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The YSI mission is to develop soccer skills and sportsmanship and to ensure that all players participate on a wholesome and fair playing field.

Gainesville Youth Soccer, Inc.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

****Fall Season Dates****

Registration - August 17th & 24th

Coaches Clinic - Sept. 28th

❖ 1st Game - October 12th

❖ 2nd Game - October 13th

❖ 3rd Game - October 19th

❖ 4th Game - October 26th

❖ 5th Game - November 2nd

❖ 6th Game - November 9th

❖ 7th Game - November 16th

❖ 8th Game - November 23rd



How To Be A Good Sports Parent

Fixing the crisis in kids' sports begins at home.

Here are some tips from Sports Done Right to get parents started:

- ❖ **Encourage you child**, regardless of his or her degree of success or level of skill.
- ❖ **Ensure a balance** in your student athlete's life, encouraging participation in multiple sports and activities while placing academics first.
- ❖ **Emphasize enjoyment**, development of skills and team play as the cornerstones of your child's early sports experiences while reserving serious competition for the varsity level.
- ❖ **Leave Coaching to Coaches** and avoid placing too much pressure on your youngster about playing time and performance.
- ❖ **Be Realistic** about your child's future in sports, recognizing that only a select few earn a college scholarship, compete in the Olympics or sign a professional contract. Be there when your child looks to the sidelines for a positive role model.



ZONE DEFENSE

THE REFEREE DILEMMA

The biggest dilemma facing soccer these days is referees, or the lack thereof. Many game officials leave the game early because they are turned off by the abusive behavior—verbal and physical—of coaches, players, and parents. Is it worth putting one's health and safety on the line for \$25 a match? Besides, how would you like it if you were constantly harassed while trying to do your job?

Some parents and coaches have been banned from watching their children and team play. Some, believe it or not, have been prosecuted and jailed.

Referees, especially young men and women, make mistakes. They are only human. Give them grace.

To sign up for the next referee class, contact Sandi at **377-1714**.



Dogs and kids go together, right? Wrong! Dogs and kids don't always mix. As tempting as it may be to bring that cute puppy or ball-chasing dog to your child's game, please resist. Many children are intimidated by dogs, on or off a leash. And many dogs won't behave predictably when they're approached, especially by groups of excited, unfamiliar children. Please, leave your dog -- puppies included -- at home. This is a matter of safety and the maintenance of clean fields. If you insist on bringing the family canine, officials or a YSI representative will ask you and your pooch to leave.

MAN TO MAN

The 5th Wave

By Rich Tennant



A Special Message from Sandy Rivera, YSI Chair



Children love to compete.

Despite what some critics say, competition between kids did not start with organized sports. It has been around since our ancestors were living in caves. What sports can do is teach children to compete fairly, to try their hardest, to congratulate the winners, if they lose, and to accept victory gracefully, if they win. This is the old fashioned notion of sportsmanship, which I feel has been over-looked in current times.

Children exposed to healthy competition will soon learn that the reason they play sports is

not to win at all costs, but to strive to win by playing as hard as they can within the boundaries of game rules. I truly believe that when left to their own devices, children are much more interested in competition than in winning. These are not the same. Just watch kids playing a fierce game of soccer and then ask them what the score is. Most of the time, they will not know.

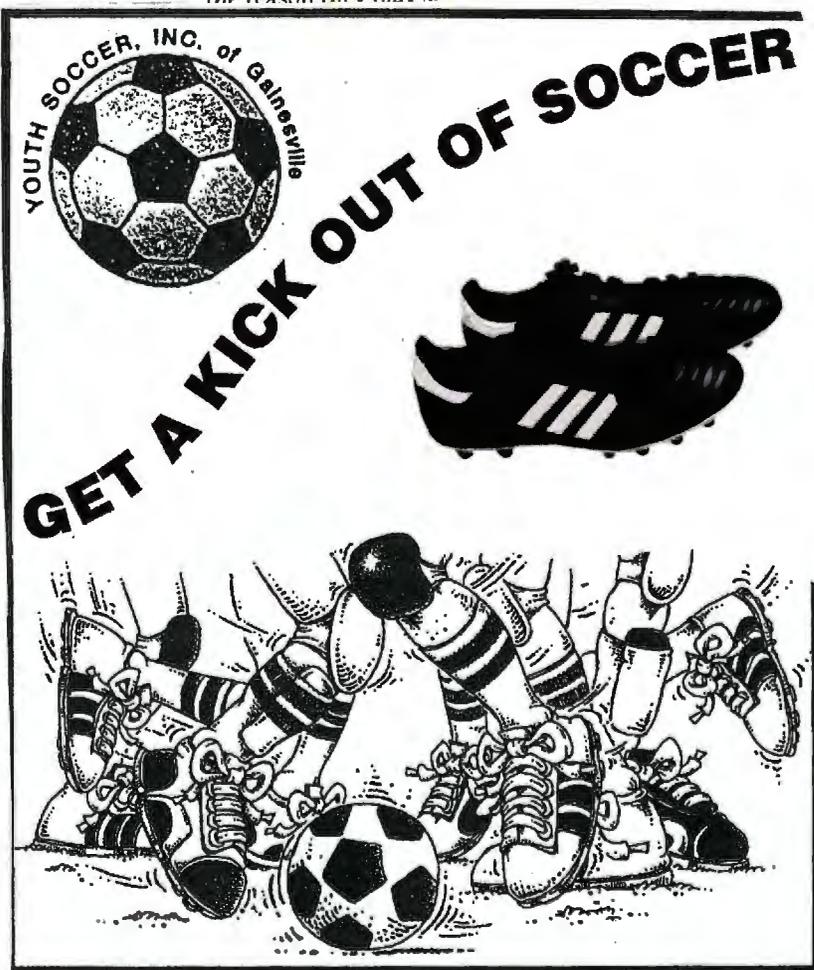
Most importantly, children who learn to play hard and fair will take this approach with them into other chapters of their adult lives.

THANK YOU to the YSI Board of Directors for all your handwork in coordinating the soccer season.

THANK YOU to our Team Sponsors, Referees, and Volunteer Coaches for making a difference.



"Every volunteer is a small miracle of vitality and renewal."
Sandy Rivera, YSI Chair



The Impact of Coaching

A great coach is an inspiration to all those around him or her. To be a great coach takes a good heart, determination and a sense of humor.

As a coach you have the power to,
make a child laugh or cry,
make a child quit or try,
inspire hope the feeling that all is lost,
even with honor or at all cost,
harm or cure,
make a child feel secure or unsure,
show courage or cowardice,
encourage or inhibit,

show humor or anger, play honorably or unfairly.

As the soccer season comes to a close at winter,
You, the coach, have the power to even lose, but be a winner. As a coach you can touch a child's life and be the difference. I've seen it done.

Sandi Rivera



Recreational Soccer versus Select Soccer: That is the question... Many people do not realize that the vast majority of FYSA, the Florida Youth Soccer Organization, is recreation-based. There are many reasons to play recreational soccer. Kids today are busy with many things, whether it is other sports, after-school clubs and activities. At rec soccer, every kid is guaranteed time on the field, which is the point of playing soccer in the first place. The biggest differences between rec and select or premier soccer are the time and financial commitments. The question concerning making the transition from a recreation to select team

is also "How young is too young?" Kids have to be emotionally prepared for being dropped in a situation where their penalty kick may decide if the team goes to region cup finals. Parents, with input from their kids, need to make the determination when and if it is the right time for them and their child to make the transition from recreation to competitive soccer. Kids will be ready at different ages. Administrators and coaches must make that transition as smooth as possible so that continuing to play soccer is an enjoyable, not stressful path.

Competitive or select soccer requires a commitment from parents and players.
 - Competitive players should love playing the game of soccer, practices and competition. They should be willing to work on their own to develop individual skills. They should be among the best players on their recreational teams. Size is not a factor. They should have good speed, be aggressive and competitive. They should not mind physical contact. Generally, they will find a higher level of play, which will better prepare them for high school and college-level soccer.
 - Parents should realize that select soccer is much more expensive. There are league fees, uniforms, tournament fees, coaching fees, traveling costs, etc. However, most clubs do have scholarships. Parents should be willing to commit to a certain amount of traveling. It also requires a certain diligence in attending practices, regardless of the weather.

If you choose to try-out for a select/competitive team, do know that the local competitive club, GSA or Gainesville Soccer Alliance, does only harbor certified coaches (at least a level D).

More information can be found on their web site <http://www.gainesvillesoccer.org> YSI will certainly not discourage its players to try-out for a select/competitive team and wishes them lots of luck and fun.

HEY KIDS!

DO YOU NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS??

If you need community service hours or just want to help? Stop by the YSI tent on Saturdays and help by distributing newsletters, preparing registration forms or answering questions!! Give us a hand!



GO HARD
or go home

ABILITY
is what you are capable of doing...
MOTIVATION
determines what you do...
ATTITUDE
determines how well you do it.



KICK IT!



RED-CARD

Problem-solving YOUTH SOCCER, INC.

strives to provide enjoyable, trouble-free, family soccer. Most times we do pretty good. Once in a while a problem develops. What can you do?

The Board of Directors strongly encourages any parent, guardian, sponsor, or coach to let us know as soon as possible of any problems you perceive. Our problem-solving is only as good as the feedback from our members.

Once a complaint is communicated to us, preferably in writing, we will monitor the situation via one of our board members.

Youth Soccer, Inc. will seek fair and expeditious solutions to all problems presented to us.



GOAL KEEPER

