



# Red & Black Newsletter

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Our winter season is nearing its close and believe it or not, our **15<sup>th</sup> Summer Season** is about to begin. I view last year as a watershed year for our club in that our membership increased dramatically for the first time in years. From my perspective this is wonderful news as the economies of scale will allow us to upgrade and better the programs we offer our youth. Our technical staff, headed by Alan Jazic and Phil Serieys will again be overseeing our youth and mini program.

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Over our 15 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 those at registration or by dropping into the club office.

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Our summer registration formally kicks off on Saturday, February 23rd at Birch Cove Baptist Church, 50 Donaldson Ave. running from 900AM until 200PM. Registration forms can be downloaded from our website so that you can fill them out in advance ... quick in, quick out. Alternatively, please try out our new **online registration**. Instructions can be found on the website.

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I am sure that you will note that we have had to raise our fees. The costs of providing the programs that our players deserve never seem to go down...league fees, referee fees, field costs, etc., always find a way of increasing every year but we have tried to be as efficient and competitive as possible.

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Again, I want to welcome all of you to what I believe will be a wonderful and exciting 2008 summer season.

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Please remember to check our website regularly at [www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca](http://www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca) for ongoing club news and if you have an idea that you feel will make your club better , we would like to hear from you.

Mark Mosher

President



# Summer Registration Information 2008



## Registration for the 2008 Summer Season

Registration for the Summer 2008 season begins February 18<sup>th</sup>. You may register via mail, drop in our office mail slot or attend our annual registration day February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 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 also mail a completed registration forms, all documents required and money order or cheque to our office at 19 Alma Crescent #205, B3N 2C4. No player will be able to participate 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.

New this summer you may register online by visiting our website [www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/](http://www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/) Please note that all forms must be signed before participation can begin. We will make every effort to connect with online registrants on your first night out for the summer season. Also we will be issuing tax receipts in late summer to all participants. Once ready we will advise and direct to the appropriate parties via managers for U12 to U18 participants and via our mini technical staff at the field during play nights.

We are pleased to offer **online registration** as well. Please visit our website. There you will find all the documents and a step by step outline for completing full summer soccer registration. We accept, Visa, Mastercard and American Express via PayPal.

All registration information can be found on the reverse side of our registration form or by visit our website at [www.dunbracksoccer.sn.ca/](http://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 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 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](mailto:dunbrack.sc@ns.sympatico.ca)

Players Born in 1990-1991 **U18 Age Level**

Players Born in 1992-1993 **U16 Age Level**

Players Born in 1994-1995 **U14 Age Level**

Players Born in 1996-1997 **U12 Age Level**

**Those not wishing to participate in the Tier 1 program need not attend the Tier 1 evaluations as there will be a 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 2 A evaluations.**

Please see our website under youth program for a complete listing of all the evaluation sessions.

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

Please visit the website under Youth Program General Information for all 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 May 26th and runs to August 22nd .

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.

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 2004)**

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 2003-2002)**

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 2001-2000)**

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 1999-1998)**

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 Academy**

The U10 age group also has a competitive component U10 Academy. 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 on our website. Also please visit our website for a complete description of our U10 Academy program. Once selected these teams will practice together and play games competitively with other clubs.

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 your interested in coaching at [dunbrack.sc@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dunbrack.sc@ns.sympatico.ca)

# 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 is closed. HRM can remove HDSC from all fields.

## **TAX RECEIPTS NEW**

This year we will be developing a new approach for tax receipts for our participants. This year instead of issuing tax receipts at our registration, we have developed a new program that will computer generate all the receipts at once. These receipts will be in turn printed up in late June and distributed at the field or will be available for pick up at our office. We will still issue receipt of payment for those with cash payments only.

## **REFUND POLICY**

Please visit our website for our complete refund policy.

## **JERSEY DEPOSIT (U10 Academy-U18 inclusive)**

Jersies will be handed out to participants from U10 academy to U18. Jersey deposit cheques must be on file before a participant is to receive a jersey. These cheques are post dated for September 30th. If a participant returns the jersey 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.

## **SHORTS/SOCKS**

HDSC dedicated shorts are the Adidas Squadra (black) and the dedicated socks are Adidas Copas (Red) These are mandatory for all Tier 1 teams. Although not mandatory at the Tier 2 level, it is recommended that they also try to fulfill that requirement. Shorts and socks are available for HDSC participants at the Golden Goal Soccer Supplies store at Oland Crescent in the Bayers Lake Business Park.

# Vice President Competitions and Development

Alan, 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.

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.

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