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Presidents Message

In the middle of a busy soccer season, it is easy to lose sight of what we are all pursuing with youth soccer. We all want to see our children to grow up to be happy, healthy, successful and community oriented young adults. Soccer plays an important role in their development towards that end.

The object is to encourage them to keep being involved and enjoy playing the game. We hope to provide our youth with competition at a level appropriate to each child's internal motivation and also provide them with opportunity and encouragement so that they have a great time. We will also give them every opportunity they can use, and advance them to the level most appropriate for their best development.

HDSC is a not-for-profit organization run by volunteers, many of who have tirelessly shown their dedication to the Club and the children we serve. It is our volunteers who have made our club what it is today and we hope to see some new faces join these ranks. Good luck on the upcoming season, it promises to be our best one yet and see you all on the pitch.

Mark Mosher
HDSC President

VP Competitions and Development

Alan, Ratomir and Phil, along with our technical staff, are looking forward to working with all of our members this coming summer. Currently we are working on establishing our teams, coaches and training sessions for the upcoming summer season, from mini to Senior.

This summer we will be once again offering our daily summer skills training for both youth players and mini players. These sessions are held at Mainland Common Turf at no additional cost to our registered members. Full schedules will be circulated to teams once available. This program is 100% dependent upon the confirmation of field bookings.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns that can not be handled by your coach, manager or technical staff, please feel free to contact me at hornbuckle@ns.sympatico.ca. HDSC would like to receive your feedback to ensure that programs are delivered to your satisfaction. Remember we are largely a volunteer organization and would encourage you to help out wherever and whenever it is possible.

Paul Hornbuckle
VP Competitions and Development



Summer Registration Information 2009



Registration for the 2009 Summer Season

Registration for the Summer 2009 season begins February 21st, 2009 at the Birch Cove Baptist Church, 50 Donaldson Avenue from 900AM to 200PM. This registration date is for all players from Micro to U18, Tier 1 and Tier 2.

You may drop your completed registration forms at our office during our club office hours, or you may also drop in our mail slot at your convenience. Also you can mail the completed registration forms, all documents required with money order or cheque to our office 19 Alma Crescent #205, B3N 2C4. You may also register online by visiting our website www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/ We accept Visa, Mastercard and American Express via PayPal for online registration only

Please note that all forms must be signed prior to participation in any program. No player will be able to participate or be considered fully registered until **ALL** paperwork (Waiver, jersey deposit, registration forms, birth certificates and photo if applicable) has been completed and funds have been received for programs. Please register early, as registration for each age group will close as programs reach capacity.

All registration information can be found on the reverse side of our registration form or by visiting our website at www.dunbracksoccer.sn.ca/ where the forms can be downloaded via MS Word or PDF format.

Summer Tryouts

Tryouts are only a few short weeks away. It is recommended that players who wish to tryout for a competitive team start to prepare themselves now for what will be a very competitive tryout. Each age group in the Youth Program will be observed and evaluated by a selection committee. During the evaluation sessions some of the things the selection committee will look at are the players attitude, social skills, concentration, motivation, work ethic, willingness to learn, technical and tactical ability. The committee will then place each player at his/her appropriate level. This is for U12 to U18 players only.

All players wishing to be placed on a Tier 1 or U12 Tier 2A to U18 Tier 2A team are required to tryout at their own age level. This will also include the U10 Academy player. Should a player wish to tryout for a team at a higher age level a request in writing must be presented to dunbrack.sc@ns.sympatico.ca

Players Born in 1991-1992 **U18 Age Level**
Players Born in 1993-1994 **U16 Age Level**
Players Born in 1995-1996 **U14 Age Level**
Players Born in 1997-1998 **U12 Age Level**
Players Born in 1999-2000 **U10 Age Level**

Those not wishing to participate in the Tier 1 program need not attend the Tier 1 evaluations as there will be separate evaluation sessions for the U12 Tier 2B to U18 Tier 2A players. Players that are not selected at the Tier 1 evaluations must attend the Tier 2A evaluations.

Please visit our website for a complete listing of all the evaluation sessions. There is a mandatory \$20.00 tryout fee.

Please note that final team selections will be posted on the HDSC website once all evaluations have been completed.

Please visit the website under Youth Program General Information for complete program descriptions.

Mini Program Micro-U10

The programs offered this year by Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club (HDSC) are designed to improve all aspects of the game including playing skill along with the fun and enjoyment of soccer. For each age group below we will be having an end of the year fun day where uniforms are exchanged for tee shirts and medals. Below are some details to assist you in registering your child and a brief synopsis of the goals and challenges of each division. The outdoor summer season begins June 1st and runs to August 21st.

In May we will have indoor skill sessions at the Soccer Nova Scotia Indoor Facility. We will provide jerseys at the beginning of the outdoor season that **must be returned** at the end of the season. No cleats are permitted within the confines of the Soccer Nova Scotia facility.

The team lists and the May Indoor schedule will be posted on our website www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/ in early April. Once the teams have been selected there will be no player movement.

Space is limited at all age groups. Once groups have reached capacity the registration shall be considered closed. Please register early.

Micro (Children born in 2005)

This program is held one night a week and will consist of 1/2 hour skills, followed by 1/2 hour game (4 or 5 Aside). This program will be coed with the boys and girls participating together. This program also requires full active participation of all parents for a fun filled evening. Each child is required to have shin pads, socks to cover the shin pads and proper soccer cleats.

U6 (Children born in 2004-2003)

This program is held one night a week and will consist of 1/2 hour practice, followed by a 1/2 hour game. (4 or 5 Aside) The boys and girls in this division are run separately. Each child is required to have shin pads, socks to cover shin pads and proper soccer cleats.

U8 (Children born in 2002-2001)

This program is held two nights a week and will consist of 1 hour of training one night and a 1 hour game the second night. The games are 5-Aside. The boys and girls in this division are run separately. Each child is required to have shin pads, socks to cover shin pads and proper soccer cleats.

U10 (Children born in 2000-1999)

This program is held two nights a week and will consist of 1-1 hour practice and the second session being 1-1 hour game. The games are 6 Aside. This program is an introduction to a full field experience. The games are refereed by Halifax Dunbrack staff. The boys and girls in this division are run separately. Each child is required to have shin pads, socks to cover shin pads and proper soccer cleats.

U10 Academy Advanced and Intermediate

The U10 age group also has two competitive components. This program is designed for U10 players that display an above average aptitude for the game. We will be conducting evaluation sessions to determine if players are ready to participate at this level. Once the days and dates have been established we will post them on our website. Also please visit our website www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/ for a complete description of our U10 Academy program. Once selected these teams will practice a minimum of twice per week together and play competitive games with other clubs once per week. Schedules for this league are provided to HDSC via the Capital Inter District Soccer League (CISL) Once available they will be posted on the league's website www.cisl.ns.ca

As with all our programs we rely heavily on parental volunteers and with the mini program this is no exception. We require parents to volunteer their time to coach or assistant coach a team. Halifax Dunbrack will provide training and support for the coaches of these young players at all times. We welcome you to contact us and let us know if you are interested in coaching at dunbrack.sc@ns.sympatico.ca

This summer we will once again run daytime skills sessions. These sessions are held at Mainland Common Turf at no additional cost to our registered members. Full schedules will be circulated to teams once available. This program is 100% dependent upon the confirmation of field bookings.

Mini May Schedule

During the month of May we run indoor sessions at The Soccer Nova Scotia Indoor facility 210 Thomas Raddall Drive for the Mini groups. The schedule below is for the May only. This is a great way to get organized prior to the start of the outdoor season. The schedule below may change slightly dependent upon the number of players registered and the number of teams. Should there be any changes they will be posted on our website.

Micros Group # 1 Wednesday May 6th and Tuesday May 19th from 600-700PM

Micros Group #2 Thursday May 7th and Wednesday May 20th from 600-700PM

U6 Boys Teams #1 to #4 Monday April 27th, May 11th and May 25th from 600-700PM

U6 Boys Teams #5 to #8 Monday April 27th, May 11th and May 25th from 700-800PM

U6 Girls Teams #1 to #3 Tuesday April 28th, May 12th and May 26th from 600-700PM

U6 Girls Teams #4 to #6 Tuesday April 28th, May 12th and May 26th from 700-800PM

U8 Boys Teams #1 to #4 Wednesday April 29th, May 13th and May 27th from 600-700PM

U8 Boys Teams #5 to #8 Wednesday April 29th, May 13th and May 27th from 700-800PM

U8 Girls Teams #1 to #4 Thursday April 30th, May 14th and May 28th from 600-700PM

U8 Girls Teams #5 to #8 Thursday April 30th, May 14th and May 28th from 700-800PM

U10 Boys Teams #1 to #3 Monday May 4th 600-700PM Wednesday May 6th 700-800PM Tuesday May 19th 700-800PM

U10 Boys Teams #4 to #6 Monday May 4th 700-800PM Thursday May 7th 700-800PM Wednesday May 20th from 700-800PM

U10 Girls Teams #1 to #3 Tuesday May 5th, Monday May 18th and Thursday May 21st from 600-800PM

U10 Girls Teams #4 to #6 Tuesday May 5th, Monday May 18th and Thursday May 21st from 700-800PM

Mini Outdoor Schedule

Below is a tentative schedule for the outdoor summer program that begins June 1st and runs through August 21st. This schedule is 100% dependent about the assignment of fields that are allocated by Halifax Regional Municipality. This decision is typically reached in April. Should there be any deviations from this schedule all **REGISTERED** players shall be informed of such changes.

Micros Sessions **Group #1 Monday's** 6:00-7:00PM **Sheffield Park Sports Field** and **Group #2 Tuesday's** 6:00-7:00PM **Sheffield Park Sports Field**

U6 Girls Sessions **Monday's** 6:00-7:00PM **Clayton Park Junior High**

U6 Boys Sessions **Wednesday's** 6:00-7:00PM **Clayton Park Junior High**

U8 Girls Sessions **Tuesday's** 6:00-7:00PM and **Thursday's** 7:10-8:10PM both sessions will be run at **Clayton Park Junior High**

U8 Boys Sessions **Tuesday's** 7:10-8:10PM and **Thursday's** 6:00-7:00PM both sessions will be run at **Clayton Park Junior High**

U10 Girls Practice sessions **Wednesday's** 7:15-8:30PM **Clayton Park Junior High...**

Game nights will be **Monday's** at **WD Piercey Field** from 6:00-8:30PM Schedule to follow

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Senior Soccer Notes

HDSC Senior program is continuing to grow. We presently field two Premier teams (Men and Women), two Senior B Men's teams, two Senior B Women's teams, two Senior C Women's 11 aside teams and one Ladies 7 aside (over 35) team during the Summer season.

Dunbrack would like to provide all youth players entering into the senior realm a chance to continue to play. It has been very difficult in the past to find a team to play on at the Senior levels unless you knew someone on a team or started your own team. As Senior Director, I am trying to change that by assisting our youth at entering the Senior level.

All youth are encouraged to continue playing soccer whether it is competitively or recreationally. Soccer can be a life sport! There are players well into their 50's and 60's who continue to play for the enjoyment and the exercise.

We encourage all levels of play at the senior level including those who have never played! The Women's C, which started last year, included many women who had never played or hadn't played since school. Therefore, there really is no reason not to add soccer to your exercise regime or use it to jump-start one.

The leagues require us to declare how many teams we will have as early as January so if you are thinking about it don't wait too long or the opportunity may pass us by for this upcoming season.

If you are interested in Senior soccer and/or wish to ask questions then please check our website for contacts for each team

Soccer Shorts

WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather Halifax Regional Municipality makes the final decision on whether a field is open for play. Our website has a direct link to the HRM field conditions report, on the left side bar "Field Locations & Conditions" as well you can access www.halifax.ca/recreation/field_conditions.asp HRM does not update the field closures until 300PM each day. No participants, players or parents are permitted to play on a field once it is closed. HRM can cancel our field bookings for the remainder of the season should we not comply.

REFUND POLICY

Please visit our website for our complete refund policy. This can be found on the left sidebar "About Us" and then selecting Club Policies.

JERSEY DEPOSIT (U10 Academy-U18 inclusive)

Jersies will be handed out to participants from U10 Academy to U18. Jersey deposit cheques in the amount of \$50.00 must be on file before a participant is issued a jersey. These cheques are post dated for September 30th 2009. If a participant returns the jersey at the seasons end, your cheque will be destroyed. However if your jersey is not returned to us, we will cash the cheque. This applies to the **YOUTH PROGRAM** only. This does not apply to our Mini Program.

WEBSITE

Should you wish to be advised when changes occur on our website, Keith Gallant of Just Hosting has included a simple way. On our website visit the section News & Events. At the top of the page you will find a box where your email address can be inserted. When Keith does web site changes you will simply be notified via email. Could not be simpler to stay in touch.

EQUIPMENT

Tracy Patzelt our Equipment Director will be collecting gently used equipment and making arrangements to have this equipment shipped to Ghana, Mexico and Tanzania. Please bring cleats, shin pads, shorts, socks etc with to registration or they may be dropped off at our office.

