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A Letter From Our President  
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Children and Parents of FYSA:  
Welcome to

Florence

Youth Soccer Association. We look forward to an enjoyable and productive year for both children and parents. If you participated with FYSA in the past, we want to thank you for your continued support. If this is a new experience for you this year, welcome to FYSA soccer.

Let me introduce you to our 2009-2010 FYSA Board Members. Remember, these volunteers give their time and energy to make this league successful.

Amanda Alliston– Registrar, U12 Coordinator

Dawn Little- U12 Scheduler

Dre' Helms-U10 Coordinator/Scheduler

John Little - U5/U6 Coordinator/Scheduler

John Mickle – Parks Director

Bob Shorter – Vice-President, Tournament Director

Jamie Jones-Field Director

Mike Reeves - U14/16/19 Coordinator

Joey Sheppard - President/Referee Assignor, U8 Coordinator/Scheduler

Trip Shook - Disciplinarian

Tammy Watts - Secretary/Uniform Coordinator

FYSA continues to grow and develop. We continue to see an increase in participation numbers. This growth has introduced issues that the organization must address in order to support our children. Sustained growth is a result of hard work from the players, parents, and coaches. We need to continue to work together for the benefit of the program. Our biggest success is the enjoyment our children realize as they play this wonderful game. We all have an integral part in their development not only as soccer players, but as individuals.

We want to focus on areas of improvement as we also address issues that we've encountered. Some of these issues/improvements include:

Development of our Referees – We do have a lot of young referees that are willing to support the league. Working with our Referee Assigner, Joey Sheppard, coaches, and parents, it is our intention to help our referees gain valuable experience and knowledge. In order to build this experience, we need to get our referees on the field in game situations and provide support/training to these kids. It's the leagues responsibility to develop the referees and the players, parents, and

coaches responsibility to support these referees. Your feedback is valuable. We also ask that everyone involved understand that this is a process of development. If you have suggestions for improvement or issues, address those with the Referee Assigner and the FYSA board, not the referees.

Age Group Training – FYSA took some steps toward further training for the younger age groups in the fall. We will continue this development in the spring with more Age Group Training and spring and summer camps. There are plenty of opportunities here that the league wants to incorporate into the development of our kids. Your suggestions are welcome.

Division 2 – MYSA has provided leagues with an opportunity to create challenge teams for U10-U19 age groups. FYSA is interested in building on the success from this past year. We continue to improve our Division 2 program.

Player/Coach/Parent Development – FYSA perception is based on board member, referee, player, coach, and parent behavior. We have been fortunate that we have had to address few issues related to behavior, but issues do occur. We (board members, players, coaches, referees, and parents) share this responsibility. Our behaviors do impact the children of FYSA and we need to make sure our focus is based our children's enjoyment and development as soccer players and young men and women.

It's easy to say – Let's remember that this organization exists for the development of our children. Our challenge is to live to these words.

We will make every effort to support this league and its participants and would appreciate your feedback. Thank you for your continued support and for the opportunity to work with you in the development of the children involved in this program as well as the continued improvement of FYSA. We look forward to another enjoyable season.

"In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can."

- Nikos Kazantzakis

Thank You

Joey Sheppard

FYSA President

