately after your game or practice.
* **Teams that violate these policies, including leaving garbage on the fields, will be charged $100 for every infraction. Unlike the past, there will be no warnings.**

**WEATHER ISSUES**

*Day of Game Field-Pulls*

* WYSL’s preference is to play, barring terrible field conditions or lightning. You may not cancel or postpone a game on your own.
* On the day of a match, the LMFC will send you an e-mail as early as possible and will update the web site as early as possible if the fields are closed.
* If you do not hear from anyone, please assume that the field is open and your game is ON. Once 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 the LMFC field coordinators (Anita at anitababikian@gmail.com and Tina at 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.

**Uniforms & Training Jerseys**

* *Contact Frank Marsella on the Travel Committee for more information RE: uniforms and practice jerseys*.

**ACADEMY SYSTEM**

* Curriculum, player development led by the Directors of Coaching (DOCs) and their staff.
* The LMFC plans to realign the teams under the Academy System at the end of every soccer year, i.e., end of the spring season.
* Professional trainers who have worked with 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 are planned in May.
* Age Group Coordinators oversee the processes above.

**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.
* Minimum contribution is $250 per player.
* Contact Bruce Robertson, the MJSL’s Head of Scholarships, for scholarship requests and more information.

**Other**

* **The LMFC needs volunteers for its leadership team.** Please notify Neal, Chuck, Amanda or Amy if you, or someone that you know, might be interested in helping the club in an expanded role.
* The LMFC will host its annual Labor Day 4x4 fundraising tournament, as well as other fundraising events this fall. ​​
* LMFC players are encouraged to participate in Foster Soccer’s winter program, which will be organized by age groups. Details and registration instructions will be announced in October.

**THANKS & GOOD LUCK!**