

## SPRING 2012 MOSCOW MICRO SOCCER PROGRAM PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

**PHILOSOPHY:** The youth soccer philosophy is to provide a learning experience for the participants, to teach good sportsmanship, skills, drills, and game fundamentals. A sense of competition can result in these games, but we hope the desire to win at all costs will not supersede the above values. If you have questions, please feel free to call the Moscow Parks and Recreation Office at 883-7084, or talk with the Soccer Coordinator who will be present at all games.

**WELCOME!** Thank you for participating in the micro soccer program which is a combined effort of the Moscow United Soccer Club and Moscow Parks & Recreation. Together, both groups set the program goals, objectives, rules, and policies. Specific program responsibilities are divided as follows:

### **Micro Soccer Committee of Moscow United Soccer**

- Roster teams.
- Recruits, assigns, trains, and mentors volunteer coaches.
- Sets the schedule.
- Organizes and presents the preseason team meeting and coach's clinic.
- Provides team balls, practice equipment, and coach educational materials.
- Recruits, assigns, and trains referees.

### **Moscow Parks and Recreation Department**

- Registration services at the Eggen Youth Center, 1515 East D Street. Or the Hamilton Indoor Recreation Center, 1724 East F St..
- Coordinates the coaching application process.
- Provides on-site supervision.
- Provides and maintains game facilities at Mountain View Park.
- Coordinates and distributes schedules.
- Provides program insurance.
- Provides background checks on coaches

**GAMES:** Activities will begin April 9 and will end approximately May 17. Each team will play an 8-game schedule. Games will be played at Mountain View Park at 5:15 p.m. or 6:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. Each team will play 1 to 3 games per week, with regular practices for a total of 3 soccer activities per week. The volunteer coaches will distribute game schedules. Please check the Moscow Parks and Recreation web site at [www.ci.moscow.id.us](http://www.ci.moscow.id.us) for schedule and rain out information.

**PRACTICE TIMES:** The volunteer coaches designate practices. We encourage the coaches to have consistent practice times and places.

**COACHES:** If your coach has not contacted you by April 9, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 883-7085 or 883-7084. The ability to field teams is **critically dependent upon the availability of volunteer coaches**. Please consider volunteering to help in some capacity as this program relies heavily on the generosity of the community.

**SOCCER COORDINATOR:** The Soccer Coordinator will be available at all games. If you would like to assist with this program, please check with the soccer coordinator. U-12 games and under will utilize a volunteer official. Your help will be much appreciated.

### **IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW:**

- A. Each player must have shin guards and purchase a gold/black Parks & Recreation youth sport shirt.
- B. No metal cleats, jewelry (including post earrings), or hard casts.
- C. No baseball style hats are to be worn.
- D. Coaches are encouraged to rotate players to various positions during games and throughout the season.
- E. Please stand at least 15 yards away from the goal line.
- F. Score will not be kept.

### **REFUNDS:**

- A. In full—if the program is filled or canceled.
- B. Minus a \$6 processing fee if request is made 3 business days before the starting date or for documented medical reasons. **Team sport participant fee refunds may only be requested before the last day of registration.**
- C. All participant-initiated refunds must be requested in writing with the refund request form and delivered to the Moscow Parks and Recreation Department, 1515 East D Street, Moscow, Idaho 83843.
- D. No refunds will be given for Moscow Parks and Recreation youth sport shirts or for team fees.

**LOST & FOUND:** *Items collected at the field after games will remain at the field until the completion of the program.*

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Moscow Parks and Recreation Office 883-7084. *Players eleven years or older by August 1, 2011 who are interested in a more competitive soccer experience should consider playing with Moscow United Soccer Association—see <http://www.moscowunited.org>.*