



# Hartford United Soccer Club Newsletter

August 2023



## Save The Date & Reminders!

### August

Volunteer Checks Due

### August 25th - 27th

Kick Some Grass Tournament - Hosted by  
HUSC at Independence Park

### September - TBD

Girls' Teams Picture Day

### September 13th

Micro Starts - Ages 3-6

### October 2nd

Culver's Community Night Fundraiser

### November 11th

Christmas Parade

### February 23th

2nd Annual Beer & Wine Fundraiser

## Fall Micro Ages 3-6

Registration Open! Starts 9/13/23

\$50 Early Bird Registration by 8/18/23

\$55 Registration from 8/19/23 - 9/1/23

[Click Here](#) for more information and to register.

Your little ones will be on the field learning while you as a parent get to watch! In this program they will begin to engage with coaching staff and work on their listening skills and following directions. It can look chaotic but trust us, we are making progress through



Kick Some Grass Tournament



Mark your calendars! This year we will be home to 80+ participating teams! KSG is the easiest and fastest way to get your volunteer hours in! Even if your high school player isn't playing club until Spring, we still need you! Volunteers help make KSG a truly special experience! There will be an email sent separately outlining the details of positions along with a Sign-Up Genius link. Here is a brief listing of positions that will be available:

**Set Up** - Help get things ready for the day - set up signs/flags, water jugs on every field, monitoring garbage cans etc..

**Field Prep/Painting** - occurs and this leads up to the night before tournament start (weather dependent), put up field nets.

**Parking Lot Attendants** - collect monies as cars arrive, help advise field locations

**Field Marshal** - This position always has the most need and is the easiest to do! Check in teams on fields, stay to watch the game and turn in final scores.

**Runners** - Bring scorecards in from Field Marshals and help where needed

**Concessions** - Ring up customers, serve & restock food

**Grillers** - Grill meats throughout day

**Clean Up** - Close up trash at end of day and take down flags, general clean up in concession area

## Slogan T-Shirts

If you missed the opportunity to order your shirt, more will be available at the Kick Some Grass Tournament in August!

**Determined. Trained. United.**



**NEW**

**TeamSnap**

We are excited to announce, Hartford United Soccer Club will be using TeamSnap this year as the main method of team communications! Please make sure to download the APP on your devices if you do not have it already and turn ON notifications. You should receive your team invite from your team managers shortly. We will be utilizing the calendar feature in addition to messaging and emails. If you are having any issues using TeamSnap, please reach out to [execboard.husc@gmail.com](mailto:execboard.husc@gmail.com).



## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Kick Some Grass Tournament**

See above information

### **Culver's Community Night 10/2/23**

Will need 4 adult volunteers and any students 14+ to clean tables and serve orders. Kids under 14 must have a parent accompanying them.

### **Director of Fields**

\*Still in need\* This is a larger volunteer role starting asap. Looking for two candidates that have general knowledge of lawn maintenance, and can get to Independence Park to check field conditions as needed. Training to be provided by the current Director. Email [volunteer.husc@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.husc@gmail.com) if interested!

### **Team Photographers**

Game pictures needed for our social media! As the Fall Season starts we would like every team to have a Team Photographer. Pictures need to be crisp and clear, taken horizontally and emailed to [huscphotos@gmail.com](mailto:huscphotos@gmail.com) within 24 - 48 hrs of tournament/game end.

If interested, contact your team manager.

## Volunteer Hours Submittal

To submit your volunteer hours, please fill out the Google Doc found [here](#). This will automatically get sent to our Director of Volunteers. Submit as many times as you need! Questions email [volunteer.husc@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.husc@gmail.com)

**\*\*Volunteer Checks must be submitted for your player(s) to participate. Checks are not cashed until the end of the Spring season and ONLY if family volunteer hours are not fulfilled. Find more information [here](#).**

**Any questions, please reach out to your Team Managers**

## Coach's Corner

We have a lot to look forward to as we prepare players and teams for the fall season. Plenty of learning - techniques, decision making/problem solving, how to read the game, understanding different positional roles, what it means to really compete, etc... What I want to point out is that our HUSC coaches also do a tremendous job focussing on character development. Just the other day I read a letter that Coach Jesus Rocha asked a U13 boy (Sammy W.) to write on what type of captain/team leader he would be... The letter (and thought that went into it) was beyond impressive. On the ride home I reflected on the opportunity we have to influence our youth. The emphasis on leading through positive actions and behaviors, like setting a standard for hard work, humility, respecting teammates, and holding ourselves accountable are still in the fabric of our HUSC teams.

**-Jim Schrot | Director of Coaching**