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## Loudoun Soccer - Fall 2007

Dear Loudoun Soccer Players and Parents,

As Loudoun County continues to grow, so does Loudoun Soccer and we are thrilled to have you be a part of it! Our staff and volunteers are working hard to stay on top of the latest and greatest in the soccer world, so we can bring you the best soccer programs possible. We thank you for your support and feedback, and look forward to more great things to come!

We have a number of exciting events coming up that I would like to personally invite you to attend:

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Loudoun Soccer Family Fun Day on May 20, 2007. It is a pleasure to honor our coaches and volunteers.

First Annual 4 v 4 Summer Heat Tournament on July 14-15. This tournament is open to both Recreational and Travel teams, ages U6 to U16.

Annual Golf Tournament at Raspberry Falls on August 6. We'd love to have you and your favorite foursome join us.

First Annual Loudoun Soccer/Kids Living Fit Striders Fall Kick-Off Run in early September.

<b>SOME KEY FACTS ABOUT LOUDOUN SOCCER</b>	<p>We've been serving Loudoun County since 1978</p> <p>Over 30 soccer programs and countless community outreach programs</p> <p>Over 700 teams (Mini, Recreational, Suburban Friendship League, TOPSoccer and Travel)</p> <p>Over 2000 coaches and volunteers</p> <p>Over 7200 players in Spring 2007 Season</p> <p>About 300 referees</p>
<b>LOUDOUN SOCCER IN THE COMMUNITY</b>	<p>Annual College Scholarships for graduating seniors</p> <p>Sponsorship Programs for players in need</p> <p>Active Participation at the Town &amp; County level, Park Board, Loudoun Youth Sports Council</p> <p>DC United Partnership, Including Discounted Ticket Program</p>
<b>2007 &amp; BEYOND THE NEXT LEVEL SOME KEY INITIATIVES</b>	<p>Expansion of our Challenge Program (U8 – U10)</p> <p>New Adidas uniforms for our Recreation players</p> <p>U13 – U19 in Fall 2007</p> <p>U12 and under Spring 2008</p> <p>Joint project with the Loudoun County Parks &amp; Rec to install irrigation and laser grade the fields at Conklin and Ray Muth Parks</p> <p>Joint project with Ashburn Village HOA to install irrigation and level the 2 large fields (Fincastle and Mills)</p> <p>Additional field partnerships with Loudoun County Parks &amp; Rec</p> <p>Multi-field complex in initial planning stage</p> <p>Advanced Footskills Program (FS2) for our older travel players</p> <p>Continued expansion of our innovative Goalkeeper Academy</p>

This past year we restructured our board and added new positions and fantastic volunteers – please check that out in the newsletter. I'm so proud to be working with such dedicated people. We are always looking for help in the office, for events, with our website, coaching, Age Group Coordinator, etc. Please consider giving some of your time!

In addition to your time, we would appreciate your help with land donation, acquisition, or property identification so we can build the multi-field complex with lighted turf fields we've been dreaming of! If you're interested in helping out, just let us know.

Without your support, Loudoun Soccer wouldn't exist – this is YOUR club. From our players and team parents to our many volunteers, we'd like to thank you for all you do.

See you on the field,

Debbie Bicer,

President



## Registration

Registration for the Fall Season begins May 15, 2007. Please remember to **register before June 30** to avoid the late fee and wait list. If you have any questions, email [registrar@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:registrar@loudounsoccer.com) or call the Loudoun Soccer office at 703-777-9977.

## Uniforms

Loudoun Soccer is transitioning to a new uniform. Fall 2007, **all U13 – U19 players will need to purchase a new uniform kit.** This kit includes two shirts, shorts and socks. Purchasing information will be included in our on-line registration system and our mail in registration form. U6 – U12 players will continue with our current reversible jersey through the fall season. These can be purchased from one of the local retailers, listed on our web site. Mini soccer players will receive shirts as part of their registration fee.

## Loudoun Soccer Information

Location: 302-B Industrial Ct., Leesburg, VA 20175  
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Email: [Registar@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:Registar@loudounsoccer.com) or [info@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:info@loudounsoccer.com)



Commissioners and Age Group coordinators are needed in all areas. Please contact the Loudoun Soccer office or email [rpm@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:rpm@loudounsoccer.com) if you can help.



## Fall 2007 Calendar

- May 15 Registration begins
- Jun 30 On-time registration ends
- Jun 30 All challenge registration ends
- July Challenge evaluations (see website)
- Aug 18 1st preseason coaches meeting
- Aug 21 Coaches clinic
- Aug 23 Coaches clinic
- Aug 25 2nd preseason coaches meeting
- Aug 26 Refund deadline
- Aug 27 Practice starts for Rec and SFL
- Sep 8 1st Game, MSP & Topsoccer
- Sep 15 2nd game
- Sep 15 Picture day #1
- Sep 16 All Star tryouts #1
- Sep 22 3rd game
- Sep 23 All Star tryouts #2
- Sep 29 4th game
- Sep 29 Picture day #2
- Oct. 6 No games– Columbus Day holiday
- Oct. 13 5th game
- Oct. 13 Picture day #3
- Oct. 20 6th game
- Oct. 27 7th game, last MSP
- Nov. 3 8th game-House, U7 Jamboree
- Nov. 10&11 U8 Fest., House & SFL Tournament
- Nov. 17&18 All Star Tournament



Dates are subject to change. Please check the website for calendar changes.

## \*\* AGE GROUPS \*\*

2007-2008 Fall/Spring Seasons

U4	1-Aug-2003—31-Jul-2004
U5	1-Aug-2002—31-Jul-2003
U6	1-Aug-2001—31-Jul-2002
U7	1-Aug-2000—31-Jul-2001
U8	1-Aug-1999—31-Jul-2000
U9	1-Aug-1998—31-Jul-1999
U10	1-Aug-1997—31-Jul-1998
U11	1-Aug-1996—31-Jul-1997
U12	1-Aug-1995—31-Jul-1996
U13	1-Aug-1994—31-Jul-1995
U14	1-Aug-1993—31-Jul-1994
U15	1-Aug-1992—31-Jul-1993
U16	1-Aug-1991—31-Jul-1992
U17	1-Aug-1990—31-Jul-1991
U18	1-Aug-1989—31-Jul-1990
U19	1-Aug-1988—31-Jul-1989

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us for our annual golf tournament on August 6, 2007 at Raspberry Falls. All proceeds will benefit Loudoun Soccer programs and facilities. For more information or to become a sponsor, please email [golftournament@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:golftournament@loudounsoccer.com).



Loudoun Soccer and Darryl Gee Soccer Academy presents summer camps 2007. Weeklong day camps are held in various locations around the county. Please see our website or the attached flyer.

Registration questions should go to [registrar@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:registrar@loudounsoccer.com). E-Newsletters are sent weekly from [registrar@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:registrar@loudounsoccer.com). Please make sure we have your current email address to receive valuable information concerning your soccer community.



Loudoun Soccer welcomes all Travel and Recreational Teams to join us for our first "Summer Heat Tournament" which will be held July 14-15 at Franklin Park. This will be a fun 4 v 4 Tournament open to both Travel and Recreational Teams from U-6 to U-16.

Please visit our web site <http://www.lsctournament.net/> for registration and additional information.

### REFEREE CORNER



We are always looking for good referees, check the Referee Corner on the website for new classes and recert information or email [refdirector@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:refdirector@loudounsoccer.com).



## THANK YOU To Our Executive Board:



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### Loudoun Soccer & Kids Living Fit Striders Fall Kickoff Run

Please join us for a 5K run on a certified course in Lansdowne. The race will be held in early September with proceeds to benefit Loudoun Soccer. Pre-race registrations fees, \$22 or day of race, \$27. Awards will be given to the top five runners. For more information and to register, go to [www.loudounsoccer.com](http://www.loudounsoccer.com).



#### *Other Loudoun Soccer Personnel*

- Registrar—Terri Bonfils
- Office Manager—Margie Brien
- Recreation Program Manager—Karen Corpe
- Bookkeeper—Barbara Giles
- Travel Program Manager—Lori Kelly
- Mini Soccer Director Sharon Wells  
[msp@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:msp@loudounsoccer.com)
- Top Soccer Director—Susan Donnelly  
[topsoccer@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:topsoccer@loudounsoccer.com)

### Gold Sponsors

Please help us thank our Gold Sponsor's for helping us reach our goals for the soccer playing youth of Loudoun county.

Together we strive to offer the best to our players, our families and our communities. Thank You for believing in us. If you or your company would like to become a sponsor, on any level, please call Margie at the Loudoun Soccer office (703-777-9977) to find out how to participate or send an email to [info@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:info@loudounsoccer.com).



### THANKS

#### TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

A special thank you to our retiring commissioners for hours of organizing, recruiting and managing the different regions of Loudoun Soccer. They are **Amy Simon, Robin Phillips and Mike Reles.**

# VOLUNTEERING



We would like to ask for your help next season to maintain our outstanding programs by helping to provide the necessary coverage in the various activities listed below.

- **Field Preparation:** This work can be as simple as putting out corner flags every Friday and bringing them back on Sunday evening or putting nets on goals at the beginning of the season and putting goals away at the end of the season. There are also many field sites that require volunteer labor to keep the fields lined every week. This is a good volunteer opportunity for a parent or a teenage student looking for a way to assist the community.
- **Event Help:** The end-of-season tournaments, jamborees, and variety of other events require a considerable amount of volunteer help in order to have all duties covered and ensure that the events are successful.
- **Office Work:** Please contact the Loudoun Soccer office to see how you may assist with registration, filing, season beginning and ending activities just to name a few.
- **Age Group Coordinators:** Loudoun Soccer needs age group coordinators in every town to form teams in the designated recreational league age groups. The coordinators work with their corresponding regional commissioner to determine team counts, identify coaches for teams and assign players to the teams. The coordinators also provide rosters to their coaches at the beginning of each season and distribute trophies to the coaches at the end of each season. Most of the work is done in the four weeks that precede the start of each season. After the season starts, additional work is primarily related to changes in team rosters (adding late registrants or moving players between teams).
- **Volunteer & Fundraising Coordinators:** These positions are perfect for those creative individuals who enjoy working with people to provide the organization with a support system of volunteers to plan and execute various activities.
- **Field Development:** We have thousands of players and are always looking to find more fields. If you have land and would consider donating it to Loudoun Soccer, please contact [info@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:info@loudounsoccer.com). If you can help us in other ways for our quest for more space, please volunteer for this most important task.

REMEMBER—All of our children benefit from your contributions to Loudoun Soccer. Please email [registrar@loudounsoccer.com](mailto:registrar@loudounsoccer.com) with the information below or fill out the form and mail it today!



Cut here and send to: Loudoun Soccer—Volunteers, P.O. Box 1358, Leesburg, VA 20177

Name:		Phone:
E-Mail Address:		Town:
<i>Circle one or more positions to volunteer:</i>	Age Group Coordinator	Fundraising Committee
	Equipment Volunteer	Public Relations
	Field Preparation	Website Support
	Office Volunteer	Field Development
	Volunteer or Fundraising Coordinator	Event Help