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Loudoun Soccer - Fall 2008

Dear Loudoun Soccer Players and Families,

Happy Birthday to You! Happy Birthday to all of us, as Loudoun Soccer turns 30!! This really is a celebration for everyone. Loudoun Soccer is the Players, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Parents, Referees, Managers, Staff, and Board Members. Collectively, WE ARE LOUDOUN SOCCER!! Thank you for 30 years of positive energy and enthusiasm. What will the next 30 years hold in store for all of us? I for one, can only begin to imagine. One thing that I am sure of is that the Loudoun Soccer family will continue to thrive, through the dedication of everyone involved. Thirty years means that we are hitting the prime of our life. We have gone through many years of development and growth, and this year will be no exception. However, it is time to reap the benefits of being "Middle Aged." We have years of experience on our side, and we will use that to make Loudoun Soccer the best it has ever been.

We will start our year of celebration off right with our 3rd Annual Family Fun Day on May 17th, at Belmont Ridge/Lansdowne Park. Here Loudoun Soccer members will get to experience first hand the exciting work we have been doing to our fields. Many Loudoun fields will be getting a "face lift." We are in the midst of a cooperative effort with Ashburn Youth Football League, to renovate the 4 fields at these 2 sites – all of the fields will be irrigated, laser graded and new natural grass turf will be installed. In addition, we are looking forward to all 3 irrigated Bermuda fields at Ray Muth Park in Ashburn coming into use again in the Fall. And, with a little cooperation from Mother Nature, the long awaited Conklin Park in South Riding should be ready as well. This Spring season, players enjoyed a newly renovated Sanders Corner Field (Ashburn Area) and players in the West are enjoying the irrigated fields at Franklin Park, despite all of the natural irrigation we've been getting. Don't think we are stopping there. As with anything middle aged, we will take the opportunity to do a little "nip and tuck" on some other long time favorites throughout the County.

The Summer and Fall seasons were tough ones for the already over used fields, especially following our summer drought. Despite our best efforts, we have struggled with deteriorating field conditions every season. Spring brought us more than our fair share of the much-needed rain. And, even though it has caused some inconvenient field closures, the rains have allowed the fields to get some rest at an opportune time for growth. As any "Wiser and Older" entity would, we will use our past experience to forge ahead with new and improved plans. Our experience has taught us that this is a bigger issue than we are equipped to handle, and we are asking for your help. Loudoun Soccer would like to expand its Fields Committees. If you have a passion for playable fields, and are interested in participating on either the Field Maintenance Committee or the Field Development Committee, please keep checking the e-newsletter for a meeting date and location.

As we embark on a new era, we wish a fond farewell to Bill Stara, and say hello to a new friend Eddie Pope. Bill provided strong guidance and direction to our club and so it is with great pleasure that we congratulate him on his new position as Director of Coaching for Maryland's Youth Soccer Association. We are thrilled to welcome Eddie Pope to Loudoun Soccer. Eddie, a former player for DC United and the US National team, is currently involved with our travel footskills programs (FS1 and FS2). We are excited that he has teamed with us and look forward to getting him involved in other aspects of our programs, including our College Assistance Program.

As we look to the Fall season, we are excited about turning 30 and want to celebrate all of the wonderful people we have in Loudoun Soccer – coaches, coordinators, volunteers, board members, referees, office staff and technical staff. All that we accomplish at Loudoun Soccer has been the result of volunteers and staff committed to building a quality program. And, while we're making great progress, there is more to be done! If you would like to get involved with Loudoun Soccer, please contact us. There are many areas that are in need of volunteers – field development/supplies, volunteering at the office or events, board positions, etc.

As we move forward, we commit to you the continued efforts and dedication of our staff and volunteers. Our goal is to bring the most comprehensive soccer program possible to our Loudoun Soccer players. Thank you all for your support.

See you on the field!

Debbie Bicer

President



Registration

Registration for the Fall Season begins May 23, 2008. The registration fee is \$85 per player if you **register before June 30, 2008**. Players will be charged a non-refundable \$25 late fee and placed on a wait list after that time. If you have any questions, email registrar@loudounsoccer.com or call the Loudoun Soccer office at 703-777-9977. Refund requests deadline is August 28, 2008.

Uniforms

All new SFL (U13 to U19) players must purchase a uniform at time of registration. Uniforms for **U6 – U12 players** 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.



KEY FACTS:

- Loudoun Soccer is a non-profit 501(C)4 organization
- Serving Loudoun since 1973
- Over 30 soccer programs and over 700 teams
- Over 2000 coaches and volunteers
- Over 13,000 players for 2007
- Almost 300 referees



Fall 2008 Calendar

May 23	Registration begins
Jun 30	On-time registration ends
Jun 30	All challenge registration ends
Jul	Challenge evaluations (see website)
Aug 20	Preseason coaches clinics
Aug 21	Coaches meeting—South Riding
Aug 23	Preseason coaches meeting/clinic
Aug 25	Coaches meeting—Ashburn
Aug 25	Practice starts for U6-U19
Aug 28	Refund request deadline
Sep 6	1st Game, MSP & Topsoccer
Sep 13	2nd game
Sep 14	All-Star tryouts for U8 #1
Sep 20	3rd game-Picture Day #1
Sep 21	All-Star tryouts U9-U14 #1
Sep 27	4th game-Picture Day #2
Sep 28	All Star tryouts #2
Oct 4	5th game-Picture Day #3
Oct 11	No Games
Oct 18	6th game
Oct. 25	7th game- Last MSP
Nov 1	8th game—U7 Jamboree
Nov 8&9	House, U8 and SFL Tournament
Nov 15	All Star Tournament



Loudoun Soccer Information

Location: 302-B Industrial Ct., Leesburg, VA 20175
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Registration questions should go to: registrar@loudounsoccer.com.
 E-Newsletters are sent weekly from margie@loudounsoccer.com. Please make sure we have your current email address to receive valuable information concerning your soccer community.



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

** AGE GROUPS **

2008-2009 Fall/Spring Seasons

U4	1-Aug-2004-31-Jul-2005
U5	1-Aug-2003-31-Jul-2004
U6	1-Aug-2002-31-Jul-2003
U7	1-Aug-2001-31-Jul-2002
U8	1-Aug-2000-31-Jul-2001
U9	1-Aug-1999-31-Jul-2000
U10	1-Aug-1998-31-Jul-1999
U11	1-Aug-1997-31-Jul-1998
U12	1-Aug-1996-31-Jul-1997
U13	1-Aug-1995-31-Jul-1996
U14	1-Aug-1994-31-Jul-1995
U15	1-Aug-1993-31-Jul-1994
U16	1-Aug-1992-31-Jul-1993
U17	1-Aug-1991-31-Jul-1992
U18	1-Aug-1990-31-Jul-1991
U19	1-Aug-1989-31-Jul-1990



SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS

Loudoun Soccer and Darryl Gee Soccer Academy present Summer camps for ages 4-12. These are week long camps held at various schools throughout the county. Please see our website or contact Darryl Gee at: darrylgeesoccer@aol.com.



THANK YOU To Our Executive Board:



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GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us for our annual golf tournament at Raspberry Falls on Tuesday, June 24. Registration information is available on the website. There is a discount for foursomes. Corporate sponsorships are available. For more information or to become a sponsor, please email: Golftournament@loudounsoccer.com.

REFEREE CORNER

Sportsmanship is the name of the game! Please keep it in mind when coaching, playing, watching or refereeing. If a team is missing 2 players, play down to make the game fair. If your team is clearly the dominant one, running up the score isn't the way to go. Loudoun Soccer is a recreational league and although everyone likes to win, it's all about learning and having FUN!



Other Loudoun Soccer Personnel

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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.



Age Group coordinators are still needed in many areas. Please contact the Loudoun Soccer office or email rpm@loudounsoccer.com if you can help.

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. 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 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