

Welcome to The Technical Area - July 16, 2008

Welcome to the 155th issue of The Technical Area. Inside you'll find information on the NSCAA and its educational offerings. Each biweekly issue offers the latest news and information from the NSCAA and its partners.

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As a reminder, we welcome your feedback. If you have any ideas or suggestions for The Technical Area or have any coaching tips that you would like to share, please send them to feedback@nscaa.com.

2008-09 NSCAA Membership Renewals Out in Mid-August

Just a reminder to all NSCAA members that renewal forms for membership will be mailed out from the National Office in the middle of August.

Your current 2007-08 membership expires on August 31. In order to continue receiving Soccer Journal, discounts on DVDs and publications, liability insurance and a significant discount on Convention registration, please return your completed form and appropriate payment to the National Office as quickly as possible after you receive it. You may also renew your membership online by [CLICKING HERE](#). You will need your membership ID and password to log into the system.

For questions or inquiries about your membership statement, your membership ID or password, contact Membership Manager Sandy Williamson-Smith at swilliamson@nscaa.com. Thank you for your continued support of the world's largest coaching association!

Youth Diploma Structure Changes

The NSCAA Youth Diploma non-residential course has changed its structure. There are now two separate courses--the Youth Diploma is for the coach of players from U-6 to U-8, while the Advanced Youth Diploma is for the coach of players from U-9 to U-12. The overall objective of each of the courses is to create the optimal learning environment for players at these developmental stages. Coaches do not need to complete the Youth Diploma course in order to take the Advanced Youth Diploma; they are mutually complimentary.

For more information on the Youth and Advanced Youth Diplomas, [CLICK HERE](#).

Big 3 Enshrinement Weekend Scheduled for Aug. 1

The Ninth Annual Big 3 Enshrinement Weekend will be held at the National Soccer Hall of Fame the weekend of Aug. 1-3, 2008, in Oneonta, N.Y. The newest members of the NSCAA Hall of Fame, Paul (Sandy) Sanderson and Jerry Yeagley, will be enshrined on Saturday evening, Aug. 2, as part of a ceremony that includes enshrinees from the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA).

The Big 3 Weekend incorporates the enshrinement of honorees from three major soccer associations: NSCAA, American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA). Sanderson and Yeagley are the NSCAA representatives, while AYSO will honor Marilyn McDonald and Joel Mark. NISOA will recognize standout referees John Buckley and Don Dennison.

Saturday's activities will include a golf tournament at the Oneonta Country Club, the AYSO Future Famers Tournament on the fields of the NSHOF campus, a referee clinic by NISOA Hall of Fame member John Van de Vaarst and a coaches' clinic taught by NSCAA Senior Academy Staff member George Perry of Monmouth College. (For more information on Perry's Special Topics Course in PDF format, [CLICK HERE](#).)

At 4:30 p.m., Hall of Fame members in attendance will take part in an autograph session at the entrance to the Hall. The evening's events begin with a reception in the Hall's Atrium at 6 p.m., with dinner in the Museum at 7 p.m. The formal enshrinement ceremonies will follow at 8 p.m., again in the Hall's Atrium.

The weekend's activities culminate on Sunday, with the induction of University of North Carolina women's coach Anson Dorrance and former U.S. Men's National Team member Hugo Perez into the National Soccer Hall of Fame. The ceremony gets underway at noon at the Museum, with the Hall of Fame luncheon at the NSHOF Tent at 1:30 p.m.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a registration and ticket order form, or contact Pamela Frutiger, NSHOF Programs and Events Manager at (607) 432-3351, ext. 206 (e-mail : pamela@soccerhall.org). For a schedule of Big 3 Weekend events, [CLICK HERE](#). For information about the National Soccer Hall of Fame, [CLICK HERE](#).

Success In Soccer Is Your Ultimate Soccer Coaching Resource--A Special Offer for the NSCAA

At Success in Soccer, we know you take your job as a coach seriously enough to take advantage of every opportunity for coaching education. We know this about you because you're a member of the NSCAA, the world's largest single-sport coaching organization. Now your NSCAA membership also opens the door to another great coaching education resource as you coach your team throughout the year: Success in Soccer.

Success in Soccer is a great source of continuing education for soccer coaches, and as a member of the NSCAA you are eligible for a special subscription discount. For the low price of \$26.99 (U.S. subscribers) or \$31.99 (Canada), you can receive six issues of Success in Soccer each year, plus many other benefits available through our website. In addition, we support the NSCAA by giving it \$3 for each subscription requested

through this offer.

"Success in Soccer magazine is an excellent resource for soccer coaches," says Jeff Tipping, NSCAA Director of Coaching Education and Development. "You as a coach can really benefit from the excellent educational information that Success in Soccer provides, and you can do it at a significant discount through your NSCAA membership."

Plus you'll receive the following benefits at no extra cost:

Six issues per year loaded with training information and tips, from youth to amateur adult to professional

Analysis of EURO and World Cup tournaments

Monthly newsletter including discounted offers, new products, free exercises and bonus articles

Online video exercise of the day

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Share The Membership is Back in 2008

The NSCAA is pleased to once again offer its popular Share the Membership program, which allows current members to share the benefits of the world's largest single-sport coaching association with those who haven't experienced them.

Upon renewing their membership for the upcoming 2008-09 year, members will have the opportunity to submit a complimentary membership for a colleague who has not held NSCAA membership in the past. That colleague will enjoy a full year of NSCAA member benefits as a guest of the sponsoring member. Benefits include: Soccer Journal, the Association's bi-monthly coaching magazine; professional liability insurance that covers virtually all coaching-related activities; discounts on enrollment in NSCAA coaching education courses and the 2009 NSCAA Convention in St. Louis; and access to a variety of goods and services offered through partnerships created by the NSCAA.

Members who would like to participate by sponsoring a new member may begin the process by completing a Share the Membership form. To download one as an editable PDF, [CLICK HERE](#). You will be able to enter information into the form, then print it out and mail it to the NSCAA National Office at the address on the form. PLEASE NOTE: You will not be able to save the data on the form - you must print it out and mail it to the NSCAA office.

2008 MLS All-Star Game Coming July 24

All eyes will be on BMO Field in Toronto July 24 as the MLS All-Stars face West Ham United of the English Premier league. The 13th Annual Pepsi All-Star Game features David Beckham, Cuauhtemoc Blanco, Landon Donovan and Juan Pablo Angel. They will be hoping to entertain a sell-out crowd hungry for goals. However, a strong West Ham team comprised of England

internationals Dean Ashton and Matthew Upson will be looking to spoil the party. You can catch all the action live Thursday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. (EDT) on ESPN and Telefutera.

College Services Reminder

Be sure to register for rankings, awards eligibility College coaches, don't forget to sign your team up for NSCAA College Services membership for the 2008 season. If you've been waiting for the start of the new fiscal year, now's the time to take action. To see if you've already registered, [CLICK HERE](#) to check the list of paid members by college division. If you're an NCAA Division I institution and need a form, [CLICK HERE](#) to access an editable PDF. If you're a non-Division I institution and need a form, [CLICK HERE](#).

Team Academic Award Nomination Forms Now Available

Forms to nominate deserving high school and college teams for the NSCAA/adidas Team Academic Award have been updated and now are available as editable PDFs through NSCAA.com.

To be eligible for the High School Team Academic Award, the varsity squad must have a minimum 3.25 GPA for the 2007-08 academic year. For the College Team Academic Award, the squad must carry a minimum of 3.0 GPA for the year. PLEASE NOTE: You must have grades in from the entire academic year (two semesters or three quarters) to complete the nomination.

The forms are set up as editable PDFs, so you will be able to use your computer to type the information into the appropriate blanks; however, you will not be able to save the completed form. Please print the form out, get the necessary signatures and mail the hard copy to the address on the form. We recommend that you retain a copy for your records. College forms are available in both a semester and quarter format.

To download a College Team Academic Award form for schools on the semester system, [CLICK HERE](#).

To download a College Team Academic Award form for schools on the quarter system, [CLICK HERE](#).

To download a High School Team Academic Award form, [CLICK HERE](#).

August High School Diploma Course Offered in Colorado

Sign up now for the High School Coaches Diploma course in Littleton, Colo., Aug. 1-3. The course will take place at Arapahoe High School. Cost is \$200.

For course information, [CLICK HERE](#).

To download a course application, [CLICK HERE](#).

Upcoming Non-Residential Courses

It won't be long before fall training begins. Why not get up-to-date on coaching methodologies by attending an NSCAA Coaching Education course? Keep checking NSCAA.com for the latest list. If you don't see a course near you, contact the State Technical Coordinator or Regional Technical

Director for your area to schedule one. A complete list can be found [HERE](#).

State Diploma

Sykesville, Md. - July 26
Milton, Wash. - July 26
North Adams, Mass. - July 26
Yardley, Pa. - Aug. 2
Clayton, N.C. - Aug. 2
Danville, Calif. - Aug. 2
Simsbury, Conn. - Aug. 8
Elizabethton, Tenn. - Aug. 16
Moyock, N.C. - Aug. 16
Collegeville, Pa. - Aug. 16
Evergreen, Colo. - Aug. 17
York, Pa. - Aug. 17
Pearland, Texas - Aug. 19-20
Austin, Texas - Aug. 24; Sept. 7
Florence, S.C. - Aug. 30
Davenport, Fla. - Sept. 7

Regional Diploma

Ormond Beach, Fla. - July 25-26
Newport News, Va. - Aug. 1-2
King of Prussia, Pa. - Aug. 2-3
Clayton, N.C. - Aug. 2-3
Churchville, Md. - Aug. 8-9
Elizabethton, Tenn. - Aug. 8-9
Simsbury, Conn. - Aug. 9-10
Pace, Fla. - Aug. 9-10
Hanover, Pa. - Aug. 10; Aug. 15
Danville, Calif. - Aug. 16-17
Reisterstown, Md. - Aug. 22-23
Weddington, N.C. - Aug. 23-24
Hobe Sound, Fla. - Sept. 5-7

Advanced Regional Diploma

Stone Mountain, Ga. - July 25-27
Grafton, Ohio - Aug. 1-3
Tampa, Fla. - Aug 1-3
Staunton, Va. - Aug. 1-3
San Diego, Calif. - Aug. 1-3
Corpus Christi, Texas - Aug. 1-3
Kernersville, N.C. - Aug. 1-3
Roanoke, Va. - Aug. 8-10
Churchville, Md. - Aug. 8-10
Elizabethton, Tenn. - Aug. 8-10
Pearland, Texas - Aug. 15-17
Providence, R. I. - Aug. 15-17
Westminster, Colo. - Aug. 15-17
Austin, Texas - Aug. 22-24
Reisterstown, Md. - Aug. 22-24
Baton Rouge, La. - Aug. 23-31
Pace, Fla. - Sept. 12-14

State Goalkeeping Diploma

Florence, S.C. - July 26

Greensburg, Pa. - Aug. 2
Simsbury, Conn. - Aug. 8
Chruchville, Md. - Aug. 9
Houston, Texas - Aug. 9

Regional Goalkeeping Diploma
Allentown, Pa. - July 25-26
Greensburg, Pa. - Aug. 3
Simsbury, Conn. - Aug. 9-10
Churchville, Pa. - Aug. 9-10
Houston, Texas - Aug. 10

Parent Coach Diploma
Severna Park, Md. - Aug. 25

Attention - College Coaches and SIDs
Update your 2008 schedule on the adidas College Soccer Scoreboard

The NSCAA, adidas, Soccer Information Systems, Inc. and WebBreez continue to offer college coaches the unmatched resource of the adidas College Soccer Scoreboard on NSCAA.com. Soccer Information Systems, Inc., has developed the technology that allows more than 2,700 volunteers from around the country to input and maintain the schedules and results of their favorite college teams, providing the most comprehensive source for schedules and scores in the world of college soccer.

Coaches, take a moment now to ensure that your 2008 schedule has been input on the Scoreboard. Pass this note along to the Sports Information Office at your institution and take time to make sure that your team is listed and has the most updated schedule information for this upcoming season.

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Coaching Corner: Channel Games for Goalkeepers

This installment of the Coaching Corner comes from the NSCAA book Soccer Skills and Drills, published by Human Kinetics. It comes from Chapter 7: Goalkeeping. For information on how to order a copy of Soccer Skills and Drills, [CLICK HERE](#).

Purpose: To practice positioning on flighted balls.

Procedure: Two neutral players are the only players allowed in the channels (see drill animation). Two teams play in the central channel. The neutral players play the ball to whichever team plays them the ball. They might have limited time or touches. To encourage crossing, additional points may be awarded for scoring off a crossed ball from a neutral player

Coaching Points: Focus on goalkeepers correctly positioning for the cross (off the ball line), fielding crossed balls, and quickly adjusting to a change in position (off the ball line for a cross to on the ball line to stop a shot).

For drill animation, [CLICK HERE](#).

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