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Presidents Message

I would like to welcome all current and new members to the Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club 2011 Summer Season - our 18th. Over the past 18 years our Club has grown from a few hundred members to over 1200 and our players range in age from four years to senior. As always, we strive to provide the best training and over- all soccer experience for all our members in order to foster a long lasting appreciation for the game.

Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club is a not-for-profit organization that is run by volunteers to provide a soccer experience for those living in and around the Mainland North section of HRM. We encourage all members of our community to join and participate in the organization of the Club, and play soccer with us.

Included in this letter you will find comments from the heads of our administrative and technical departments that outline the registration process, and the mini and youth programs. As always, we hope this letter helps and encourages all new and current members as we work our way into the new season. See you on the pitch!

Mark Mosher
President HDSC

Summer Registration Information 2011

Registration for the 2011 Summer Season

Registration for the Summer 2011 season begins March 12th, 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 and fees paid 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.sn.ca/ where the forms can be downloaded via MS Word or PDF format.

Summer 2011 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. Players for the U8 Academy will be assessed at a later date and will be advised as to the process and dates for the evaluations

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 1993-1994 **U18 Age Level**

Players Born in 1995-1996 **U16 Age Level**

Players Born in 1997-1998 **U14 Age Level**

Players Born in 1999-2000 **U12 Age Level**

Players Born in 2001-2002 **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 the 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 tryout fee.

Please note that final team selections will be posted on the HDSC website once 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 once teams have been selected. 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 2011. 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) 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 (August 19th 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 30th and runs to August 19th.

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. These sessions are run solely by our technical staff.

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 2007)

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 (**outdoors only**) for a fun filled evening. Each child is required to have shin pads, socks to cover the shin pads and proper soccer cleats. Technical staff run the the indoor sessions in May.

U6 (Children born in 2006-2005)

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 2004-2003)

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 2002-2001)

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 (Monday and Tuesday Groups) Wednesday May 4th and Tuesday May 17th from 600-700PM

Micros (Wednesday and Thursday Groups) Thursday May 5th and Wednesday May 18th from 600-700PM

U6 Boys Teams #1 to #4 Monday April 25th, May 9th and May 23rd from 600-700PM

U6 Boys Teams #5 to #8 Monday April 25th, May 9th and May 23rd from 700-800PM

U6 Girls Teams #1 to #3 Tuesday April 26th, May 10th and May 24th from 600-700PM

U6 Girls Teams #4 to #6 Tuesday April 26th, May 10th and May 24th from 700-800PM

U8 Boys Teams #1 to #4 Wednesday April 27th, May 11th and May 25th from 600-700PM

U8 Boys Teams #5 to #8 Wednesday April 27th, May 11th and May 25th from 700-800PM

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

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

U10 Boys Teams #1 to #3 Monday May 2nd 600-700PM Wednesday May 4th 700-800PM Tuesday May 17th 700-800PM

U10 Boys Teams #4 to #6 Monday May 2nd 700-800PM Thursday May 5th 700-800PM Wednesday May 18th from 700-800PM

U10 Girls Teams #1 to #3 Tuesday May 3rd, Monday May 16th and Thursday May 19th from 600-700PM

U10 Girls Teams #4 to #6 Tuesday May 3rd, Monday May 16th and Thursday May 19th from 700-800PM

Mini Outdoor Schedule

Below is a tentative schedule for the outdoor summer program that begins May 30th and runs through August 19th. 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 **Group #2** Tuesday's 6:00-7:00PM **Group #3** Wednesdays 6:00-7:00PM and **Group # 4** Thursday's 6:00-7:00PM ALL HELD at **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

2010 was a very successful year for Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club. Our club saw 10 teams participate in Provincials; U12 Boys A, U12 Girls A, U14 Tier 1 Boys, U14 Tier 1 Girls, U14 Tier 2 A Boys, U16 Tier 1 Boys, U18 Tier 1 Boys, U18 Tier 2 Boys, Premiere Men and Premiere Women. Of these we sent 3 teams to National Competition, Premiere Men, Premiere Women and U18 Tier 1 Boys. We also had the U12 A Boys, Girls and U14 Tier 1 Girls achieve Provincial Silver. The Senior Men were able to secure a Bronze Medal at Nationals while the Women were the Queens of the Nationals and won Gold. We should all be very proud of each and every player in this club.

Our blanket of success is through the hard work of the Coaching staff in conjunction with our Technical Director, Ratomir Kovacevic. Unfortunately Ratomir is currently recuperating from a serious illness and will be unavailable to participate at the club level in the upcoming season.

HDSC will be holding a fundraising evening for Ratomir on Saturday March 12th at the Greek Church Hall on Purcells Cove Road. The evening will include a dinner/auction and dance. The cost of the tickets are \$15.00 and \$20.00 at the door. All underage participants must leave by 900PM. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket for this evening or wish to donate an auction item please contact our office at dunbrack.sc@ns.sympatico.ca

Mike Locke has been hired to be the interim Technical Director and comes highly recommended. I know all will be pleased with his performance and contributions to our club.

Tryouts are set to begin the end of March, which seems so far away but in fact is just around the corner. The tryout process is clearly defined on the HDSC web site. Please ensure that you refer to the information listed there, especially if you are new to the tryout process. All players are eventually placed at a level to ensure that individually and as team they are successful. Our coaches are volunteers but strive to provide superb direction and a great experience. Remember, not all successes are measured by the score on the game sheet. The individual achievements that each player experiences are a part of the goals of our community based club.

Parents, we need your help. Losing a game does not mean the end of the world. Children will forget the score of any game much faster than parents. Soccer or any other 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, to make the experience that much better.

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

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the field in the upcoming season! Please enjoy Summer 2011

Paul Hornbuckle (VP technical and competitions)