



# Red & Black Newsletter

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## Presidents Message

Our winter season is near its close and believe it or not, the summer season is just around the corner. The winter season surpassed all expectations...our membership went up, our skills training sessions were a resounding success at all levels and most important, our children seemed to enjoy learning and playing the game of soccer.

Sure there were a few glitches, but that is always the case when trying to organize a schedule around 400 participants when we have to compete for space with several other sports organizations. However, I believe that the program presented by our Technical Director, Alan Jazic, his staff and volunteer coaches takes second place to none.

Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club will again be offering a full program this summer – Senior, Youth Tier 1 and Tier 2, and Mini programs including a new Micro division for our youngest players ever.

This year Alan will be overseeing the youth program – U12 to U18 - and Sarah Allt Harnish will be returning to take charge of the mini-program that she has so successfully managed over the past two seasons. In addition to regular games and practices, we will again be offering extra daytime skills training sessions to all youth and mini players. Last year these training sessions were a resounding success and we hope that as many members as possible will be able to take advantage of the expertise offered by Alan, Sara and our technical staff.

The Kick-Off to the Summer Season starts this February 24<sup>th</sup> with our initial summer registration day to be held, as in the past, at Birch Cove Baptist Church. We will be accepting registrations for all age groups and all levels of play.

Please remember that we are a volunteer run organization and we need you, the members, to help us deliver our program. We need team managers, tryout helpers, tournament marshals, mini coaches and people to help with a host of other things that come up during the season...most of which require only a few hours of your time. Our volunteer coordinator will be present at our initial registration day to take your name.

The next major event for the youth side will be the team tryouts to be held this year at Mainland North in early April where players are chosen for the T1, T2 and U10 committed teams. HDSC will again be running our annual Tier 2 tournament. Last year we had a total of 90 teams from all local and various clubs throughout our province. This tournament is a huge success and a huge undertaking. When June 22, 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> 2007 rolls around remember we can use your help and you will be able to watch some great soccer from youth players. Not only does this tournament bring accolades to the club it is a major source of funding for all of our programs including mini to senior.

Before we move into summer, I would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers that have helped to make this the best winter season ever. It only bodes well for the future. I am confident that **Season 14** will be a resounding success.

Mark Mosher  
HDSC President



# Summer Registration Information 2007



## Registration for the 2007 Summer Season

Registration for the Summer 2007 season begins February 1st. You may register via mail, drop in our office mail slot or attend our registration day February 24th, 2007. You must mail completed registration forms, all documents required and money order or cheque to 19 Alma Crescent #205, Halifax NS, B3N 2C4. Incomplete registrations will be returned to you for completion. No player will be able to participate until **ALL** paperwork (waiver, jersey deposit, registration forms, birth certificate, and photo if applicable) has been completed and funds have been received for programs. Please register early as registration will close as programs reach capacity.

Registration for the 2007 season will take place on **Saturday February 24, 2007** at the Birch Cove Baptist Church, 10 Donaldson Avenue. From **900AM—200PM**.

All registration information can be found on the reverse side of our registration form or by visiting our website at [www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/](http://www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/)

## Summer Tier 1 Tryouts

Tier 1 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 tryouts some of the things the selection committee will look at is the players attitude, social skills, concentration, motivation, work ethic, willingness to learn, technical and tactical ability. The committee will then place each player at an appropriate level.

All players wishing to be placed on a **Tier 1 or U12 or Tier 2 A** team are required to tryout at the their own age level. 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](mailto:dunbrack.sc@ns.sympatico.ca)

Players Born in 1989-1990 **U18 Age Level**

Players Born in 1991-1992 **U16 Age Level**

Players Born in 1993-1994 **U14 Age Level**

Players Born in 1995-1996 **U12 Age Level**

- **Those not wishing to participate in the Tier 1 program do not attend the Tier 1 tryouts as there will be a second separate tryout for the Tier 2 A/B. Players that are not selected at the Tier 1 tryouts must attend the Tier 2 tryouts.**
- There is a mandatory \$ 20.00 tryout fee.
- All tryout schedules will be posted on [www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/](http://www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/) as soon as available.
- Please note all final team selections will be posted on the HDSC website

**PLEASE REMEMBER!!** The various levels of eleven aside youth teams require different levels of commitment. For example, the goal of the Tier 1 competitive team is to represent both our club, with the goal to represent our province at the National Championships. As such, players on those teams have to be prepared to spend a good part of the summer on the field. If any member wishes more information on what is expected of players at the different levels, please check the commitment policy on our website.

# Mini Program

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 17th.

In May we will have indoor skill sessions at Soccer Nova Scotia Indoor Facility. We will provide jerseys at the beginning of the outdoor season that **must be returned** upon completion. 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/](http://www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/) in early April. Once the teams have been selected there will be no player movement.

## **Micro (Children born in 2003)**

This program is held one night a week and will consist of 1/2 hour skills, followed by 1/2.....(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 2002-2001)**

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 2000-1999)**

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. These sessions 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 1998-1997)**

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. These sessions 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 Committed**

The U10 age group also has a competitive component U10 Committed. We will be conducting **evaluation sessions** during the second week of April for the U10 Committed teams. Once selected these teams will practice together and play games competitively with other clubs. The evaluation session for **U10 girls will be Monday April 16th 2007 from 600-800PM** at Soccer Nova Scotia Indoor facility (no cleats allowed) The evaluation session for the **U10 boys will be held Thursday April 19th 2007 from 600-800PM** at Soccer Nova Scotia Indoor facility There is an evaluation session fee of \$10.00

As with all our programs we rely heavily on parent 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 your interested in coaching at [dunbrack.sc@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dunbrack.sc@ns.sympatico.ca)

Before moving outside, our Mini Program will get off to an early indoor start in the Soccer Nova Scotia, Subway Centre at Mainland North 210 Thomas Raddall Drive. This is located at the new Mainland Common outdoor turf. Halifax Dunbrack Technical Staff will run the indoor sessions.

New this year we will have the players placed on their teams for the indoor portion of our summer program. Once placed on a team the participants will remain on the same team until the end of summer soccer season.

# Soccer Shorts

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.

All players are required by Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club and Soccer Nova Scotia to complete and return along with your registration a copy of the Amateur Athlete Waiver and Release of Liability Form. No player/s will be permitted to participate without signed form. These forms can be found on our website, in our mail out and by request to Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club.

## WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather Halifax Regional Municipality makes the final decision on the 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](http://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

# Refund Policy

All requests for refunds for winter or summer soccer must be submitted to 19 Alma Crescent #205 Halifax NS B3N 2C4 or [dunbrack.sc@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dunbrack.sc@ns.sympatico.ca) in writing, no exceptions.

Submitting a request for a refund does not necessarily mean one will be issued. Each refund request will be subject to the approval of the Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club Executive committee.

Refunds will be issued only after all SNS summer or winter registration deadlines have passed. Summer deadlines for SNS are **June 15<sup>th</sup>** and Winter deadlines for SNS are **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Full refunds will only be issued upon cancellation of any program prior to its start by Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club, The Nova Scotia Soccer League, The Capital Inter District Soccer League or the Metropolitan Indoor Soccer League.

## Summer Refund Policy

Withdrawals up to and including **March 1<sup>st</sup>** will be a full refund

Withdrawals **March 2<sup>nd</sup>– March 31<sup>st</sup>** of any given year will be subject to a \$50.00 non refundable administrative fee.

Withdrawals **April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>** of any given year will be subject to \$75.00 non refundable administrative fee

Withdrawals **May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>** of any given year will be subject to a \$100.00 non refundable administrative fee

No refunds will be issued after **May 30<sup>th</sup>** of any given year.

## Winter Refund Policy

Withdrawals up to and including **October 1<sup>st</sup>** will be a full refund

Withdrawals between **October 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>** will be subject to a \$50.00 non refundable administrative fee

No refunds will be issued after **November 30<sup>th</sup>** of any given year.

# Technical Directors Message

As another winter indoor season winds down, another summer season quickly approaches. As I watched the teams and players in this year's indoor season, I was ecstatic to see the growth and development of all to be even more excited for the upcoming summer. I want to thank all the players, coaches, and managers for all their commitment and hard work. It is greatly appreciated.

New to the club last summer and this winter were our weekly daytime technical Training Sessions conducted by me and my technical staff. This program turned out to be a huge success for all the players and teams who participated. Participating teams have been seeing wonderful success during the current indoor season. This program will be front and centre again for our upcoming summer season. This an optional fee based program. Expect the technical trainings sessions to begin early in the season. Stay tuned for details... As soon as the dates/days have been booked they will be posted on our website [www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/](http://www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/)

Also new to the club this winter and for the upcoming summer season is an enhanced and better developed Training program for our goalkeepers. Again, the amount of improvement in the Goalkeeping position seen this indoor season has been astronomical. Expect the Goalkeeper Training Sessions to also begin on a weekly basis in early in the season.

I would like to remind parents that Tier 1 is the most competitive level of soccer and teams will compete against the best players from all over the province. Not only is a players' skill an important factor but so is the level of commitment demanded of a player and his or her family. Commitment to training, commitment to travel, commitment to supporting the team is a huge part of the make up of a Tier 1 team. As well, equal playing time may not be a concept that is embraced by every Tier 1 coach

With the Registration date approaching, the coaching staff being put in place, and try-outs beginning during the first week of April, I would like to take this time to welcome you, new and old players, to Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club for the upcoming season. I am looking forward to seeing you all on the soccer pitch developing as soccer players and more importantly growing as people.

Alan Jazic  
HDSC Technical Director

## Vice President Competitions and Development

I would like to Thank Alan Jazic, Sarah Allt Harnish and all our wonderful technical staff for their dedication to our past summer and winter programs.

Alan, Sarah and 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.

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](mailto:hornbuckle@ns.sympatico.ca) HDSC would like 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