

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LAST UPDATED: SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

### **Referee Meeting October 4 (Added September 24)**

There will be a meeting for all referees on October 4 at the Council Bluffs Community Hall from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Attendance at this meeting will count as one hour of training toward recertification. Topics to be covered:

- Game assignments
- Keeping your Arbiter information updated
- Recertification and registration for 2010
- Comments from coaches to date
- Feedback from referee mentors
- USSF 2009 Directives

### **Season Begins August 28 (Added August 16)**

The CBYSA fall season for 2009 will begin on August 28. Make sure all of your information is current in Arbiter. If you have changed your email address since last fall, you MUST update your email address in Arbiter.

### **Player Passes Required as of August 28 (Added August 16)**

Beginning with the first games of the season on August 28, all players are required to have valid player passes in order to participate in CBYSA games. To be complete the pass must have a picture, must be signed, and must be laminated over the picture and signature. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS. If you have any questions regarding the player passes, find the standby referee at the recreation complex. We plan on having a standby referee assigned for all dates on which CBYSA games are played.

### **New Referee Orientation (Added August 16)**

Referees who were newly registered after the class on March 20-21 are required to attend an orientation meeting before being allowed to work in CBYSA games. This does not include those who attended the class for the purpose of re-registering for 2009, or recertifying for 2010. The orientation meeting will be held at the Council Bluffs Community Hall on August 16 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

### **Change in Arbiter (Added August 16)**

The Arbiter scheduling system has changed. The new web site for Arbiter is [www.arbitersports.com](http://www.arbitersports.com). A training presentation for the new Arbiter has been posted on the Referees page. Make sure you familiarize yourself with the new system before the season starts. Also make sure you have your blocks entered into the system as soon as possible.

**Under 8 Rule Change (Added August 16)**

For Under 8 only, the kick-off will now be treated like an indirect free kick. A goal may not be scored directly from the kick-off. If the ball is kicked directly into the opponent's goal, a goal kick will be given to the opponents.