



# The Back of the Net



## Soccer News from the Hagerstown Area Youth Soccer League



**WARNING:  
YOU HAVE ENTERED  
A KID'S ZONE!**

At HAYSLS, everyone (coaches, referees, board members, and parents) pledges to make certain all of our children have a safe, fun, and fair soccer experience.

You will see signs posted around our fields that list what is expected from parents and coaches in our Kid's Zone.

### Woof! Arf!

Part of the Kid's Zone Pledge states that there will be no pets allowed at the fields. It does not matter if your dog is small enough to fit in your pocket. It does not matter if you keep it on a leash. If you bring your pet to the field, we will ask you to remove the animal. This is done for the protection of the kids. Please leave your pets at home so that we can ALL enjoy the games.

### WELCOME from the R. C.

Welcome to the Fall 2008 season HAYSLS players, parents, and friends! Our goal is for you to have a fantastic time this season. It sounds very simple, but it's not! We need your help to make HAYSLS work well and grow. All of us involved in the operation of HAYSLS are just like you; parents that enjoy watching their children play soccer! Feel free to talk with any of us or contact us by email through the website to find out how you can help. Enjoy the fall soccer season and thanks for choosing HAYSLS!

-Lynn Bowers, Regional Commissioner

### IMPORTANT NEWS!!!!

The HAYSLS phone line is no longer in service. If you need to contact HAYSLS or one of its board members, you can access our website, [www.HAYSLS.org](http://www.HAYSLS.org), or send us a letter to:

HAYSLS  
P. O. Box 4962  
Hagerstown, MD 21742



### It's BAAAAAACK!!!!

Just in time for the Fall season, the concession stand is back and better than ever! We will be serving great food, cold drinks, snacks and other goodies. But we need your help to make it happen. This is the first year for full concessions and we will need to recruit from each of our teams 3 volunteers for 1 hour each. Each coach will have a designated time-slot for their team to support our concessions. For more information, contact our Concession Coordinator, Missy Smith at [luckof3@myactv.net](mailto:luckof3@myactv.net). Maryland Health Department Guidelines require all workers in the concession stand be at least 18 years of age.

**New this year, we will also have a limited number of shin guards and soccer socks available at the concession stand.**

### THE KIDS NEED YOU!

HAYSLS is an all volunteer league from the coaches all the way to the regional commissioner.

**The following positions are open:**

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Registration Events Coordinator
- Registration Helpers
- Fundraising & Sponsor Helpers

Contact Lisa Johnson

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position descriptions and more information.

***Sign up today - YOU can help make HAYSLS the best youth athletics league in the area!***

### Player Referee Organization

The fall season is here! As you walk the fields at the fairgrounds you will notice a number of youth performing duties on the fields as referees or assistant referees. All of our youth referees have taken a minimum of 8 hours of referee training and have been certified to perform their duties. They are performing tasks that most adults won't perform. These young men and women volunteer their time for training and for coming to the fields on the weekends to referee. High School students may earn Service Learning Hours for their efforts. Please take time to encourage and thank them for the effort they are putting into your child's soccer program.

For more information on how YOU can become a referee, email Warren Johnson at [warren@refonline.info](mailto:warren@refonline.info).

For all your  
HAYSL needs,  
check out our  
website...  
www.haysl.org

## To Play, or Not to Play

Weather sometimes plays a part in our season. So what happens if it rains on game day? Your coach will call you with information about your child's game. However, you can also log on to [www.haysl.org](http://www.haysl.org) for immediate answers. If your coach does not call and there is nothing posted on the website, GAME ON!!!

Keep in mind that if games in the Hagerstown area are cancelled, that does not mean that games in Boonsboro or other AYSO locations are cancelled. Check with your coach for more information.

## Controlling Costs

No one wants to pay higher fees for anything. But what can we do to keep our costs down? One simple thing would be to donate old jerseys back to HAYSL. If you have jerseys that are still in good condition, contact our Regional Commissioner Lynn Bowers by email at [lbowers123@aol.com](mailto:lbowers123@aol.com) or see him at the fields.

HAYSL has also partnered with Food Lion's Shop and Share program. Register your MVP card to have a percentage of your purchase go directly to HAYSL. For more details, go to [www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopAndShare/](http://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopAndShare/).

Together, we can keep our costs down.

## “Handball” is NOT a foul

To provide a better understanding about this often times confusing foul and to reduce the confusion of spectators, let's examine the Laws of the Game.

There are 17 written Laws of the Game. Law 18 the unwritten law is referred to as Common Sense. The Laws of the Game are intended to provide that games should be played with as little interference as possible, and in this view it is the duty of referees to penalize only deliberate breaches of the Law. Constant whistling for trifling and doubtful breaches produces bad feelings and a loss of temper on the part of the players and spoils the pleasure of the spectators.

The Laws of the Game state: “A direct free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player...handles the ball deliberately (except the goalkeeper.....etc.)”

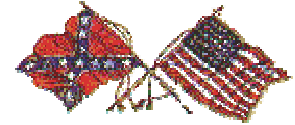
In the game of soccer the “hand” is defined as extending from the fingertips to the top of the shoulder. When contact is made between the ball and the hand of a player the referee is required to make a decision whether the contact was caused by a deliberate action other than an instinctive reaction for protection.

## All infractions have two elements: Fact & Judgment.

**Fact:** The Referee saw contact between the ball and a “hand”

**Judgment:** In the opinion of the referee, was the contact deliberate and not an instinctive reaction for protection? Did the ball play the hand or did the hand play the ball? Only, if in the opinion of the referee, the player deliberately plays the ball with their hand can contact between the ball and the hand be considered a foul. So now I hope this is clearer for us all and we can enjoy the soccer game a little bit more.

-Warren Johnson, Referee Administrator



## Antietam Cup 2009

Let the Battle  
Continue!  
June 13 - 14, 2009

HAYSL will again be hosting the Antietam Cup Invitational Tournament June 13 and 14, 2009 for the U10-U15 divisions. Last year we had over 400 participants!

Contact Sean Marriner at [tim.marriner@myactv.net](mailto:tim.marriner@myactv.net) or go to [www.antietamcup.com](http://www.antietamcup.com) for additional information



## AYSO Principles

- Everybody Plays
- Open Registration
- Balanced Teams
- Positive Coaching
- Sportsmanship

## Equal playing time:

In HAYSL, no one can play four quarters unless *everyone* on the team has played three.

### HAYSL Soccer Camp A BIG Success!

Our soccer camp that was held during the last week in July at the Fairgrounds was a great success! The parents and players were very complimentary of the British soccer coaches we had from AYSO approved UK International Soccer Camps. The players learned much and had a lot of fun. We have already contracted to have them back next year, so mark your calendars for July 27-31 2009!

### PICTURE DAY

September 20, 2008  
Please arrive 45 minutes  
prior to game-time.

### WOMEN IN SPORTS

Approximately one-third of those that play soccer in HAYSL are girls, yet most of the coaches and referees are men. At present we only have five young ladies or women that are active as referees. Ladies, think of the opportunity you could have to mentor, teach, and be role models for the girls in our league. Consider becoming a referee. Training and certification are available and are required. For more information about our referee program and training opportunities visit the HAYSL referee website at [www.refonline.info](http://www.refonline.info) or contact our Referee Administrator Warren Johnson at [warren@refonline.info](mailto:warren@refonline.info).



### Silent Saturday...be afraid....be very afraid!

A little preview of Halloween Horror! Our much loved Silent Saturday this year will be October 4. It's that special day that coaches live for every season! Coaches are reduced to holding a clipboard and gritting their teeth in stone cold silence! They relish feeling their heart drop as their best defender forgets everything they taught him and dribbles the ball across their own goal....and they can't say a word...and neither can you!

While it is a frustrating day, try to have some fun with it. Bring some duct tape. Come dressed in a strap jacket! To reflect the true *horror* of the day, come dressed in your scariest Halloween costume (not players!).

Ok, maybe it isn't that bad. You can at least clap. The coaches can instruct the players when they come off the field. Bring a cowbell or one of those plastic horns you often hear at professional soccer games. No air horns or whistles though.

Just don't forget and start instructing or cheering while they are on the field. AYSO has commissioned the offspring of the flying monkeys from the Wizard of Oz. Last season, when a coach and parent forgot, the monkeys swooped down on them, snatched them up, and flew off with them. They have not been heard from since! Good luck, and remember, it's only once a season!

Oh, if for some reason it rains and we can't play on October 4, whatever day your game is played will still be silent.

All kidding aside, this is one day we are sparing the kids from excessive cheering and instruction (not that anyone in our league would do that!) We also want to see what the players have learned. We are not leaving them totally in the dark. While we can't talk, they can! You should hear them talking on the field. Coaches are encouraged to assign a captain (or captains) and have those players work with the players that do need a little instruction. It's a great exercise in team work and leadership.

While in the younger divisions, we give the coaches a little flexibility regarding instructing players, in the upper divisions we encourage the coaches to even allow players to be the coach while on the sidelines. While we can't instruct and cheer.....the players on the sidelines can.

- Lynn Bowers, Regional Commissioner



### SLOW DOWN!!!!

Hagerstown's Fairground Park is an extremely busy place. With baseball, softball, and soccer fields, as well as the BMX track, skateboard park, ice rink and biking and walking trails, there are always lots of people out and about. And many of these folks are kids. As parents, we try to teach our kids not to run into traffic, but we all know that the excitement of the moment sometimes takes over. So when you are driving in the parking areas around the park, please slow down and watch for the little ones.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 6** – OPENING DAY  
FALL SEASON

**Sept. 20** – Picture Day

**Oct. 4** – SILENT SATURDAY

**Jan. 3** - Registration 10am –  
2pm Haven Lutheran Church

**Jan. 15** – Registration 6pm–  
8pm Haven Lutheran Church

**Jan. 24** – Registration 10am–  
2pm Funkstown Fire Hall

**July 2010** – AYSO National  
Games in Florida

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact a board member. We are here to help.