



# GCSA Newsletter

## It's a whole new ball game!

Fall season was a blast with 38 teams on the field. In 2012, we hope to increase that number by adding new players while instilling a passion for soccer, team work, and most of all, good ole fun.

The success of the Graves County Soccer Program depends upon its volunteers, the community businesses, and our registration fees. And to ensure that GCSA can continue to provide affordable soccer in a safe environment, we've made a few changes.

The first change is registration will be held on two

Saturday mornings at Indoor Expo II, eliminating registration at the individual schools. Registration will be 2/18 and 2/25 from 9 AM to 11:30 AM. If you would like to help with registration, please contact Holly Looper at 356-0199.

Second, our scholarship requirements have changed. To be eligible for a scholarship, parents must bring a copy of their free or reduced lunch notice to registration *for us to keep*. GCSA will keep your information private.

Families that qualify for reduced lunches will pay a

discounted registration fee of \$20 for U8 and under or \$30 for U10 and older.

Please be aware that scholarships will not be awarded after February 25th and without a copy of the free/reduced lunch notice.

Lastly, GCSA always strives to provide a safe environment for our young players. So we will begin doing background checks on coaches and volunteers that deal directly with the children. Be on the look out for the new Volunteer Background Consent Form.

## Other GCSA new and info

After 18 years, Mr. Bill Roberts, our Referee Coordinator, will be retiring from GCSA in June. If you see Mr. Roberts on the field, please say thank you... he's done so much for us!

We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers and what better way than helping an organi-

zation that benefits hundreds of children in our community?! Call our Volunteer Coordinator, Christa Dodge at 270-705-7938, to find out how you can help out this season.



TIP: This is a great way for your teen to earn some community service credit for

college!

We'll need parents to help out during our Work Days on April 10 & 12 at 5 PM.

We also need volunteers to help with line painting. Please call Kenneth House at 270-970-0217.

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### Special points of interest:

- New registration process
- New Scholarship requirements
- Background checks for coaches

### Registration fees

Kinder Soccer to U8	\$45
U10 and up	\$55
Full set of uniforms (Optional)	\$25

### Important Dates

Registration	2/18 & 9 AM–11:30 AM	2/25
Coaches meeting	3/18	2 PM
Work Day	4/10 & 5 PM	4/12
First day of soccer	4/14	
Picture Day (tentative)	4/28	
Officer nominations due	4/28	
Last day of soccer	5/19	
Board meeting & Elections	6/11	

## Reminder of Important Safety and Park Rules

Little girls love their earrings but please remember to remove them before practice and games. The referee isn't trying to be ugly; we want to ensure that your darling angel doesn't have an earring torn or yanked out!

Goal nets are expensive to replace, so if you see someone hanging on one, please help us by asking them to stop.

New parents may not know, but Hamilton Park is a tobacco free area. Please respect this rule and we hope you will remind visiting family and friends that may not be aware of this policy.



Nets cost at least \$100 to replace. Please do not hang on them!

## Be a Part of GCSA

Thank you for your participation in Graves County Soccer Association. We will have elections for part of our board offices this spring.

Do you enjoy having this program for your kids? Do you want to see it stay around and grow? If so, I would encourage you to be involved with the board.

We have several board members that have served a long time and

need a break. Some of our members no longer have children playing soccer anymore, but they have still served. We need new faces on the board, and believe it should be current parents deciding the future of this program.

Do not be scared, it's not a daunting task. It does require a little commitment at certain times of the year, but you'll have help from fellow board members.

Look around the concession stand this spring for the nomination box and consider nominating yourself or someone else to serve on the board. The future of this program depends on you. Nominations need to be submitted by April 28th.