



# Crystal Lake Soccer Federation

# Korner Kick

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## CLSF SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 16	CLSF Board Meeting
May 1	Registration begins for 2018-19 Rec League Season (ends June 15)
May 21	CLSF Board Meeting
June 2	Rec Season Ends

## **SPRING KICKOFF**

Greg Cole- Administrator

By the time you receive this newsletter we will already have commenced the Spring session of our 2017-18 Season – provided the weather cooperated that is.

It was great to see our Recreational coaches and other members at the CLSF Annual Meeting in February, where we held elections for our Board of Directors. We elected Ken Ryan and Jason Parr to three-year terms. Ken has already served on the Board for about a year and Jason is beginning his first term. The CLSF Board of Directors meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7PM at Soccerhouse.

If there's anything we can do to improve your soccer experience please drop us a note at [info@clsf.org](mailto:info@clsf.org) or stop by and see us at the soccer house.

Introducing your Crystal Lake Soccer Federation Board of Directors and Staff for 2018:

Steve Schofield - President  
Jason Parr – Vice President  
Joseph Schenher – Treasurer  
Nick Deka – Secretary & Safety Director  
Bernadine Hansen – Concessions Director  
Bob Hansen – Rec League Director  
John Martin – Director of Fields  
Ken Ryan – Director of Competitive Teams

Staff:

Greg Cole – Administrator  
Kristian Rockall – Director of Coaching  
Donna Bertalon – Financial Coordinator  
Bob Hansen – Head Referee, Trainer and Assignor & Game Scheduler  
Kim Hollander – Administrative Assistant

## **REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL 2018 – SPRING 2019 REC LEAGUE SEASON**

Greg Cole – Registrar

Registration for the Fall 2018-Spring 2019 Recreational Soccer Season begins May 1. Register online at [www.clsf.org](http://www.clsf.org) If you encounter difficulties registering online you may stop by Soccerhouse on Saturdays during the month of May. Thereafter, online registration continues through June 15. Players who do not register by June 15 and desire to participate will be placed on a waiting list. CLSF cannot guaranty anyone on the waiting list a roster spot for the 2018-19 Season. Any registration accepted after June 15 will be subject to an increased base fee rate.

## **GIRLS REC HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER LEAGUE REGISTRATION (Ages U15-U19, Grades 9-12)**

Ken Hopp – Girls Rec H.S.S.L. Coordinator

Registration for the Fall 2018 season of the Girls Rec High School Soccer League (H.S.S.L.) begins May 1. Registration is via our website [www.clsf.org](http://www.clsf.org).

Teams play in the BLACKMORE LEAGUE in honor of the league's founder. The league is made up of approximately 16 teams from local communities which participate in scheduling matches. League matches are played on Sundays. Home matches are played at Lippold Park. CLSF teams will travel to play some games in opposing teams' communities. The season begins the end of August and runs through

the last weekend in October.

Teams may also participate in League sponsored tournaments. The scheduling and location of such tournaments is by the Blackmore League and not under the control of CLSF. Participation in tournaments is determined by each CLSF team's coach. Traditionally three tournaments are offered throughout the season. Some additional costs may be incurred by players depending on tournament participation and selection of uniforms.

### **CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Bernadine Hansen – Director of Concessions

Volunteers are needed to work the concession area on Saturdays during the Spring Season (opening day is April 14). To sign up for a 2-hour shift go to our website, scroll over the HOME tab and click CONCESSION VOLUNTEERS on the pulldown menu.

### **JOIN THE LARGEST COMPETITIVE PROGRAM IN McHENRY COUNTY!**

Kristian Rockall – CLSF Program Director and Director of Coaching

The **CRYSTAL LAKE FORCE** is the Competitive branch of CLSF. The **FORCE** is run by a full-time staff of professional coaches. Our staff is managed by a full-time Program Director and age level Technical Directors to ensure your players age appropriate development. The FORCE is the only program in the area operating under this model. We do so to ensure consistent player development from U8-U23!

The **FORCE** offers the most qualified staff coaches in the area. Our coaching staff brings a unique blend of cultures and experiences. Our staff coaches hail from Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, England, Spain, & the United States. We have multiple coaches with the highest level of certifications - USSF A Certifications & NSCAA Premier Diplomas. To ensure that your players are learning the game from an experienced, certified staff, all of our coaches have a minimum of a USSF National License!

Our teams also compete at the highest level. In 2017-18 the U16 FORCE+ Girls were champions at the Disney Showcase which is one of the top national showcases in Florida. Our U18 Elite+ Girls took 1st place in the Midwest Regional League Premier 2 division and gained promotion to play in the most competitive division in the Midwest for 2018-19! We also graduate more players into college scholarships than any program in McHenry County!

Our **FORCE** program is able to accomplish all this at an affordable cost that provides terrific value to our

members. Our players train more, compete in more games, and pay less than comparable programs! We believe that competitive soccer can be affordable and still provide an environment to enable your player to get where he or she wants to go. We continue to prove this each year!

### **2018-19 FORCE Tryout Dates**

Is your player looking to take their game to the next level? The FORCE is CLSF's Competitive Program with over 450 players. The FORCE is the largest, most cost effective program in McHenry County, and has the highest level of competition with the most Midwest Regional and IYSA Premiership teams of any club in McHenry County.

To find tryout times for your player, and to register for tryouts please visit our website: [www.clsf.org](http://www.clsf.org)

As always, tryouts are free, so why not give it a try!

### **2018 Force Graduating Class**

The FORCE is PROUD to announce our 2018 High School College Commitments thus far:

Madison Rokos - UW Whitewater  
Cameron Sengstock - Winona State University  
Theresa Weiss - North Park University  
Sarah Kitterman - UW Eau Claire  
Genevieve Meintz - Benedictine University  
Jena Berkland - Concordia St Paul University  
Matt Darbro- Carthage College  
Sean Fenton - Trinity International University  
Kevin Santopadre -Millersville university of Pennsylvania

Congratulations to these players and best of luck in the next stage of your playing careers!

### **CLSF SPRING AND SUMMER CAMPS- Registration Now Open**

Kristian Rockall – CLSF Director of Coaching and Program Director

If you are looking for additional playing opportunities for your players this spring/summer, CLSF offers camps and classes to help develop your players love of the game. We have camps for players ages 3-16 and all ability levels, so we are bound to have something for your player!

All CLSF camps are run by our FORCE Staff coaches at Lippold Park. For camp details and to register, go to the CAMPS/CLASSES tab at [www.clsf.org](http://www.clsf.org).

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Greg Cole – Administrator

### NO ARTIFICIAL NOISEMAKERS PERMITTED

This includes amplified cell phone apps.

### PORTABLE SOCCER GOAL SAFETY

With the safety of your child in mind, CLSF staff performs regular checks at least weekly to insure that the goals at Lippold Park are anchored. Our coaches and referees are also instructed to perform a check before each game or practice and are instructed not to begin a game or practice unless the goals are properly anchored. In addition, warning labels are affixed to each goal. We ask your assistance as well. Please make sure that your children do not climb on the nets or hang from the cross bars. CLSF cannot guaranty that all soccer goals located on practice fields in the various parks are properly anchored. Vandals and teams holding practices sometimes move the goals (although this is strictly against Park District and CLSF policy) without re-anchoring them. If you notice a goal at one of the parks that is not properly anchored, contact the Crystal Lake Park District at 459-0680 or CLSF at 477-2573.

### LIGHTNING PREDICTION SYSTEM

The Crystal Lake Park District has installed a THOR GUARD Lightning Prediction System at Soccerhouse. This system predicts when conditions indicate the potential for a lightning strike. It will give a warning in advance of a potential strike so that players, coaches and spectators can take shelter. When THOR GUARD senses the potential for a lightning strike, it will sound a 15 second warning siren and the strobe light will activate. When this happens, **clear the fields immediately and seek proper shelter (building or non-convertible automobile), even if the weather appears not to be threatening.** The strobe light stays on as long as there is the danger of a lightning strike. When the potential for lightning has passed, the THOR GUARD siren sounds 3 blasts. This may occur as soon as 15 minutes after the initial warning has been given.

If thunder is heard or lightning is spotted, and the THOR GUARD siren does not go off, everyone must still clear the fields and take appropriate shelter immediately. No one should go out again until 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder is heard or lightning seen.

If the Thor Guard sounds, if lightning is observed, or if thunder heard, players and parents should go to their cars and await word from their coach. Coaches should report to Soccerhouse.

## SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE

If a family member or friend is handicapped and needs assistance accessing the fields, golf car rides may be obtained at Soccerhouse.

## SPECTATOR AREA

Spectators are reminded to remain within the spectator areas as delineated by the dashed lines which are approximately 10 feet from the touchlines. There should be **NO ONE** behind or in the vicinity of the goals. All spectators shall observe the game on the opposite side of the field from the players and coaches (except for U5 and U6 age groups).

## PETS

To insure the health and safety of participants and players, CLSF prefers that pets be left at home. If spectators must bring pets, they must sit with their pets leashed and away from other spectators and teams, at least 10 yards off the corner of the field. This measure recognizes those who wish to enjoy watching their children play soccer while being accompanied by their pet, and also assures the safety and comfort of players and other spectators.

## FIREARMS POLICY

In keeping with state and local laws regulating the use of firearms, the possession of firearms is prohibited in or around Soccerhouse as well as the soccer fields at Lippold Park.

## NO SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in the vicinity of the soccer fields and the area in and around Soccerhouse.

## PARKING

The small parking area immediately adjacent to Soccerhouse is reserved for vehicles with handicapped permits, CLSF Board Members and Staff. **Please do not park in this area or enter to drop off or pick up players.** Please do not park in any grassy areas at Lippold Park. You may be ticketed. We ask your cooperation by not parking at the end of any of the North Shore streets which are adjacent to Lippold Park while attending soccer games or practices at Lippold. Let's be considerate and good neighbors.

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