



# DETROIT LAKES

## YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

### JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Henry Van Offelen

Mid-winter greetings soccer families and welcome to our newsletter! There is a lot of news and information to report regarding our current programs, 2022 expectations, and the soccer board in this edition.

The board has a lot of plans and work to do to get ready for our summer programs. Over the next few months board members along with parent leaders will be working to plan and put everything in place to ensure a great year of soccer in 2022. DLYSA is a volunteer-led organization with a part-time program coordinator. There are many tasks to complete and we need parents to help out in a variety of program areas. Please take a look at the request for parent volunteers in this newsletter and watch for emails over the next couple of months with opportunities to volunteer.

While we all have individually adjusted to many major changes over the last couple

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years, the DL youth soccer program is also making adjustments. In December, club President, Justin Wogleitner, and club Secretary, Kimberly Wogleitner stepped down from their offices and from the Board. Along with Dave and Kathy Carter, Justin and Kimberly have contributed greatly to making DL soccer a success over the past 20+ years. We all have benefited from their dedication and long standing interest in the DLYSA. The board wishes them all the best and please folks, next time you see Kimberly or Justin around town, thank them for all that they have given to the program over the years.

Take care and stay warm everyone!

## **2022 EVENTS**

Mark your calendars! Summer soccer will be here before we know it. Registration for our summer traveling program for ages 9-18 years old is open and can be found on the homepage of the website. Teams are already filling up! Register before March 31st to receive a discount for summer soccer. Registration bumps up to full price after March 31st!

## **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The DLYSA is pleased to welcome a couple of new board members in November, 2021.

-Noel Lewis

-Andy Moen

## **BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED**

Active board members are critical for the success of DLYSA. Recent retirements have created some vacancies that need to be filled. We also anticipate some additional turnover in 2022. Please consider volunteering to join the board in the next couple months. We meet monthly, have an organized list of tasks and decisions to make each month and could use your help.

## **FUTSAL**

The futsal season is under way. We're excited to have a healthy co-ed futsal league. Last year, we were only able to include high school students. This year, our attendance reflects a rebuilding year. We are hoping next year to see more of our adults return!! So, mark your calendars for next year!

## **MIGHTY STRIKERS**

Summer 2022 Mighty Strikers for youth players ages 3-8 years old registration will be live in February! Be on the lookout for an email soon with the registration link to register for Summer Mighty Strikers! We are also looking for two volunteer parents that would be willing to help with some minimal field set up each week. Please contact Courtney Tracy, Adam Edwards, or Noel Lewis if interested!

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT PICK UP**

Wednesday night pick up soccer is happening now through mid-March from 7:00-8:30 PM at DLMS! Geared towards high school players and up, keep up your soccer skills all winter long during these fun and competitive pick up games on Wednesday nights! Bring your own ball, water bottle, and wear a good pair of tennis shoes for the gym floors. See you on Wednesday nights!

## **REFEREES**

Recruitment for 2022 referees has started! If you are interested in becoming a referee for the 2022 season for the first time or re-certify, please contact Courtney Tracy, Joe Braun, or Nelaina Daggett! More information for referees will be coming in February and our in-person, one-day training will happen later this spring before the 2022 summer season begins. Must be 13 years and older to begin refereeing!

## **COACHES**

We have already started fulfilling coaches for our summer teams! If you are interested in helping head coach or assistant coach for any of our teams this summer, please contact Courtney Tracy.

## **STEALTH**

Players 7th-12th grade are welcomed to join our indoor training program at DLMS on Sundays from 12:30-1:30! Stealth training started January 9th and will go through March 13th. Sharpen your skills this winter as you train in a fun and competitive environment! Register online on the homepage of the website today!

## **CALL FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

The summer soccer season is ahead and DLYSA needs the help of parents in many areas including:

Mighty Strikers programming

Team Managers

Referee recruitment

3v3 tournament help

Rotary Cup Tournament help

Summer picnic planning

Banquet fundraiser planning

Banner sponsor fundraising

If any of these items are of interest, please contact Courtney Tracy.

Our Mission is to promote and foster, in our members, a basic knowledge of soccer by creating a fun, fair and safe environment. We emphasize a competitive spirit focusing on skill development, respect, self confidence, leadership, sportsmanship and teamwork.

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