

## **ITEMS OF NOTE FOR SPRING 2007 SEASON**

### **SPRING SEASON**

The spring season for U10 through U18 consists of 8 games. Games for U10 through U14 start on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. U16 and U18 games start on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. No U16/U18 games are scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. No games are scheduled on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> or Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> because of the Memorial Day weekend.

### **REFEREE CREWS**

NVYSL will be utilizing a 3-person referee crew for the BU14 and GU14 MTOC flights, as well as for U16 and U18 games

### **LEAGUE STANDINGS**

All competition in the U10 division is non-outcome based and no standings are issued. Standings for all other age groups will be available at the league web site: [www.nvysl.org](http://www.nvysl.org).

### **MTOC DIVISION STRUCTURE**

For the Spring 2007 season, the NVYSL Competition Committee has assigned MTOC-level teams from U12 through U16 to Division 1 and Division 2 prior to the start of the season. Depending on the number of teams playing at this level in a specific age group, cross-over games may be played between Division 1 and Division 2 teams. Standings, however, will be kept separately for Division 1 and Division 2 teams. The Division 1 team with the best overall record will be the NVYSL Division 1 representative at the MTOC Tournament. Likewise, the Division 2 team with the best record will be the Division 2 representative. The results of all games, including any cross-over games, will count toward a team's overall record.

In addition to Division 1 and Division 2 champions representing the league at MTOC in June, NVYSL has also been awarded wildcard slots at the following levels: GU18, BU12 Division 1, and BU18.

### **UNDER 18 FLIGHTS**

Thirteen teams will be playing in single flights at the MTOC level for both Boys Under 18 and Girls Under 18. The top four teams in the standings at the end of the regular eight-match season will qualify for playoffs to determine the NVYSL representatives to MTOC. This year, teams in each gender will represent the league as NVYSL Under 18 Champion, NVYSL Under 19 Champion, and NVYSL Under 18 wildcard.

### **NASHOBA CUP TOURNAMENT**

The Nashoba Cup Tournament will take place on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. For the U12 and U14 age groups, eight teams will qualify for the tournament. Two groups of four will play a Round Robin format on Saturday with the winner of each group advancing to the finals on Sunday. For the U16 age group, four teams will qualify for the tournament. This group will play a Round Robin format on Saturday with the top two finishers advancing to the finals on Sunday.

### **SUNDAY MATCHES AND ODD NUMBER OF TEAMS IN FLIGHTS**

U16 and U18 matches are scheduled for play on Sunday. In flights with an odd number of teams, one team will not have a Sunday match scheduled. Matches for these teams will be scheduled for play on Saturday at 6:00 PM.

### **SCORE REPORTING**

Each town is required to mail and/or email the scores of all its teams (including U10) to the appropriate Division Director. Scores must be received no later than midnight on Tuesday following the week the games were played or scheduled to be played.

## **ITEMS OF NOTE: RULES AND BYLAWS**

### **UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

Each player **MUST** wear shin guards or will not be allowed to play. Cutoffs, jams, and visible boxer shorts are not allowed. Sweats, spandex, etc., are only allowed if weather or medical conditions dictate their use. **NO JEWELRY** (this includes studded earrings) is permitted. Wristbands and cloth bracelets must be removed or taped. Hard casts or splints on arms, legs, wrists, or fingers are not allowed. Protective padding must cover knee or elbow braces.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS DUE TO PLAYER INJURY**

If the referee stops the game for a player injury, then that player must come off the field and be substituted for before play is restarted. After the coach's evaluation, the player may return to the field at the next substitution opportunity.

### **COACH RESPONSIBILITIES**

Each coach must read and follow the League Bylaws and Coach Responsibilities Sections of this book. Each team in NVYSL is required to have a signed and dated Nashoba Valley Youth Soccer League Coach's Pledge on file with the league. A copy of this pledge is on page 7 of this book. All coaches are expected to support the referee during the game. Visible or vocal disagreement with a referee's call (or lack thereof) represents inappropriate behavior. The proper time to critique a referee's performance is after the game. The proper way is to report your comments to your Town Referee Director, and/or filling out and mailing an extended referee report to the League Referee Director.

The club and coach now have the responsibility to assure that ineligible players are not on the team roster. An unauthorized player name on a roster will constitute unsporting conduct and will result in an immediate caution (yellow card) and will be reported to the Sportmanship Review Committee for further review.

### **ZERO TOLERANCE BY-LAW**

Nashoba Valley Youth Soccer League has instituted a Zero Tolerance By-Law. All coaches and spectators should be familiar with this. Specifics are found on Bylaw pages 7 and 8.

### **NVYSL CODE OF CONDUCT**

NVYSL has adopted a League Code of Conduct for all participants. Please make all coaches, players and spectators aware of the Code.