



***Spring Forward!***

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To: OYSAN League Presidents  
From: Tom Faro, OYSAN Executive Director  
Re: Spring 2009 soccer season

Spring is here! As you prepare to head outdoors for the upcoming soccer season, I am enclosing some helpful information and/or links to information that you may use to assist you through this spring's soccer season.

First, as a reminder, registration fees and your league registration data are due to OYSAN by 4 PM on April 1, 2009. If your league is unable to complete their registration with OYSAN by this date, we ask that your league submit payment covering 80% of your league's registration submitted in Spring, 2008 by April 1<sup>st</sup>. (no penalties being assessed to you by OYSAN.) This means that at least 80% of your spring registration data must be entered into our LeagueOne registration system on or before April 1. Final Spring registration (100% of actual spring 2009 player & coach counts and payment) is due no later than May 1. Should you require assistance with respect to spring registration, please do not hesitate to contact us at the OYSAN State Office.

As you are aware, risk management clearance is required of all coaches and team officials BEFORE they are permitted access and/or immediate contact with our registered players. BEFORE coaches & other team officials are assigned to a team, they must complete an OYSAN Risk Management Disclosure Form and agree to a background check conducted on their behalf by OYSAN. Once cleared, they may be assigned to teams and are then free to coach, have access to and have immediate contact with OYSAN registered players. The link to the OYSAN Risk Management Disclosure Form is <https://ssl.hammerhead.net/OhioNorthRM/start.asp>

Insurance Certificates for practice locations & game locations can be obtained by filling out our online application at: <https://ssl.hammerhead.net/OhioNorthInsurance/userform.asp>

Additionally, many leagues have inquired about coaching courses OYSAN currently has scheduled or how their league may go about getting coaching courses scheduled on their league's behalf. Please see <https://ssl.hammerhead.net/ohionorthcoaching/displaycoursesnew.asp> as an immediate reference. If your league is interesting in having a coaching education clinic or course in your area, please contact me and/or OYSAN's State Director of Coaching, Tom Turner at [Gers1873@aol.com](mailto:Gers1873@aol.com) or by calling OYSAN's State Office.

OYSAN's State Director of Coaching, Tom Turner, is excited to announce that US Youth Soccer, our parent organization, now has a 'Soccer Pocket Guide' available. The Guide, with a little bit of everything for players, referees, coaches and parents, provides information from the opening kick-off to the final whistle. The Guide comes with clear diagrams and simple explanations. In my view, it is the perfect tool for anyone new or relatively new to the game of soccer. If your club or league is interested in receiving the US Youth Soccer Pocket Guides, please contact Ms. Bernie Telmanik at [bernie@oysan.org](mailto:bernie@oysan.org).

OYSAN's State Cup Tournament takes place this May. The first round of competition will be finalized at Sylvania's Pacesetter Park May 15-17 with the State semi-finals and State Finals taking place (in most age groups) at the Copley Road Fields in Akron, OH on the weekend of May 29-31. Please visit our website at [www.oysan.org](http://www.oysan.org) for more information.

Finally, I wish to extend a special thank you to our sponsors. They include Adidas, Eurosport, University Hospital, Glidden Paint, T-Mobile & Kohls. OYSAN is fortunate, especially in today's current economic climate, to have such

loyal & dedicated sponsors supporting OYSAN and the sport of soccer. Through their combined generosity, OYSAN continues to keep fees down.

OYSAN wishes all of you a great spring soccer season and we thank each and every one of you for what you do for youth soccer in northern Ohio.

Yours in youth soccer,

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