



## 2011 House League Newsletter

The Grand Island Soccer Club “House” league provides basic instruction and is intended to be a “FUN” league promoting fair play, good sportsmanship and teamwork for the youth (ages 5 – 15) of Grand Island. A “Travel” league is offered for a more competitive environment – try-outs are held in late summer.

### U6 – Instructional

July and August  
Saturday mornings  
& one weekday

### U7 – Micro Soccer

Late June thru August  
Saturdays and some  
weekdays.

### U8 - U12

July and August  
Saturday games  
& one weekday  
game in Aug.

### U15

July and August  
Sunday games  
& one weekday  
game in Aug.

### AGE GROUP

U6-Instructional  
U7-Micro Soccer  
U8  
U9  
U10  
U12  
U15

### BORN ON OR AFTER But

December 1, 2004  
December 1, 2003  
December 1, 2002  
December 1, 2001  
December 1, 2000  
December 1, 1998  
December 1, 1995

### BORN BEFORE OR ON

November 30, 2006  
November 30, 2004  
November 30, 2003  
November 30, 2002  
November 30, 2001  
November 30, 2000  
November 30, 1998

### FEE

\$70.00 (Includes GI custom ball)  
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### REGISTRATION:

WHEN: 4/1/11 – 4/30/11 \$70 for all age groups; \$45 if currently a GISC travel player.  
5/1/11 – 5/14/11 \$90 for all age groups; \$65 if currently a GISC travel player.

**NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER 5/14/11.**

HOW: ONLINE at [www.gisoccerclub.org](http://www.gisoccerclub.org). Click on the “Online Registration” link on the left, then on the orange registration button. Pay by credit card.

BY MAIL to P.O. Box 457, Grand Island, NY 14072. Forms available at [www.gisoccerclub.org](http://www.gisoccerclub.org), the Grand Island Library, the Recreation Department and Town Hall. Pay by check or money order.

IN PERSON at the Grand Island Library, 1715 Bedell Rd. **Sat., April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2- 4:30 pm**  
Pay in cash, by check, or by money order.

**BIRTH CERTIFICATES:** Birth certificates **must** be submitted for all first-time GISC players or they will not be allowed to play. Birth certificates should be mailed to P.O. Box 457, Grand Island, NY 14072 or emailed to [registrar@gisoccerclub.org](mailto:registrar@gisoccerclub.org).

**\*\*\*\* REGISTRATION DEADLINES: There is a \$20 late fee for registrations after April 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will not be accepted after May 14<sup>th</sup>.** These deadlines are necessary to ensure all U8 – U15 players can be rated prior to the draft (May 31<sup>st</sup>) and to recruit/train coaches and referees. We had over 1,000 house players on 75 teams last year so you can imagine this is quite a

job to organize and implement – all done by volunteers. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS GIVEN AFTER THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED & PROCESSED.**

For **Registration** questions, contact Lisa Harrigan 773-9378 [registrar@gisoccerclub.org](mailto:registrar@gisoccerclub.org)

**AGE GROUPS:** Teams are in divisions by birth date, corresponding to school grades. No one can play in a younger age group. Players can move up to an older age group if they wish, but it is recommended that U6 and U7 players remain with their appropriate age group. Any U6 player who wishes to “play up” in U7 must have completed one year of U6 instructional soccer. U7 players who wish to “play up” in U8 should contact the U7 age group coordinator to discuss the pros and cons. “Playing up” two or more age groups is strongly discouraged and will be permitted only on a case by case basis.

**U7 MICRO SOCCER PROGRAM:** This program has been proven very successful in other Clubs. All players play the entire time and benefit from more “touches” on the ball. There is no need for teams, since players rotate through the drills and several small-sided games with the help of facilitators. See detailed flyer available.

**WEBSITE:** Visit our website at [www.gisoccerclub.org](http://www.gisoccerclub.org) for more information and for FAQ’s. Field maps and schedules will be posted at the start of the season.

**NOTIFICATION:** U6 and U7 players will receive an email from the age group coordinator just prior to the start of play, explaining the program in further detail with specifics regarding the schedule. U8-U15 players will receive an email from the registrar in early June. Practices for U8 – U15 will begin in mid-June, at the coach’s discretion.

**REQUESTS:**

**U6:** We will attempt to accommodate requests, but cannot make guarantees, except in the case of siblings playing in the same age group.

**U7:** Requests are not taken. Players are grouped together differently during each session.

\*\*\*\***U8 – U15:** We will attempt to accommodate requests, but cannot make guarantees. Our goal is to form balanced teams through a new “draft” process. Requests will not be automatically given, as in the past, except in the case of siblings playing in the same age group. Please communicate any extenuating circumstances directly to the age group coordinator. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

**EQUIPMENT:** Each player will receive a team shirt, shorts and socks. Every child must wear shin guards at games and practices. Sneakers or soccer shoes are needed. All players need to bring a soccer ball (see size chart below) and water to games and practices. Customized Grand Island Soccer Club balls are available.

U6 Instructional & U7 Micro Soccer - ball included

U8 thru U12 - Size 4

U15 - Size 5

**COACHES, FACILITATORS, & ASSISTANT COACHES:** We need U7 facilitators and coaches for all age groups. This is a great way to be involved in your child’s activities. No experience necessary – we will train with clinics. Last year we had over 70 House teams. Coach volunteers will be contacted immediately after registration. The annual clinic for House coaches will be held June 11<sup>th</sup>. Check the box on Page 2 of the application to get involved. All adults (age 18 and over) must provide a valid e-mail address and submit to a background check before coaching.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We welcome all volunteers. We always need extra hands to help with administrative tasks such as mailing lists, planning clinics, paperwork, representing the club at meetings, etc. If you are interested in the administration of the Club, come to any Board Meeting held on the second Monday or Tuesday of the month. Refer to the website to confirm meeting date, time, and location. The future of the Grand Island Soccer Club depends on our volunteers. To get involved, register yourself when completing your child's online registration or check the boxes on page 2 of the paper application.

**STANDINGS, TROPHIES, ETC.:** End of the year parties, trophies, etc. are up to each individual team and should be organized by the parents. The Club does not provide trophies or awards. This is a "FUN" league, and we do not keep standings. Newspaper articles are to be submitted by the coach or a parent volunteer. Let your coach know if you are willing to help.

**TRAVEL PLAYERS:** Registered Grand Island Soccer Club Travel players who wish to play house must send in a house application indicating the house age group they wish to play in along with the \$45.00 fee. Travel players are encouraged to play up an age group.

If you have general questions about Grand Island Soccer Club's House League, go to **[www.gisoccerclub.org](http://www.gisoccerclub.org)** OR contact the House League Coordinators:

Becky Szabo	472-1006	<u><a href="mailto:house@gisoccerclub.org">house@gisoccerclub.org</a></u>
Eric Volk	572-5798	<u><a href="mailto:house@gisoccerclub.org">house@gisoccerclub.org</a></u>

If you have questions about an **Age Group**, call or e-mail the Age Group Coordinator listed below:

U6	Roman Figler	773-5254	<u><a href="mailto:rfigler@verizon.net">rfigler@verizon.net</a></u>
U6	Ray Billica	773-7021	<u><a href="mailto:raybillica@msn.com">raybillica@msn.com</a></u>
U7	Mike Rudney	909-1325	<u><a href="mailto:mrudney@hotmail.com">mrudney@hotmail.com</a></u>
U7	Roger Hutton	773-8922	<u><a href="mailto:huttonr2@gmail.com">huttonr2@gmail.com</a></u>
U8	Kim Willer	308-0781	<u><a href="mailto:kimjansenwiller@hotmail.com">kimjansenwiller@hotmail.com</a></u>
U9	Patty Stolfo	774-8159	<u><a href="mailto:stolfo5@msn.com">stolfo5@msn.com</a></u>
U10	To be determined		
U12	Patty Bachman	773-6785	<u><a href="mailto:ebachman2@roadrunner.com">ebachman2@roadrunner.com</a></u>
U15	Colleen Robinson	773-1524	<u><a href="mailto:gcrobinson@roadrunner.com">gcrobinson@roadrunner.com</a></u>