



# The Back of the Net



## Soccer News from the Hagerstown Area Youth Soccer League

### Can you make the right call??

Referees must make quick decisions, and the luxury of time to think it over, look it up or discuss it with someone is not an option during the game. Test your knowledge and see if you can answer the following question:

1. The referee awards a corner kick to the red team. The red team takes the corner kick and the ball bounces off red player #4's shoulder, landing at the feet of red player #8 who is in an offside position. Red player #8 controls the ball and scores.

2. The referee awards a direct free kick to the red team just outside the penalty area. There was no quick restart, so the referee, who is managing the situation, indicates to the blue team where the 10 yards distance from the ball is so they can set up their defensive wall. As soon as the blue team players line up, they start jumping up and down in the wall.

Look on page 3 for the answers to these questions. In upcoming editions of *The Back of the Net* we will have more of these tests of your knowledge of the game of soccer.



### ...The Battle Continues!!

**The Antietam Cup** will be at full capacity with close to 60 teams and over 90 games. We'll have teams in the Antietam Cup to represent HAYSL in U10 boys, U10 girls, U12 coed, U12 girls, U14 girls, U16 coed, U16 girls, U19 coed, and U19 girls. The majority of the participating teams are coming from AYSO regions in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia. Be sure to come out and cheer on our HAYSL teams!

We'll be having a registration for the fall soccer season the first day of the Antietam Cup, Saturday 6/12 from 10am to 2pm at the pavilion nearest to the play equipment. Come out and register your player for the fall season and witness the finest soccer tournament in the area.

### HAGERSTOWN AREA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE



### AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION REGION 627

Want more HAYSL news?  
Go to [www.HAYSL.org](http://www.HAYSL.org) to sign up for our ENews updates today!

### THE KIDS NEED YOU!

HAYSL is an all-volunteer soccer organization. No one is paid, not even the referees. You can be sure that all people involved with HAYSL are truly motivated by their desire to help the kids. We all pay the registration fee for our players the same as anyone else. I think we've done a great job to demonstrate to everyone that we are a great organization to be a part of. We are always looking for coaches and volunteers to help. Come and be a part of a winning organization. Email Lisa Johnson to ask how you can help. [haysl.cvpa@verizon.net](mailto:haysl.cvpa@verizon.net).

*Sign up today - YOU can help make HAYSL the best youth athletics league in the area!*



### WARNING YOU HAVE ENTERED A KID'S ZONE!

- \* Kids are #1
- \* Fun, not winning, is everything
- \* Fans only cheer and only coaches coach
- \* No yelling in anger
- \* Respect the volunteer referees
- \* No swearing
- \* No smoking
- \* Leave no trash behind
- \* Set a proper example for our kids
- \* NO PETS at the fields during games or practice

**SLOW DOWN!!!!**



Hagerstown's Fairground Park is an extremely busy place. With baseball, softball, and soccer fields, as well as the BMX track, Skateboard Park, ice rink and biking and walking trails, there are always lots of people out and about. And many of these folks are kids. As parents, we try to teach our kids not to run into traffic, but we all know that the excitement of the moment sometimes takes over. So when you are driving in the parking areas around the park, please slow down and watch for the little ones.

**AYSO Philosophies**

- **Everybody Plays**
- **Open Registration**
- **Balanced Teams**
- **Positive Coaching**
- **Sportsmanship**
- **Player Development**

**Equal playing time:**

In HAYSL, no one can play four quarters unless *everyone* on the team has played three.

**HAYSL CONTACTS**

WWW.HAYSL.ORG

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To contact a member of the HAYSL Board of Directors, visit our website at [www.HAYSL.org](http://www.HAYSL.org).

If you would like to join our team, contact our Regional Commissioner, Lynn Bowers.

**HAYSL CALENDAR**

**2010**

- May 27** – Registration at Western Heights 6 – 8 pm
- June 11 – 12**– Referee Assessor Training and Clinic
- June 12 – 13** – 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ANTIETAM CUP
- June 12** – Registration at Fairgrounds 10 – 2
- June 17** – Registration at Haven Lutheran 6 – 9 pm
- June 26** – Registration at Valley Mall Food Court 10am – 5 pm
- July 4 – 11** – AYSO National Games, Palm Beach, FL



...The Battle Continues.

**Student Service Learning Hours**

A special thank you to all our teens who have worked with HAYSL throughout the season. These students earn SSL time while helping to fill some key positions. Many of the students worked as Coach's Assistants, Concession helpers, and referees. For more information on how you can earn SSL hours, contact Warren Johnson or Marla Camarano.

## HAYSL Divisional Coordinators

U5 Coordinator  
VACANT

U6 Coordinator  
VACANT

Boys U8 Coordinator  
Jonathan McGreevy

Girls U8 Coordinator  
VACANT

Coed U10 Coordinator  
Mike Freeman

Girls U10 Coordinator  
Michael Swope

Coed U12/Girls U12 Coordinator  
Jonathan McGreevy

Coed and Girls U14 & U16 Coordinator  
Mark Barone

U19 Coed Coordinator  
VACANT

U19 Girls Coordinator  
VACANT



## Can you make the right call?? Answers...

1. Right at the taking of the corner kick, a red team player cannot be in an offside position as they are all considered to be in line with, or behind the ball. However, once the ball bounces off red player #4, the referee team needs to start a new evaluation of potential offside, sometimes known as “taking a new snapshot.” At the moment that the ball is touched by red player #4, his teammate #8 is in an offside position because he is now nearest to his opponent’s goal line by being positioned ahead of both the ball and the second to last opponent. When red player #8 who is in an offside position plays the ball, which was last touched by a teammate, he participates by interfering with play. Therefore, the referee should call offside and restart play with an indirect free kick for the blue team.

(See page 31 in the 2009-10 AYSO edition of the *Laws of the Game*.)

2. Players who are within the wall and ready to defend against a free kick restart often jump in order to extend their area of coverage. This action is acceptable as the blue players are not committing any infringements by jumping up and down within the wall. The referee should allow the jumping unless the defending players do it in a manner to be considered unacceptable. Examples of unacceptable behavior include jumping forward and back and therefore failing to respect the required distance for restarting play, or doing any jumping act, such as a handstand, to act in a manner which shows a lack of respect for the game. If the referee considers that a player within the wall is guilty of unsporting behavior, he should caution the player. Children who are under 10 years of age should not be formally cautioned or sent off unless there are exceptional circumstances.

## AYSO Referee Program

- Warren Johnson, Referee Administrator

The Hagerstown Area Youth Soccer League (HAYSL) is affiliated with the American Youth Soccer Organization AYSO. HAYSL is an all-volunteer organization, this includes referees as well.

As with most volunteer organizations, help is always needed. AYSO has an in depth training program for its referees. This consists of multiple levels of training, certifications, mentoring and experience. You get to pick game times that work with your schedule.

For more information about our referee program, schedules, or training opportunities visit the HAYSL referee website at [www.refonline.info](http://www.refonline.info) or contact me at [warren@refonline.info](mailto:warren@refonline.info).

**For all your HAYSL needs, check out our website... [www.haysl.org](http://www.haysl.org)**

## PRE-REGISTER FOR THE FALL SEASON

One of the easiest ways to ensure a speedy registration is to visit [www.EAYSO.org](http://www.EAYSO.org) and pre-register your child. It only takes a few minutes and will save you time at the registration table. Once you complete the questionnaire, print three (3) copies and bring them with you to the registration of your choice. If you have any questions about registering your child, contact our Regional Registrar, Sherri Betts.  
 Phone 240-675-9359  
 Email: [Sherri7391@yahoo.com](mailto:Sherri7391@yahoo.com)  
 or send a letter to her at:  
 3880 Roundtree Rd #3  
 Jefferson, MD 21755

### Many Thanks!

Our staff of volunteers has made our program and our league a success. The HAYSL Board of Directors would like to extend our gratitude to all the parents and friends who have volunteered their time over the season.

**AYSO SOCCER CAMPS** conducted by UK Soccer International will be coming to Hagerstown. Internationally Qualified Coaches, Exclusively AYSO Trained and Safe Haven Certified, Authentic AYSO designed and approved curriculum, Passionate and dynamic soccer educators, Five days of instruction and fun.

July 19th - July 23rd 2010 at the Hagerstown Fairgrounds

#### Classic Camp

Mini Camp 9:00am-10:30am, Ages 4-5 yrs

Half Day Camp 9am-12:00pm, Ages 6-16

Half Day 5:00pm-8:00pm, Ages 6-16yrs

#### Advanced Program

This year we will also be hosting an advanced program in addition to the Classic Camps listed above. The Advanced Training Camp is an intense program for the more experienced player who aspires to take their game to the next level. The program will incorporate professional coaching with educational seminars that will develop the players' soccer knowledge on and off the field. The Advanced program will be held from 5:00pm-8:00pm.

#### NEW THIS YEAR!

#### Advanced Team Camp

The Team Program provides your team with a Pre-season camp with a view to preparing them for the coming season. The aim of the program is to create an environment conducive to the individual and team development, to address today's demands of an increasing level of play.

**For more information and prices and how to register, go to our website, [www.HAYSL.org](http://www.HAYSL.org).**



**AYSO SOCCER CAMPS**  
*Professional Coaching. The AYSO Way!*

## HELP WANTED

### Referees Wanted

HAYSL is looking for people interested in making a difference. No experience is necessary. Training will be provided in the best amateur referee program in the world from top-notch trainers. We are a 100% volunteer organization. For more information, visit our websites:

[www.HAYSL.org](http://www.HAYSL.org)  
[www.refonline.info](http://www.refonline.info)

### Women Wanted

Approximately 40% of those that play soccer in HAYSL are girls, yet most of the coaches and referees are men. At present we only have around eight young ladies or women that are active as referees. Ladies think of the opportunity you could have to mentor, teach, and be role models for the girls in our league. Consider becoming a referee. Training and certification is available and required. For more information about our referee program and training opportunities visit the HAYSL referee website at [www.refonline.info](http://www.refonline.info) or contact Warren Johnson at [warren@refonline.info](mailto:warren@refonline.info).



## Youth Referees

- Warren Johnson, Referee Administrator

The spring season is almost over! As you walk the fields at the Fairgrounds you will notice a number of youth performing duties on the fields as referees or assistant referees. All of our youth referees have taken a minimum of 8 hours of referee training and have been certified to perform their duties. They are performing tasks that most adults won't perform. These young men and women volunteer their time for training and to come to the fields on the weekends to referee. High School students may earn Service Learning Hours for their efforts. Please take time to encourage and thank them for the effort they are putting into your child's soccer program.

### HAYSL Spirit Wear Is Still Available

There is still some spirit wear available at the concession stand. Get a HAYSL shirt and show your HAYSL pride!

## YOU Make it Happen!

Thank you to all of the parents and students who volunteered in the Concession Stand this season. A special thanks to Teri Elder, Jennifer Gray and Brian Hadley who rotated with me every single week.

I am especially grateful to the students who earned their SSL hours by volunteering in Concessions. I could not have done it without them.

**A special thanks** to Kaley Lefferts, Brandon Diehl and Liana James who came every single week and exemplified the spirit of volunteerism and the HAYSL spirit.

If you have a student who would like to earn SSL hours by working in the Concession Stand next year, please forward his/her name to [Marla\\_Camarano@verizon.net](mailto:Marla_Camarano@verizon.net).

We are continually making improvements in the operation of the Concession Stand, so please forward any suggestions to:

[Marla\\_Camarano@verizon.net](mailto:Marla_Camarano@verizon.net).

Thank you, and have a great summer!

Marla Camarano  
Concession Stand Manager



### Joe Corbi can pay your registration fee!

We know the economy is tough right now. HAYSL is trying to help by developing a fundraiser that not only helps the league with much needed funds, but also helps our parents.

- Selling only 4 items will earn a \$10 credit on a future registration

- Selling 6 items will earn a \$10 credit on a future registration and earn a HAYSL soccer magnet

- Selling 11 items will earn a \$25 credit on a future registration and a free tub of cookie dough in addition to the soccer magnet

- Selling 20 items earns a \$55 credit on a future registration, along with the cookie dough and soccer magnet.

## HAYSL Sponsors

Our sponsors help to keep our registration fees low, purchase uniforms and soccer equipment, provide coach and referee training for our volunteers and maintain safe playing fields.

Alladin Awards	Hagerstown Heart, Pa
Allegany Dental Care	Holcom US
Allegany Driving School	Home Care Phamacies
Allegheny Benefits	The Jacques Family
Antietam Health	Jeffery Cline - REALTOR
Barefoot Bernies	Jerry's Sports & Designs Unlimited
Boost Mobile	Larry Allen Studios
Center for Joint Surgery and Sports Medicine	Steve Moore
Dan Lar Stairway Elevator Service	Nova
Dicks Sporting Goods	Opal Medical Group
Econo Lodge Inn and Suites	Patriot Technologies
Friendly's Ice Cream Corporation	Wilson Orthodontics
Green Thumb Mowing Service	Tim Winter – State Farm Insurance
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The players, coaches, and referees want to thank our sponsors for their consideration to our organization.

Please show your appreciation to our sponsors by patronizing these organizations.

**Full year (Fall/Spring seasons) \$300.00; Single season \$200.00; Sponsor a player for \$55.00; general sponsorships welcomed any denomination. If you or your company or business is interested in sponsoring a team please contact the Sponsor Coordinator.**

# Offside – A Closer Look at the Law

Offside, commonly mispronounced as “offsides,” is one of the most misunderstood laws in game of soccer. The Offside Law is the only law that restricts tactical positioning during *dynamic* play. The progression of changes to the law generally increases the flow of the attacking game and limits trifling stoppages. The offside law has three elements or parts that must be examined. The elements of the offside infraction are; “Position”, “Time of Judgment” and “Active Involvement”.

Let’s examine offside position first. A player is in an offside position when they are:

1. In their opponents’ half of the field;
2. Closer to the opponents’ goal line than the last two opponents; and
3. Closer to the opponents’ goal line than the ball

**All three elements must be present or the player is not in an offside position, and there cannot be an infraction.** It is not an offence to be in an offside position; it just means that player is momentarily off his team. He cannot interfere with play or any of the opposing players. He cannot have any involvement in the match. **He’s off his team, he’s off his side!** There are three exceptions to the offside position requirement when a player may receive the ball directly from a team mate and not be offside. There is no offence if a player receives the ball directly from; Goal kick, Corner kick and Throw-In.

Now let’s examine the next requirement in offside “Time of Judgment”. Offside Position is judged at the moment the ball is **touched** or **played** by one of his team. It makes no difference where the player is positioned when they receive the ball. It is the position of the player when the ball is touched or played by one of his team that is critical.

## **Active Involvement**

The third and final element in the offside infraction is “active involvement” in the play. If the player is not involved in active play, the player cannot be offside. Merely being in an offside position is not an infraction of the offside law. A player may be involved in active play by:

1. Interfering with play;
2. Interfering with an opponent; or
3. Gaining an advantage by being in that position.
- 4.

## **Key Takeaways**

It is not an offence to be in an offside position. A player that is behind the ball at the time of judgment cannot be offside. A player must have active involvement to be offside. The player is not required to touch the ball for the offside to be penalized.

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How are we doing? Tell us what you think by sending an email to Regional Commissioner Lynn Bowers at [lbowers123@aol.com](mailto:lbowers123@aol.com). Let us know what we are doing well and not so well.

# *In The Spotlight – A Special Section*

*From the office of the Regional Commissioner, Lynn Bowers*

## **HAYSL Extended Play Teams a Huge Success**

Many thanks to the coaches and players of our extended play teams in U10 boys, U10 girls, and U12 boys. These players and coaches came together to play on an extended play team in addition to their regular team. These teams represented HAYSL by playing other teams in the county. All did extremely well. The U10 boys team is currently undefeated. Congratulation extended play players! I'm very proud of all of you!

## **U14 Girls Extended-Play Team Sensational**

Our regional coach trainer Abib Niang brought his U14 girls travel team to be our very first HAYSL travel team this season. Many of these girls had been HAYSL players and it is great to have them back. With Abib at the helm, the team has continued to be a huge success. The team is playing at the highest level in the Frederick County Youth Soccer League. The girls will be fighting it out for the championship over the week-end of 6/4 and 6/5. Go HAYSL Crush!

## **Abib Niang to Continue Coaching Crush**

Abib will continue to coach the U14 girls HAYSL Crush travel team (with some help). He'll continue to prepare girls in this age group to play at the high school level. While Abib is set to be the South High girls coach in the fall, girls don't have to be in the South school district to play on his U14 girl's team. HAYSL players come from areas all over the county and even West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

## **Abib Niang Head Coach of South Girl's Soccer**

Congratulations to Abib Niang for being chosen to coach the Rebel girl's soccer program! Many of the South girls are also HAYSL girls, and I can think of no coach I'd rather have to continue to coach them

in high school. Abib has the knowledge and talent to bring out the very best in his players. His skill and expertise in soccer help to develop players to their fullest potential. New teams that he takes control of rapidly improve and excel. Expect to see big things from the Rebel girls in the not so distant future.

## **Marc David to Coach HAYSL's U14 Boys Extended Play Team**

Marc is a long time HAYSL coach and referee. For the last three years, he's been the head coach of the South High Boys soccer program. For the fall 2009 season, he coached the Rebel varsity boy's team to their first winning season in recent memory. I can think of no better coach to coach a team designed to prepare boys to play high school soccer.

## **Thanks for a great spring season!**

It's hard to believe that the spring season is coming to an end. I hope you and your player had a fantastic spring season. We want you all back for fall soccer...and it won't be long. With our killer recreational soccer program and our extended play opportunities, there is almost no reason for any player to ever have to leave us. Well...at least not until you move up to high school.

## **HAYSL Concession Stand Scores Big**

Many thanks to Marla Camarano, her key staff members, and everyone that helped with our concession stand! It was a huge success and a great service to our players and families. Our concession stand is a huge undertaking and Marla probably earned a degree in restaurant management over the last two seasons by dealing with all the things she's had to deal with. We can definitely use help to continue our concession stand operation in the fall. Email Marla to ask how you can help. Marla\_Camarano@verizon.net.