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Newsletter

HELLO CLUB MEMBERS

Happy New Year to all our members! The Framingham United Soccer Club wishes all of you a wonderful, safe, happy and healthy 2014. As the snow continues to fall and the weather is cold, many of our teams are getting ready to play indoor soccer. There are many venues to play like Teamworks in Northboro or Forekicks in Marlboro. Please read further to keep updated on the events of your club soccer program.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR SPRING SOCCER

Registration for the spring 2014 season is still open. If your child is on a current travel 2013-14 travel team and they are not registered for spring, please register today as we need to submit our teams to BAYS soon. If you have not registered your child for next season, please register online at www.fusc.org. To avoid late fees (\$20), please register by Feb 1 (Travel) or Mar 15 (In-town). Games start Saturday April 5th. U16/U18 registration is still \$75 for 7 Sunday games, which start April 27th. This is a recruitment process so please contact the age director to find out who is coaching this spring. REMINDER! U6 age group registration is now \$90 with no late fees, ever!

February

1 Late Fee for Spring Travel Registration

March

- **15** Late Fee for In-Town Spring Registration
- 26 Coaches Meeting

April

- **5** Spring Season Starts!
- 27 U16/U18 Spring Season Starts!

May

23-25 Memorial Day Classic!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW WEBSITE!

It's been in the works for months, but we greet the New Year and the spring 2014 season with our new website. We are using Blue Sombrero, which has allowed us to modernize our web site to provide our club members with the most pertinent information. Facebook and Twitter feeds; field status, latest news and important links are prominently displayed on the home page. In addition, we have updated all of the player, parent, coach, and referee information located on the top menu bar. In May, we will be switching our



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online fall 2014 registration to Blue Sombrero, resulting in integrated web site portal that you can log in for team information specific to your children. This integration will also enable our coaches, age directors, and board members to easily keep you informed via email and text messaging. We hope you find FUSC's new website informative and easy to use. Please tell us what you think on Facebook, Twitter, or email me at President@fusc.org

FRAMINGHAM COACHES, ASS'T COACHES and TEAM MANAGERS:

Please plan to attend the pre-season coaches meeting on Wednesday - March 26th at 7:00 PM at Marion High School. We strongly urge at least one coach, assistant coach or manager to attend so every team will have the appropriate information and learn more about the season, pick up medical information, ice packs, equipment, and many other valuable pieces that are vital to starting the season off right!

MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Register your teams now for the 33rd Annual Memorial Day Classic! Open to all League, Town and Club teams registered with State Affiliates of the US Youth Soccer Association.

Please spread the word, ask your indoor soccer opponents before or after your games to join us. This is a large fundraiser for our club. If you would like to help or have ideas, please let email me at President@fusc.org



COACHING EVALUATION SURVEY

One of the ongoing commitments of the Framingham United Soccer Club Board of Directors is to provide our children with the best coaching possible. Precisely what qualifies a coach as "an excellent coach" depends, to a large degree, upon the age of the players and qualities within the coach. A great coach at the high school level may not be able to relate to 6 year olds. A coach who played at high levels is not necessarily a good teacher. In fact, the coach of an undefeated team may be doing damage to his player's abilities and psychological fitness. We strive to find, train and retain coaches who understand their players, the environment and who are qualified to teach the great game of soccer: http://www.fusc.org/Default.aspx?tabid=475382









REFEREE RECERTIFICTION REMINDER

It is that time for all our referees to recertify for the 2014 soccer season. If you have not recertified yet, here are some courses to attend.

The website is: http://www.massref.net/Central/courseofferings.cfm

Here are the 2014 Course Offerings:

Grade 9	Recertification
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Open Westboro	Grade 9 Referee Recertification	1/12/14 8:30A-1:30P	9.6 miles
Open Natick	Grade 9 Referee Recertification	1/18/14 8:30A-1:30P	5.0 miles
Grade 8 Class for	<u> Grade 9</u>		
Open Natick	Referee Grade 8 for Grade 9 Referees	1/19/14 9:00A-5:00P	5.0 miles
Open Marlboro	Referee Grade 8 for Grade 9 Referees	1/25/14 9:00A-5:00P	5.9 miles
Open Westboro	Referee Grade 8 for Grade 9 Referees	2/09/14 9:00A-5:00P	9.6 miles
Open Natick	Referee Grade 8 for Grade 9 Referees	2/15/14 9:00A-5:00P	5.0 miles
Open Norwood	Referee Grade 8 for Grade 9 Referees	2/22/14 9:00A-5:00P	15.7 miles
Open Milford	Referee Grade 8 for Grade 9 Referees	3/09/14 9:00A-5:00P	12.0 miles
Open Norwood	Referee Grade 8 for Grade 9 Referees	3/23/14 9:00A-5:00P	15.7 miles
Open Natick	Referee Grade 8 for Grade 9 Referees	3/23/14 9:00A-5:00P	5.0 miles
Grade 8 Recertif	<u>ication</u>		
Open Westboro	Grade 8 Referee Recertification	1/12/14 8:30A-1:30P	9.6 miles
Open Natick	Grade 8 Referee Recertification	1/18/14 8:30A-1:30P	5.0 miles

Please have a safe and wonderful New Year! We hope you enjoy the new FUSC website! Please visit our website for information about our club. Please let us know if there are items you would like added and we can evaluate and review.

Please do not hesitate to approach any FUSC Director with comments or questions. We will continue to do our best to give your kids a terrific soccer experience.

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