



President's Corner

It is the start of another great fall season of soccer at Johnston. The Board of Directors is constantly looking towards the future of the Club and at the end of this year, there will be several board positions open. Anyone interested in getting involved on the Board, please contact me. I hope everyone has an enjoyable fall season and wish each of you the best of luck. As always any feedback from our membership is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,
Kevin Moran
JSC President

JSC Announces Players and Coaches of Character Program

The Johnston Soccer Club is committed to providing the best possible experience for each player. However, this positive experience comes from much more than the sport of soccer. Each player should be able to turn to a teammate or coach as an example that "character counts." Mentoring our youth regarding responsibility, trustworthiness, respect, citizenship, fairness, and caring is as critical to player development as soccer skills on the field. JSC would like to recognize both players and coaches who demonstrate outstanding character. Members will be receiving nomination forms for the fall 2007 in the near future. We look forward to recognizing those who make this season outstanding. In addition, the large brick wall on the south side will soon be painted with a JSC Character Counts mural, thanks to the artistic skill and donated time of Doug Fairchild, who has two children in our program. A special thanks to Doug.

**VOLUNTEERS ... MAKE THE
CLUB A SUCCESS!**

Thank you...

A huge thank you goes out to all of the volunteers that came to our work day on Saturday, Aug. 18. We were able to make our complex look even better than before. Here are some of the items that our volunteers were able to help us with:

- ◆ Concession stand preparation and repair
- ◆ Painting the brick wall in preparation for the Character Counts mural
- ◆ Weed trimming
- ◆ Garage clean up and organization
- ◆ Set up fields
- ◆ Replace nets
- ◆ Move goals
- ◆ Field sign installation
- ◆ Put up fence
- ◆ Tear down old bleachers

We appreciate everyone who took time out of their day to help their club. We couldn't do it without you!

Upcoming Events

Aug. 25/26	First Weekend of Games
Sept. 1/2	No Games - Labor Day Weekend
Sept. 8/9	Team Picture Day
Sept. 9	JSC Board Meeting Crown Point ~ 7:00 PM
Sept. 22/23	JSC Fall Soccerfest ~ U7-U19 Rec Teams
Oct. 6/7	JSC Fall Soccerfest ~ U11-U19 Competitive Teams ~ Cownie Fields
Oct. 14	JSC Board Meeting Crown Point ~ 7:00 PM
Oct. 20	Last weekend of games ~ U9-U19
Oct. 27	Last weekend of games ~ U5-U8
Nov. 11	JSC Board Meeting Crown Point ~ 7:00 PM

Matty's Corner



Recreational Programs

The Johnston Soccer Club is running a series of developmental programs for our

younger recreational players. You should have received information via email. In addition, the information is on the Club's web site.

All of the programs are staffed by the JSC full-time and part-time professional coaching staff. I would encourage any player with a real love for the game and a desire to get better to sign up for our programs. If you have any questions about the Academy program please contact either myself (mattieleads@aol.com) or Jeff Adamiak (jradamiak@aol.com).

Academy program

Junior Academy (Under 5 - Under 8 age group)

Mondays beginning 8/27 ~ 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM

This program is open to any players in the U5 -U8 age group. Players are taught the fundamentals of the game through a series of fun games and activities.

Senior Academy (Under 9 – Under 12 age group)

Mondays beginning 8/27 ~ 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM

This program is open to any interested players in the recreational program who love the game and want to improve their individual technique. Players who perform well in this program have the opportunity to attend the Pegasus program.

Pegasus program (Under 8 - 11 age group)

Mondays beginning 8/27 ~ 6:30 PM – 7:45PM

This is an *invitation only* program for players in the U8 – U11 age group. This program is designed to improve the young soccer players in our club who have a real talent and love for the game. Players are identified through attending Rec Plus, camps or clinics or by attending the Academy program.



Remember for the cleanliness of our fields and safety of the kids playing soccer, please leave your pets at home.

Coaching on the Sidelines The Learning Experience

At our recent coaches' clinic I tried to explain how important it is not to over complicate the game or over coach from the sidelines. I coached a scrimmage at the end where it was noted by the coaches that I said very little. There are a number of reasons for this.

Soccer is a very difficult game to master particularly when young players are still learning to master the fundamentals and gain some control over the ball and their bodies. I do not want to complicate this process still further by continuing to supply them with too much information about the game.

Let me put it another way. When your child comes home from school or is in the classroom working out a math problem, learning to read or write or learning some new information, how do we facilitate the learning experience? We may help or offer advice as the child works through things, but we try to lead them to the right answer. We would not gather in a group and yell advice for an hour.

When your child is on a soccer field, they are confronted with a series of problems and decisions that they need to try to figure out themselves just like they are at school. They might need the occasional guiding word from the coach, but from their parents they need support, not advice, particularly during the game.

If you have any doubts ask your child if they would prefer to play a game in relative silence with only the cheers from the parents as a background noise. You might be surprised by the answer.

Enjoy the season.

Matty Smith
JSC Director of Coaching

The Ref's Corner

Jim Elmer, Director of Referees

It's not possible that summer is already over! But the Fall season is getting started, and it's time to start thinking about another successful season on the fields.

Since Fall means a change in age brackets, I would like to remind everyone of a few things we discussed at the recent coaches clinic. As your teams become older and start

traveling to other locations (U9 and above), you will notice all referees are different. What might be common practice here may not be allowed somewhere else. My best piece of advice would be that the referee is just like any other field condition. Sometimes you have nicely mown fields with perfect goals and lines. Other times not. But their interpretation of the rules during the game is final. You may disagree with a call, but shouting at the ref about it brings their emotions into things and only makes things worse. Very often what I hear coming from the sidelines is said in the heat of the moment, and is also wrong.

The Johnston Soccer Club has a very active youth referee base, which is not true at every club. Our refs have gone to classes and know the rules. Every season we lose two or three very qualified referees, not because of what happens on the field, but because of what comes is said by coaches and parents on the sidelines. As you come to the fields this Fall, please keep in mind that your child might become a referee someday. Please treat whoever's child that came to your game today the same way you would like someone to treat your child. If you disagree with something that happened during a game, or want a decision clarified, please contact me and we can talk it through.

Volunteering

Volunteers – they do practically everything for our club – they are our club!!!

This season we will use well over 500 volunteers to assist with field clean-up, concessions, tournaments and registration, not to mention assist with referee assignments, coach or assist coach our children, or be an active participant on the JSC Board.

For the Fall '07 season – if you are not the head coach, assistant coach, on the JSC Board, or have not paid the volunteer fee with the Fall '07 registration - YOU have been assigned a two hour shift (for each player that participates in the JSC). This communication was sent via email (if an email was indicated during registration) or via the U.S. Postal Service. If you need to reschedule your time or have yet to receive your volunteer assignment – please contact the Director of Volunteers (Catherine Remakel) at volunteers@johnstonsoccer.org **ASAP**. If you do not work your 2 hour shift – you will owe a \$30.00 penalty. Please fulfill your commitment!!

If you have questions in regards to your volunteer assignment – please contact Catherine Remakel, Director of Volunteers at volunteers@johnstonsoccer.org.

Meet the Staff

The Johnston Soccer Club has three full time professional coaches and a Director of Operations. Look for them at the JSC complex, camps, clinics and at your games. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact them.



Matty Smith
Director of Coaching

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491-3476

Matty has been with the Johnston Soccer club for over 10 years. He is also the Johnston High School head girls soccer coach. Matty has his USSF “B” coaching license. Matty has a passion for teaching the game of soccer to kids.



Jeff Adamiak

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554-0246

Jeff has been with the Johnston Soccer Club for three years. He has his USSF “C” coaching license. Jeff has over 10 years of experience working with youth soccer players. He is known for his innovative approach and style with younger soccer players. Jeff also has his National Youth License, which prepares coaches to deal with physical and psychological characteristics of young soccer players.



Paul O'Connor

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This is Paul's second year with the Johnston Soccer Club. Paul comes to us from Minnesota where he has vast experience coaching youth soccer players. He holds his USSF “B” coaching license. Paul also specializes in the goalkeeper position.

Ryan Haltherman
Director of Operations

fields@johnstonsoccer.org or 253-9059

Ryan has been with the Johnston Soccer Club for over three years. Ryan is responsible for maintaining the complex as well as organizing practices and game rescheduling. He also heads up the concession stands.

F.Y.I.

In response to questions regarding how the recreational league operates and JSC's volunteer policy, we have created FAQ sheets for use by the membership. These can be found at www.johnstonsoccer.org. As always, you should feel free to share your thoughts on either topic. Good luck as the season begins and thank you for your involvement.



Sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, window clings ... we have it all! To place your order, download an order form at www.johnstonsoccer.org. Orders may be mailed to JSC, PO Box 118, Johnston, IA 50131 or dropped off at the concession stand..

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Board Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at Crown Point. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our upcoming meetings are Sept. 9, Oct. 14 and Nov. 11.