



SEPTEMBER 2021

MONTHLY UPDATE



What a Kick!



Fall Season Fun

These programs are currently in "fall" swing. Send us your pictures and we'll feature them here and on social media!

- **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
- **Fall TOPSoccer:** Ages 6+
- **Fall RT19:** Co-Ed Grades 8-12

Overall program questions?
Email info@mlsa.org



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:

- **Pink Out Nights** with the MLSA & the MTLHS Boys & Girls Soccer teams are on 10/7 and 10/11, so save those dates for some BIG team fun!
- **A Note from Our President: MLSA Volunteer Positions**
- **We welcome volunteers for all programs.** Please check out our volunteer info. if you'd like to help!
- **We need refs.** We pay cash. Let's go!
- **Watch your email & check MLSA.org, our social media and school newsletters for all updates.**

CALLING THE MLSA

Two Big Nights are Coming Up!

Wear your uniforms and something pink

LEBO SOCCER PINK OUT NIGHTS



WHO: ALL LEBO SOCCER PLAYERS, FAMILIES AND FANS



WHAT: COME CHEER ON OUR HIGH SCHOOL BLUE DEVILS, WATCH OUR U10 PLAYERS

JOIN THE VARSITY TEAMS FOR THE ANTHEM AND SUPPORT BREAST CANCER. RAFFLES, GIVEAWAYS & MORE! **WEAR PINK!!**



WHERE: MT. LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM



WHEN:

BOYS- THURSDAY, OCT. 7, 7:45 PM
GIRLS- MONDAY, OCT. 11, 7:45 PM

Presented by MLSA. More info and registration on our site: www.mlsa.org.



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

MLSA Volunteer Positions

MLSA Membership,

I hope everyone is having a great start to the fall season. I wanted to get a personal message out to you regarding volunteer opportunities within our program.

The Mt Lebanon Soccer Association is a 100% volunteer led organization. Our goal is to provide a great soccer experience for our players, coaches, and members by coordinating strong, well thought-out programs. As you know, we have developmental programs, inhouse leagues and competitive programs for our community youth. We have been a good standing member of the community for 51 years and running, and a long-standing Lebo tradition with a rich and cherished history.

As with most volunteer associations, we are dependent on people's help, and filling open positions is a priority for us. We're seeking a variety of backgrounds,, including members with a soccer background to help with coaching and training, as well as members with key administrative skills such as website technology, logistics, communications/marketing and planning.

We are energized by providing 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



LEBO CUP, LEBO BOYS ACADEMY & HS GIRLS VARSITY

What do they all have in common? They're looking for volunteers.

Lebo Cup

The Lebo Cup Tournament is back! Tentatively scheduled for 10/16, 10/23 and 10/30, it promises to be extra fun this year to make up for a hiatus. We need your help to make it happen. Please email leboocup@mlsa.org to sign up to help give out pizza, direct people where to go for games and get fields set up. We're excited to bring back this much anticipated Lebo tradition!

Lebo Boys Academy

Our Lebo Boys Academy would love to have some team managers help the coaches/trainers on Sundays from 3-4:15pm and 4:15-5:30pm. It's a low pressure, no-soccer-experience job that parents or high school students can do, and it qualifies for community service hours for students. Contact Ian at development@mlsa.org if you're interested!

Girls High School Varsity Team

The girls varsity team is looking for ball girls for their remaining games. Parents or players can reach out to vicepresident@mlsa.org if interested.



MT. LEBANON MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER TEAMS

Wishing Everyone a Great Season!

Congratulations to our MLSA players that now represent Lebo middle schools on these relatively new school teams. Make sure to catch a game or two this season if you can!



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.

WE LOVE LEBO

A Big Thank You to Our Sponsors!

We are fortunate to have a number of sponsors that help with our various programs. Please support the companies that support us!

And if you'd like to become a sponsor, it's a great opportunity to reach over 1,000 MLSA families. We can feature your logo and website on our newsletter and website.

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



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Your "Games to Watch" in October

Download the LiveSoccerTV app for game times and channels.

Men's Games

International Matches:

Oct 3 Liverpool vs Man City

Oct 6 Italy vs Spain

Oct 17 Leverkusen vs Bayern

Oct 19 Atletico vs Liverpool

Oct 24 Inter vs Juventus

Oct 24 Marseille vs PSG

College

Pitt (all at home):

10/5 at 7pm vs Cleveland State

10/9 at 7pm vs Duke

10/25 at 7pm vs U Mass

10/29 at 7pm vs Virginia Tech

RMU (all at home):

10/9 at 2pm vs UIC

10/13 at 2pm vs Cleveland State

10/20 at 2pm vs VMI

10/29 at TBA vs Green Bay

Duquesne (all at home):

10/20 at 7pm vs St. Bonaventure

10/23 at 7pm vs U Mass

10/26 at 7pm vs Wright State

High School

Mt. Lebanon Boys Varsity (all at home):

10/7 at 7:45pm vs Peters Township

10/9 at 4pm vs Mars Area



Your "Games to Watch" in October (Continued)

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Women's Games

Professional:

NWSL on CBS Sports Network:

10/6 at 7pm: NJ/NY Gotham FC vs Washington Spirit

10/17 at 2pm: North Carolina Courage vs NJ/NY Gotham FC

10/31 at 4pm: NJ/NY Gotham FC vs Racing Louisville FC

College

Pitt (all at home):

10/7 at 7pm vs #5 North Carolina

10/21 at 6pm vs Boston College

10/24 at 1pm vs Wake Forest

10/28 at 7pm vs NC State

Duquesne (all at home):

10/14 at 7pm vs La Salle

10/21 at 7pm vs George Washington

Robert Morris (all at home):

10/10 at 1pm vs Oakland

10/17 at 1pm vs IUPUI

10/27 at 2pm vs Youngstown State

High School

Mt. Lebanon Girls Varsity (all at home):

10/4 at 7:45pm vs Bethel Park

10/11 at 7:45pm vs Canon Mac

10/16 at 5:30pm vs Moon

10/19 at 7:45pm vs South Fayette



Grab some friends and watch a game or two!