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# **KYSA Purchases Soccer Dome!**



The Kamloops Youth Soccer Association has purchased the Soccer Dome from Lane's End Holdings Ltd. The Association has leased the building since 2014 to facilitate indoor training during the winter months. With the lease expiring in April, the opportunity to purchase was available to KYSA and the timing was right. To read more, visit [www.kysa.net](http://www.kysa.net).

KYSA is actively seeking corporate sponsors to contribute to the upgrade of the Dome. The association will be putting together a volunteer work bee to clean, paint and update. If you are interested in sponsorship or volunteering, please contact Executive Director Missy Cederholm at 250-376-2750 or [kysaed@telus.net](mailto:kysaed@telus.net).

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

KYSA is a volunteer organization that is dedicated to offering youth in Kamloops a positive, fun soccer environment at the recreational and competitive levels, with coaches who are dedicated to the players and their development, while at the same time promoting sportsmanship and fellowship amongst all its members.

# From the desk of Executive Director, Missy Cederholm...



Applications are now open for the 2019 KYSA Scholarship Awards. This year there are 11 scholarships available. To qualify, an applicant for a KYSA Scholarship must have been registered in the association for three or more seasons (not necessarily consecutive). Anyone eligible has until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to submit an application. Additional information on the KYSA's Scholarship Program and application forms are available on our website at [www.kysa.net/2019-scholarship-awards](http://www.kysa.net/2019-scholarship-awards).

The KYSA will host its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Dinner at St. Ann's Academy on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. As part of the event there is a Silent Auction, which raises money for the association's Inclusive Program, the Scholarship Program and the Hardship Fund. You will be hearing more about the event in the coming weeks, but keep in mind that the awards selection committee will be looking for nominations in the following categories:

- House Coach of the Year
- Select Coach of the Year
- Manager of the Year
- Small-Sided Male Player of the Year
- Small-Sided Female Player of the Year
- Youth Male Player of the Year
- Youth Female Player of the Year
- Select Male Player of the Year
- Select Female Player of the Year
- Development Male Player of the Year
- Development Female Player of the Year
- Team Spirit Award
- Small-Sided Referee of the Year
- Youth Referee of the Year

Nomination info will be circulated shortly. In the meantime, keep your eyes peeled for worthy candidates!

Former KYSA Executive Director **Keith Liddiard** has been nominated for the 2019 Kamloops Sports Council Sports Person of the Year. Keith dedicated 10 years of service to the Kamloops Soccer Community. He was instrumental in bringing the Canadian Soccer Association U16 Nationals to Kamloops in 2013 as well as multiple local, regional and provincial championships during his tenure. The Athletic Awards will be presented at the Banquet on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Keith on an honor well deserved!

KYSA is always looking for ways to improve. We value your feedback and encourage members to contact us throughout the season. Please contact Executive Director Missy Cederholm at 250-376-2750 or [kysaed@telus.net](mailto:kysaed@telus.net) with any questions or suggestions you may have.

Don't forget to send us nominations for Feature Friday so that we can recognize our members! Nominations of volunteers, coaches, players and referees are all welcomed. #TogetherWeAreKYSA

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# Congrats and THANK YOU To All of Our Dedicated Coaches!



Participants in the Soccer for Life coach training course, held at the Soccer Dome March 30/April 6. Back row (l to r): Ciaran McMahon (BC Soccer Learning Facilitator), Jeff Johnson, Brayden Capostinsky, Zach Millward, Mark Flegel, Bruce Harrison, Elizabeth Babcock, Sarah Johnson, Alexandra Polson. Front row (l to r): Rob Thomasse, Pasqualino Cuzzetto, Paul Murphy, Andrew Williams, Trevor Christianson, Michael Marino.  
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Participants in the FUNdamentals coach training course, held at the Soccer Dome March 29/April 5. Back row (l to r): Geoffrey Shimmin, Allan Dodds, Devin Birkenhead, Matthew Tremblay, Jeff Richards, Chris Spanis, Ben Littlechild, Tim Brunt, Paul Da Silva, Miranda Cuthbertson. Middle row (l to r): Karl Brundritt, Robert Connolly, Dan Dukquits, Kristie McComb, Jeffrey Raymer, Kathi Zimmerman, Chad Russett, Jeremy Piva, Peter Moore, Pam Astbury. Front row (l to r): Andrew Queen, Richard Boyko, Jenna Simpson, Rajvinder Chahal, Lindsay Santos, Emily Hoffman, Wenona Johnny, Alesha Connolly, Tamara Ciancone, Marie Finch, Ciaran McMahon (BC Soccer Learning Facilitator).



Participants in the Learn to Train coach training course, held at the Soccer Dome March 31/April 7. Back row (l to r): Ciaran McMahon (BC Soccer Learning Facilitator), Clifford Robertson, Christopher Ford, Neil Howatt, Ben Littlechild, Daniel Norris, Renata Saat, Matt Ross, Paul Ross, Franco Cuzzetto, Cory Durant. Front row (l to r): Peter Larose, Eric Yeo, Timothy Azon Jacometti, Coby Fulton, Ryan Sirianni, Susan Lissel, Jodene Bain, Ashley Spear, Alesha Connolly, Christopher Owen, Jessalyn Kubiak.  
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# From the desk of Technical Director, Ciaran McMahon...



The weather has warmed and the fields have thawed and we are excited to get through the first few stages of another great season here in Kamloops. Two significant issues that come up every year are managing injuries and lopsided scores. Some guidelines for 'best practice' in these situations are provided for you here.

### Managing the team during an injury...

Kneeling when a player gets injured is not an appropriate sign of respect and should be avoided. Why? Put yourselves in the shoes of the injured player...do you want everyone to stop and stare at you while you are on the ground? Would you feel better or worse if you broke down in tears because of the pain while everyone was watching you? What about all the other players on the field...does watching someone else writhe in agony allow either team to continue the game in a positive fashion or does it leave some people feeling extremely negative and fearful?

### What can teams do instead? ...

While the injured player is being treated gather your team together and reassure them that the injured player will be OK in a few minutes. You can then hydrate the players, get the players discussing the game tactically (i.e. "what do we need to do better?") and provide feedback to individuals. Distract the group from the pain and anguish of the injured player and allow that injured player to work through their situation with dignity. Once that player is up and moving then everyone should be applauding the individual for their determination and perseverance. This will allow the injured player to receive full respect from everyone and allow both coaches to minimize any nervous tensions that may be coming from the injury situation.

### Managing the scoreline...

Youth appreciate fair competition and play soccer for many reasons beyond winning games. When left on their own, youth will often find ways to balance the competitive playing field. When adults are responsible for the competitive experiences of youth we can, at times, forget about the spirit of competition and let scorelines get out of control. Yes, scoring goals is fun but there is a line that gets crossed when continually scoring demeans the opponent and creates an uncomfortable environment for everyone at the field. The KYSA asks that coaches seriously consider their role as responsible stewards of the game when these situations present themselves.

The KYSA has implemented formal "Scoreline Management" strategies in the league rules to assist coaches in their stewardship role and to help educate the general membership to understand why coaches may be taking these steps. The rules specific to each age group are outlined in the "Playing Rules" on our website and, in basic terms, allow teams to add or subtract players from the field until the level of play becomes competitively balanced. **Why is this beneficial?**

When the leading team plays shorthanded they are challenged more technically and tactically and work physically harder to maintain the same scoreline. The game becomes more meaningful and appropriately challenging for them.

When the trailing team plays with additional players they have greater success in attacking and defending situations and have more time and space to make decisions and execute skills. The game becomes more meaningful and appropriately challenging for them.

Remember that a competitive game with a lopsided score is not the same as two completely mismatched opponents. Any adjustments to the number of players on the field should be made in an attempt to balance the level of competition and not just the scoreline. Have a great season!

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