

With three remaining indoor tournaments on the schedule (Gillette, Pierre, and Rapid City), soccer is weeks away from the spring season. Coaches' meetings for Rapid City Youth Soccer League are scheduled for the week of March 8. Parents should mark the calendar for a special presentation for parents, "A Parent's Introduction to Soccer Laws" offered evenings on April 2 and 9. Check [www.rcysl.com](http://www.rcysl.com) for more information.

High school players who are interested in playing in college should apply for the Bill Herbst scholarship. The deadline is March 31. Additional information is available from [jherbst101@aol.com](mailto:jherbst101@aol.com).

South Dakota State Soccer Association is sponsoring a competition for the logo that will go on the tee shirts for the 2009 South Dakota State Cup tournament. The design "must be respectful to the game of soccer and to South Dakota". The winning designer receives \$50 and the front of several hundred tee shirts. Submit entries to Chris Derry at [firstvp@southdakotasoccer.com](mailto:firstvp@southdakotasoccer.com) or mail it to 1217 N. Euclid, Pierre, SD 57501.

US Soccer Federation has begun the process of bidding for either the 2018 or 2022 World Cup tournaments. The world governing body, FIFA, placed the tournament in the US in 1994 with the hope that high-profile players and games would encourage US soccer. The past 15 years have seen explosive growth in youth and professional soccer.

Now, the US has more than 40 modern soccer stadiums capable of hosting World Cup games and by 2018 or 2022, there will be many more. The US competition for one of these tournaments is from the combination of Japan and South Korea; Qatar; Australia; Indonesia; Egypt; or Mexico. One of these is certain to be awarded to a European bidder (probably England) as the next 2 will be away from Europe (2010 in South Africa and 2014 in Brazil). The awards for 2018 and 2022 will be made in December 2010.