

PLAYERS ONLY Page!

Players! Send your submissions by Sep 1, 2007.

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Ask Josh ...

Write in and ask NMYSA's Technical Director, Josh Groves, any soccer-related questions you may have.

[Diana Gonzales (U10, Explosion)]: Coach Josh, is it good being out or in the goalie box; is it better to catch or jump on the ball?

[Josh Groves, NMYSA TD]: Diana, thanks for your question. As a goalkeeper, your position on the field will change frequently. Sometimes, when the ball is in the opposition's half of the field, it is best for you to be off your goal line and supporting the defenders in front of you. However, as the ball gets closer to your goal, you should adjust your position to be closer to the goal line. In the event you find yourself in a one-versus-one situation, you should come off your line to close down the shooting angle of the player with the ball. So sometimes you need to be inside your goalie box, but you also need to be prepared to come out of the box to close angles, support defenders and sometimes clear the ball.

Collecting the ball by catching it is the best option for a goalkeeper. Sometimes goalkeepers will not be able to cleanly catch the ball, as there are other players in close proximity. In this situa-

tion, it is best for the goalkeeper to jump on or smother the ball to prevent a player from getting a shot at the goal.


[Tegan Meader (U12, Aztec)]: Coach Josh, how do you keep the other team from constantly cheating when you're a line referee or referee?

[Josh Groves, NMYSA TD]: Referees have a number of tools for preventing teams from cheating during games. They can talk to the players on the field. They can also give fouls against the team that is cheating. If these measures do not stop the cheating, then referees can give a yellow card to individual players that serves as an official warning, and ultimately if that does not stop the cheating then they can give a red card to the individual which means that the player must leave the game and is not allowed to return.

Player News

[No player news items were submitted this quarter.]

Where's Josh?

Josh is hidden throughout the newsletter in 6 places. This is what Josh looks like:  (this one doesn't count!). Find all six and be one of the first 10 players to write in with the correct locations and you'll win cool prizes. Good luck!!

April 2007 winners: Katie Bowman, age 10 (LAYS�);

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Quarterly Puzzle

Olympic Sports

Archery	Table Tennis
Baseball	Tennis
Basketball	Triathlon
Boxing	Volley Ball
Cycling	Weight Lifting
Fencing	Skating
Gymnastics	Skiing
Soccer	Curling
Ice Hockey	Luge
Rowing	Bobsleigh
Sailing	Badminton
Swimming	Judo
Diving	Track