

AYS Winter Soccer Opportunities,

Coaches,

AYS believes the more opportunities to play and learn the better our players will become both in sportsmanship and actual progression as an individual and a team.

For some of you this is a reminder of the opportunities in the area, and for new coaches this is a summary of some of the many opportunities during the winter for soccer development and play.

Some of the information will be duplicated to all a parents, but we want you to have time to craft your own message to your team's parents, especially if you are putting a team in during the winter for your team.

We highly encourage you to provide insight on skills development and goalie trainings, along with, if you decide to coach during the winter, the options available and what program you want to do with the players. Most coaches for travel will typically do indoor soccer, some of the more advance players will do Futsal and indoor, last year we had a few In-town teams put in teams as well. IF you chose not to coach a team over the winter, we still encourage you to send out the information as another parent may step up and coach players for the winter session.

Opportunities:

Skill Development

- Explosion skills development from U6-U9 typically for a two hour time frame in the winter. Held one night during the week starting in January (last winter on Tuesday nights).
- NOVA skills development from U6-U9 typically for a two hour time frame in the winter. (last year held early Saturday mornings)
- Fore Kicks Taunton U6-U13 one hour sessions during the week or on Saturday mornings.
- Other clubs have development trainings (click their links on our website to find out more)

Goal Keeper Clinics

- NOVA holds a Goalie clinic on Saturday morning open to players looking to refine their skills for all ages.
- Wide World North offers a goalie clinic typically an evening during the week (last winter on Monday's)
- Mass Youth Soccer typically holds one in Mansfield in March (check their website via link on our site)

Note: AYS is also currently working on some winter skills training sessions (which tend to fill up quick due to the limited time and space available, when you see our email blast make sure you get it out to your players to get more of them in the programs).

Indoor Soccer

Each location has different times for games and number of players – Note: most teams have played either at Wide World North Smithfield or one of the Forekicks locations, research via the links provided or call for more details

- Wide World Indoor Sports (North Smithfield RI & North Kingstown RI) Non-boarded field play
 - Registration for Session 1 is no later than October 21st and play to begin October 28th for some teams
 - Play is on weekends
 - 9 games per session, including playoffs.
 - U5/U6 (4v4)
 - U8 (6v6)
 - U10 (7v7)
 - U12/U14 (7v7)
 - U16/U19 (7v7)

- <http://wideworldofindoorsports.com/north.html>
- Fore Kicks (Norfolk or Taunton) starts as of November 1st
<http://www.forekicks.com/taunton/shared/content/index.cfm?fuseaction=leagues>
 - Play can be during the week or the weekend
 - 6v6 Indoor Soccer
Leagues ranging from U8 to U19, Mens, Womens and Coed Adult age levels. Recreational, travel and premier levels available. Games can be played on both boarded and non-boarded fields synthetic grass fields.
 - 11v11 Full Sided Soccer League
 - 5v5 U7-U8 Soccer League
Fore Kicks is pleased to offer our younger players a 5v5 U7-U8 Youth Soccer league designed specifically for boys and girls teams with players in the first and second grade (ages 6 and 7). Played on our special taraflex surfaced futsal courts, this league will be played with 4 field players plus a goal keeper as a lead in to our 6v6 league for U8 and older teams.
- Sherwood Ultra Sports (Seekonk)
 - <http://www.sherwoodultrasports.com/index.html>
 - Enjoy our 115 ft. x 165 ft. Non-boarded turf fields (2) and play the game the right way. Players relying on boards develop bad habits apparent especially when the game moves outdoors! Our full field game is 8 v 8 and our 80 ft. x 115 ft. fields are used for 6 v 6. Times of games during the week and weekends
- John Smith Sports Center (Milford)
 - <http://www.johnsmithsports.com/index.php/indoor-center/leagues/soccer/league-information>
 - Cost:
U6 Coed - U8 - 5v5
U9 - U14 - 6v6
U15 - 6v6
- Teamworks (Somerset)
 - All leagues, except U8s, play 6v6 on our **indoor boarded** field (5 field players and a goalkeeper). All U8 leagues are 5v5, goalkeeper plus four field players. Most Youth Soccer Leagues run for 9 weeks. Teams have one scheduled 50-minute game per week.

FUTSAL

- Fore Kicks (Norfolk or Taunton) Game is played 5v5 on basketball courts. It speeds up the pace of play and proper touch of a ball. Recommended for U10 teams and above (often playing club teams so be wary of putting a team in)
 - 5v5 USFF Futsal Soccer League
 - Fore Kicks 5v5 fast footwork futsal league is played on our four professional Taraflex surface futsal fields. This league is played in a 5v5 format with futsal referees and futsal soccer rules on a lined field area 60x90 on a futsal approved surface with futsal sized nets and a lower bounce futsal ball. Our professional Taraflex surface is used in international indoor soccer and futsal competitions and are the only futsal courts of their kind in the New England.
- Mansfield, Seekonk, New Bedford offer futsal programs, which have development leagues and club teams options. <http://newenglandfutsal.com/Page.asp?n=80802&org=newenglandfutsal.com>

Other Notes

As you will see most opportunities are with small team sizes playing so it is important to learn from the past about how many a typical roster should be and the ideal size of a team.

- Maximum players on any team should be equivalent to two full teams less one (Goal keepers should not be changed out frequently in indoor games due to the fast pace). This will allow everyone the opportunity to play half the game.
 - If you play 6v6 maximum roster should be 11
 - If you play 7v7 maximum roster should be 13 to make sure everyone gets equal playing time.
- Ideal roster sizes are typically one full team plus half of a second team. This will get players playing around 75 % of the time if everyone is available.

The above is a lot of information and we ask all coaches to read through it and first decide if you want to put a team in at one of the various programs and then ask your parents of their interest in playing in the winter. You will note no practice times are included (most locations have limited practice times available for a cost which you will need to account for if you are lucky enough to get one). What we do recommend as a secondary option is a skills academy or program to augment the playing of games. Also take note that many of these facilities require player cards that are valid for one year at an additional cost.

We ask all BAY coaches to e-mail Mike D'Angelo and Todd Cameron your intentions by end of Columbus Day weekend so we can help fill open team spaces with players from other teams that are looking to play.