



Things to Keep In Mind:

- Respect, dignity & sportsmanship at all times
- Learn the rules & practice the fundamentals
- Playing hard & having fun should be part of your game

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Dundas Youth Soccer Club --- Kicking Around Since 1970

President's Welcome

Welcome everyone to our 2010 Soccer Season! Many great things have happened since last year.

I'm excited to announce our new under 4 year old program. This program is a great opportunity to introduce little ones to the sport we love.

The Club has also been working hard to improve our existing fields and creating more playing fields for our members.

I am pleased to let you know that we have a new U10 division sponsor --- Popsicle®. Also, Tim Hortons® will continue its sponsorship of the U6 division this year.

The OSA has made changes to the U10 division, which are outlined on page 3.

DYSC is getting ready to host the Opening Day festivities for the coaches.

Convenors will meet to form teams once registration is closed on March 31st. House League Director, Fred Stremble, will contact the Convenors regarding the meeting and opening day details.

We have been working hard to ensure that we have a really great season. See you on the pitch!

*-- John Gardiner
President*

Tiny Tots -- Under 4's Soccer

New for 2010 is an under 4 soccer program for girls and boys. This program is designed specifically for 4 year olds (born in 2006) to be accompanied by an adult.

Operating on Saturday mornings at the new Upper Olympic complex (see club website, field maps), each child will need to bring a parent, grandparent or other adult to ensure a 1:1 ratio.

Goals of the program include introducing children and parents to the game of soccer, lots of touches on the ball and having fun!

2010 SEASON REGISTRATION

Boys & Girls 4-18 yrs.



Register Online Now
www.dundassoccer.ca

Deadline: March 31st

Field Changes Being Implemented



Dundas Youth Soccer, the City of Hamilton and Counsellor Russ Powers are coordinating a number of field improvements to be implemented this Spring in time for our 2010 soccer season.

At 40 years old, the goal posts at Olympic fields #1 and #2 have "shrunk" below the 8 foot regulation height. These posts will soon be rehabilitated to meet full regulation height.

New goals at Fisher's Mill field will replace those removed last summer, and the reconfigured Upper Olympic and Veteran's Park fields will also see new goal posts.

Player benches will be replaced and/or installed at some fields and the Lower field at Sanctuary Park will get a perimeter fence to eliminate the hazardous diagonal track that cuts across the field.

In addition, some ditching will occur at Olympic #1 to redirect the baseball diamond runoff towards the road and eliminate the far end pond.

The Club will continue to provide nets, corner markers and monitor grass cutting to ensure we provide safe fields for Dundas children.

"Success isn't something that just happens - success is learned, success is practiced and then it is shared."

-- Sparky Anderson

Micro Soccer

In 2010, Upper Olympic field will become the hub of micro soccer in Dundas. Built atop a closed landfill, fenced and offering plenty of parking at the arena, Upper Olympic field is the ideal place for children ages 8 and under to play soccer.

In conjunction with the City of Hamilton, DYSC is funding the conversion of

the two small fields and one regulation field into five equal sized micro fields. These changes mean improved safety for both players and U6 parents have to watch for stray balls being kicked from the adjacent U14 field.

The micro complex will include DYSC funded portable toilets and will

allow all division games to be played on the same night. U6 Timbit Boys play on Mondays, U6 Timbit Girls play on Tuesdays, U8 Boys play on Wednesdays and U8 Girls play on Thursdays.

This simplified game schedule will help parents better schedule their summer evenings.



Weather Policy

Annual Reminder that DYSC follows the OSA lightning policy regarding as follows:

Use the Flash to Bang method to monitor lightning for evacuation of the playing field to a safer environment. With this method the seconds are counted from the time a flash of lightning is seen until a clap of thunder is heard. When this number is 30 seconds or less, evacuation of the field should get under way. Lightning awareness should begin with the first flash of lightning seen or thunder clap heard. Large enclosed structures (substantially constructed buildings) tend to be much safer than smaller or open structures. Fully enclosed vehicles such as cars, trucks, buses, vans, fully enclosed farm vehicles, etc. with the windows rolled up also provide good shelter from lightning. Never stand under trees, in an open field or under an umbrella. The Referee should not restart the game should not be restarted until 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder was heard or the last flash of lightning was seen.

U14 & U17 Interlock

This summer Under 14 (born 1996 & 1997) and Under 17 (born 1993-1995). Boys and Girls will play in an expanded league including Dundas, Ancaster and Westdale teams. The U14 and U17 interlock with Ancaster Soccer Club and West Hamilton Youth Soccer Club means 10-15 teams per division and an opportunity for 15, 16 and 17 year olds to play in a division with a smaller age differential. Two of every three games will be played in Dundas

Dundas registered players will be assigned to Dundas teams, with Dundas

coaches and Dundas practices. All home games and Dundas v. Dundas games will be played at Olympic or Couldrey fields. About 1/3 of the games will be played outside Dundas. Away games against Ancaster will be played at Ancaster High School fields on Jerseyville Road and games against West Hamilton will be played at either Churchill Park in Westdale or at Kay Drage Park near the Basilica off Highway 403. Check www.dundassoccer.ca for exact field locations.

All U14 Girl games are on Mondays, U14 Boys

games are on Tuesdays, U17 Girls games are on Wednesdays and U17 Boys games are on Thursdays. Games begin on Tuesday, May 25th, 2010 and continue into August when a "Cup" championship will begin to determine the division winners.

The championship game will be played in Ancaster at their season end picnic on Saturday, August 28th, 2010. The top ranked regular season Dundas teams will complete for top Dundas honours at the DYSC picnic on September 11th, 2010.



"You can't make a great play unless you do it first in practice."

-- Chuck Noll

U10 Now 7v7

The Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) is now requiring all youth soccer clubs to play 7v7 soccer for under 10 players. This means players born in 2000 who played 11v11 on a full size field at Sanctuary last summer will play 7v7 on a mini-field this summer.

The U10 Boys and Girls divisions are being sponsored by Popsicle® this season and will play at Veteran's Park. The City of Hamilton will be re-configure the fields in the Spring to accommodate two full size mini-fields for exclusive use of the U10 Popsicles. The changes

mean U10 teams will have a maximum of 14 players and the division will be limited to 8 boys and 8 girls teams - this division will sell out first so register early. Boys play Tuesdays and Thursdays, while girls play Mondays and Wednesdays.

Small sided games (7v7) are better for overall skill development because players get more touches on the ball. The Dutch National Soccer Association feels so strongly about individual skills development that they mandate small sided games for all their players into their mid-teens.

Fair Play Policy

The Club implemented a Fair Play policy in 2009 which says "to the best of their ability, coaches are expected to give equal playing time to all players during the regular season, playoffs and championships."

In the past, "fair play" was interpreted differently by different coaches.

Now, it is specific. The coach's goal is to give each player the same amount of playing time as much as they reasonably can. In 11v11 games, it will not be exact. For the older age groups, where there are dedicated goalkeepers, they may play more if the team does not have anyone else to play.

www.dundassoccer.ca

Check out our new and improved website. Online registration is only a few clicks away. The Club site includes online coach and referee applications, updated field maps, house league schedules and (once the season begins) online standings.

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What happened to U19?

The previous U19 division has been dissolved and replaced with a U17 interlock and U18 WWISL division. The U19 division was an amalgamation of the U16 and U18 divisions and expanded to include older players at a time when there were too few players to provide a competitive house league.

U17 players (1993-1995) will play for DYSC in a

Dundas, Ancaster, Westdale league with 12-15 teams. U18 players (1992) will play for Dundas in West Wentworth Interlock Soccer League (WWISL).

WWISL is a soccer league for both males and females providing soccer clubs in Greater Hamilton an opportunity to compete against one another. These clubs include

Ancaster, Caledonia, Cayuga, Dundas, East Hamilton, Flamborough, Glanbrook, Hagersville, Hamilton Croatia, Mount Hamilton, Saltfleet, Stoney Creek and West Hamilton.

If you are interested, there are a number of Dundas-based 19+ teams that play in the WWISL league. Check out their website (www.wwisl.ca) for more details.

Coaching Youth

Coaching soccer requires many different attributes. To coach soccer successfully you need patience, determination, humility, desire to learn more and the ability to lead your team. You also need to learn the best ways to coach your players and how to progress them from one training stage to the next. Being a soccer coach means being a leader.

HELP WANTED

DYSC can always use your help. Online applications are available on our website for those interested in being a Coach, Assistant Coach or Referee.

We provide you with training and development opportunities and a lot of moral support!

Mark your Calendar:

- **House League Playoffs**
Sept 2-10
- **DYSC Picnic/ Championship Day**
Sept 11

Referee Course & Registration

If you are interested in refereeing this year, and are also registering as a player you will have the opportunity to indicate your desire as part of the registration process. Otherwise, go to our website and apply.

DYSC has applied to the OSA to host a mini referee clinic (1 day) and a full field referee clinic (2 days). The proposed dates are April 10th and May 1st and 2nd for the full

The proposed dates are April 10th for the mini soccer clinic and May 1st and 2nd for the full field referee clinic. When these dates are confirmed, a location will be determined and information about signing up will be available.

