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Presidents Message

Let the Season Begin!!

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We are off to what I see as one of the best soccer seasons ever! Following in the footsteps of last year's successful season our club should have a full slate of competitive Senior and Youth teams at both the Tier 1 and Tier 2 levels. Not only that, the mini program is ramping up with our organizational team already running at full speed. All of this is possible because for the first time in a long while we have a full Board of volunteers that are committed to offering our members the best soccer program that we can deliver. During the winter, Paul Hornbuckle, our V.P. of Competitions and Development has worked tirelessly with his committee to iron out the kinks we experienced last year. As well, Mridula McGuinness, V.P. of Administration and Operations, her committee and Kathy LeBlanc, Club Administrator, have been doing the same to ensure that the registration process goes as smoothly as possible.

Our summer registration formally kicks off on Saturday, February 25th at Birch Cove Baptist Church, 10 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. As always, we will accept them in advance at our office or by mail.

As I mentioned, we have a full board but we are always in need of more help during the season. One very important event, our Tier 2 Tournament always struggles from lack of volunteers. This is not an event geared to our Tier 2 teams alone, but to all Tier 2's in the region; an event that many players and coaches from all the local clubs look forward to at the beginning of each season. It is THE major fundraiser for our Club and the funds raised are used to benefit Halifax Dunbrack players at all levels. Karen Shewbridge, our Volunteer Director, will be at registration so please don't just walk by - stop, have a chat and see how you could lend a few hours of your time.

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.

Again, I want to welcome all of you to what I believe will be a wonderful and exciting 2006 summer season.

Please remember to check our website regularly at 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 2006



Registration for the 2006 Summer Season

Registration for the Summer 2006 season begins February 1st. 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 2006 season will take place on **Saturday February 25, 2006** 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** or **Tier 2 A** team 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 1988-1989 **U18 Age Level**

Players Born in 1990-1991 **U16 Age Level**

Players Born in 1992-1993 **U14 Age Level**

Players Born in 1994-1995 **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.
- All tryout schedules will be posted on 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 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. 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 18th .



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. Please see page 4 for details of the May training component.

U6 (Children born in 2001-2000)

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) 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 1999-1998)

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 1997-1996)

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. 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.

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

In the event of in climate weather Halifax Regional Municipality makes the final decision on the whether a field is open for play. On our website we have a direct link to the HRM field conditions report. HRM usually updates the field closures at 300PM each day. If unsure you may also check the Halifax Dunbrack voice mail at 902-455-0078



Super 8's

This coming summer the U12 program will run one each U12 A team for boys and girls. The remaining players will be placed on Super 8 teams. This year the Super 8's will be run by the Capital Inter District Soccer League. These players will train once per week and have 1-2 games per week. The teams will play at fields within the city and may have to travel to Dartmouth and Sackville. For the past two years we have run a similar program between HDSC and HCW, this year's program will see up to 40 teams from Halifax, Dartmouth and Sackville districts involved as well. The schedule for this program will be provided to Dunbrack by the league (CISL) as well as a championship games for this age level.



Indoor Mini Schedule for May



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. The players are divided during the indoor sessions alphabetically. The teams will be different for the outdoor portion of the season.

Indoor Schedule Only

May 1st to May 4th and May 15th to 18th

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 8th to 11th and May 22nd to 25th

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 (Super 8's)
	U12Boys N-Z	7:00-8:00 (Super 8's)
Thursday	U12Girls A-M	6:00-7:00 (Super 8's)
	U12Girls N-Z	7:00-8:00 (Super 8's)

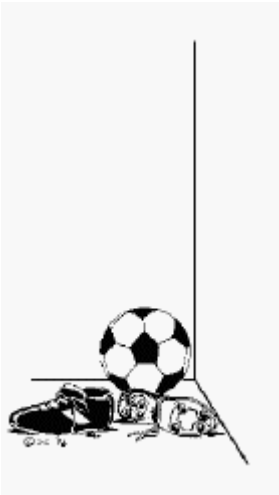
As soon as the City allocates fields, the outside schedule will be distributed to all players and will be posted on our website at www.dunbracksoccer.ns.ca/

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.

Our Youth teams U12 to U18 are required to wear proper Halifax Dunbrack apparel. This would include Adidas black shorts (Portos) Adidas red socks with white strips (Copas) Cleves Source for Sports carries a selection of our equipment.

New this year 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.



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 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 15th** and Winter deadlines for SNS are **December 15th**.

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 1st** will be a full refund

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

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

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

No refunds will be issued after **May 30th** of any given year.

Winter Refund Policy

Withdrawals up to and including **October 1st** will be a full refund

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

No refunds will be issued after **November 30th** of any given year.

