

# CJSL BREAK AWAY



**FROM CJSL  
PRESIDENT  
MIKE HODGES**

## WHAT A FAMILY

As we complete the fall season (in our 38<sup>th</sup> year as an organization); Clovis Junior Soccer League wants to thank all the families of the nearly 6000 kids who participate in our soccer "family". CJSL continues to find ways to improve in all areas of this 'beautiful game' so your kids and families can be a big part of our family.

In this newsletter; you will find several different choices that your families can choose from to continue developing their knowledge and skills on the field. We also invite you to keep in contact with our website [www.cjssl.info](http://www.cjssl.info) for links and updates to all of these opportunities for our kids. From refereeing, FC Clovis, Crossfire, and futsal (NEW!!!) to coaching training and licensing; CJSL works in ALL areas of development and invite your whole family to get involved and have a lot of fun doing it!!!!

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you what we have to offer. It's our pleasure to do so.....

## Clovis Junior Soccer League-History

Incorporating in 1972, the CJSL was a fledgling organization with one simple desire: to create a place for our children to play soccer together each weekend. So, through the dedication of a few tireless volunteers and less than two hundred players, we began a journey now stretching over thirty years. As parent/coaches, we taught ourselves about soccer, how to coach, and how to organize on the players' behalf. Somewhere early along the way, we realized that for recreational soccer the "every kid plays" philosophy and its positive effect upon our youth are far more important than the difference between

winning and losing. We continue to place this philosophy first and foremost. Player development fuels the CJSL.

Presently, after almost forty years, we are living a new and exciting era of soccer interest and enthusiasm. We have grown in size to number nearly eight hundred volunteers and six thousand players. Even while we maintain our core philosophy for recreational soccer, we also, through our competitive soccer program, offer our older aspiring world stage players the opportunity for demanding development and a stage from which to showcase their talents.

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## OUR FAMILY, ITS FUTURE

Our community, parents, children, coaches, referees, and administration all play a vital role in the development of the future of this wonderful game called soccer. We must as a family, work toward the same goals for the ones that play the game. Everyone should want to improve their own knowledge of this simple game so the players coming through the ranks of Clovis Junior Soccer League have the best opportunity to grow and improve to the highest level *they* may want to reach.

Here are just a couple of the ideas CJSL is looking at putting together for the education of all. Giving the opportunity to have coaching sessions with teams run through a specific practice theme that can be attended by all CJSL coaches. This can help the coaches run a more efficient practice, which teaches players the skills quicker. We will build a question/answer web site that *anyone* can ask questions that pertain strictly to soccer, rules, systems, exercises, ECT..., basically anything that one could think of to help them teach the children.

Clovis Junior Soccer League is not only dedicated to developing players to the highest level, but to parents, coaches, referees, and community in the education of all the possibilities that soccer can bring into the lives of all who become involved.



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## 4-11 Year Old Recreational Soccer

Teams for 4-11 year old recreational players are formed using the CUSD school boundaries. Most elementary schools register with a CJSL soccer club that registers their players in CYSA. Players are placed on teams on a first-come-first-serve basis.

In 2011, CJSL registered over 400 teams and 5,500 kids.

Visit the Club Commissioner tab at [www.cjssl.info](http://www.cjssl.info) and contact your child's school commissioner for further information. Your commissioner can be emailed at [schoolname@cjssl.info](mailto:schoolname@cjssl.info). (Substitute your school's name in to the email address.)

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## Teen Recreational Soccer

Recreational players aged 12-18 register with the FC. Teams are formed using the High School pyramids without the use of try-outs. Players are placed onto teams on a first-come-first-serve basis.

In 2011, the FC Clovis fielded 19 teams and registered nearly 350 players.

Recreational games are typically played between September and November each year and our teen teams play in the CYSA District 7 Playing league.

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## Elite & Select Competitive Soccer

Competitive 8-18 year old players register with the Clovis Crossfire. Players are selected based on athletic ability, soccer skill and level of commitment. Clovis Crossfire tryouts are to be held in Jan, Feb and Mar.

The Clovis Crossfire offers two levels of competitive soccer teams:

**ELITE:** Is the highest level of competitive soccer offered. Elite Soccer is for those players whose desire, natural ability and passion for the game make them want to develop their soccer ability to the highest level they can attain.

**SELECT:** Is the developmental level of competitive soccer whose objective is to develop individual players and to prepare these players for potential Elite play.

In 2011, the Clovis Crossfire fielded 28 teams and registered over 450 players. Clovis Crossfire teams represent the CJSL at tournaments throughout the state of California.

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## Women's Premier Soccer League

The CJSL provides the Central Valley with Premier Women's Soccer via the Clovis Sidekicks. Look for more exciting announcements in January, 2012.

The Women's Premier Soccer League is an independent national league whose main focus is on the development of highly competitive amateur women's soccer teams.

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## CJSL-TOPSoccer

TOPSoccer is the Outreach Program for soccer. It is for players with special needs whether they are physically or mentally challenged. TOPSoccer allows players to participate from the age of 4 through adult. There are no boundaries. TOPSoccer has been in existence for 10 years. Director Gary Waltz has been coaching soccer for more than 20 years, and has been doing TOPSoccer for 9 years in District VII.



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