



AUGUST 2021

MONTHLY UPDATE



What a Kick!



GET YOUR MLSA INFO FAST & RUN WITH IT.

Huddle Up, It's Go Time.

Registrations End 8/5 (Lebo Cup) & 8/15 (All Others)!

Sign up now to get your spot:

- **NEW Lebo Boys Academy** (Formerly FDP and the U9 Academy): Fall development program for boys born in 2013 and 2014
- **FDP for Girls:** Fall development program for girls in 1st and 2nd grades
- **NEW Fall Lebo Girls 3rd Grade Academy:** With more professional trainers; girls learn 7v7 in a league of their own to prepare them for travel or Lebo Cup; this is very different from SDP
- **Lebo Cup:** Boys grades 3-8 and girls grades 4-8 (**Register by 8/5**)
- **Goalkeeper Training:** Grades 3-8
- **Fall TOPSoccer:** Ages 6+
- **Fall RT19:** Co-Ed Grades 8-12



Register on [MLSA.org](http://mlsa.org) today!
Overall program questions?
Email info@mlsa.org

For a sneak peek at fall uniforms, check out the reveal [here on Facebook!](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE: We just updated our mobile site so all program information is easier to find.

Make sure to hit the **larger arrow** to the far right for menu drop downs.

AWESOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Register now for Lebo Cup, an awesome soccer experience with friends that's a Lebo tradition!
- It's **MLSA Discount Weekend at Dick's Sporting Goods.** Get 20% off August 13-16th! Code follows on subsequent page.
- Save the Date! **Riverhounds Night** is Saturday, September 11th at 7pm. [Click here to get your tickets!](#)
- **Bethany Camp** was a blast! See what we've been up to on the following pages....
- Please check out our **volunteer info.** if you'd like to help!
- **Blue Out Night** with the MLSA & the MTLHS Girls Soccer team is on 9/27 & **Pink Out Night** with the MLSA and the MTLHS Boys Soccer team is on 10/7, so save those dates for some team fun!
- Click our social icons above to check in!
- Watch your email & check MLSA.org, our social media and [school newsletters](#) for



FOR LEBO 3RD GRADE GIRLS

Come Play with Us!



Just 6 Spots Left!

CALLING ALL LEBO RISING 3RD GRADE GIRLS!

Introducing the New MLSA Fall Lebo Girls Third Grade Academy!

We have reimagined the MLSA girls programs to give girls exactly what they need developmentally at this pivotal stage.

Prepping For The Next Step

This September-October program is designed to develop young players in a positive, supportive and challenging atmosphere that will emphasize age-appropriate technical development and prepare them to play the 7v7 game—whether it be in the more recreational Lebo Cup league or the more competitive travel league.

Building Friendships & Skills

It's an exciting opportunity, as we're bringing all third grade Mount Lebanon Girls together to play with friends and to learn and build passion for the beautiful game of soccer.

Enrollment is limited so sign up soon at mlsa.org! Registration closes August 15th.

COME PLAY WITH US!



REGISTER HERE: www.mlsa.org



MLSA SPIRIT WEAR

Get Geared Up for the Season

[Shop here](#) for polo shirts, hats, car magnets, blankets, chairs, raincoats and more!

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SALE

8/1-8/12

RIVERHOUNDS NIGHT

Don't Miss this Great Team Builder!

[Click here](#) for tickets and [RSVP for the tailgate here.](#)



MLSA Riverhounds Night

Saturday, 9/11/21

7pm @ Highmark Stadium

Tickets are

\$20

(Section 106)

FREE MLSA

Tailgate from

5pm till

game time

<https://www.fevo.com/edp/Pittsburgh-Riverhounds-SC-vs-Loudoun-United-FC--Mt-Lebanon-Soccer-Association-Mr4ZwVVj>

Tailgate RSVP:

<https://forms.gle/rB3KPsZFJkCWshAm7>

BETHANY CAMP

We Brought Bethany College to Lebo this Year!

Due to COVID, Bethany College made a real pivot and came to us this time. Over three days and six sessions, 150 boys and girls from grades 1-8 got a fantastic training experience with the head coach from Bethany College, Assistant Coach from Robert Morris, our own former Duquesne coach and current Assistant Mt. Lebanon High School Coach Shelly Saba and a coaching staff that hailed from Wales, Africa and Argentina!

This camp provided the wonderful cultural experience that the beautiful game of soccer uniquely brings to the pitch.

Thank you to all who attended and hope to see even more of you next year!



ARE YOU READY TO REF?

Make Money and Make a Difference

GRASSROOTS ENTRY LEVEL USSF REFEREE SESSIONS NOW AVAILABLE

- Successfully completing the Grassroots Entry Level Course makes you a USSF Referee - so you can ref Travel games.
- There is both online training (free of charge) and on-field training (\$65). You must complete the online sessions before signing up for on-field training.
- You must be 14 years old to get started.
- This is not MLSA-only training. This is a national certification that puts you in the USSF Referee Program, administered locally by the Western PA Referee Committee.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Go to <http://www.wparef.com/> and click the "Become A Referee" tab, where you will find:

- General information about becoming and remaining a referee
- How to register for accounts in the two systems that you will use for training/registration
- After you register for your accounts you will have access to online instruction which:
 - MUST be completed at least one week prior to the on-field session
 - Takes 4-6 hours and can be done in sections
 - Step-by-step instructions on obtaining and submitting your clearances (for all) and work permits (for minors)
 - These need not be submitted prior to your instruction, but must be submitted before you receive your badge and are therefore able to referee
 - SafeSport training must also be completed. This takes about an hour and can be done in sections.
- If you need fingerprints (18+), allow several weeks for processing
- Information on referee uniforms/equipment
- IMPORTANT: Your Entry Level Course is just the beginning. Referees must recertify annually, to keep up with new information on the Laws and administrative matters.

PRO TIPS FOR GAME OFFICIALS:

- Make sure to specify Mt Lebanon as your "Home Association" under Contact Info. That's how you get on the Lebo list for assigning.
- Make sure to list an email address you actually use, the State Referee Committee frequently sends out important info to all refs via email.
- You will use this same system every year to sign up for your re-certification.

MLSA Discount Weekend 8/13-16 at Dick's Sporting Goods!

Get 20% Off

Dick's Sporting Goods is offering a 20% off discount for all of our participating players, coaches and their family members. [Click here](#) for our league's coupon. In-Store you will receive 20% off your entire purchase.

Join us at Dick's Sporting Goods as we gear up for the season.



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Please send your company name, address, phone number, email and website url to info@MLSA.org. The cost for one year (September-August) is \$250. We thank you for your support!



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A REPORT FROM TOKYO

The USWNT is Making History Again

The women's soccer matches in the Olympics have been nothing short of exhilarating! After a concerning start for the US Women's National Team, they came out of their group in 2nd place, recently beat top contender the Netherlands in a penalty shoot-out and are moving on to play Canada in a semi-final match on Monday, August 2nd.

While the United States came into the Olympics as the clear favorite, their performance has not been up to their usual standard of play while other teams, like Sweden and Great Britain, have had strong performances.

Brazil, under the leadership of former US coach Pia Sundhage, was playing some of their best soccer with superstar Marta up top. Not to be ignored, the 2019 World Cup runner ups, the Netherlands, were a mighty hurdle in the Quarterfinals.

Potential future match ups include a gold medal rematch between Sweden and the United States. Stay tuned to see how some of the best in the world compete on one of the biggest stages when the gold medal is awarded on August 5th!

The USWNT celebrates after a 6-1 win over New Zealand



Your "Games to Watch" in August/September

Download the LiveSoccerTV app for game times and channels.

Men's Games:

International Matches:

Really exciting game! The US men just beat Mexico 1-0 in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final versus Mexico on Sunday August 1st!

College:

Pitt Men's Soccer

8/14 at 7pm vs Robert Morris (H)

8/21 at 7:30pm vs Maryland (A)

8/26 at 8 pm vs Duquesne (H)

8/30 at 7pm vs WVU (A)

9/3 at 7pm vs Lehigh (H)

9/6 at 7pm vs Akron (A)

9/10 at 7pm vs UNC (H)

RMU Men's Soccer

8/14 at 7pm vs Pitt (A)

8/20 at 4pm vs Niagra (A)

8/26 at 4pm vs WVU (H)

8/29 at 7pm vs Duquesne (A)

9/3 at 7pm vs Akron (A)

9/11 at 7pm vs Northern Kentucky (A)

Women's Games:

Olympics Women's Soccer

Semifinals: 8/2 at 4am (Canada vs USA) and 7am (Australia vs Sweden) on USA

Bronze Medal (Semifinal losers) = 8/5 at 4am on USA

Gold Medal (Semifinal winners) = 8/5 at 10pm on USA

Your "Games to Watch" in August/September (Continued)

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Women's Games (continued):

NWSL

8/22 at 4pm on CBS Sports Network - Washington Spirit vs Orlando Pride

8/25 at 10:30pm on CBS Sports Network - Portland Thorns FC vs NJ/NY Gotham FC

9/1 at 8pm on CBS Sports Network - Houston Dash vs OL Reign

9/5 at 4pm on CBS - Orlando Pride vs Houston Dash

9/12 at 2pm on CBS Sports Network - North Carolina Courage vs Portland Thorns FC

*all other games on Paramount+/Twitch

College:

Pitt Women's Soccer

8/26 at 6pm vs Cleveland State University

8/29 at 1pm vs NJIT

9/5 at 1pm vs TCU

9/9 at 7pm vs Saint Francis University

9/12 at 1pm vs Towson

Robert Morris Women's Soccer

8/13 at 1pm vs Howard *Exhibition

8/29 at 1pm vs Valparaiso

9/5 at 1pm vs Canisius

9/19 at 1pm vs Milwaukee



Grab some friends and watch a game or two!