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## **N &** **FF THE PITCH**

There are still tournament and league shirts available for a discounted price. Please contact [board@nwasl.org](mailto:board@nwasl.org) and we will bring them to the field for you. Please don't leave your things behind. Check your area carefully before you leave the field. We do not have a lost and found and we would hate to see you losing items.

### *What's New?*

*Our new fields for March will be Golf Links. Our schedule will go back to the original of 3 games per field. 6 games a night. Check the website under Fields for directions.*

### **PLAYOFFS**

Each team will play 12 games with 2 bye weeks. At least 2 games will be the playoff game and championship game. With the winner of that game receiving the championship T-shirt. Playoffs will not fall on the same night due to some divisions being uneven. Playoffs are set up so that by the end of the season we can organize teams in their most even competition level making them part of a division. During the regular part of the season we have to play teams of all levels against

each other so that we can see which division they fit into and give teams a chance for a variety to their schedule.

### **UNIFORMS**

All teams and players should have their uniform jerseys in order by now. Refs. are going to have roster cards with all players jersey numbers on it for every team. So the jersey you have from now on should be your jersey for the season. All matching. Contact the [board@nwasl.org](mailto:board@nwasl.org) if you have questions or problems with your teams jerseys.

### **PRACTICE ANYONE?**

We have had very low attendance at practices on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you, your teammates, or a group of players can meet a minimum number of SIX, contact the Board at least three days prior to the night you are requesting and the lights will be on for you. Thank you for your understanding.

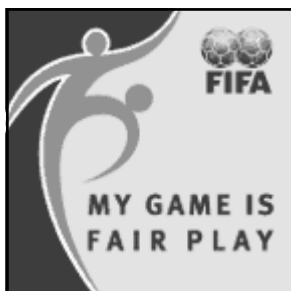
### *Volunteers & Team Reps*

We need your help in setting up the nets. In the net bags you will find buckets for the vertically challenged, Velcro and, tape in case there is a problem with the nets. Please take special care of the Velcro on the nets. We would like to see it last for

a while. Also, in case there is an emergency which requires some minor medical attention there is a first aid kit available with band aids, gaze, antiseptic wipes, germ x, shout wipes {for blood on jerseys} and ice packs. Team Reps should also be responsible to carry extra ice packs just in case.

### **WEBSITE UPDATES**

Our league Website has new updates posted. There is now a player evaluation form for you to compliment a team player or your concerns for poor sportsmanship. Soon a Player Handbook will be ready for you to read about what the league is about in detail and even where all your registration fees go.



# REFS CORNER

## Law 12 - Handling the Ball

Handling the ball is a commonly misinterpreted foul. It is the only foul that is committed against the opposing team, not against an opponent. Law 12 covers handling the ball (NOT hand or handball) and it states that a direct free kick (or a penalty kick if committed inside the penalty area) shall be awarded to the opposing team if a player "handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper within his own penalty area)." The key word in this law is "deliberately." A player must either make a clear movement of the "hand" (defined as any part of the arm below the shoulder) towards the ball, or intentionally not move the arm away from the ball and allowing contact to be made. Protecting your body from a hard kicked ball is usually not considered handling the ball. Running down a bouncing ball and allowing the ball to conveniently touch the arm IS considered handling the ball.

As with most of the Laws of soccer, the referee must make the decision of whether a player deliberately handles the ball. This decision is partly based on the skill level of the player, so it is possible that a referee may allow play to continue in one case, and call the foul for the exact same scenario but involving a player whose skills indicate he or she should have been able to avoid the contact. What is NOT considered in the decision of whether an infraction has been committed is the fact that the player may gain an advantage from the apparent violation. For example, if a player covers their face with the arm to avoid injury and the ball lands right at their feet, the referee will probably allow play to continue even though an advantage was gained.

Handling the ball is also defined as a send-off (red card) offense if it is done to deny an obvious goal scoring opportunity. In some cases, a caution (yellow card) could also be issued by the referee if, in their opinion, the player handled the ball intentionally or to deny a tactical situation favoring the opponent from developing.

So the next time you are out on the pitch and you think a handling violation has occurred, keep in mind that all the above factors need to be considered and remember that, in many cases, it is the referee's opinion that will ultimately decide if a call is made.

## Game Time

The clock starts at game time, if your team isn't ready at game time, your game will be cut short. You need to check in at least 20 minutes before your game to insure that your team will be ready to go. With 3 games back to back there isn't any time in between games like before.





## March 3 Schedule

GAMES ARE AT GOLF LINKS FIELDS

CHECK WEBSITE FOR FIELD LOCATIONS UNDER FIELDS FOR  
MAP AND DIRECTIONS

6:00

Pumps  
Adrenaline

Striker Joes  
CF Army



7:20

Ozone  
Flashbacks

Lucky Charms  
Cool Arrows



8:40

Silver Bullets  
Team X

Oxygen  
Matrix

PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE FOR THE REST OF THE SCHEDULE  
MAKE A NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A FIELD CHANGE FOR  
MARCH AND NEW TIME CHANGES

## CALENDER CORNER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 24 there are no games due to the OPI Tournament.

We will be having a Tournament in August at Arthur Pack Park. Registration will start in May and is First come first serve. We will be playing other teams from other cities like last year. More details will be updated on the tournament in our next newsletter. In the mean time start thinking about getting a team together!

## **"ITS ALL ABOUT ATTITUDE!"**

The NWASL provides a safe, fair, and fun alternative to other sports leagues for adults. Lets help preserve our leagues status and reputation. Use proper discretion before challenging or attacking an opponent. Recognize that everyone needs to return to work on Monday without crutches. Use common sense and please respect your opponents.

FIFA Laws of the Game apply at NWASL games unless superseded by specific rules that can be found online at our league website [www.nwasl.org](http://www.nwasl.org). The NWASL reserves the right to excuse anyone from the league and/or field for misconduct.

## SNACK BAR

A SMALL SNACK BAR IS NOW OPEN FOR YOU TO GET QUICK ENERGY, HYDRATION OR JUST SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS. LOCATED BY THE CHECK IN TABLE.

We are looking for someone who is willing to be in charge of the snack bar and anyone who is willing to volunteer to help for a shift. The profits from the snack bar are going back into the league to help keep costs down.

CHECK THE LEAGUE WEBSITE THE DAY OF YOUR GAME TO MAKE SURE THERE HAVE BEEN NO LAST MINUTE CHANGES TO YOUR GAME TIME. [WWW.NWASL.ORG](http://WWW.NWASL.ORG). UNDER SCHEDULES.



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