



THE NRASL NEWS



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Greetings to our NRASL Family!

It has been a very busy month and lots more to come. We hosted the Continental Cup and now we prepare to host our own Cornfest Kickoff!

We have sorted and rostered teams and are preparing schedules for the travel season and our recreational league will be finishing its registration over Corn Festival weekend.

We also have the start of our first annual *SUPPORT THE SPORT* ball drive, where we will collect new or gently used soccer balls to donate back to our schools, our program, our struggling families, and our military.

The NRASL is growing fast and furious and we are working hard to provide a program that gives every level of training and development through soccer that we can provide, along with an essential part of our children's development through community service!

We hope you are happy with the program thus far and strongly urge you to send constructive feedback with any suggestions to the board through our board members, board meetings, and through the nrasl1@yahoo.com email address. Your input is what helps guide us to continue to shape this program into what we need!

Please enjoy this month's newsletter...

NRASL PUBLIC RELATIONS

NORTH RIDGEVILLE CORNFEST KICKOFF

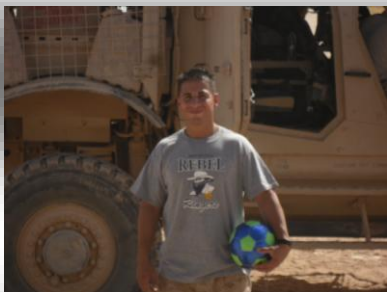
AUGUST 11TH & 12TH

It's finally here!!! The 1st Annual North Ridgeville Cornfest Kickoff starts Friday, August 10th for registration and games begin August 11th and finish on the 12th!!! Please come out and enjoy the weekend, watching great soccer at the Root Road Soccer Complex or at Lear North Elementary! We are hosting nearly 60 teams from all over!

SUPPORT THE SPORT

AUGUST 10th - SEPTEMBER 10th

The *SUPPORT THE SPORT* ball drive, beginning Cornfest Kickoff weekend & continuing through September 10th, 2012, is an active effort to collect as many new or gently used Soccer Balls as we can and distribute them to our schools, Parks and Rec, to our program, and to our soccer families who could use a little more support.



SUPPORT THE SPORT will also support our Military! We will be sending balls to those currently serving in harm's way overseas. These balls are not meant for them to give away, but to keep and use for their own enjoyment!

A flyer is attached below. We are encouraging everyone to spread the word to employers & others to make this a success!

If you or someone you know may be interested in sponsoring the North Ridgeville Amateur Soccer League, please contact our Public Relations Director, Bret Smith at coachbret71@yahoo.com. Below is the link to a sponsorship package for our league. Packages to sponsor the North Ridgeville Cornfest Kickoff are available as well through Bret Smith.

http://www.nrasl.com/images/images/228/0/nrasl_sponsorship_letter_rev_20120301.pdf

NRASL AND CORNFEST KICKOFF SPONSORS

**Force Sports
Nicole Barnett Agency
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Sheetz**

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**2Presspapers (Press &
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Forever Green Lawn Care

MVP Trophy

All American Sports Center

Corso's Greenhouse in Sandusky

1-800-Got-Junk

North Ridgeville Corn Festival

Convient Food Mart

**** NEW - Interstate Hotels**

Olmsted Ice

N. Ridgeville Public Library

Kindercare

Dr. Casey O'Connor

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

August is an extremely busy month for NRASL. Many of our competitive travel players will be participating in the Force summer camp Aug. 6th-9th at Root Rd. Space is still available if you have not yet registered. August 11th and 12th mark the 1st annual North Ridgeville Cornfest Kickoff. This is the culmination of nine months of hard work by our tournament committee volunteers. Thanks to all for your efforts in organizing this event. Special thanks to George Panagiotou whose endless energy and bold vision have inspired us all to make this tournament a reality.



If you haven't yet registered for our in-house fall soccer season, you can still do so on-line. You can also register at our booth at the CornFest. Remember, Sunday Aug.12th is the registration deadline, so don't delay! Also in August, our travel teams will begin their fall seasons. This fall we're fielding 24 competitive teams – another new record for NRASL.

Special recognition goes out to Pat Graham for all of his hard work this summer. Pat and his team of field volunteers have tended to our fields to host the Continental Cup, the CornFest Kick-Off, and the fall season. Each set-up requires a lot of man-hours and NRASL simply couldn't operate without your fine work – thanks Pat!

Sincerely,
Jeff Grau
President, NRASL

DIRECT FROM THE D.O.C.

- EVERETT PALACHE -



Hello NRASL Members,

I hope this message finds everyone in our soccer community doing well and excited for the upcoming Fall Season!

In the last two newsletters I wrote about the goal of creating a soccer environment where coaches and players can learn new ways to teach and learn the game. The four components being learned/taught in the NRASL training environment are Technique, Tactics, Physical, and Mental. Also, stated in the first newsletter was the future goal of developing a comprehensive system with the ultimate goal being the NRASL program replicating the training habits, expectations, and style of play of the high school program.

Last month's focus was the NRASL Player Development Overview that has been created to help guide the coaches in NRASL in respect to the overall philosophy of the program. The document covers current issues within the youth development system, such things as players being scouted and recruited at young ages to specialize in a sport. Also, it discusses the importance of putting the "kids" first. In keeping with the development of the soccer training environment designed to educate the players and coaches, we have developed an academic approach to their soccer development.

This upcoming season the Boys and Girls sides of the program will have the additional support of "Technical Directors". As NRASL continues to look toward the future to develop a "Vertical Structure Philosophy" that develops a cooperative and unified recreational and competitive program, the introduction of Technical Directors is vital to long term sustainability of the program.

Vertical Structure Philosophy

- Creates an internal soccer culture with both levels benefiting from the best that recreation & competitive levels have to offer
- Forever positively combining the levels of recreational and competitive soccer programs through player development and coaching development
- Establishment of club wide player development plan through the survey format
- Opens options for players and coaches to move horizontally or vertically through the system
- Consistent, focused and decentralized approach to director and coaching structure
- Allows for a few experienced coaches/directors to establish a workable structure that grows and expands as directors and coaches are produced in the system

The Technical Directors are a key piece to developing this structure and will help add passion, along with greater leadership abilities to help bring our program to the next level. They will report to the DOC, and will be responsible for helping lead and manage league wide training operations and coaching consistent with NRASL objectives. An added benefit to NRASL is they will be doing this as volunteers to the NRASL program. They will be sacrificing time from their families and life to give back to their soccer community and all the members of NRASL.

[Technical Directors as you read this I would like to say "Thank You" ahead of time for helping us make this one of the best youth programs in North Eastern Ohio! I know with your help over the years we will reach our goals and help inspire the next generation of soccer players!]

The process to accomplish the task of establishing this structure will take time, hard work, dedication and most of all patience. We live in a result oriented society where we want things to happen immediately, however program and player development are a marathon, not a sprint. The NRASL board and numerous other volunteers have taken the first steps to get us on the way toward creating the best environment possible for the kids!

Most recently, the Board, Coaches, volunteers and players have been working very hard for the last few months and days to prepare for our first annual "Cornfest tournament". This is an exciting time as we continue to develop a soccer culture that will live within the community and the players for many years to come. I look forward to a successful season, measured by growth and smiles, within the NRASL program.

Thanks
Yours in Soccer
Coach Everett Palache

RAYING ABOUT REC!!!

This month, Commissioner Wayne Fox has written a letter for referees and clinics for the Fall 2012 Season

The Fall 2012 season is almost upon us and there is still room for new and experienced referees. Games are most typically on Saturday mornings / early afternoons.

Fall 2012 In-House Referee Registration

Referee Registration is from Now through August 11th. Visit www.NRASL.com for registration instructions. Referee Training Clinic is Saturday, August 18th 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM at the Root Road Fields. (US Soccer Certified Referees and Previously trained Adult Referees are not required to attend the clinic.)

Things are looking bright for the Cornfest Kickoff Tournament. If any NRASL referees are interested in meeting US Soccer referees, feel free to stop at the referee tent during the tournament and get a chance to ask questions about the business or rules you may want help with.

For anyone interested in becoming US Soccer certified, information on the complete process can be found at the Ohio-North Referee Committee website. There is also an ever changing list of clinics for new and returning referees found here: [New Referees](#) or [Recertifying Referees](#)

See you on Pitch!

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Wayne Fox
NRASL Commissioner
US Soccer Grade 8 Referee / Assignor
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2012 FALL RECREATION SEASON DATES:

Online Registration Begins:
July 1st

In Person Sign ups:
Was already held

Late Fee (\$25) Registration:
08-13-12 (Online Only)

Registration Closed:
08-17-12 is Last Day

FALL Season Begins:
September 8th

FALL Referee Registration
From now until Aug 11th

Referee Clinic Dates:
August 18th 11:30-3:30

2013 SPRING RECREATION SEASON DATES:

Online Registration Begins:
To be determined

In Person Sign ups:
To be determined

Late Fee (\$25) Registration:
To be determined

Registration Closed:
To be determined

FUTURE LEAGUE DATES

**“SUPPORT THE SPORT”
2012 BALL DRIVE**
August 10 – September 10

**2012 CORNFEST KICKOFF
SOCCER TOURNAMENT:**
August 10 - 12

2013 Community Pride Day:
TO BE DETERMINED

2013 Family Fun Day:
TO BE DETERMINED

LET'S TALK TRAVEL

GIRLS TRAVEL DATES:

Upcoming Team Announcements: TBD

Uniform Night: TBD

Fall Travel Soccer Camp: August 6-9

Cornfest Kickoff Tournament: August 10-12

Fall Season: August 26th, 2012

Spring Season: To Be Determined

2013 Try Outs: To Be Determined

FROM THE GIRLS SIDE:

To our Lady Ranger families,

Our season is just a few weeks away and I am very excited for us to get back into the swing of things. I am sure each of you has begun practices by now and has begun your preparation for the fall season. Your game schedules will be released very soon as final adjustments between communities are now being made.

Another great reason to be excited is that fact that we have eleven ladies travel teams competing this year!!!

That is a huge accomplishment for the NRASL and our North Ridgeville community! We are growing fast and our lady teams are getting more competitive all the time!

Our NRASL Travel Camp starts August 6th and will go through the 9th, leading right up to our tournament!

Finally, it will be great to see our teams compete in the first annual Cornfest Kickoff Soccer tournament! It is an exciting time for all of us & I look forward to seeing all of you on the field!

Jeff Hassler

Girls Travel Director

jeff.hassler@gmail.com

UPCOMING TOURNAMENT DATES:

CORNFEST KICKOFF – August 11th and 12th
BAY CHALLENGE CUP – Labor Day Weekend



BOYS TRAVEL DATES:

Upcoming Team Announcements: TBD

Uniform Night: TBD

Fall Travel Soccer Camp: August 6-9

Cornfest Kickoff Tournament: August 10-12

Fall Season: August 19th

Spring Season: To Be Determined

2013 Try Outs: To Be Determined

FROM THE BOYS SIDE:

No news at this time.

Greg Fry

Boys Travel Director

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HIGH SCHOOL HOT SPOT



From the High School Girls Side:

Our open practices start Monday and Wednesday this week and will continue until the season starts August 6th.

From the High School Boys side:

The North Ridgeville Men's Soccer had two teams participate in the Strongsville Showcase this past weekend.

North Ridgeville Blue (Division II)

NR 0-0 Willoughby South I

NR 0-1 Alliance

NR 2-0 Zanesville HS Blue

NR 4-0 St. Peter Chanel Firebirds

NR 1-0 St. Thomas Aquinas

North Ridgeville Gold (Division IV)

NR 1-1 Strongsville III

NR 1-2 Cardinal Mooney JV

NR 1-1 Zanesville HS White

NR 0-4 Aurora Green JV

NR 1-1 Canfield 2

The following players participated in Showcase Events:

Daniel Knoblauch	Soph.Clinic
Alex George	Soph. Clinic
Tyler George	Soph. Clinic
Evan Knoblauch	Freshman Topflight
Austin Smith	Freshman Topflight
Zachary Goodman	Freshman Topflight
Alec Ireland	Senior Spotlight
Marc Ireland	Senior Spotlight
Nathan Wade	Senior Spotlight
Zachary Mitschke	Jr. Spotlight
Matthew Clark	Jr. Spotlight
Zach Winkel	Jr. Spotlight
Cameron Moore	Jr. Spotlight
Chad Kisel	Jr. Spotlight

From there, the men will compete in the Lorain County Preview on August 11th.

SOCCER WORLD WIDE

COLUMBUS CREW UPCOMING SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	HOME		AWAY	VENUE
Aug 4	7:30 ET	D.C. United	vs	Columbus	RFK Stadium
Aug 11	7:30 ET	Columbus	vs	Toronto FC	Columbus Crew Stadium
Aug 15	7:00 ET	Columbus	vs	L.A. Galaxy	Columbus Crew Stadium
Aug 19	9:00 ET	Houston	vs	Columbus	BBVA Compass Stadium
Aug 25	7:30 ET	Columbus	vs	New England	Columbus Crew Stadium
Aug 29	8:00 ET	Philadelphia	vs	Columbus	PPL Park



<http://www.thecrew.com/>

DATE	TIME	HOME		AWAY	VENUE
Aug 6	2:45 PM	Canada	vs	U.S. Woman	Manchester, England
Aug 15	8:00 PM	Mexico	vs	U.S. Men (U20)	Estadio Azteca, Mexico City
Aug 20	3:00 AM	Ghana (U20)	vs	U.S. Woman (U20)	Hiroshima Big Arch Stadium
Aug 23	6:00 AM	China (U20)	vs	U.S. Woman (U20)	Hiroshima Big Arch Stadium
Aug 27	3:00 AM	Germany (U20)	Vs	U.S. Woman (U20)	Miyagi Stadium, Rifu

<http://www.ussoccer.com/>



OTHER GREAT SOCCER WEBSITES:

<http://www.concacaf.com/page/Home/0,,12813,00.html> - CONCACAF

<http://www.uefa.com/> - UEFA

<http://www.premierleague.com/en-gb.html> - BARCLAYS Premier League

<http://www.mlssoccer.com/> - MLS SOCCER

<http://espn.go.com/sports/soccer/> - ESPN SOCCER

<http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/index.html> - UEFA WEBSITE

<http://www.london2012.com/football/> - 2012 OLYMPICS



THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE CORNFEST KICKOFF!!!

AUGUST 11TH & 12TH

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE! ADDITIONALLY, A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE THREE INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND OUR CLUB PRESIDENT WHO MADE THIS HAPPEN: JEFF HASSLER, DEBI SCHUSTER, HOLLY SCHNELL, AND JEFF GRAU. Thank you for piecing all of this together and making it happen. It was a huge ordeal and tons of personal time and effort. Some of you had a great supporting cast, but each of you was the glue that made it work. THANK YOU!!!!



SUPPORT THE SPORT

AUGUST 10TH TO SEPTEMBER 10TH 2012



The North Ridgeville Amateur Soccer League is proud to announce its newest program to support its community!

The "SUPPORT THE SPORT" program is a community effort to collect as many new or gently used soccer balls as we can and donate them to our schools, our program, those less fortunate, and to send to those in harms way who defend us with their own lives everyday!

Receptacles will be placed around the city to include fire stations, the Police Department, and our city schools! Drop off locations will also be available at the CORNFEST KICKOFF tournament and at the NRASL Corn Festival Booth!



The NRASL is excited about this opportunity to pass down our love for the game to the next generation of soccer fans! With your help, we all can make a difference!!!

For more information, please find us at

WWW.NRASL.COM or WWW.CORNFESTKICKOFF.COM

Or Contact Bret Smith at COACHBRET71@YAHOO.COM