



## Apple River Soccer Club AYSO Region #1236 Soccer 2008 Information



**Welcome to another season of soccer.** We expect about 630 players to participate in our spring/ early summer season. Our program is open to all players age 4 to 19 years (birth dates 7/31/2003 thru 8/1/88). Please register on time, so we can balance teams fairly. We have lots of info to share with you, so plan to spend between 15-30 minutes at registration.

**AYSO:** Our Apple River Soccer Club is a part of the American Youth Soccer Organization. AYSO's mission is to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs where everyone builds positive character through participation in a fun, family environment.



Our **AYSO** philosophies include:

- **Everyone Plays** - Every player will play at least 2 quarters of every game.
- **Open Registration** - Boys and girls ages 4 to 19 can play.
- **Balanced Teams** - Players are divided so all teams have equal abilities and chance of having fun playing.
- **Positive Coaching** - Good coaching makes soccer fun for everyone.
- **Good Sportsmanship** - Good sportsmanship is expected of players, coaches, and parents.

**Coaches Needed:** We need two coaches per team. The coaches are responsible for a practice and game each week. We provide training and equipment for all coaches. Contact Coach Administrator Jon Blomstrand with questions @ 268-7440. **Free gift for returning coaches** who sign up at registration!

**Referees Needed:** We need volunteers to help referee games. Our goal is one ref per team. A ref's job is to keep the game safe, fair and fun. We provide training and equipment for all refs. Experienced players age 13-18 may be youth refs. Most refs do 1-2 games per week. All refs start with u8 and U10 games and work their way up over several years. . Contact Referee Administrator, Mike McCann, with questions @ 268-4638. **Free gift for returning refs** who sign up at registration.



**\*NEW\* U14 Select Team:** Want more intensity and travel? Sign up at registration to try-out for this coed team which is open to all towns. Try-outs required Feb. 5, 6-7:30 Amery Middle School and Feb. 7, 7-8:30 Inter. School. Only 18 players will be invited for the select team. All others will be put on regular teams. Contact coach Flint Karis, 269-5619.

**VIP Team:** Everyone plays soccer including kids with physical and mental disabilities. We've created Wisconsin's first VIP team to make soccer fun. Players practice for the first half hour & scrimmage the last half hour with their VIP buddies helping on the field. Practices scheduled for **Thursdays** from April 24 to June 5 & one game on Fun Day, June 7. Contact Tammy Zmuda, 268-6533.

**Equipment & Uniform:** Each player must have a water bottle, shin guards and tennis shoes. Soccer shoes & ball is optional.

- A complete uniform consisting of shirt, shorts, and socks will be provided for U14 players and younger as part of your registration fee. We will **not** be ordering custom uniform sizes. At Meet Your Coach Night, players will be lined up from shortest to tallest & uniforms will be handed out.
- U19 players will reuse last year's reversible jerseys, **so bring your player's jersey #**. New U19 players will pay \$35 for a reversible jersey.

### **Volunteer sign-up:**

Our soccer club is run entirely by volunteers. Every family will be expected to help. People are already in place to coordinate most activities, so plan to sign up to help:

<i>Team coach</i>	<i>Co/Assistant coach</i>
<i>Referee</i>	<i>Youth Referee (age 13-18)</i>
<i>Team parent</i>	<i>Food stand helper</i>
<i>Field crew helper</i>	<i>Special events helper</i>
<i>Board member</i>	<i>VIP buddy</i>

All volunteers must complete a registration form that requires personal, professional and volunteer references and social security #. Register online at **www.eayso.org** Print, sign & bring **2** forms. We screen our volunteers to help keep our children safe.



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#### 2008 Calendar:

Events are scheduled at these school commons: Amery Middle, Clear Lake Elementary, Clayton and Turtle Lake.

- **Early Bird Registrations – SAVE \$5** - Clear Lake January 7 from 6:00-7:30; Amery January 8 from 6:00-7:30; Clayton January 10 from 6:00-7:00; Turtle Lake January 15 from 6:00-7:00.
- **Normal Registrations** – Amery January 21 from 6:00-7:00 & Clear Lake January 24 from 6:00-7:00
- **Coach & referee training** – March & April TBA
- **Team Parent Meeting** – March 25 from 6-7 in Amery
- **Meet Your Coach Night** – Times 6-6:30 PM. Amery teams @ Amery Middle School on March 31. Clear Lake, Clayton, & Turtle Lake teams April 3 @ Clear Lake Elementary School. **Mandatory coach and ref meetings** follow both events.

- **U8-U14 schedule** Games & practices are at fields by schools in Amery, Clear Lake, Clayton, & Turtle Lake.

Game one - **Jamboree** – April 19

Game two - April 26

Game three – May 3

Game four – evening game week of May 5

Game five – May 10

Game six – May 17

Game seven - evening game week of May 19

Game eight – May 31

Game nine – evening game week of June 2

Game ten & eleven – **Fun Day** June 7

U14 Tournament June 14 & 15



- **U5 schedule** Players practice first half-hour and play another team last half-hour. **Mondays** from April 14 to June 2 & one game on Fun Day June 7

- **U6 schedule** Players practice first half-hour and play another team last half-hour. **Tuesdays** from April 15 to June 3 & two games on Fun Day June 7

- **VIP schedule** Players practice for first half hour and scrimmage last half hour. Tentatively set **Thursdays** from April 24 to June 5 & one game on Fun Day June 7

- **U19 tentative schedule** – April 19 & 26, May 3, 10, 17, & 31, June 7, 14, 21 & 28. Some will be double headers. Teams will travel to other communities.

#### **\*NEW\* Jamboree, Saturday, April 19:**

Join us for the season kick-off. Families with U8-U19 players are invited. At scheduled game time, we will assign players to random teams & let the fun begin. Everyone plays and meets new friends. Snacks and gift drawings are provided.

**Meet Your Coach Night:** Families should attend to meet their coaches & pick up schedules & uniforms.

- Amery teams will be Monday, March 31 from 6-6:30 PM at Amery Middle School. All families must be **in the gym at 6 PM.**
- Clear Lake, Clayton & Turtle Lake teams will hold their Coach Night on Thursday, April 3 at the Clear Lake Elementary gym from 6-6:30. **Be in the gym at 6 PM.**

**Attendance & Participation:** Most teams practice once a week for one hour. It is the responsibility of the parents to make sure their child attends practice and games. We need a male and female parent (this includes coaches) at each practice for supervision.

**If a player is going to miss practice or a game, the coach should be notified in advance.**

Every child is guaranteed 2-3 quarters of play for every game. Except: Players who miss practice regularly may be limited to two quarters. Any player arriving after the first quarter of a game may be limited to one quarter of play.

**AYSO KID ZONE:** Kids are #1. **Fun** – not winning – is everything. Our playing fields are designated **KID ZONES** to keep our players safe. We expect good conduct and sportsmanship at all times from all players, coaches, referees, parents and spectators. Please set a positive example for our kids. Smile and enjoy yourself.



#### **Good Sportsmanship Policy:**

A reminder to players that no foul language, taunting, or rude behavior will be tolerated at the soccer fields. A player who is cautioned (yellow card) or sent off (red card) may be subject to additional disciplinary action. The penalty will include loss of playing time. Severe infractions will result in a board hearing and removal from the club. All adults are expected to follow and enforce the rules of good behavior.



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**Family Game Responsibilities:** Be on time. Offer to help the coaches at practice. Learn about the laws of soccer. Provide snacks and treats for 1-2 games. Be a linesperson for 1-2 games. Please give only positive comments to all players, coaches, and referees. No pets, no smoking, and no littering at the fields. Have fun!

**Town Teams Policy:** You may register to play in the town of your choice (Amery, Clayton, Clear Lake and Turtle Lake). If there are not enough players in an age group for a town to have a team, then parents will be contacted about moving to another town or a refund will be given.

**Registration Refund Policy:** Families may ask for a refund of registration fee before the player participates in the first practice or game of the season. There will be no refunds after that date. Contact the registrars to request a refund. Refund checks will be mailed after uniform is returned.

**Balanced Teams Policy:** New teams are made each year. All teams are coed. Our players are grouped by age and balanced by ability so all teams have an equal chance of succeeding. **This is a lengthy & difficult process, so plan to register on time.** Our club's policy for balancing teams:

- Coaches may work with their own children
- Use player's rating from last year's coach
- Siblings may be on same team (These requests must be entered in the reg. form space for "Siblings on Same Team" and be brought to the attention of the registrar.)
- You may request that a child move up one age group, but not down.
- Every age group will have an even distribution of genders, older, younger, & new players.
- **No special requests for player placement will be accepted according to board policy**

Once teams are balanced and uniforms are ordered, we will not be able to move a child to another team unless the coach, parent and RC approve.

Check out the soccer info from our AYSO National Support Center located in Hawthorne, CA at [www.soccer.org](http://www.soccer.org)

**Fund Raising for Soccer Equipment:**

Buy an "Apple River Soccer Sponsor 2008" decal. Family cost \$3. Businesses may purchase decals for a donation amount of their choice and receive thanks in several news ads. Or buy a cute soccer bear for \$5.



**Board Meetings:** Our board meets 8 times per year in the evening. Call for our next meeting date. Club members are welcome to attend. Volunteers are always needed to help our club operate smoothly. Contact any board member if you would like to help make a difference for our kids. Our board members appreciate calls between 9 AM – 9 PM.

**Apple River Soccer Club Contacts for 2008:**

- Regional Commissioner (RC) - Karen Krupa, 268-9558
- Asst RC – TBA
- Amery Director – Lynn Blomstrand, 268-7440
- Clayton Director – Crystal Ruff, 948-2532
- Clear Lake Director – Sarah Peper, 263-3312
- Turtle Lake Director – William Bell, 986-2134
- Coach Administrator – Jon Blomstrand, 268-7440
- Coach Instructor - Brad Hanson, 263-2442
- Referee Administrator – Mike McCann, 268-4638
- Ref Instructor - Craig Scholz, 269-5403
- Treasurer – Sharon Fouks, 269-5532
- Secretary – Dan Voth, 269-5199
- Amery Registrar – Sandi Reed 268-2335
- Clear Lake Registrar – Rachel Zimmer, 263-4187
- Clayton Registrar – Jenny Kittelson, 948-2883
- Turtle Lake Registrar – Danielle Maxwell, 986-2241
- Head Game Scheduler – Dan Kegley, 268-6892
- Safety Director – Jeff Nasman, 268-2727
- Child & Volunteer Advocate – Kaarin McCann, 268-4638
- Volunteer Coordinator – Jen Wright, 268-2273
- Publicity – Allyson Weinholzer, 268-9333
- Fund Raising – Bonnie Leschisin, 948-2355
- Equipment Manager – Dave Pearson, 948-2860
- Purchaser – Lisa McBrayer, 268-6141
- Uniform Coordinator – Mary Luer, 268-4925
- Special Events – Mariann Sobczak 268-4946
- Amery Food Stand – Mariann Sobczak, 268-4946
- Amery Field Manager – needed to layout & paint fields**
- Clear Lake Field Manager - Howard Paulson, 263-3192
- Clayton & TL Fields – Pastor David Emmons, 986-4970
- VIP Coordinator – Tammy Zmuda, 268-6533
- U5 Coordinator –Dawn Kegley, 268-6892
- U6 Coordinator – Kat Antolak, 269-5511
- U14 Select Coach – Flint Karis, 269-5619