**May 2024 Newsletter**

Hello Dedham Soccer Community

**We are almost halfway through the Spring Season!!**

The weather is finally starting to feel like Spring!!! Time to break out the sunglasses and sunscreen ☺ Also, we can still have wet weather, so make sure you are checking your email for notifications from Coaches, FB, and our website for field updates.

We strive to have practices and games as scheduled but please be patient and we will move as quickly as we can to get games rescheduled.

Read on to find out what's going on and sign up for opportunities to help us get the season off to a great start!  
  
In good health,  
Danielle

* **BAYS Seatbelt Saturday/Sunday this weekend**- Sit back and just watch the game! [Learn more](#Seatbelt)
* **Fields/Bathroom/Concessions**- Where do I go? / What do I need to know? [Click here!](#Fields)
* **Friday Night Kick-Arounds @ Gonzales** continue through the season**-** [Click here!](#Fridays)
* **Fall Registration for Travel (Grades 3-8) opens MIDNIGHT on 5/5** head to the website to [register](https://secure.adminsports.net/dedhammasoccer)!
* **Tryouts for Travel- Rising 3rd graders to Rising 8th graders** start May 16th and run through May 29th; [details below](#Tryouts)
* **GONZALES** Snack Shack is **OPEN-** click [here](#Gonzales) to learn more about volunteering
* **DYS Night @ the Revs- May 18th, 2024; 7:30PM**- head [below](#Revs) and to the [DYS website for details](https://dedhamsoccer.com/)
* **SAVE THE DATE- DYS TOWN PICNIC @Nobles 6/9/24** read on [below](#Picnic)
* [Upcoming Events](#Calendar)
* Check out the [website](https://dedhamsoccer.com/) and Join the [DYS FB page](https://www.facebook.com/groups/dedhamyouthsoccer)!
* Comments, Questions? [Email me](mailto:president@dedhamsoccer.com) ☺

**DYS Travel teams are participating in Seatbelt Saturday/Sunday this weekend (5/4 and 5/5), here are the highlights:**

**Sitting down!**

**Seatbelt Saturday** is an effort to create a better game environment for youth soccer, to enhance player development, and increase game enjoyment for all. It also helps players take more control of their own game by helping to promote communication between the players themselves.

What we want the **COACHES** to do:

* Sit and watch the game! Actually sit on the bench or a chair.
* Refrain from shouting tactical instructions, directions, reminders, suggestions or criticisms to the players on the field.
* Support the referees by not making negative comments or gestures.
* Use the opportunity to coach and engage with the substitutes who are watching the game with you on the team sidelines. This is a great time for them to learn more about the game from you.
* Encourage your players to communicate with their teammates throughout the game.
* **Please Note:**It is not the referee’s role to enforce that teams participate in this Seatbelt initiative.

What do we want **PARENTS** and **SPECTATORS** to do:

* During the run of play, just sit down and watch your children play their soccer game.
* Limit vocal comments to positive general statements of player and team support without mentioning any player names.
* Make no negative comments about anything that happens during the game.
* Revel in the kids playing a game they enjoy!

What do we want **PLAYERS** to do:

* Communicate with your teammates!
* Take back control of your game.
* Make decisions about your game without interference from coaches or spectators.

**Fields/Bathrooms (Rustcraft/Condon/Capen)-**

* **Please help us maintain baseball diamonds by staying off them (Rustcraft), the fences are there for a reason!**
* Please be mindful when walking around fields- there may be multiple games running at the same time, walk behind goals to avoid walking through a game.
* We will be resting the back of Rustcraft to get it in better shape, so games maybe be in a different location than last week- we will have signs and Town Directors to help direct players to games.
* Look around for bottles and wrappers to help us keep our field looking great.
* Bathrooms are open behind the Concession Stand (Rustcraft), please help us keep them tidy!
* Porto-potties are available at Condon and Capen

**Fields/Bathroom (****Gonzalez)-**

* **The Concession Stand is OPEN!!** Stop by and maybe sign-up [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AAA82BAAFBC61-49157283-snack#/) for a slot to volunteer to work the stand. Please, **no one under 13** can work the stand alone
  + **Volunteers are entered into a drawing for Revs tickets!**
* Please be mindful when walking around fields- there may be multiple games running at the same time, walk behind goals to avoid walking through a game.
* Please no chairs/benches on the turf
* Look around for bottles and wrappers to help us keep our field looking great.
* Porto-potty is available, please help us keep them tidy!

**Friday Night Lights**

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**TRAVEL TRYOUTS for FALL 2024 SEASON (Rising 3rd -8th Graders)**

* **Players who are interested in participating in the DYS Travel program should attend tryouts for the grade they will be entering in the Fall season. (example: If players are in 4th grade now, they will attend the session for rising 5th graders)**
* **Tryouts are closed to parents and coaches.**
* **Players must be registered for the Fall season to attend tryouts.**
* **DATES/FIELD LOCATIONS TO COME**

**DYS Night @ the RE****VS!!!**

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**SAVE THE DATE - - - Saturday, May 18th,2024!**

New England Revolution vs. Philadelphia Union

Gillette Stadium – Kickoff 7:30 PM

This spring we'll be back at Gillette Stadium to watch our New England Revolution take on Philadelphia Union for Dedham Soccer Night at the REVS. This is one of our favorite events every year, and we're thrilled to do something fun and amazing for all our teams and families.

We are very excited to announce that we are ONCE AGAIN partnering with the New England Revolution to give all our Dedham soccer players a FREE TICKET to attend the game!

All our players will receive a promo code via email from the Revs to attend the game! This email address: [dedhamsoccerpresident@gmail.com](mailto:dedhamsoccerpresident@gmail.com) will be used to send you the code and reminders about the game only.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Kyle Lindsay from the Revolution at [KyleL@Revolutionsoccer.net](mailto:KyleL@Revolutionsoccer.net)

**June 9th End of Year****Picnic**- Last games for Town Players and Pre-K Kickers (all travel families welcome as well)

* + Free BBQ picnic with Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, drinks
  + Slush Stand
  + Vendor tables from Dedham Parks and Rec, Play it Again, and others
  + New England Revolution street team
  + Summer Soccer Camp Registrations
  + Music
  + Shoot on the Goalie
  + Picture day
  + Soccer inflatable games
  + and more…

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** |
| 4/28 | 4/29 | 4/30 | **MAY 1** | 5/2 | 5/3  Friday nights @Gonzales | 5/4  **Seatbelt Saturday** |
| 5/5  **Seatbelt Sunday** | 5/6 | 5/7 | 5/8 | 5/9 | 5/10  Friday nights @Gonzales | 5/11  **Referee Appreciation Weekend** |
| 5/12  **Referee Appreciation Weekend** | 5/13 | 5/14 | 5/15 | 5/16 | 5/17  Friday nights @Gonzales | 5/18  **DYS Night @ Revs (Gillette) 7:30p** |
| 5/19 | 5/20 | 5/21 | 5/22 | 5/23 | 5/24 | 5/25 |
| 5/26 | 5/27 | 5/28 | 5/29 | 5/30 | 5/31  Friday nights @Gonzales | 6/1 |

**On behalf of the DYS Board…Thank you for all your support!**

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