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Presidents Message

Believe it or not, the winter soccer program is just about complete for another year and Summer 2010 season is just around the corner. I would like to extend a welcome back to all of our members, to what I believe will be an exceptional summer.

During our Summer 2009 season our on field success at all levels, was one of the best in the clubs history. We expect those successes to continue. Our technical staff will continue to offer quality training for all. We are pleased to announce that Ratomir Kovacevic will be designing a new program for all of our mini aged players Micro to U10, along with his current duties as Club Technical Director.

Again, I welcome you all to Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club's Summer 2010 program and wish you all an exciting and fruitful summer season.

Mark Mosher
President HDSC

Summer Registration Information 2010

Registration for the 2010 Summer Season

Registration for the Summer 2010 season begins February 27th, 2010 at the Birch Cove Baptist Church, 50 Donaldson Avenue from 900AM to Noon. 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 them in our mail slot at your convenience. 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 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.ns.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 U10 Academy and U12 to U18 players only.

All players from U10 to U18 are required to tryout at 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

Players Born in 1992-1993 **U18 Age Level**

Players Born in 1994-1995 **U16 Age Level**

Players Born in 1996-1997 **U14 Age Level**

Players Born in 1998-1999 **U12 Age Level**

Players Born in 2000-2001 **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 all the Tier 2 players, U12 to U18 both for A and B levels. 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.

Soccer Shorts

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 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 \$60.00 must be on file before a participant is issued a jersey. These cheques are post dated for September 30th 2010. 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.

Mini Program Micro-U10

The programs offered this year by Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club (HDSC) will be designed by Ratomir Kovačević 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 (August 20th dependent upon assignment of the turf) 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 of each division. The outdoor summer season begins May 31st and runs to August 20th.

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 2006)

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 2004-2005)

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 2002-2003)

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 2000-2001)

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.

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 5th and Tuesday May 18th from 600-700PM

Micros Group #2 Thursday May 6th and Wednesday May 19th from 600-700PM

U6 Boys Teams #1 to #4 Monday April 26th, May 10th and May 24th from 600-700PM

U6 Boys Teams #5 to #8 Monday April 26th, May 10th and May 24th from 700-800PM

U6 Girls Teams #1 to #3 Tuesday April 27th, May 11th and May 25th from 600-700PM

U6 Girls Teams #4 to #6 Tuesday April 27th, May 11th and May 25th from 700-800PM

U8 Boys Teams #1 to #4 Wednesday April 28th, May 12th and May 26th from 600-700PM

U8 Boys Teams #5 to #8 Wednesday April 28th, May 12th and May 26th from 700-800PM

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

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

U10 Boys Teams #1 to #3 Monday May 3rd 600-700PM Wednesday May 5th 700-800PM Tuesday May 18th 700-800PM

U10 Boys Teams #4 to #6 Monday May 3rd 700-800PM Thursday May 6th 700-800PM Wednesday May 19th from 700-800PM

U10 Girls Teams #1 to #3 Tuesday May 4th, Monday May 17th and Thursday May 20th from 600-700PM

U10 Girls Teams #4 to #6 Tuesday May 4th, Monday May 17th and Thursday May 20th from 700-800PM

Mini Outdoor Schedule

Below is a tentative schedule for the outdoor summer program that begins May 31st and runs through August 20th. 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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VP Competitions and Development Technical Director

First of all we would like to say WELCOME to new season 2010 (World cup year)

The objective of this club is to make your season with Dunbrack Soccer Club a positive and healthy one.

What does that mean?

It means we intend to create a positive soccer environment where players will come to practices and games with pleasure. First and most important, children have to fall in love with this game and we as a club will do as much as we can to make this happen. If the players have FUN, then everything else should fall into place.

Developing players is our next objective. We have more Provincial and NTC (National Training Center) players than ever before (Thank You to our Tier 1 coaches and managers). Every year we have players who play Tier 2 soccer becoming very good Tier 1 players (Thank You to our Tier 2 coaches and managers). That's our biggest success. If we develop players, and if we teach them the right thing at a young age, we will have successes on and off the field sooner or later.

Summer 2010 will once again see our daytime skills sessions for all of our youth players from Tier 1, Tier 2A and Tier 2B, running in July and August on Mainland Common Artificial Turf pending HRM field allocation. Once schedules are ready they will be sent to players via the team coach and/or manager.

If we succeed in these two things the last will be an easy one. We will try to help the kids stay in soccer as long as possible. Logically, if they learn to love this game and if they improve, then they will stay in the game. Not all of them will succeed but we hope that with our program and organization that the percentage will be as high as possible.

Parents, we need your help. Losing a game does not mean end of the world. Children will forget the score of any game much faster than parents. Believe us, we know it for a fact. Soccer or any another sport is only part of your child's life. They have to enjoy this game. Encourage your child with positive feedback, before, during and after each game.

This club and you, the parents, are here because of the children. They will play this beautiful game to satisfy themselves not us. Let's encourage them along their way.

Our annual Tier 2 tournament will run again this year on turf and we are in the middle of organizing a committee. If anyone would like to volunteer please don't hesitate to contact Paul Hornbuckle at hornbuckle@ns.sympatico.ca

If you have any compliments or concerns about your child's soccer experience, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Enjoy Summer 2010

Paul Hornbuckle - Vice President Competitions and Development
Ratomir Kovacevic - Technical Director