



**NORTH SHORE UNITED**  
SWANSEA CITY AFC OFFICIAL YOUTH PARTNER CLUB



**Monthly NSU Newsletter**

**December 2018**

# The Center Circle



The NSU Staff extends warm  
Holiday Wishes to you all!  
See you in 2019!



## **Center Circle: Joe Hammes**

### **Director of Coaching**

**Winter Training** All teams have begun their winter training at the Training Arena and Cedarburg HS. I also have secured Grafton HS for several weeknight-training sessions throughout the winter. Many teams are also still taking advantage of the Turf at PWSB as no snow and manageable playing temperatures have resulted in us being able to hold great training sessions. Hopefully the “mild” weather will continue so our teams can take advantage of as many 11v11 sessions as possible.

While we are still able to be outside on the turf, we are also scheduling scrimmages for our teams. The U17 and U18 Boys are playing the Bavarians and our U17 and U18 Girls are scrimmaging, and our U18 Boys are scrimmaging the Madison 56'ers this past weekend.

**Indoor and Futsal Leagues** Almost all U11-U19 teams will be participating in indoor or futsal leagues this winter. U11-U17 Boys and Girls Blue, U18 Boys Blue and U19 Girls Blue will start futsal league in the Futsal Super league in January at St. Augustine Academy. U11-U14 Boys and Girls White teams have begun play in the Wisconsin Lutheran College futsal league. We also have some teams that are playing indoor soccer at Uihlein Soccer Park.

**MRL Scheduling** This week we are attending MRL spring scheduling meetings in Champaign, IL. I will be down there on both days and Shannon will be there to help on Tuesday. These meetings, although a pain in the butt to attend and go to, are great for our teams because we come out of the long days with basically our entire MRL schedules set for all teams. It takes out the hassle of the alternative way of scheduling which would often take several weeks per team as everything was done through email and schedules would often have many revisions. This way they put all the DOC's in one room, and we hammer the schedules out one by one.

Monday is scheduling for all Premier 1 and Premier 2 teams (U14 Boys Blue and U18 Boys Blue)

Tuesday is scheduling for all 1<sup>st</sup> Division teams (U13 and U14 Girls Blue, U13, U15, U16, and U17 Boys Blue)

**United Soccer Coaches Convention** In January the United Soccer Coaches convention is being hosted in Chicago. It is great that the convention is “local” this year as it gives us the opportunity to send more of our staff. The conventions are a great resource for continued coach education, and we are supporting our coaches by offering to pay for a day registration to the event. Several coaches will be taking advantage of the opportunity, and we will have them report back to our coaching staff with summaries of the sessions that they attended.

## Center Circle: Roni Andrew

### Director of Recreational Soccer

Micro Mini registration is open! This session is designed to introduce the littlest ones (age 3/4) to the soccer pitch. You can find the link under Winter Camps. The six-week program will offer a morning session or an afternoon session and takes place at the arena on the fairgrounds...if you are unfamiliar with this facility; you are welcome to email me for details. [RoniA@northshoreunited.com](mailto:RoniA@northshoreunited.com)

Stop by our area at the Thorson Elementary Health & Wellness Fair on January 18<sup>th</sup> from 530-8pm. The evening activities and displays are hosted by the Phy-Ed department to showcase the opportunities offered to Cedarburg families to keep their kids healthy and active.

## Center Circle: Shannon Smyth

### Technical Director 11U-14U

Our 11-14U teams have all begun indoor training at the Arena and Cedarburg High School. Futsal games have started this week for our white teams at Wisconsin Lutheran College and the blue teams begin their league play at St. Augustine Academy in January. We have several players taking advantage of NSU Speed and Agility as well as strength and agility at Athlete Performance in Mequon. Many coaches are looking to add classroom sessions and additional turf sessions as long as we continue to dodge the snow!

TOPSoccer has been very consistent with healthy roster numbers at both trainings for young and old at Uilhlein Soccer Park. Coach Roni and I continue to collaborate with TOPSoccer-Chicago to coordinate the Border Battle playdate, which will be held on March 23 at Uilhlein. This is the 3rd Annual Border Battle and the first year we host in Wisconsin--should be a great day of skills, games, medals and pizza!

Our staff of Directors have had very productive discussions and meetings this past month to review the fall and how we want to improve going forward to better our communication with each other as well as how we deliver information and messages about our programs to our membership. No doubt with our growing club community, this is a positive, forward-thinking action plan!

With that said, the Women in Soccer Symposium was the first of its kind in this country and it was a true success! This past weekend had over 240 participants and a day full of camaraderie and education. Joe Hammes and myself are board members, Academy Director, Mick Collins, showcased on the Sports Science Panel; Erin Teplin was a huge help to deliver our program design and photography on the day. We had several NSU coaches and administrators as well as current and former players in attendance to soak in the day to celebrate our females in sport! We have future events coming up in February and March, so check out our Facebook page Wi Women in Soccer to keep up to date.



## **Center Circle: Sinisa Angelovski**

### **NSU Technical Director**

We had very successful Fall MRL season for our HS girl's teams. Our u15 and u16 girls have secured their spot in Premier MRL 2 for next season. U17 and U18 girls both won Premier 1 MRL leagues with 8-0-1 records. This is the first time in the club history that one on the NSU teams wins Premier 1 MRL. Congrats to Joe and both teams!

November 29th-December 2nd was the first weekend of National league that kicked off in Raleigh NC. Our U17 and U18 girl's team did very well. U17 team is currently in a 1st place in their division with a 3-0-1 record. U18 girls are currently in a 3rd place with 3-1-0 records. There are 3 more games to be played January 19-22nd in Bradenton FL. With 3 wins both teams will have very good chance to finish 1st in their groups, which means automatic spot at Nationals next summer.

HS boy's teams are back from HS soccer. All the teams were able to train outside in last 3 weeks. Since last week all teams are transitioning to indoor training at Arena and CHS. We have secured some winter training at Grafton HS, which starts in January. All teams will be playing futsal leagues that are also starting in January.

## **Center Circle: Sue Blizzard**

### **NSU Spirit Wear Coordinator**

This past month, we worked with Stefan's Soccer to make spirit wear and uniforms items available for our NSU families. We have already sold several items in time for the holidays and families will have access all year round, just log into your myuniform account at [www.stefansoccer.com](http://www.stefansoccer.com) to place your order day or night.

We will look to add a few items throughout the year.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

# May 18, 2019

The Soccer Soiree is our annual fundraiser. Please save the date and join us for a great night of visiting with soccer friends, fabulous food, plentiful drinks and an amazing array of items available in the raffle, silent auction and live auction!

## **Center Circle: Bob Jeffrey**

### **Director of Goalkeeping**

I am in process of carrying out the goalkeeper evaluations throughout the u11 to 18 age groups. This will take time and has to be done right for the progression of each individual to continue. The individual coaches are communicating with me regarding strength and weaknesses of each goalkeeper at NSU so I can transfer that information to my training plans. Mick and I are still trying to find that elusive goalkeeper coach for the Academy. We will hopefully have someone in place by the Spring season. It's very important to be the right person as that age group to get the right technical information across to the young goalkeepers. Hopefully we can get one or two academy kids injected with the goalkeeping bug.

I would like to congratulate Joe and Sinisa on the National League results. Both teams had fantastic results and it was so pleasing to see between both teams that they only conceded 4 goals in 8 games. This is a testament to the hard work of all the players (especially the goalies) and of course both coaches.

The goalkeeper department is definitely improving but we still have along way to go. What I want to see is whatever NSU team takes to the field of play, that the goalkeepers for each team actually understand what they are doing in each aspect of the game and are technically sufficient and that they understand there roles and responsibilities within there team set up.

## Center Circle: Mick Collins

### Academy Director

Academy started winter training this Sunday and all sessions were well attended. We have tried to offer alternatives to families so that if they are playing other sports they can still attend a session that works for them and continue to get touches if they wish to. Futsal play dates are all set for winter, just waiting on clubs to agree to specific times and then we can inform families. Winter focus will continue to be technical work and we will use the smaller space to really focus in on individual skill development. I am still working on adding more coaching staff to the Academy to help improve the player to coach ratio for practices especially in the event of conflicts.

I have an Academy Director's meeting with WYSA in January to discuss the fall season, the upcoming spring season, new program requirements and an overview discussion of the program. I will report back with any pertinent information although from my perspective the club vs. club format is working out really well for our Academy. We will likely be forced to miss the WYSA Mega Date this spring as it clashes with the EBU Academy tournament, which we will be attending. WYSA have switched the weekend to a week later this year likely due to the poor weather we've had the past few springs but we have a good reciprocal relationship with EBU so will continue to support them.

Joe, Shannon, Roni, Abdul, Sinisa, Bob and I have had several discussions as directors about how we can improve communication for all our programs moving forward. I think the consensus is that individual program directors will be responsible for any communication regarding their program and should be the first point of contact for prospective players, scheduling questions, team placement information and promotion/progressions through our player pathway. This way all directors are in the loop regarding info pertaining to their programs and the message we are communicating with families is consistent and from someone who likely has intimate knowledge of those programs, players, schedules etc. We have been working with Erin Teplin to ensure all directors have the appropriate teamsnap access so they can quickly communicate with their program when necessary.

## Winter Camps

Winter Camp/Clinic dates have been set and registration is now open for you to sign your player up.

- +Speed & Agility - 3 sessions
- +Micro Soccer (U6) Winter Skills Camp
- +Reindeer Games U6 3 Day Winter Camp
- +Mini Micro (3-4years old) - 6 week program
- +Striker/Keeper Camp
- +High School Girls Preseason Camp

Because of the space limitations of our indoor facilities, spots are limited so be sure to sign up

Visit our website for more info: [www.northshoreunited.org](http://www.northshoreunited.org) Camps/Clinics

## **Join us for our next Board Meeting**



### **Future Meeting Dates:**

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

To submit photos or stories to our NSU Newsletter: [eteplin@me.com](mailto:eteplin@me.com)