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Loudoun Soccer - Spring 2007

Dear Loudoun Soccer Players and Families

Living in one of the fastest growing counties in the country, we have many things competing for our attention and time. We want to thank you for your support of Loudoun Soccer. Despite being such a large club (encompassing all of Loudoun County,) we still think of our soccer community as one big family. As such, we are consistently striving to strengthen our club identity and unity. Thus, we are looking to create a unified club name; one that will capture the tradition of excellence and pride that each and every one of our players brings to Loudoun Soccer. We are looking for your support and help in creating this name. Please be sure to check the Loudoun Soccer website and take part in the naming of our club!

This past summer we took part in the Loudoun Summer Music Fest, an event that we hope to make a continuing Loudoun Soccer tradition. Many Loudoun families came out in force to volunteer and to enjoy the entertainment. These events were hosted by the Loudoun Foundation, who chose us as a beneficiary of the concert. We were honored to participate. We thank you for your help and support, and hope you enjoyed the concert series as much as we did.

This Fall has seen the expansion of our Challenge Program from a single age group to two. We are now supporting both the U8 and U9 age groups and will continue to add an age group with each successive year. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. As we strive to offer the right program for every level of soccer player, we are confident that this program helps in meeting these needs.

This year marked our third year as partners with the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA). We are pleased to see that our participation in this program has brought down the number of major incidents (coach misconduct, referee abuse), and the coach response to the workshops has been enthusiastic. We will continue to encourage coaches and parents to attend PCA workshops as we work to bring the best soccer experience possible to our children.

Earlier this season Loudoun Soccer participated in the grand opening of Lyndora Park in the Brambleton area. In partnership with Loudoun County Parks and Recreation, we opened the first irrigated Bermuda grass field in the County. Needless to say, it was an exciting day for both Loudoun Soccer and Loudoun County Parks & Recreation. We continue to work with P&R on a number of other projects; including the irrigation of both Conklin Park (South Riding) and Ray Muth Park (Ashburn). In addition to these collaborative projects, we continue to work toward realizing our dream of lighted all-weather fields. We are actively working toward locating a suitable site for this endeavor.

As we look to the Spring season, we are excited about our 2nd Annual Family Fun Day. Family Fun Day is a day to celebrate all of the fabulous people we have in Loudoun Soccer – coaches, coordinators, volunteers, board members, referees, office staff and technical staff. 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.

Here's how you can reach us:

Loudoun Soccer Administrative Offices: 703.777.9977

By Email: info@loudounsoccer.com

As we continue to grow, we commit to you the continued efforts and dedication of our staff and volunteers. Our goal is to bring our Loudoun Soccer players the most comprehensive soccer program possible. It's truly an exciting time in Loudoun Soccer and I want to thank you all for your support.

See you on the field!



**** AGE GROUPS ****

2006-2007 Fall/Spring Seasons

Registration

Registration for the Fall Season begins Dec. 15, 2006. Please remember to **register before Jan. 31** to avoid the late fee. If you have any questions, email registrar@loudounsoccer.com or call the Loudoun Soccer office at 703-777-9977.

Uniforms for the House program can be purchased at **Cheers Sports in Ashburn, Super-nova Sports and Catocin Sports in Leesburg, and The Fans Choice is South Riding. SFL uniforms can be purchased at SuperNova Sports..**



The **Advanced Coaching Clinic** will be held February 17 at Stonebridge High School from 12 to 8pm. Please go to the website for more information and to register.

U4	1-Aug-2002—31-Jul-2003
U5	1-Aug-2001—31-Jul-2002
U6	1-Aug-2000—31-Jul-2001
U7	1-Aug-1999—31-Jul-2000
U8	1-Aug-1998—31-Jul-1999
U9	1-Aug-1997—31-Jul-1998
U10	1-Aug-1996—31-Jul-1997
U11	1-Aug-1995—31-Jul-1996
U12	1-Aug-1994—31-Jul-1995
U13	1-Aug-1993—31-Jul-1994
U14	1-Aug-1992—31-Jul-1993
U15	1-Aug-1991—31-Jul-1992
U16	1-Aug-1990—31-Jul-1991
U17	1-Aug-1989—31-Jul-1990
U18	1-Aug-1988—31-Jul-1989
U19	1-Aug-1987—31-Jul-1988

Spring 2007 Calendar



- Dec. 15 Registration begins
- Jan. 31 On-time registration ends
- Jan. 31 All challenge registration ends
- Feb. Challenge evaluations
- Mar. 17 1st preseason coaches meeting
- Mar. 20 Coaches clinic
- Mar. 22 Coaches clinic
- Mar. 24 2nd preseason coaches meeting
- Mar. 26 Practice starts
- Mar. 31 Refund deadline
- Apr. 14 1st house game
- Apr. 21 2nd game
- Apr. 21 Picture day #1
- Apr. 22 All Star tryouts #1
- Apr. 28 3rd game
- Apr. 28 Picture day #2
- Apr. 29 All Star tryouts #2
- May. 5 Picture day #3
- May. 5 4th game
- May. 12 5th game
- May. 19 6th game
- May. 26 No games
- Jun. 2 7th game
- Jun. 9&10 U7 Jamboree, U8 Festival
- Jun. 9&10 House, SFL Tournament
- Jun. 16&17 All Star Tournament



Please watch the website for information regarding camps and training. Darryl Gee Soccer Academy runs a variety of camps and skills training throughout the year.

Loudoun Soccer Contact Information

Office location: 302B Industrial Ct., Leesburg, VA 20175
Mailing address: PO Box 1358, Leesburg, VA 20177

Registration questions should go to registrar@loudounsoccer.com.
E-Newsletters are sent weekly from registrar@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.



THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

One of our many volunteer positions in Loudoun Soccer is the Age Group Coordinator. These volunteers recruit coaches, form teams and help coaches on a day to day basis. Please join Loudoun Soccer in recognizing all of our AGC's. They have all done such an outstanding job: Many thanks to you and all the volunteer coaches and other people that make Loudoun Soccer a great place to be!



THANK YOU To Our Executive Board

- President -Debbie Bicer
- Technical Director— Bill Stara
- Vice President, Recreation—Denise Kling
- Director of Coaching, Rec—Darryl Gee
- Vice President, Travel—Open
- Director of Coaching, Travel—Dave Edwards
- Treasurer—Jim Bonfils
- Secretary—Pete Margaros
- Director of Referees—Ali Zandi Dan Cavanaugh

REFEREE CORNER

R-E-S-P-E-C-T – According to Websters' respect is 1) Regard or consideration; 2) Polite expressions of consideration or regard. The next time you to take in a soccer game, I ask that you keep this definition in mind with regard to the referee and assistant referees. I'm not asking you to like the referee or agree with every call he or she makes, just give the referee some **respect**. After all, try to put yourself in their shoes (or cleats). It's a tough job when every call you make results in 50 percent of the players, coaches and spectators are going to dislike your call.

Whether you're in Loudoun, Fairfax or Montgomery county, the referees' job is to call a fair game. If you see something from your view or angle, it doesn't mean that the referee saw the same thing. If he or she disagrees with what you saw, it just means they saw it differently. There is no malice or conspiracy against a particular team. They are attempting to call a fair game. Still after all, the referee sn't perfect. They do from time-to-time make mistakes. They are just that, honest mistakes. The alternative is to try having a fair game without a referee. Next time you're at a game, thank the referee and assistant referees regardless of the outcome, and please give them some **respect**.

Referee questions? Please email refdirector@loudounsoccer.com



- Commissioners
- Classic Comm—Ron Weimar
- Eastern Regional Comm—Amy Simon
- Western Reg Comm—Mike Reles
- Central Reg Comm—Robin Phillips
- Southern Reg Comm—Pedro Cepestany

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
- Top Soccer Director—Jayne Hope



TOPSoccer

A special thanks to Jayne Hope who has headed up our TOP Soccer program for the past several years. She has done a wonderful job working with our participants with special needs. Also a special thanks to our "soccer buddies" who give their time to volunteer with this special program.

To volunteer, please contact : 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 to Margie at the Loudoun Soccer office (703-777-9977) to find out how to participate

FULFILLMENT HOUSE



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