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## COACHING PRIORITIES - JONATHAN THAYIL

Clubs want quality coaching and will offer high salaries to lure the best. But what makes a quality coach?

Their knowledge, experience as both a player and coach, certifications, and the ability to motivate players are obvious answers. But even if these translate into "team success" — a winning season and development of individual players — is there a dimension to coaching that helps players become part of other, more important teams: within the family, at school, among friends, and in extra-

curricular activities? Soccer is a game that has the potential to teach valuable life lessons.

Quality coaching conveys ideals like sportsmanship, honesty, hard work in pursuit of personal goals, integrity, communication, cooperation, perseverance, and so much more.

While any coach can convey how such ideals relate to the game of soccer, it takes a quality coach to relate them to the game of life. Quality coaches take advantage of their unique opportunity to positively influ-

ence the lives of their players, not as a parent might, but in a manner that fosters the natural relationship between coach and player.

We've all heard testimony by professional athletes who credit their youth, high school, or college coach with teaching them not only how to be among the best in their chosen sport, but helped them learn about life and how to relate to others. The lessons a coach teaches can last a lifetime, though soccer playing may not.

## ATSC SPRING TRY-OUTS - PAULA PETTAVINO

ATSC annual spring try-outs will be at the end of May and early June. Dates will be announced at the end of March. Our volunteers need your help. Consider assisting in one of the age group sessions or doing publicity or flyer distribution.

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## THE REFEREE'S CATCH-ALL, "UNSPORTING BEHAVIOR" - PAUL S. SMITH

When a referee issues a "caution" or yellow card, it signals "Unsporting Behavior" which is not one, but rather a category of behaviors more serious than a simple foul like tripping or pushing that results in a whistle and free kick. Unsporting behavior is conduct that has such force, recklessness, or intent behind it and is so offensive to the game, the guilty party is "booked."

1. Commission of a penal foul (one resulting in a direct free kick, e.g. holding or charging) in a reckless and overly forceful manner.
2. Commission of a penal foul while tackling for the ball from behind.
3. Commission of a tactical foul, which is designated to interfere with or impede an opposing team's attacking play (e.g. the last defender fouling the attacker to stop the offensive).
4. Commission of an act considered by the referee to bring the game into dispute (e.g. taunting).
5. Handling the ball deliberately either

to interfere with an opponent's attacking play or to score a goal oneself. (This is what should have happened after Diego Maradona's "Hand of God" goal in the 1986 World Cup.)

6. Faking a foul or an injury, or exaggerating their seriousness. This is a **mandatory caution**. Because the referees are *required* to issue a yellow card for this, it must be serious, which is why officials often take extra care to make certain.
7. Interfering with or preventing the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from their hands into play.
8. Unfairly distracting or impeding an opponent performing a throw-in. (A player can stand still before the thrower, but cannot follow along the touchline or jump up and down to hinder the throw). Another **mandatory caution**.
9. Verbally distracting an opponent during play or at a restart. (A player cannot yell at an opponent, call for the ball by pretending to be on the same team, etc.).

10. Engaging in unfair deception while taking a penalty kick. This is a grey area since a penalty kick is a form of direct free kick and players are allowed some leeway to feint when taking a free kick. I advise limiting feints to one in this situation.

11. Changing places with the goalkeeper without the referee's permission. This, too, technically is a **mandatory caution for both players**, so coaches should be sure to notify the referee beforehand.

12. Engaging in trickery to get around the rule against the goalkeeper's handling of a ball played from a teammate's foot. The player who initiates the "trickery" is cau-

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## NEW UNIFORM ORDER POLICY

ATSC uniform orders now will be placed on the first day of the month and shipped on the last day of the month.

The cost of uniforms remains \$49 and includes a jersey, a pair of shorts, and a pair of socks. White cotton t-shirts with ATSC logo and a number on the back are \$12 each. Team bags with the ATSC and Dynamic logos are \$24.95 each. If numbers appear on

the bag, they add \$2 to \$5 to the cost.

Sample uniforms and bags are available for inspection and sizing.

To order uniforms, contact Hilary Philips at (703) 276-0877 or mail [hilarygersonp@hotmail.com](mailto:hilarygersonp@hotmail.com). Please consider the timing of uniform orders and delivery when organizing spring try-outs.



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## TEAM REPORTS

Playing three back-to-back half-hour games, the **U10G Comets** were the only undefeated team in their age category and won the George Mason University Indoor Soccer Tournament on January 19. They beat the CYA Swifts (5-0) and Braddock Road Lightening (3-1), and tied the Annandale Terminators (1-1).

The **U12G United** reached the finals of the National Indoor Championship in White

Marsh, MD, in February having won a regional tournament in December. The team struggled against the Novi, MI, Jaguars, losing their first game 4-2, but went on to win their next two against the Orleans, Ontario, Cumberland Cobras (3-1) and Baltimore's DSC Magic to qualify for the semifinals. They dominated the Rockland, MA, South Shore Select (6-1) and came up against last year's runner-

up N. Royalton, OH, Lady Bears in their final, losing a hard-fought match 4-2.

In January, the **U14G Flash** participated in the Jac Cicala Indoor Soccer Tournament at GMU. The team was split in two and both advanced to the finals undefeated against WAGS Division I teams such as the VISTA Vipers, BYRC Stampede and PWSI Twisters Red. Coach Cliff Carroll decided not to force the two

teams to play against one another in the final game. Both were declared champions and each player received a tournament t-shirt.

At GMU in February, the **U11B Division I Arlington Kiwanis** won their final against the McLean Strikers in late night play. Tied as they went into overtime, *Erick Cardillo* staved off a penalty kick and *Santiago Canseco* kicked the tie-breaker. The team played as the U11B Action under Coach Alex.



**U10G Comets (L-R)** Carla Manger, Maddy Farber, Tessa Heydinger, Eryn Hurley, Coach Mary White, Austin Settle, Asst Coach Jinna Mach, Ellie Mills, Shelley Gresko, Maddie Meyer, Emmalee Denkler, and Nicole Merlene. Not pictured: Caitlin Baker.

## GUNSTON SYNTHETIC TURF DEBUTS THIS SPRING

New synthetic turf at Gunston Middle School's soccer field debuts in early May, according to the Arlington Sports Division.

NCSL and WAGS games are on tap for May 19 and June 2, with five to seven games played each day between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm.

Arlington County wants as many teams and players as possible to experience the new turf so they can receive feedback about its playability and safety. Coaches and players are asked to provide the Sports Division with their reactions.

Twelve different ATSC teams are tentatively scheduled for

games at Gunston MS, this spring. During the fall season it is hoped that scheduling will allow most of Arlington's U11 and older NCSL and WAGS teams to play at least one game on the new field.

Arlington Travel Soccer and the Bolivian Soccer League will alternate Sunday use of the new turf at Gunston.



**KLURFELD ARLINGTON TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND – KIM BEALS**

Almost two years ago, our community and ATSC suffered a great loss. Scott and Janis Klurfeld - along with their son Zach and U14 Arlington Thunder teammate George McDougall - were traveling south on I-95 when their car was crushed by a northbound truck crossing the median into their lane.

Scott and Janis died instantly. The boys survived with massive physical and emotional injuries. Our soccer community was deeply shocked and saddened.

As travel soccer parents, we

spend many weekends traveling with our kids to games throughout the region, as Scott and Janis did. In memory of their tragedy, ATSC established the Klurfeld Arlington Travel Scholarship Fund. It provides financial support to Arlington soccer scholarship players who might not otherwise be able to afford to play.

Arlington is a diverse community. Our diversity is reflected in our teams. ATSC wants all talented players able to play travel soccer regardless of their ability to pay. ATSC has over eighty scholarship

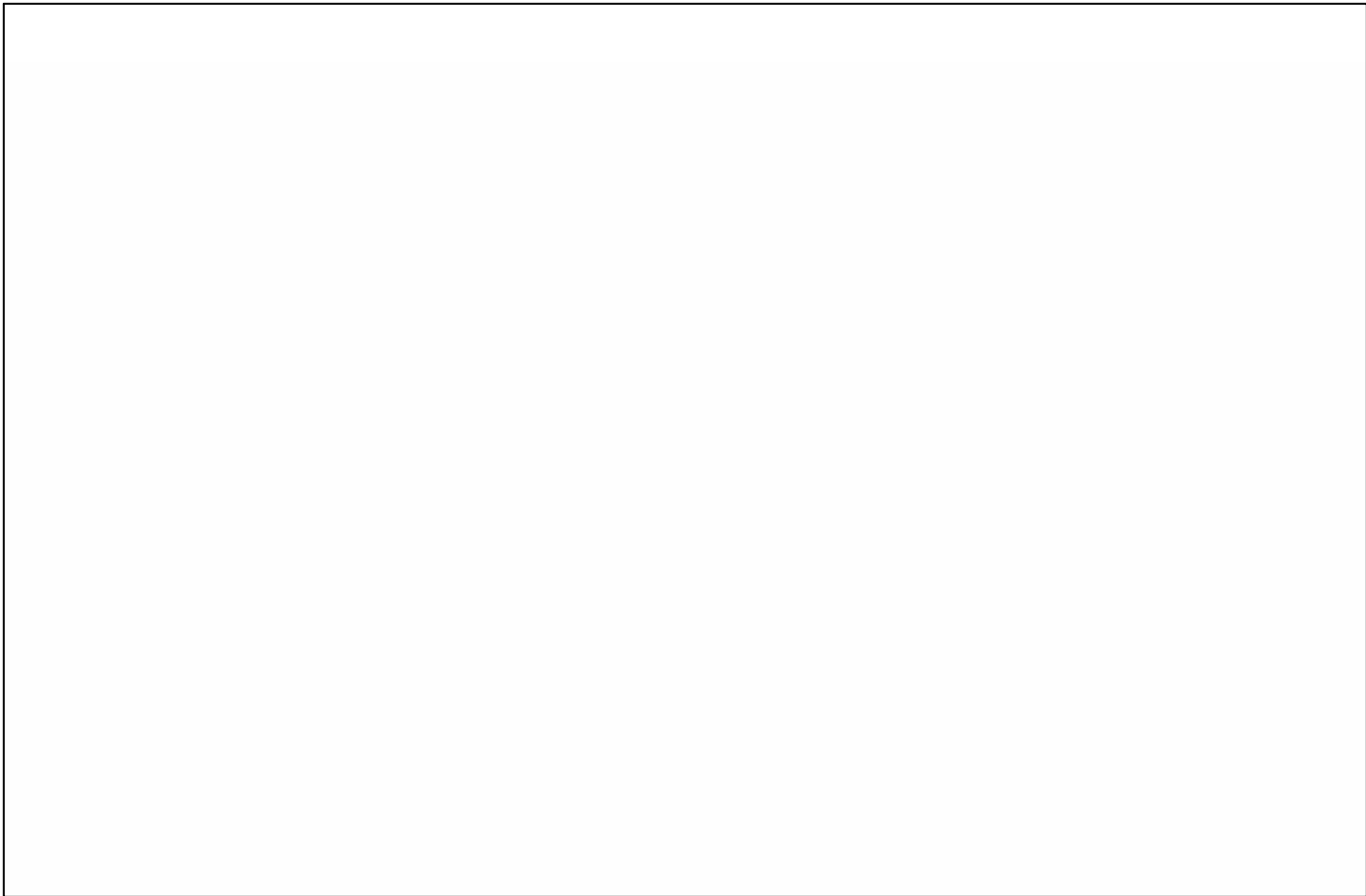
players who require financial help. The Klurfeld fund helps provide it. However our need is greater than our resources. Requests for financial assistance continue to increase even as donations decrease.

The fund desperately needs replenishing. Any donation you can make, no matter how small, will make a difference to a talented player. Your tax deductible contribution can be sent to:

**Klurfeld Arlington Travel  
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c/o Arlington Community  
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2525 Wilson Boulevard  
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For more information, please contact Kim Beals, ATSC Fundraising Chair at (703) 524-9846 or email [lacreme@aol.com](mailto:lacreme@aol.com).

Want to help in another way? ATSC is planning a coaches' match this spring - girls' team coaches against boys' - with the proceeds going to the Klurfeld fund. We need volunteers to solicit donations from businesses for a silent auction, raffle and concession stand, and to organize ticket sales. The time commitment is minimal. Call Kim with offers of help or goods and services you can donate.



**NCSL NEWS - LUCY JENNINGS**

NCSL sponsored a seminar for U16 and older players and their parents in late January to provide information on playing soccer at the post-high school level.

Coaches and their assistants from area colleges and universities participated. Their message? "A player's first priority should be to work hard in high school to achieve admission to college."

While playing soccer post-high school is possible, it is very selective, they said. The more flexible the player as to position, and team playing styles and strategies, the more attractive they are to a prospective coach.

NCSL team schedules will be available around midnight on March 27 on our website at [www.ncsl-soccer.com](http://www.ncsl-soccer.com). You will also find directions to playing fields. I will have con-

tact information for your division ready for you on March 28 so that you can contact your opponent when you are home-team to verify uniform colors, field directions, and start times.

If you are applying for an out-of-state tournament for Memorial Day, process your Application to Travel form sooner rather than later. If you are not accepted for the tournament, simply discard

the Application to Travel. There is a \$25 fee for forms processed within 30 days of the tournament date. See [www.vysa.com](http://www.vysa.com) for details.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE**

The ATSC deems that no player should be denied an opportunity to play travel soccer due to a family's inability to pay.

While ATSC hopes that each team will try to support players who cannot otherwise afford the team fees, the club recognizes fundraising activities and solicitation of donations or sponsors may need to be supplemented.

Teams applying for financial assistance must make application by March 30. A team is eligible to receive reimbursement of the \$45 ATSC fee for the first player who requires assistance. The team is expected to absorb other costs for that player.

If additional players require assistance, they are eligible for reimbursement of an equal, pro-rated amount will

be determined by the number of requests received and available funds.

For additional information and an application form, contact Pat Cardillo at (703) 531-0992 or you can email [pat21051@aol.com](mailto:pat21051@aol.com).

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**KEEPER TO KEEPER**

Novice and Advanced Goal-keeper Training will be offered this spring by Keith Moser at Marymount University for goalkeepers in the Arlington Soccer Association.

Moser is Head Mens' Coach at Marymount and Goal-keeper/Assistant Coach for the Maryland Pride womens' professional team. He has

worked with ODP programs in Maryland and Virginia.

Sessions for U11-U19 run from 6:00-7:00 pm, April 2 through June 7 in Tuesday and Friday groups.

For cost, registration and other information, contact Moser at (703) 284-1514 or his home at (703) 521-1999.



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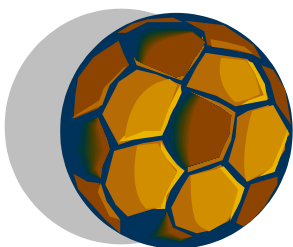
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