



# The Goal Post

a North Royalton Soccer Newsletter August, 2024

## From the President

By: Larry Zajac

August is always my favorite time of the year. It's time to put on the new cleats and head out to the pitch. Welcome back to our returning players. And to all of our new ones... welcome to the North Royalton Soccer Club! We are very excited for the start of the Fall season. This year we will have a number of changes from new travel uniforms to changes to how we name our rec teams and so much more.

We are still looking for a new Concessions Manager for the rec season.

If you are interested, fill out our [application here](#).

If you are worried about the time commitment or missing your child's game... don't worry! The manager is in charge of opening and closing the stand. We will help you find people to work the stand during the day.

As you may know, I'm also the head coach for our Girl's High School Soccer team. We have community days on September 4 for the Girls. The Boys Community night hasn't been finalized yet, but we will send out the info to everyone once it's confirmed. All players that show up in their uniform top get in FREE. Let's pack the stands, it's going to be a great season!

Good luck with the upcoming season and hope to see you on the pitch, - Larry

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## Around the Pitch

### Travel Tales

⚽ Welcome to travel soccer! All travel teams, except those players entering 8th grade, will have new kits this year. We will wear the Gold jersey for all home games and Purple for all away games. However, please bring both jerseys to every game, just in case.

⚽ We will use TeamSnap for all communication. It is very important that you mark your child's availability for both games and practices so that coaches can be prepared for both. The sooner you mark availability, the better. This is especially true for the Ohio Travel Cup tournament in October.

⚽ There are a lot of days to keep in mind for travel:

**August 12:** Schedules are released by OHTSL

**August 18:** Start of Travel Season

**October 5-6:** Ohio Travel Cup. All travel teams will be registered for this tournament

**October 20:** Last official day of travel season

⚽ The week of August 12 all travel teams will have a practice at Heasley Fields. Your coaches will mark the practice in TeamSnap. This will also be the time that players will get their new kits. We like to have teams practice at Heasley so that coaches can go over field positions and show the new players which lines they need to know.

⚽ A friendly reminder: Players should come to each practice wearing a purple shirt, shin guards and cleats.

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## Rec Roundup

### ⚽ SOCCER DAYS

This year's tournament was one of the most fun in modern history!

Of our 7 division finals: 6 games were decided by 1 goal; 4 went into overtime; 2 went into PKs; 1 needed extra PKs to finally crown a winner.

⚽ This year we are adding names to all of our divisions to add a little more fun. The new names loosely come from the English Premier League Pyramid.

U15 - Premier League

U12 - Championship League

U9 - National League

U7 - League7

U6 Bears Academy

U5 Bears Academy

### ⚽ FALL KICKOFF

On **Aug 10th** we will be starting our Fall season with Rec kickoff for the U15 Premier, the U12 Championship League, and the U9 National Leagues. This is a time to come meet your coach and team and get a short practice in.

BU9 National League **10a to 10:45a**

GU9 National League **11a to 11:45a**

BU12 Championship League **12p to 12:45p**

U15 Premier League **1p to 1:45p**

GU12 Championship League **2p to 2:45p**

*ALL Coaches & Asst. have a coaches' meeting ONE HOUR before their division time.*

On **Aug 17th** we will have the kickoff for our all-new League7 division, and our Bears Academy.

Girls League7 **12:15p to 1:00p**

Coaches Meeting will be at **11:30a**

Boys League7 **1:45p to 2:30p**

Coaches Meeting will be at **1:00p**

Boys U6 Bears Academy **9a to 9:45a**

Girls U6 Bears Academy **10a to 10:45a**

Boys U5 Bears Academy **11a to 11:45a**

Girls U5 Bears Academy **11a to 11:45a**

⚽ For those that are new to our program, or maybe just need a refresher, you can find all the REC Rules and Policies by [CLICKING HERE](#).

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## EQUIPMENT

Please have your player dressed in weather-appropriate activewear, shin guards completely covered by socks, soccer cleats, and NO JEWELRY.

[CLICK HERE](#) for our full Jewelry policy:

All players should have their own soccer ball:

**Size 3** for Bears Academy & League 7

**Size 4** for U9 through U12

**Size 5** for U15

Water bottles and soccer balls (and all gear) should be labeled with the player's name.

Jerseys are handed out by the coach as soon as they are available.

## Just for Kicks

### News from the Sidelines

#### North Royalton Homecoming Parade

NRSC will march in the North Royalton Homecoming parade on August 25th. If you would like to join in the fun, meet at St. Albert's by 2pm. Parade kicks off at 3p and ends at the High school. Rec and Travel are both welcome. Please wear your jersey for the parade. Questions? Contact Robin at [rmpar29@hotmail.com](mailto:rmpar29@hotmail.com).

#### NRSC Blood Drive

A coach in our program had to stop donating blood because she was diagnosed with cancer. We thought this month we would pick up the slack to see if we can get the most blood donations. On Wednesday, Aug 28th, from 1-6 pm, at the North Royalton Library, The NRSC is teaming up with the American Red Cross for a blood drive. Everyone who donates will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card. To register, go to [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) and search by Zip Code 44133.

#### Concessions Stand Manager

We are still in need of a Concessions Stand Manager for the 2024/25 seasons.

Our former Concession Stand Manager has retired. We are now looking for one or more individuals to assist with the Stand for the 2024/25 soccer season (and beyond!)

Duties include:

- Opening and/or closing the stand each week
- Scheduling staff to work, normally H.S. kids (we have a few who have worked before)
- Helping the staff run the stand when it gets busy (which is rare)
- Weekly or monthly buying/ordering food and supplies
- Keeping track of the cash register

The Manager(s) responsibilities can be flexible and could be split up among a couple of people who can work together.

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Our concessions are normally only open on Saturdays 8:30a to 4:30p during the Rec Soccer season. Aug - Oct and April-May. The Manager(s) don't need to be there all day every Saturday, but checking in to make sure things are running smoothly.

This position is a very important part of the overall experience of the Club. As such, the manager(s) is an important part of our family and could include a seat on the NRSC Board of Directors.

There are other Board members on site during Rec Saturdays to assist on an as needed basis.

To apply, fill out our [application here](#).

## Dick's Coupon

Dick's Sportings Goods has given us a 20% off the ENTIRE STORE coupon.  
at the Strongsville Store Only Aug 9-11th

[CLICK HERE](#) for the coupon.

## Congratulations to our Soccer Days 2024 Winners

GU8 - Purple	03 Red - Skorobatchkyj Orthodontics - Coach - Brian Easterday
GU8 - Gold	09 Lime - See You In Health Cafe & Market - Coach - Trisha Wetherwax
BU8 - Purple	04 Blue - Royalton Psychological - Coach - Greg Crissmen
BU8 - Gold	13 Yellow - Wilson's Tree Service - Coach - Doug Hennig
GU11	02 Gold - Southwest General NR Physical Therapy - Coach - Steve Book
BU11	03 Red - Cuyahoga Concrete Saw and Drilling - Coach - Emily Keeran
U14 Coed	03 Red - Pepaw's Transport - Coach - Blake Kreuer

## SKILLS GRAND CHAMPIONS

Mack Keeran & Sophia Presser  
Coach Champion - Jonathan Randall

## Congratulations to Spring 2024 Travel Champions

Girls 2009 Purple	Regular Season U15 Division 1 Champions
Girls 2012 Purple	Regular Season U12 Division 1 Champions
Boys 2014 Purple	Regular Season U10 Division 3SW Champions
Boys 2011 Purple	Regular Season U13 Division 2 Champions
Girls 2012 Purple	MIST Tournament Champions
Girls 2015 Purple	MIST Tournament Champions
Girls 2014 Gold	MIST Tournament Finalist
Girls 2013 Purple	MIST Tournament Finalist
Girls 2009 Purple	MIST Tournament Finalist
Boys 2014 Purple	MIST Tournament Finalist
Boys 2011 Purple	MIST Tournament Finalist

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