Buffalo Soccer Club

Parents' Information 2007

Welcome to Buffalo Soccer Club, where soccer is fun for boys and girls ages 4 through 14! Whether you're new to BSC or you've been involved before, please take a moment to read the following information.

About BSC

Buffalo Soccer Club is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization providing the children in the city of Buffalo and surrounding communities the opportunity to play affordable recreational soccer.

BSC Schedules

Player Clinics are provided at no charge to club members and are scheduled for U8 and U10 divisions on May 14th, May 15th with the season starting on Monday May 21st, 2007. The season concludes in late July with the exception of the Tournament for U8, U10 and U14 teams. Practices are scheduled by the coaches. Games are scheduled as follows:

Mondays: U6 Boys, U8 Girls, U10 Boys, U14 Girls Tuesdays: U6 Girls, U8 Boys, U10 Girls, U14 Boys

Make up games are scheduled on Saturdays (with coaches' discretion), with the exception of the Memorial Day games which will be rescheduled for Thursday. There may be an occasional Thursday game scheduled while school is still in session to avoid later games during school season.

Players' Clinics

Players' clinics will be held at the Buffalo Civic Center on Monday, May 14th and Tuesday May 15th for U8 and U10 divisions.

Coaches/Volunteers

Without coaches we can't have teams!! If you are interested in coaching or helping in any capacity – please let us know! We offer many learning opportunities for parents to get involved in coaching soccer for their children!

Important Rules and Required Equipment

Shin guards covered by long socks are the only required equipment. **Every player must wear appropriate shin guards in order to play.** No jewelry may be worn by any player during the games. Medical bracelets are the only exception and they must be taped. It is recommended that each child have their own ball. Soccer balls vary in sizes. Following is the breakdown of appropriate sizes per division: Size 3 – U6; Size 4 – U8 and U10; and Size 5 – U14.

Teams

We format our teams with fairness and integrity! Our unique sports program generates team rosters based on certain criteria. Coaches' sons/daughters are placed on his/her parent's team. Once teams are set, we will not make adjustments. It is impossible for the club to accommodate every special request, therefore, no special arrangement of teams is permitted. Please Don't Ask!

Picture Day

Picture dates are 6/11 and 6/12. Your team's specific schedule is attached. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to scheduled time. Please be sure to be on time for your scheduled photos and complete your picture form before arriving to the field. Late players may not be included in the team picture. Pictures are scheduled at Bentfield Mills Field, with the Civic Center as a rain backup. (If the whether is questionable, the pictures will be taken at the Civic Center.) You will have the opportunity to order individual, team and even buddy photos. If you have questions regarding your picture order, please contact Varsity Photo directly at 952-895-9078 extension 120.

Tournament

Teams in U8, U10 and U14 are entered into an end-of-the-season tournament. The tournament is scheduled for 8/2, 8/4 and 8/5. Schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather. Tournament seating is determined by league standing. Players and families alike really look forward to this fun weekend of play!

First Aid

Referees on the U8, U10 and U14 fields are equipped with basic first aid kits. U6 Coaches will also be equipped with basic First Aid kits. Teams shall bring plastic bags and ice to games. This task could be assigned to parents.

Team Managers

If you are interested in helping the team as a manager please let your coach know. Team managers can help coaches with a variety of things, such as creating treat schedules, phone trees, practice schedules and communication. Many coaches would appreciate help in these or other areas.

Treats

It has been customary that players bring snacks and drinks for each game. Generally, a snack/drink schedule will be provided to the parents by the coach or team manager.

Practices

Practice schedules are determined by the coaches. Field availability is first come first served for practices. There are many fields around town that can be used for practices.

Weather / Game Cancellations

Heat Index: If the heat index is above 92 degrees all Buffalo Soccer Club games will be canceled! This determination will be made a Buffalo Soccer Club representative and our web site and sports line will be updated with this information at 5:00 pm. Buffalo Soccer Club website is: http://buffalosoccerclub.tripod.com. Youth Sports Line number is 763-682-8039.

Other weather conditions: If lightning is present, games will be canceled. Games cannot resume until $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after the last sighting of lightning. We cannot play if lightning is present. Referees and coaches must comply. Passing thunderstorms may affect only one game. If games are canceled due to lightning or thunderstorms, the coach will notify team members. If you coach does not tell you the process, please be sure to ask him/her.

Game Location:

Games are played at Bentfield Mills Park located at the corner of CR 134 (Calder Rd) and CR 34. See map enclosed. The U14, U10 and U8 fields are located on the North end of the park. The U6 fields are located at the south end of the park, closest to the Civic Center and the little league baseball fields.

MN Thunder Player Clinics:

3rd Annual Minnesota Thunder Player Clinics will be offered at Bentfield Mills Park from June 11th through June 15th. Full and half day clinics are available. Registration can be made directly through the MN Thunder. Once details are available links will be included on our Buffalo Soccer Club website.

Refund Policy:

100% minus the \$5.50 MYSA registration fee if canceled before 1st scheduled game.

50% if canceled after 1st scheduled game but before 2nd scheduled game.

No refund if canceled after second scheduled game.

In order to be eligible for refund, cancellation request including player's name, age, gender and parent's name must be mailed to: Buffalo Soccer Club, 1902 Oak Street, Bufffalo, MN 55313. Cancellation not received in this manner will not be eligible for refund.

Our Website

For more information please visit our website at http://buffalosoccerclub.tripod.comT.

