

## **Questions families have asked about the DYSA Fall MASC Program**

These are answers to questions we have received to date. Please email if you have additional questions.

### **Why is DYSA launching these fall MASC teams?**

DYSA is attempting to serve a broader section of the Duxbury soccer community. There are dozens of Duxbury soccer families who have tried to provide their kids with club-level experiences and have driven for hours to practice, paid lots of money in dues, and suffered watching kids get very little playing time. DYSA can meet many of the needs of these soccer families by providing a competitive developmental program led by qualified coaches.

This program will not involve tryouts, but will instead feature level or balanced teams in each division where we have multiple teams (there will not be an "A" team and a "B" team, but two level teams). After all of the openings are filled through an open registration period, a wait list will be created. Based on the availability of qualified coaches, DYSA may choose to create an additional team and reopen registration as needed.

### **Who should sign up to play?**

This program extends beyond the usual DYSA recreational Saturday morning fall program. We are looking for players who are truly committed to learn more about soccer, looking for more intense competition, willing to pay attention and apply themselves during training sessions, and have a strong desire to improve. The program is not just another casual soccer experience that is another activity to add to the schedule. We strongly recommend that parents consult their child to ensure they are really interested in a more intense commitment.

### **Who are the coaches?**

The linchpin to making this program successful is the coaching staff. A secondary focus of DYSA's fall program is to develop a high quality cadre of local soccer coaches who can teach, mentor and grow with the players they are coaching. DYSA will be providing the coaching staff with USSF "F" license training this summer and "E" license later this year.

In addition to the DYSA volunteers, we will be leveraging PTUSA coaches and the DYSA Director of Player and Coach Development who have USSF "A", "B", or NSCAA Advanced National training.

### **How will training sessions be run?**

In order to provide a high quality developmental experience for each player, DYSA plans to leverage professional coaches to support and augment the committed group of DYSA volunteer coaches, thus enabling us to provide each player with significant personalized attention while tapping into the expertise of high quality experienced soccer coaching. We expect each player who applies themselves to learn and improve significantly throughout the season.

### **What is MASC?**

The Massachusetts Association of Soccer Clubs has an A and B league. We intend to start in the B league. MASC is quite flexible and has development and parity as one of its goals. Therefore teams that do poorly in A are moved down to the B league. And those who are dominating in the B league get moved up to A. DYSA's goal is to be competitive and learn from the experience.

Games are fun, the referees are usually quite good with a 3 referee system (who will sometimes try to teach kids during the game instead of just blowing a whistle). The fields vary greatly. Duxbury will have one of the better fields.

### **Who will we be playing?**

The competition will vary greatly, but will be fairly strong overall. A few clubs are town-based teams like DYSA, and a number of others are true clubs who draw players from multiple towns. Some programs are quite mature with great coaching and some are doing their best to provide a competitive soccer experience.

### **When and where are the games?**

The games are played on Sunday afternoon's usually after 2:00. We will have games in Duxbury and will travel to games around Southeast Massachusetts. Some of the towns include Norwell, Braintree, Attleboro, Newton, and Quincy. The actual towns vary each year by the mix of teams in the league.

### **When does the season start and end?**

The training sessions will start the end of August with games generally starting the first week of September. The season usually ends before Veteran's Day.

### **What are the weekly schedule commitments?**

Each player will need to attend the weekly team training sessions and the Sunday afternoon games. All players will be strongly encouraged to attend the weekly PTUSA skills clinics sessions. If desired, players are also welcome to play in the Saturday morning DYSA games.

### **How are the teams picked?**

Using a complicated system of playing favorites, political jockeying, bending to the influence of nagging parents, and occasional bribes, we will ensure a fair selection of teams.

Seriously, we will attempt to split the player pool across teams as evenly as possible. Our goal is to develop each player according to what they need. This will be accomplished by setting individual development goals for the season and then structuring training sessions that challenge each player according to their current abilities.

### **What roles exist for interested volunteers?**

We want help, and we value committed volunteers. There will be 2 or 3 coaches per team. There will also be a manager and assistant manager for each team. There is no soccer knowledge required to be a team manager. Team managers need to be organized, able to communicate well, and willing to sit through league meetings. Just notify the team coach if you are interested.

### **What do I get for my \$185?**

A chance to play more soccer at a club-competitive level with great coaching and a less than 1-6 coaching ratio.

- A home and away uniform
- A ball
- Professional coaching

- About 10 games

### **Will we play in tournaments?**

This will be decided on a tournament-by-tournament basis. One of the great things about MASC is we could draw from interested players across all teams in an age group for each tournament. So we can better accommodate schedules and interests. Tournaments would be an additional cost to the player.

### **What are the plans for this winter?**

The DYSA will be offering developmental sessions this winter, and it is anticipated that coaches will also enter teams into indoor sessions like the ones at Jungleplex for those who are interested. It will not be a requirement. DYSA currently plans to make this a season by season commitment. Any indoor session would be an additional cost to the player.

### **What are the plans for Spring?**

DYSA will evaluate the Fall season later this year, and will then make a determination on a Spring program offering based on 1.) interest levels, and 2.) the Fall 2012 season experience.

### **How does this integrate with Saturday morning DYSA games? PTUSA skill clinics?**

We will strongly encourage all players to attend the PTUSA skills clinics. All players are welcome to play in the Saturday morning DYSA games. There should be no conflicts.

### **How do I register?**

Go to [www.duxburyyouthsoccer.org](http://www.duxburyyouthsoccer.org) to register. Registration for Fall 2012 closes on June 30th, and many teams are wait listed. The good news is, that if there is enough interest and enough wait listed players, teams **\*\*may\*\*** be added.

### **What is the registration cost?**

\$185 for all age groups. If registered late for Fall 2012 (after 6/20/12), a \$20 late fee per player applies

### **What age groups will Duxbury enter in MASC?**

U10 (Born between 8/1/02 - 7/31/04)

U12 (Born between 8/1/00 - 7/31/02)

### **What is the format of play?**

8 v 8 for U10 & U12

### **Can I play in the DYSA program if I live in another town?**

Players must reside in the town of Duxbury.