



Oshkosh Youth  
Soccer Club

# OYSC Newsletter



*The Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club is a non-profit, recreational youth sports program, operating in the Oshkosh, Wisconsin area since 1979. For more information regarding OYSC, contact us at 920-232-OYSC(6972), or visit our website at [www.oshkoshyouthsoccer.org](http://www.oshkoshyouthsoccer.org).*

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## Important Dates for the 2018 Soccer Season:

Coach Equipment &  
Roster Handout -  
April 21

Referee Meeting -  
April 21

Season Begins -  
May 7

U16 Girls Season -  
Begins June 6

U19 Coed Season -  
Begins June 7

Soccer Saturday -  
July 13-14



## From Our Board President

Hello to all OYSC Families,

We are preparing for the 40th season of the Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Whether you have been with OYSC for many years or are brand new to the club, we are pleased to have you involved with the Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club.

As you may have heard, our club was the victim of an arson fire last fall. With the generous help of our community, we have started replacing our equipment. We still have a long way to go. We are hopeful that our shelter will be rebuilt by next fall. We continue to push forward with the equipment replacement and rebuilding process. Donations can still be made through our website or just mailing a check.

OYSC has continued efforts to bring a great soccer experience to all soccer players regardless of skill set. OYSC has partnered with Water Cities Soccer Club and the YMCA to provide a soccer experience to young athletes with disabilities. The program is known as TOPSoccer and the third session started in Oshkosh on January 6th at the YMCA and will run for 5 weeks. New athletes are welcome at any time.

OYSC, in partnership with the Water Cities Soccer Club, will continue to provide more opportunities for soccer athletes of all skill sets to participate in.

As with any non-profit organization, we are always looking for assistance, whether financially or through volunteering your time or skills. If you are interested in helping out, please contact us via email, thru our website, for more information.

This year we will be playing most of our games at Winnebago County Park. We will be able to provide a better soccer experience for our players by concentrating our efforts on field maintenance in one location. We will still have our other fields around the city for practices.

Again, have a great 2018 and we will see you during the season.

Sincerely,

**Dave Edwards**

Dave Edwards  
President



## Businesses Support 1,200+ Players in 2017

Please join our Board of Directors in recognizing and thanking the following area businesses. These are the people who have financially contributed to our program this summer. Their commitment toward providing the youth of our community a safe, healthy and fun soccer program is worthy of our appreciation, and your business. (Only sponsors that have paid the fee by January 5, 2018 are listed.)

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***If interested in sponsoring a team for our 41<sup>st</sup> season in 2019, contact us at 920-232-OYSC (6972) or email us at OYSC@new.rr.com.***

## Coach Information Update

In February, prospective coaches will receive a letter and a disclosure form. Please take time to read the letter and all the information that is included with it. Any individual that is interested in being a coach **must** fill out the disclosure form and send it in, along with their picture for their coach ID card. Only individuals that have sent in their disclosure form and picture will be considered as a prospective coach.

To provide as many individuals the opportunity to be a coach, a person will only be allowed to be the head coach for two (2) teams but will still be able to be an assistant coach on a third team. (Certain exceptions may apply.) It is a mandatory requirement that any new person wishing to be a head coach must attend the coach clinic we host in April. We have put together a curriculum guide for coaches to use when setting up practices for their teams in the U6 and U8 age groups. The guide is set-up to be age appropriate with practice plans/drills for the two age groups. OYSC hopes that the changes we have made and plans that we have put in place will make your overall coaching experience a better one. If you should have any questions about coaching, please call the OYSC hotline at 232-6972 or e-mail us at [oysc@new.rr.com](mailto:oysc@new.rr.com).



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The OYSC Board of Directors usually meets the second Sunday of each month.  
Visitors Welcome!  
Call OYSC for details.

**"When do I play?"**

The 2018 season will run from May 7 through July 6, 2018. All teams will participate in Soccer Saturday, Fri., July 13 & Sat., July 14, 2018. **NO GAMES ON JULY 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Year Born	Division	Nights of Play
2012-2013	U-6	Thursday
2010-2011	U-8	Friday
2008-2009	U-10	Wednesday
2006-2007	U-12	Monday
2004-2005	U-14	Tuesday
2002-2003	U-16 Boys	Monday
2002-2003	U-16 Girls	Weds. & Fri.*
1999, 2000, 2001	U-19 Coed	Mon. & Thurs.*

\*U-16 Girls start June 6<sup>th</sup>. U-19 Coed starts June 7<sup>th</sup>.  
They play 2 nights each week to get all games in before Soccer Saturday. U-16 Boys will play with fewer players on a smaller field, due to reduced numbers in this age group.



**Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club Philosophy**

OYSC is a recreational program. The youth and their enjoyment of playing, as they are learning the game, is the primary objective of the program.

The Club strives to put an emphasis on learning and having fun vs. winning or losing. It has been a consistent policy of the OYSC Board of Directors to

provide a soccer experience to as wide a range of youth as possible. Every player has the right to play regardless of their skill level.

**Board Members Needed**

The Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club's Board of Directors is the core of our Club, without their guidance, labor, and decision making we would not have a soccer organization for all of our children to enjoy.

Our board members spend numerous hours each year behind the scenes preparing for the upcoming soccer season. Our duties include marking the corners on every field each spring; moving the goals on and off the fields in the spring and fall; inflating all the soccer balls; and assembling coach bags, to name a few. (Non-board volunteers are always welcome to assist with these activities.)

We are now in dire need of volunteers to step-up and join our group. We need "new blood" to help make decisions and come up with new ideas. We need your help making the correct decisions for all involved.

Our board meetings are usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 6:30 PM. If you would like to become a part of this very important aspect of OYSC, please call our Soccer Hotline - 920-232-6972.

**Coaches play crucial role in Club's success**

The backbone of the Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club is our volunteers, the Board of Directors, the various coordinators, the referees, the sponsors, and those who help at Soccer Saturday. Perhaps the most crucial volunteers are coaches. Without a coach the kids cannot play.

We offer our children to their coach(es) for about 10 weeks a year, and hope that our children will learn more about the game of soccer, and have a good time doing so. For this reason, OYSC goes out of its way to select the best possible coaches from the volunteers, and provide them with the training and support needed.

Due to continuing changes in our membership, and attrition in the coaching ranks, more and new coaches are needed. It has been the policy of OYSC to give coaches, both novice and veteran, the basic tools needed to do a great job. We provide an excellent coaches training session each spring. Most new coaches and many veteran coaches participate in this clinic. We know the instructors will give our coaches excellent direction in their future coaching endeavors.

Anyone who has already committed to coaching for the 2018 Season will be contacted in mid-February regarding upcoming events and coach clinics. If you are interested in volunteering to coach, please give us a call at 920-232-6972 or email us at [oysc@new.rr.com](mailto:oysc@new.rr.com).



## Field Notes for 2018

### Spectator Lines:

Spectator lines will be painted white adjacent to the field of play sidelines. Observe these boundaries when watching a game. Soccer is played using the area surrounding the field, and there is a risk of injury to players, coaches, referees, and fans when spectators are too close to the field of play. Please stay behind the spectator line.

**No Pets:** Do not bring pets to practices or games. Fields are on park or school property, which prohibit pets.

**No Smoking:** No smoking on or near fields of play. If you light up, you will need to leave.

**No Swearing:** Bad language will not be tolerated on or near the field. Improper language includes ethnic, racial or sexual remarks directed at a player, coach, spectator, or official.

**No Alcohol:** No alcoholic beverages are allowed at OYSC games or practices!

**Trash:** Most fields do not have garbage cans. Fields must be trash-free upon leaving. Don't make your coach pickup after you.

**Authority:** Coaches have the authority to ask spectators who are disrespectful of the rules or exhibiting unsporting behavior, to leave.

## Importance of Player's Age

It is very important that players are assigned to the correct age group. The club reserves the right to require proof of age of any player at any time.

Occasionally through error or through deceit, a player's birth year may be wrong. If it appears that the age discrepancy is the result of an honest mistake, the player will be reassigned to the correct age group, but only if there is an opening in that division.

If it appears that the mistake was a willful deception, the player will not be allowed to play and the registration fee will be forfeited.

The age division in which a player is placed is determined by the player's age as of 12/31/17.

## Roster & Team Q & A

**Q. When will I find out what team I'm on?**

A. Rosters will be given to the coaches at the April 21<sup>st</sup> Coaches Equipment Handout.

Players can expect to hear from their coach by April 28<sup>th</sup>, except U-16 Girls and U-19 Coed. They will not be contacted until late May. **Under no circumstances will team rosters be disclosed to anyone, nor should they be "anticipated", prior to Equipment Handout.**

In the event you have not heard from your coach, **we ask that you kindly refrain from contacting us until after April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Q. How are teams comprised?**

A. Team placement is based on the player's permanent residence. Team boundaries will shift from year to year depending on registrations in the age group.

Therefore, do not assume that a player will be with the same players/coach from one year to the next.

Late registration adds a high probability that a player will be assigned to a team outside their neighborhood.

**Q. Are rosters final?**

A. **YES!**

With an organization of 1200+ area youth, OYSC will not accept team placement requests. While we promise to provide a quality recreational soccer experience, we cannot guarantee that you will have "the same coach as last year, play with your best friend, or be placed on a team in your babysitter's neighborhood." School boundaries are not taken into consideration.

## Moving? Moved? E-mail Changed? Let Us Know

If a player has a change of address, please let us know so that we can update our mailing lists. Call our office at (920) 232-6972, or drop us a note at P.O. Box 2621, Oshkosh, WI 54903. If you have a change in your e-mail address, please let us know too, as much of our important information will be sent via e-mail now rather than "snail" mail.

Note: A change of address after the registration or until rosters are finalized will not affect a player's team assignment. We simply want to make sure that all of our important information reaches you.



## The Referee Report

### Pop Quiz

#### How well do you know The Laws of the Game?

*Answer True or False for each question below*

1. Starter Earrings are allowed to be worn, as long as they are covered with tape.
2. A player can be called Offside at the taking of a Goal Kick, Corner Kick, or Throw-in.
3. The difference between a Direct and Indirect Foul is determined by how bad the Foul was.

#### Join Our Ref Crew, Learn the Laws, and Earn Good Money

Annually, one of OYSC's biggest challenges is recruiting enough new referees to replace those who have moved, taken on other commitments, or retired.

How important are referees? The answer is pretty simple; without referees, we don't play. OYSC will not allow a game to be played without a referee.

We would like to share some facts and numbers with you in the hope that you might consider joining our AWESOME group of referees.

- Referees earn between \$10 - \$45 per game.
- On a typical night, a referee will work two games.
- Referees define how many and which evenings they can work each week, can be scheduled off for vacations or other commitments, and can pickup and trade games throughout the season.
- In a 9-week OYSC season, there are over 900 referee assignments and on Soccer Saturday, there are over 250 referee assignments.
- First year referees can apply for the Jim Metz Scholarship which has one \$100, and two \$50 awards.
- USSF Certified Referees can work games and tournaments for other clubs
- OYSC is a "Teaching League", meaning our new referees start with younger level games and move up as they gain experience.
- Our experienced referees act as teachers/mentors to our less experienced referees.
- Being a referee teaches leadership skills and provides valuable job experience.

#### Who can become an OYSC Referee?

To referee for OYSC, you must become a Certified USSF, Level 8 Referee, and be at least 14 years of age prior to your first game.

### How do I Become a Certified USSF, Level 8 Referee?

USSF New Referee Certification will be done 50% online, and 50% (one day) in-class. The on-line, self-paced part of the training will require about 3 to 5 hours of work, passing a few quizzes, and will need to be completed prior to your in-class 8 hour session.

To register, go to [WisRef.org](http://WisRef.org) and click on [Become a Referee](#), when the new page opens, select [Sign Up for Course](#), then [New Referee Course Online](#). The next page that opens will show all of the dates and location available. Select the number of the class that works best for you. Next, select [To register for this course, please click here](#) at the bottom of the screen. You will then create a new account and complete the registration.

We are hoping to host a class in Oshkosh, but the class has not been scheduled as of this newsletter. You can continue to check to see if a class has been scheduled or sign-up for a different class.

There is a registration fee for the course, and prior to the beginning of the season there will also be a cost for a uniform, but these costs will quickly be recovered after your first couple of nights of games.

**Once you have completed and passed the class, you must email or call Leslie at 920-232-OYSC (6972) with the following information to ref for OYSC:**

- Your name
- The date and location of the class you attended
- Your mailing address
- Your e-mail address (One that is checked daily.)
- Your home and cell phone numbers
- Your date of birth

We will need to add you to our list of OYSC referees in order to include you on our 2018 referee schedule. *OYSC will create its full season Referee Schedule in early April this year, so anyone taking a class in March or early April needs to inform us as early as possible to be included in our schedule.* If you have any other questions, please e-mail [oysc@new.rr.com](mailto:oysc@new.rr.com), or call 920-232-OYSC (6972).

### Pop Quiz Answers

1. False – Earrings are NOT allowed under any circumstances and need to be removed to play.
2. False – Goal Kicks, Corner Kicks, and Throw-ins are the only exceptions.
3. False – There are 10 specific Direct Kick Fouls, and 8 specific Indirect Kick Fouls.

## FALSIFYING INFORMATION

OYSC will NOT tolerate the falsification of any information on a child's registration form. We have found an alarming number of falsifications the past few years. If it is found prior to the start of the season, that an address or date of birth has intentionally been falsified, the child will be suspended from play for the entire season and the registration fee will not be refunded. If falsification is found after the start of the season, the child will be suspended from play for the remainder of the current season, as well as the next season. Again, the registration fee will not be refunded. If there is a question on the legitimacy of an address or birthday, we will require a certified copy of a birth certificate and/or "proof of address" showing the name and address of the parent or guardian. A legal address is ONLY the address where the child resides. It does not include property you may own elsewhere in the city.

Our teams are formed based on neighborhoods. OYSC has over 1,000 members, thus making team placement requests impossible. When someone falsifies an address or date of birth it may prevent a child that actually lives in that neighborhood from being placed on their neighborhood team. We want all of our teams to be formed fairly and by the rules that have been implemented.

## Quitting the Team??

If your child has quit the team, we need to know. There is usually a waiting list of children who are very anxious to play! Please let your coach know AND contact the OYSC league administrator at 232-6972. We must know by the 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the season if there will be a vacancy on a team. Team jerseys are the property of OYSC until after the 6<sup>th</sup> game of the season. Players can be added to a team until the 6<sup>th</sup> game, only if the age group has not previously been full.

## WI Resource Center Donation

The Wisconsin Resource Center has donated funds to our club. This donation was made by the inmates, as well as the employees. Two sports games were held in October, one was inmates vs. inmates and the second was employees vs. employees. All participants made a donation to play in the games. The WRC chose OYSC as the recipient of the donated funds. The funds received will be used to help less fortunate children with costs associated with the club.

A HUGE "thank you" goes out to all participants and donors from the Wisconsin Resource Center!!! A great time was had by all!!!

## Did I Register My Child???

One of the most frequently asked questions at this time of year and in the next few months is, "*Did I register my children to play soccer this season?*" **Only currently registered players, referees, coaches, and past board members received an email notification that this newsletter was available on our website.** If someone in your family is a referee, coach, or former board member you may have received the email notification for that reason, so don't assume that your child is registered. If in doubt, please email [oysc@new.rr.com](mailto:oysc@new.rr.com) to check.

If your friends or neighbors did not receive the email notification, they are not registered and should get their registration form in immediately! There are still openings in each age group at this time. Registration can be made by visiting our website [www.oysc.org](http://www.oysc.org). Follow all directions to register online.

Rosters will not be disclosed until April at the Coach Equipment Handout, so please do not call to ask.



## Field Changes in 2018

We are hoping to schedule the majority of our games at Winnebago County Park. OYSC provides mowing of the fields and weed and feed treatments there, so the fields are always in great shape for games. We do not have control over mowing at any of the parks or schools where we also have fields. We have had issues in the past with grass being so long the players could barely kick the ball through it and the tall dandelions. We feel our players will have a much better experience on the fields at County Park.

We will not be using the fields at Tipler School again this season. The Tipler fields have been designated for use by Oshkosh United Soccer Club, so please do not schedule any practices there.

We hope to continue to provide an enjoyable, recreational soccer experience for all of our players from U-6 to U-19. Thank you for all of your support and for sharing your children.

## The 2018 Season Is Here

Coaches will receive team rosters at our Coach Equipment Handout to be held April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Coaches will be asked to contact their players by April 28<sup>th</sup>, except the U-16 Girls and U-19 Coed who will be contacted in late May.

**Team Rosters are FINAL.** Team assignments are made based on player's address and/or openings after the November 1<sup>st</sup> registration deadline. Teams are not developed based on talent, coach, sponsor, or school preference. Note that team boundaries change yearly to accommodate the number of players in a division. Board members do not get any preferential treatment for their children's team placement.

## A Big Thanks to Rammer Fence!!

We would like to once again thank Tim Rammer, of Rammer Fence, for his generosity in providing fencing in our Shoot-Out area for Soccer Saturday last summer. Not only did he donate the fencing, he also provided the manpower to install it. Tim will again have his employees install the fences for our 2018 Soccer Saturday tournament.

Tim and his family are true OYSC "family" members. His daughters have played soccer with us; he coached a team, and sponsors a team. We sure could use more people like Tim in our Club!! Thanks, Tim!!

## Championship Awards

The Board of Directors will again only award a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy for any age group that only has 4 teams. In the past, we have given 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies which has always left just one team in the division without an award. We don't want to single any one team out as a "loser", so we will continue to award only 1<sup>st</sup> place in these specific age groups. This will also include awards given on Soccer Saturday.

## Handicap Accessibility to Fields

If you have a member of your family that is a spectator at any of our games and is wheelchair bound, special accommodations will be made to make sure the games they will attend are handicap accessible. You must call us at 232-OYSC (6972) by February 15, 2018 to advise us of this need. If a disability occurs after this date, please notify us and we will do our best to accommodate you too.

On Soccer Saturday, because of the large volume of games being played, we will be happy to transport anyone that is wheelchair bound to the games via golf carts. We must be notified by July 1, 2018 if you will need this service. We want to make sure all of our spectators are able to attend our games.

