## SPENCER COUNTY SOCCER ASSOCIATION P O BOX 110 TAYLORSVILLE, KY 40071 WATERFORD PARK

SUBJECT: GAME DAY PRAYER DATE: 3/25/2011

TO: ALL COACHES, PLAYERS, AND PARENTS

The SCSA is constantly looking to improve the soccer program in all areas including; player development, coaching development, parent/coach/player relationships, community bonding, community pride, and creating a fun, learning atmosphere on and off the field. After recently attending a National Youth Soccer Workshop, the board has been focusing on making the program different, distinguished, and better than the rest. With that said, there will be a few changes that will improve our club and make it better for everyone. The first item we wish to address is "prayer" in which our mission statement, set up when the SCSA was established in 1998 reminded us. It reads, "To improve the lives of Spencer County residents, to teach Judeo-Christian values as they apply to community pride, good sportsmanship, and teamwork. The Association shall include all persons regardless of race, religion, income, or gender with the goal to help them achieve their full potential."

The SCSA is officially adopting the practice of all teams to recite the SCSA's game prayer before each soccer match according to the following:

- -U6/U8 teams will come together in the middle of the soccer field, along with the coaches, to state the prayer, 5 minutes before game is scheduled to begin.
- **-U10 and above** will come together as a team, including coaches, on the sideline nearest their bench 5 minutes or more before the game is scheduled to begin.
- -It is recommended that U10 and above teams invite the opposing team to join.
- -No member, including player, coach, or parent will be required to participate; therefore they may refrain from joining if they so choose.
- -Please make a special and conscience effort to accommodate those that do not wish to participate so that they understand this is not intended to embarrass or separate them from the team, coaches, or parents
- -The SCSA is a soccer family and community that strives to have a positive effect on every member.

## **Prayer:**

"Heavenly Father,

We thank you for this opportunity to play and compete. Please bless today's game, our opponent, our team, and all watching our play. Help us to play hard, fair and keep everyone safe.

In Jesus' name, Amen."

Thanks, SCSA board