

TOUCHLINE

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Welcome Back!

It has been a busy few weeks getting everything prepared, so I am glad to see everyone on the fields and having fun on our first game day of 2008/2009! As you enjoy your soccer games today, remember these important rules and guidelines:

- **Field policies** – Tobacco and alcohol are prohibited at all AYSO games and events. Please do not smoke in the game fields area. Dogs are also prohibited from game areas. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Parking** – The Blue Ox Road at Timber-Linn Park is a designated no parking zone, and the Albany Police Department does occasionally issue citations. Please use the gravel lot near the front of the park.
- **Clean up** – Pack out all garbage and keep our game space clean.
- **Cheer** – Feel free to cheer the kids in a positive manner! If you're a parent or spectator, please keep comments positive and encouraging. Coaching instructions should only be made by the coach, and negative comments towards referees or other people are strictly prohibited. **Coaches coach, referees officiate, spectators cheer!**

Keith Underdahl, Regional Commissioner, AYSO Region 870

AYSO Donates Soccer Balls

DIYALA PROVINCE, Iraq – Over 100 soccer balls were delivered from Albany AYSO to Army Capt. Travis Cox, commander of Fire Squadron Alpha in the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (and younger brother to our board member Derrick Cox). Capt. Cox an Army battalion commander is attempting to defeat the insurgency in what is now considered the most violent spot in Iraq — Diyala by winning the “hearts & minds” of the children with soccer balls. “Iraqis love soccer. Just how much they love soccer have stunned us, the kids will kick anything round, soccer balls are a prized item over here. These soccer balls will be put to immediate use, we will be seeing over twenty kids playing with one ball so this shipment will be enjoyed by over a thousand kids.” said Capt. Cox. “Ya Gotta Love Oregonians, I casually mention that we could use soccer balls, and the next thing I know I'm getting an email that a 100 are on the way.”

These soccer balls were donated by Linn County AYSO, we will have a donation drive to recoup the cost and hopefully raise enough funds to make an additional shipment. Please donate anything you can to the donation jars located at the soccer shed on game day.

Derrick Cox, Coach Administrator, AYSO Region 870

Lebanon Field Change

By request of the Lebanon School District we had to make a last minute change to our game location in Lebanon. All Lebanon games will be played at Seven Oak Middle School, at the south end of town near Wal-Mart. The U10 field is marked in red in the middle of the U14 field. Portable goals are on site and need to be moved into place for U10 games. We apologize for the confusion, but the field conditions at Seven Oak are excellent and I think you will enjoy playing there!

For Fall 2008, Albany U10 and U14 teams will have away games in Lebanon. Starting in Spring 2009 we expect a full Home-Away schedule in ALL divisions, including U6 and U8. Fortunately, because of the large number of U6 and U8 teams no one will ever have more than one away game. The Spring game location in Lebanon has not yet been decided.

Albany Field Changes

Some changes are on the horizon for Albany soccer fields as well. Due to increased storage needs by the City of Albany we will lose access to the Clubhouse following Fall 2008. We will need to come up with an alternate storage solution such as a shipping container. If anyone has access to a cheap container or other solution, please contact the Commissioner at rc@albanyayso.org.

The City of Albany will also be increasing our field fees starting next year. The goal is to create a more fair and uniform fee structure for Albany School and Park facilities, however the per-team pricing models that work for other sports don't apply well to AYSO. We are negotiating with the City to come up with a truly fair price structure, because we want to avoid a major fee increase next year. We will also explore league sponsorship opportunities to defray the increased costs.

On the horizon, the City is close to breaking ground on a new first-class soccer facility. The new facility will have lighting, irrigation, and possibly some turf. It looks like we still have at least two more years at Timber-Linn Park, but if things go as planned the future of soccer in Albany looks very bright!

Picture Day: September 27th

More info to follow in the next couple of weeks!

Team Parents: Thank you for volunteering! Parents if you are reading this...thank your team parent! They remembered to pick it up! Every week Team Parents should check your team box at the club house, if you will be gone, ask someone else to help out! If you have NOT received an email from me yet, PLEASE email me at tpc@albanyayso.org !! I have sent bulk emails out and everyone should have received one! If you didn't that means that my records are incorrect, let's get that fixed! Picture day is coming up quickly. As we finalize the schedule I will email those out to you (I will have some copies at the clubhouse as well). Make sure you forward this info to your team. Please arrive 15 minutes before picture time. We have a very tight schedule this year and hope to keep things running smoothly throughout the day. We did the best we could with the schedule, however I know there are always some hiccups and hope all will work together to get through the day. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please feel free to contact me anytime at tpc@albanyayso.org !



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