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*Welcome to another new year for the
Northwest Adult Soccer League.*

We hope your holiday season was joyous!

We are going into our third year of being in operation and there have been some changes to the board for NWASL and we thought you should know about them.

We want to welcome Sean Abrigo as our field coordinator and appreciate his willingness to volunteer his time to find the league enough fields for us to have games. It is not an easy job. Fields are few and far between.

We want to thank Belinda Taylor for being the league Treasurer since we started the league. She is stepping down and we are thankful for Elizabeth Powers who is willing to fill the treasurer position.

Belinda will be in charge of our Disciplinary area. Sending out caution letters when necessary.

*Remember that three yellows in one season earns sitting out a game.



THE BOARD IS ALL VOLUNTEERS AND IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP AND BE INVOLVED IN THE LEAGUES DECISION MAKING LET US KNOW. THE MORE HELP THE BETTER.

CONTACT US AT: BOARD@NWASL.ORG IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

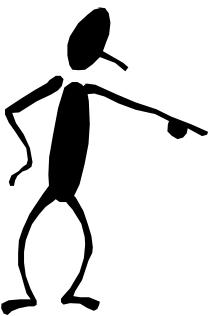
Ref Corner

When a referee recognizes a foul, she can do one of two things. Either stop play by signaling with a whistle or allow play to continue by applying the "advantage". The advantage clause is given by the referee when it is more advantageous to allow play to continue than to stop play to take the free kick. The theory is that the defense takes away the advantage by fouling the attacker, thus stopping the advancement of the ball so to balance that action, a referee may apply the advantage. This is a privilege given by the referee and is not mandatory. In fact it should be used judiciously.

Here is how it works: Attacking player is fouled approximately 25 yards from his opponents goal. The attacker is able to continue to maintain control of the ball as he advances toward the opponents goal and has a clean shot at the goal. The referee will yell out "PLAY ON" and use a two handed upswing of his arms from below the waist. The attacker may then continue and take the shot on goal or pass to an open player. Once the shot is taken, then foul can not be called; however, misconduct can still be administered (yellow or red card).

What happens if the advantage is lost within 1-3 seconds and a shot is not taken or the defense wins the ball. The referee can then whistle the original foul and place the ball at the spot of the original foul. The referee may state, " The advantage did not materialize; therefore, we will award the foul" and point to the original spot of the foul. Play is stopped and the direct free kick will occur as normal.

Kind of tricky and clear as mud, but a neat tool for the referee to use in the spirit of the game.



Frank Duarte
RRA
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Sportsmanship Points

Here is how our sportsmanship program works. At every game each team starts with 10 points. And points are deducted during the game for certain behaviors that are not tolerated.

Yellow cards (automatic 1 point deducted), Red Card (automatic 3 points deducted), Score differential of 5 points, sideline misbehavior, foul language and dissent can all deduct points from your team's over all score. Players do not have to receive cards in the game to affect your sportsmanship points.

If a team forfeits at the field by not showing up for the game, they shall receive 0 points for the game. If a team forfeits 24 hours in advance by contacting the board, they may show up to the field to play a friendly game and still receive 5 points.

Winter Season 2007 Soccer Schedule

Friday, January 12th 2007

	<u>Sportspark</u>	<u>Arthur Pack field #1</u>	<u>Arthur Pack field #5</u>
6:00pm	Flashbacks vs. Matrix	Silver Bullets vs. Scrappers	Ozone vs. Fusion
7:20pm	Cool Arrows vs. CF Army	Stryker's vs. Team X	Pumps n Hose vs. Adrenaline
8:40pm	Lucky Charms vs. Oxygen	Javelina's vs. Ball Busters	Calvary vs. Las Ranas

*The rest of the schedule is available on the website: www.NWASL.org under schedule.

Here are the teams that will be participating in our Winter season:

Adrenaline (Royal Blue)
Ball Busters (Dark Pink)
Calvary (Black and White)
CF Army (Gold)
Cool Arrows (Black)
Flashbacks (Navy Blue)
Fusion (Lime Green)
Javelina's (Purple)
Las Ranas (Dark Green)
Lucky Charms (Bright Green)
Matrix (Navy & Lt. blue)
Oxygen (Maroon)
Ozone (Orange)
Pumps n Hose (Royal Blue)
Scrappers (White & Red)
Silver Bullets (Silver)

The new league handbook is now available for all players to review and have access to on our website. The rules and regulations and all league proceedings are included. Each team rep will receive a field copy at their first game on Jan. 12th.



Check the website frequently for league updates. www.NWASL.org

Pinnies are available for your team to borrow if you are playing a team that is the same color as you. They will be in the orange field bucket and you will have to be responsible for getting them out and distributing them to your team. After the game collect them all up and put them back in the bucket. Because if we lose all the league pinnies your team will have to start providing your own when needed. So help us take care of them and not lose them.



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