



Red & Black Newsletter

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Presidents Message

Once again we are about to start our summer season and what a season we are expecting to have! As the newly elected President of our club, I would like to welcome all to a season that promises to be fun, exciting and competitive.

Under the leadership of our new Technical Director, Jeff Baker, we will be offering a full program from mini to senior. Last year was not without its challenges but as we move into the summer of 2005 plans are well under way to deliver the kind of program that Dunbrack members have come to expect and enjoy. Our registration will be held again this year at the Birch Cove Baptist Church 10 Donaldson Avenue on February 26th from 900AM to 200PM

Over our 12 year history Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club has enjoyed a measure of success not often found in clubs of our size. Graduates of our mini and youth programs of the past have gone on to enjoy the game at all competitive levels; have represented our club at more than our share of national and provincial tournaments; and today fill the ranks of our senior teams. This a tradition we intend to maintain. However we can not do it without membership involvement. I wish to thank all those members who have volunteered their time in the past but ask all those who can help in any way to identify yourself to our volunteer coordinator, Diane Bell, at our registration or in person. Our volunteers work hard to provide a meaningful program however, sometimes things are overlooked. If you have any questions or constructive comments about the operation of your club, please call, write or email the club office or the appropriate person as listed on our website.

The soccer programs that we have offered in the past do not come without cost. League fees, field costs and staff salaries go up every year but we are committed to keeping our registration fees at a competitive level. There are no increases this year.

We do need sponsorship. Funds donated by our current corporate partners help us provide the training and the equipment we need to offer an exciting soccer experience at all levels. I ask any of our members who are either in a position to become a club sponsor at any level, or anyone who knows who may wish to become involved to please contact our Business Director, Jeff Merrick or myself through the club office.

Again, I want to welcome all of you to what I believe will be a wonderful 2005 summer soccer season.

Please remember to check our website regularly at www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/ for all ongoing club news.

Mark Mosher
President
Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club



Summer Registration Information 2005

Registration for the 2005 Summer Season

Registration for the Summer 2005 season begins February 1st. New this year, you may register via mail, drop in our office mail slot or attend our registration day February 26th, 2005. 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. Please register early as registration will close as programs reach capacity.

Registration for the 2005 season will take place on **Saturday February 26, 2005** 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/

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 - 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.td@ns.sympatico.ca

Players Born in 1988-1987 **U18 Age Level**

Players Born in 1990-1989 **U16 Age Level**

Players Born in 1992-1991 **U14 Age Level**

Players Born in 1994-1993 **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 set for the Tier 2 A.**
- All tryout schedules will be posted on www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/
- 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 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 or ask for it at our registration.



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. Players will be assessed during the pre season sessions to try and balance the groups to ensure that equality exists. 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 is from June to August. In May we will have indoor skill sessions at Soccer Nova Scotia Indoor Facility. We will provide jerseys at the beginning of the season that must be returned upon completion. Please see page 4 for details of the May training component.

U6 (Children born in 1999-2000)

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) Each child is required to have shin pads, socks to cover shin pads and proper soccer cleats.

U8 (Children born in 1997-1998)

In response to member comments from the previous years we have revamped this age group. This program is held one night a week and will consist of 1/2 hour of training and one hour game per 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 1995-1996)

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. 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.



Sponsors and Apparel

.Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club wouldn't be able to provide all that do without the help of our corporate partners. The support received from Quaker Tropicana Gatorade Canada, Adidas Canada and Cleve's Sporting Goods should not go unnoticed and we ask all members to support them whenever possible. We will be supplying all Dunbrack players with Cleve's cards again

Win Win Win

You can win !! This year we have been fortunate enough to be given the use of a corporate box in the Halifax Metro Centre for an evening at the Nova Scotia International Tattoo, July 5th starting at 7:30 p.m. Starting on Registration Day, tickets will be raffled off until the closing day of our soccer tournament on June 24th. If YOU are the lucky one, you and seven of your friends will have a centre bird's eye view of a spectacle that gains more international recognition as the years go on. Ticket prices are \$2.00 each and \$5.00 for three. The draw will take place on June 28th and the proceeds will go towards supporting our senior program.





Adidas World Cup
Ball

Mini Indoor Training May 2005

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.

Indoor Schedule Only

May 2nd to May 5th and May 16th to 19th

Monday	U6Boys A-M	6:00 – 7:00
	U6Boys N-Z	7:00 – 8:00
Tuesday	U6Girls A-M	6:00 - 7:00
	U6Girls N-Z	7:00 - 8:00
Wednesday	U8Boys A-M	6:00 – 7:00
	U8Boys N-Z	7:00 – 8:00
Thursday	U8Girls A-M	6:00 – 7:00
	U8Girls N-Z	7:00 – 8:00

May 9th to 13th and May 23rd to 27th

Monday	U10Boys A-M	6:00-7:00
	U10Boy N-Z	7:00-8:00
Tuesday	U10Girls A-M	6:00-7:00
	U10Girls N-Z	7:00-8:00
Wednesday	U12Boys A-M	6:00-7:00
	U12Boys N-Z	7:00-8:00
Thursday	U12Girls A-M	6:00-7:00
	U12Girls N-Z	7:00-8:00

As soon as the City allocates fields, the outside schedule will be distributed to all players and will be posted on our website at www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/

