

## 2009 Decorah United Team Parent Information

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Thank you for your willingness to be a leader for your team. You will play a very important role in your team's overall experience with the club. You will serve as a liaison between the Board of Directors, your team's coach, the players and parents on your team. At any time, please feel free to call or email the board to ask questions. A list of board members is on our website: [www.decorahunitedsoccer.com](http://www.decorahunitedsoccer.com) under "About Us". It is so important that we keep the lines of communication open. Please bring any parent concerns from your team to a board member in a timely manner.

Communication is very important. Be sure to:

- Introduce yourself and welcome new families, coach, etc.
- Talk to your coach about needing rides to away games. Either provide them yourself or set up a schedule for the team to share in this duty.
- Verify contact information for your team.
- Set up a group email for information distribution and reminders. Everyone in the club has an email address. Stress the importance of checking emails regularly during the season. You can also do a calling tree, if you prefer. Texting is another option if it works for your team.
- We have used your cell phone as your contact number. This is so an opposing team may contact you while you are on the road. Take a minute to enter your team's cell phone numbers into your cell phone contacts. You never know when you need to get a hold of a player. You will be glad you did.
- In the event that a practice or game must be canceled or changed, please contact all families in the above mentioned ways. If the club cancels all practices or games due to weather, we will post it on our website. It is the first thing we will do. If it is not on the website, then we are still in the process of deciding what to do. We will also call the radio stations. PLEASE DO NOT CALL BOARD MEMBERS AND ASK.
- Communicate with your opposing teams. One day prior to the game, call the opposing team for both home and away games. Confirm game time and place. Games are being rescheduled constantly and it is possible your team did not get updated information. Opposing team contacts will be posted on the web.
- Remind opposing teams of our new field locations. There will be a map on our website. We will also try and get some signage out.

**Medical Kits:** Work with your coach to ensure that the medical kit is brought to every practice and game. If you see them without it, ask them about it. Do not allow the players to get in the medical kit. They love to use the tape for everything! Remind him/her to keep track of inventory and inform you of additional supplies needed. Please contact board member, Anisa Ashbacher at 563-379-2555 or [amashba@yahoo.com](mailto:amashba@yahoo.com) to replenish med kit supplies.

**Uniforms:** Jerseys, practice t-shirts, and shorts will be distributed March 22<sup>nd</sup>, start at 3 p.m. at the Luther Regents Center. **We would like you to pick up any unclaimed items at 5:00 p.m. and finish delivering to your team.** It can be the first night of practice. Any question regarding uniforms should go to Kerry Johnson at [johnsonkj@mchsi.com](mailto:johnsonkj@mchsi.com)

**Referees:** If you are playing a home game and a ref does not show, please call Marianne Stalberger, Director of Referees at 563-379-1333. Marianne needs to be notified of any canceled home games as well, so that she may notify the assigned ref. If all home games have been cancelled due to bad weather, the board will make sure Marianne knows. Any other concerns regarding refs should also be directed to Marianne.

**Rescheduling a home game:** Here is what you need to do if you have to reschedule a home game. 1) Check for field availability and a time that works for both teams. We will have all schedules on the web. 2) Contact Marianne Stalberger at 563-379-1333 or email at [mstalberger@hotmail.com](mailto:mstalberger@hotmail.com) to schedule a ref and confirm field availability.

**La Crosse Tournament May 29, 30, 31<sup>st</sup>:** Let Dodi Bernatz ([bernatzd@luther](mailto:bernatzd@luther)) know by March 29th if your team is playing or not playing. Deadline is March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Snacks:** Some teams like a treat schedule. Most parents don't like them, but will participate if one is organized. We will leave that up to you to decide.