

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
CATHOLIC YOUTH APOSTOLATE-CYC Sports
2010 SENIOR SOCCER

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ATTENTION ALL SOCCER TEAM MANAGERS:

The weather made 2009 the year of the never ending soccer season. The Stallions were not crowned the champions of the Open Division until April 18th. Hopefully we will have a much drier season in 2010. One thing is for sure, the 2010 will be one of many changes. Earlier this year the St. Louis Parks Department announced they were making major renovations to the fields at Forest Park. The change that will impact our program the most will be moving the soccer fields to Central Field, behind the Jewel Box. They plan on making it a dedicated soccer facility. This spring they started a program to improve the turf. In order to avoid the infield areas, there will only be four soccer fields laid out this year. When the remaining Aviation softball fields get lighted, the central ball fields & backstops are to be removed. They will then reconfigure the field and hope to raise the total to five or six soccer pitches. The Parks Dept. has also hired full time turf professional to work on all the Central & Aviation fields. We have already seen improvement on the baseball fields. Without closing Central Fields for a year to 18 months, it will take awhile to get them to the quality of Aviation.

Since there will only be four fields instead of the usual five, the Columbo (Open-O30) will play on the newly reopened Carondelet #1 field. As for this season there will already be a major improvement in scheduling for our leagues. The Carondelet and Central fields will not be closed after the Thanksgiving Weekend. We will be able to play our complete league and playoff schedules on these fields.

We anticipate a World Cup bump in the number teams. Since we were near capacity the last few years, all teams are encouraged to act quickly. Teams in our leagues last year will be given preference. They have until September 6th to register. After that all leagues will be filled by the first teams registering. A new team's applications will be dated when they arrive and accepted on a first come basis after 9/6/10. League play is scheduled to start on September 19th. The registration deadline is September 13th. All teams that submit their application and payment by 9/13 will receive a \$ 50.00 On Time Discount.

The senior soccer season will consist of ten games and playoffs, if your team makes the cut. The league fee for 2010 is \$830.00.

If your application and fee is postmarked or in our office by 9/13/10, you qualify for the On Time Discount and your team only pays \$780.

NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AND A TEAM WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED UNLESS THE LEAGUE FEE IS PAID IN FULL.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND MULTIPLE CHECKS. If team members want to give you a check, have them make it out to you. Send *one check* or money order, made out to 'CYC-Sports', for the full amount.

The procedure for league assignment will be:

1. Until September 6th, preference for league placement will be given in the following order:
 - A) Teams returning to the same league.
 - B) Teams returning but moving to a new or different league.
 - C) New teams.

2. After September 6th, teams may be placed in leagues based on the number of teams registered in the leagues and scheduling considerations.

OVER-30 teams are limited to 3 players under 30, two of which must be 29. No player under 27 is allowed. If there are enough teams, we will again have A & B Over-30 Leagues.

We all know it is extremely difficult to get and keep referees for adult soccer. It is the conduct of players that is the major reason given for not wanting to ref adult games. Again last year we maintained the same experience officiating crew. However team conduct took a step backwards. Every effort needs to be made to reverse trend. Referees will again be instructed to exercise tighter control of their games in keeping with the laws of the game and the philosophy of the CYC.

Enclosed you will find a roster and an application. Because of the difficulty of getting CYC ID cards by the time our adult leagues started, we have not enforced their requirement in recent years. However ID cards can now be acquired online at www.cycstl.net. Therefore they will again be required. **Official signed rosters and ID's will be required by October 10th.**

Please pass this information and copies of the application to anyone you know who might be interested in joining a 2010 CYC soccer league.

Sincerely,



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