



SOCCER SOUTH NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2009

August

- 8/10 Soccer South Board Mtg – Heartland Inn 7pm
- 11 Coaches Meeting
- 15 Field Day @ Soccer South - 9am
- 16 Field Day 1pm (Alternate Rain Date)
- 25 1st BSA clinics for U6/U8/U10 players
- 29/30 First weekend of games

September

- 5/6 Labor Day weekend – No games.
- 19 Picture Day @ Soccer South
- 20 Fundraiser turn in – Concession Stand
- 21 Soccer South Board Mtg – Heartland Inn 7pm

October

- 18 Fundraiser pick up @ concession stand
- 19 Soccer South Board Mtg – Heartland Inn 7pm
- 24/25 Last weekend of regular scheduled games

President's Note – Mike Vilez

I would like to welcome everyone to Soccer South Soccer Club. It is hard to believe that summer has come and gone, and we are about to start another fall season. Like every season, our clubs over all goal is that each child has a positive experience and continues to learn and grow in the game of soccer.

Our club relies solely on volunteers, from our board, to our coaches, and I wanted to send a special thanks out to all of them before we kick off the season. I am confident that all children will have a very positive experience with our club and look forward to another great season at Soccer South.

Please remember this season that the goals revolve around the kids and a positive experience. Your perception and behavior at practice, games, and anytime you speak of soccer, will have a direct impact on that experience. We will do our best to offer the positive experience and ask all parents to help in this process. The example you set, will have a huge impact on the success or failure of the experience. Sportsmanship is key to the experience and we need all parents to act appropriately at games and practices.

New this fall, we will be having a special fundraiser thru a company called GreatAppeals. Each player will be given an order form and asked to sell as many Coupon Cards as possible. The cards have a variety of coupons from local vendors on them, and are a real value to those who purchase. All order forms, along with the money will need to be turned into the concession stand on Sunday September 20th, and then the cards can be picked back up on Sunday October 18th. **(The packet that is distributed has different dates unfortunately, so please use the 20th of September as the turn in date and the 18th of October as the pick up date).** If each player sold at least 5 cards, this would be a great opportunity for our club to raise some extra funds. One of the goals of our board is to begin a 6+ year field renovation project. This would really improve the over all playing conditions at our complex, but will require additional funds much above the normal amount collected during a season so I ask and encourage everyone to please participate. We are hopeful to get the approval to start the project, yet this fall, and should know for sure in a few weeks.

Thank you and I look forward to a great fall season!

Fall 2009

Opening weekend is August 29th and 30th. We just had our coaches meeting this week, so everyone should be hearing from their child's coach in the next week. If you have not heard by Monday August 24th, please contact Renee Newsom at 246-1868 or e-mail her at rsnewsom@msn.com. The season is scheduled to end on Sunday October 25th.

Field Day

I would like to thank the few families that ventured out this past weekend to help get the fields ready to go for the season. It was amazing to get everything done this past Saturday, so the club really appreciates your volunteer efforts.

Soccer South Website

The Soccer South website address is: www.soccersouthdsm.org. The website has general information such as how to contact the current board members and info about the club – as well as specific information like game cancellations, tournament info, etc.

Game Cancellations

If Soccer South cancels games club-wide, coaches will be contacted by e-mail and our web site will be updated. The most common reasons for canceling games are lightning, significant snow accumulation and extreme cold. As a general rule, games will not be canceled club-wide due to rain, heat or cold. As a parent/guardian of a player, if you feel the conditions are unfit for play, you need to make your coach aware. If games have not been canceled club-wide, coaches may cancel individual games. Coaches, if you wish to cancel for any reason (weather, tournament conflicts, lack of players, etc), please follow the Game Canceling & Rescheduling policy. This policy is listed on the Soccer South website at www.soccersouthdsm.org/sssc/policies.asp.

Parking

Please be careful when entering and leaving the Soccer South complex. As always, our first concern is the safety of our kids and those who come to watch them play! Please park wisely so we can maximize our parking spaces.

Uniforms

All uniforms should be ordered from and picked up at Soccer Connections behind Dairy Queen just west of 63rd and Grand in West Des Moines. You just need to tell them you are with Soccer South, and they know the set to give for our club. Please remember if you are traveling to bring BOTH jerseys in case of a conflict. The visiting team is required to change to accommodate.

Pictures

Pictures will be held **Saturday, September 19th** at Soccer South. In case of rain, the YMCA on Army Post road will be used as an alternate location. If we were to change venues, that will be communicated to the coaches on Friday September 18th.

Referees

Please remember to have patience with our referees. They are still learning the game and at no time is it acceptable to yell or say negative remarks towards an official. This not only goes for players and coaches, but also parents and family members of our players. Please discuss the importance of good sportsmanship with your children. For those interested in becoming a certified referee, please contact Mark Carlson at 287-7864. All Soccer South referees are paid for the games they officiate, so a great way to earn a little cash.

Fundraiser

This fall we will be selling coupon cards from Great Appeals. Each card costs \$10 and has over \$440 dollars in savings. The order forms are due at the concession stand on Sunday September 20th, and the cards can be picked up for delivery on Sunday October 18th. Please help the club raise some funds for field improvement. We have a great facility, but due to flooding and years of wear and tear, it is time to repair the entire complex. We appreciate everyone that participates!

- Top Seller receives a \$100 Visa Gift Card
- 2nd Place receives a \$50 Visa Gift Card
- 3rd Place receives a \$25 Visa Gift Card

Good luck everyone!

BSA Clinics

Once again, we will offer player clinics for this season to allow for more access to the awesome opportunity to be exposed to Division I college players and coaches. The clinics will be offered 1 time per week and each time is open to all U6, U8, & U10 players.

Drake players and/or coaches will lead the clinics. The clinics begin on Tuesday August 25th and will end on Tuesday October 20th. Players can attend individually or coaches can use the sessions as a team practice. There is no sign-up and players don't need to attend every week. The general format is that the first 30 minutes of the session consists of individual skill building drills and games. The remaining time is available for coaches to do team-oriented practices and scrimmages and coaches will be permitted to use the Soccer South fields for the remainder of the night. If you've never attended – come out and try it!

Tuesday 6-6:30pm

Players need to wear shin guards and **bring** their own **ball** and **water bottle** (clearly marked with their name). Balls will **NOT** be provided!

Soccer South Apparel

We will once again be selling club t-shirts and sweatshirts. A small inventory will be kept in the concessions stand for immediate purchase, but if items are unavailable, they can be ordered and will be available at the concessions stand within 1 - 2 weeks.

The t-shirts and sweatshirts will be available in White or Gray with a Navy Blue full-sized SSSC chest logo or Navy Blue with a White full-sized SSSC chest logo. Both crewneck and hooded sweatshirts will be available.

Prices:

T-shirts - \$10 for Youth Sizes; \$10 for Adult XS - XL; \$12.00 for Adult 2XL - 4XL
Crewneck - \$13 for Youth Sizes; \$15 for Adult XS - XL; \$17.00 for Adult 2XL - 4XL
Hoodies - \$18 for Youth Sizes; \$21 for Adult XS - XL; \$23.00 for Adult 2XL - 4XL

Names and numbers can also be added to any merchandise for an extra charge. Adding a name will cost \$4.00 and adding a number will cost \$3.00. If you choose to add both a name and number, the cost will only be \$6.00, giving you a savings of \$1.00.

Please support the club by purchasing some of these items and showing your SSSC pride.

Competitive Program Update

We are now entering our 5th year of offering a competitive option for players in the U11 and U12 age groups. The program emphasis is on individual player development, versus focusing on winning. Our player's train 3 times a week and are coached by a Pro-Coaches. They play in the Iowa Premier Soccer League, against other competitive clubs in the area. I am proud to say that over the past 5 years, no player has ever been turned away, due to financial reasons. The cost of the competitive option is significantly more than recreational soccer, but Soccer South is committed to being the lowest cost option in the Metro Area, and if a player has a desire to play, then we find ways for them to do so.

This year we will be fielding 2 U11 teams and 1 U12 team. Our teams are both co-ed. They will be coached by Joe Burger, (Drake Men's Assistant Soccer Coach), and Justin Vorster, (A-licensed, ODP coach). Each coach brings a wealth of knowledge and youth coaching experience to our program. Joe serves as coach as well as Competitive Director for our program.

Our club also participates in the Academy program. This is a different level for players in the U9 and U10 age group. There is more of a financial commitment, but just like our competitive, no one is/will be turned away due to financial reasons. It is a more challenging and competitive training and game environment, than the standard recreational league, and just another option that we offer to families. All players in our Academy program are coached by a parent coach, (must have an E-license minimum), and also receive pro coaching at least 1 time per week. This coming year we will be fielding a U9 co-ed team and 1 U10 co-ed team. This year our academy teams will train with the academy teams from Soccer West. This should provide an even more competitive training environment and we look forward to continuing to work with Soccer West in our academy program. Joe Burger serves a dual role of Academy Director for both Soccer South and Soccer West.

I would like to send a special thank you out to Sean Holmes, (Drake Men's Head Soccer Coach), and John Breed for all the work they have put into making our competitive program a success. Sean and John both were involved in running the program for the 1st 4 years, and without their involvement, we would have not been able to sustain the program.

I would also like to thank Renee Newsom, Jeff Dunlap, and Bruce Heston for stepping up and volunteering their time on the coming year's competitive committee.

We look forward to another great year in our competitive program.

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