



NOVEMBER 2021

MONTHLY UPDATE



What a Kick!

GET YOUR MLSA INFO FAST & RUN WITH IT.

Thanks for a Great Fall Season!

Congratulations to all of the fall teams and programs. We were thrilled that the Lebo Girls 3rd Grade Academy and Lebo Boys Academy had great inaugural seasons and that our long-standing Lebo Cup, Travel, RT 19, TOP Soccer and GK Training programs were also a hit.

Thank you to the coaches, trainers, refs, high school volunteers, parents and especially the players for a wonderful experience with the beautiful game!

Next Up? Futsal, the fast-paced game that helps players improve their skills in the off-season—and is a ton of fun. See you on the courts!

And stay tuned for our spring programming....

Overall program questions? Email info@mlsa.org

SEE INSIDE FOR AWESOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Winter Training!** Many local clubs have sessions starting soon (and some are already rolling!).
- **Dick's Sporting Goods Discounts** for the MLSA are good through 1/31/21. Happy holiday shopping!
- **A Note from Our President:** Seeking MLSA Volunteers
- **For updated volunteer needs**, check out the volunteer info. on mlsa.org to see which programs currently need help!
- **Make some money and have some fun.** Now training refs!
- **MLSA Sponsors!** Get in front of 1,000+ Lebo families when you sponsor the MLSA. Check out the businesses and organizations that sponsor us now, and please support our amazing sponsors!
- **Watch your email & check MLSA.org**, our social media and [school newsletters](#) for all updates.

Capping Off a Beautiful Fall Season



CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

Winter Training

If your player is looking to sharpen his or her skills over the winter, there are a number of training sessions available in the area.

BEADLING SC:

1898 Elite Skills Training Winter 2 South (beginning January 2022): [Read more here.](#)

1898 Elite Skills Training Winter 2 South GOALKEEPING: [Read more here.](#)

*This program started on 11/14, but is still accepting players. It runs through the end of December.

Register for both of these programs at beadling.com.

PFC:

Rising Stars Academy Winter 1 (beginning January 8, 2022) and Winter 2 (beginning February 19, 2022) Sessions: [Read more and register here.](#)

RIVERHOUNDS SC:

Winter Technical Training Academy (beginning January 8, 2022). [More info here.](#)

****Mt. Lebanon High School Girls Soccer Coach Seth Young and players will be offering winter clinics as well. Look for specifics coming in January!**



SEASON-LONG DISCOUNT

MLSA'S Special Dick's Sporting Goods Discounts

Now's the perfect time to score some deals for your holiday shopping. Here's [the link](#) with a bunch of discounts. They're good through 1/31/21!

SPECIAL OFFERS

CLICK HERE TO **SAVE** ON YOUR NEXT PURCHASE.

EVERY SEASON STARTS AT



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

MLSA Volunteer Positions

MLSA Membership,

Would you like to be a part of a 51 year-old tradition that has provided countless hours of fun, learning and teamwork to the Lebo community? We are always seeking volunteers, no matter what your skill set or level.

The MLSA offers a variety of programs, including developmental programs, inhouse leagues and competitive programs for our community youth—and there are plenty of places where you can make a difference.

We're seeking various backgrounds, including members with a soccer background to help with coaching and training, as well as members with key administrative skills like logistics, communications/marketing and planning.

It's our passion to provide an exceptional soccer experience for the kids. If you have the time and would like to be part of our association, please reach out to us directly by sending us an email at info@mlsa.org.

Thank you for your continued support,

Tim Defeo

President, MLSA



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.

Your "Games to Watch" in December

Download the LiveSoccerTV app for game times and channels.

Men's Games

International Matches:

Dec 1 West Ham vs Chelsea

Dec 1 Dortmund vs Bayern

College

Pitt: DEC 4: NCAA Quarterfinals vs Notre Dame

5pm (A)



Your "Games to Watch" in December

Download the LiveSoccerTV app for game times and channels.

Women's Games

NCAA Women's Soccer Championship:

Dec 3: Semifinals 7pm and 9:30pm on ESPNU

Dec 5: Finals 8pm on ESPNU



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