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Message from President

John Weaver, President, Concord Soccer Association

The fields at Channin are graded, with topsoil in place and the grass-seed ready to be planted. The Board learned that even the simple task of trying to make a field level and plant some grass is a time consuming process. We are fortunate to have a company called Green Stone Engineering giving us good advice. We were also blessed with a New Castle County Executive, Chris Coons, who cared enough to steer Concord Soccer through the bureaucratic process to get the fields built. With his help, we believe that we will have growing grass that will get us through the winter.

Dan Hammond, Joe Williams and Daryl Huber have become a miniature construction firm these last four months. These three Concord Soccer volunteers some days devote more time to soccer than they do to their jobs. I hope that they are comforted to know that their efforts have produced a sports complex that will last for decades.

Chris Lee also spent his summer working for the club. He worked to improve our website so it will be more user-friendly. Ed Judge has volunteered to become our webmaster. The result is a website that will be easier for parents to use for registration and will provide more news on how our players are doing.

Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers. Parent involvement is the backbone of our club. We have quite a few small jobs that need a parent volunteer. We need volunteers to line a field (we will train you). We need people to monitor equipment and supervise the purchase of uniforms. Please consider helping.

To the many volunteers who help our club, I am eternally grateful. Our kids really benefit by your selfless giving of your time.



Fran Kulas Named CSA Director of Coaching

Concord Soccer Association has named National Team Coach Fran Kulas as its new Director of Coaching and Player Development. Fran Kulas, who has coached men and women, boys and girls, field players, goalkeepers, and teams at every level of soccer in the United States, joins Concord Soccer Association as its Director of Coach and Player Development. Presently an Assistant Coach with the Under-14 and 15 USA Women's National Team programs, Coach Kulas brings a wealth of experience that will aid him in helping players and coaches at CSA to advance to the next level. Kulas, who holds the USSF National "A" and "Youth" Coaching Licenses, the highest levels available, has coached internationally, professionally, collegiately, as well as at the high school and youth club levels. In addition to his on field coaching experience, he served as the State Director of Coach and Player Development for the state of Kentucky where he was responsible for all aspects of soccer development throughout the entire state. Kulas has parlayed his experiences into helping other coaches through serving as a coaching education instructor and national clinician, as well as publishing several articles in national publications. "Over the past few years, I have had the pleasure of working with many of the Concord coaches and players in camp and clinic environments. I am excited that I will have the opportunity to work with everyone in the club on a more regular basis now that I have a more formal role. In my experience, Concord Soccer is a club rich in tradition and success and I am looking forward to helping the club reach its full potential through providing excellence in coaching and player development."



Fran will also be involved in training and coaching several of the representative girls travel teams including the U13 United and U12 Ridgeback teams. CSA Board member Adam Raben commented that "CSA is very excited and fortunate to have Fran direct our program. Having someone of his stature as a national team coach will bring our kids an unprecedented opportunity to develop as

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soccer players and to re-emphasize player development and training according to national team guidelines both in our youth development and travel programs." Fran Kulas can be contacted at

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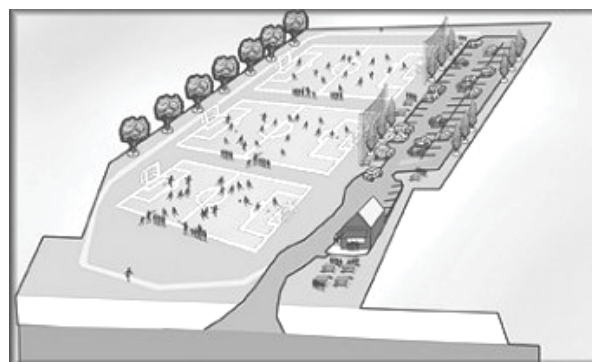
Field Construction Update

It is a very, very exciting time to be part of the Concord Soccer Association. As most of you know, construction of our fields started in July 2008. Our project is under the management of **Green Stone Engineering**, the firm that donated a significant amount of time to design our complex and usher that design through the labyrinth of approvals with New Castle County. The primary contractor is **Eastern States Construction Service, Inc.** They are responsible for grading the site, building the retaining wall, constructing the water management features and walking path and most importantly, planting the grass. **TSG** is installing our irrigation system.

As this newsletter goes to print the finishing touches are being made on the retaining wall. About 75% of the site has been graded to final specifications and more than 50% of the irrigation system is complete. When the retaining wall is complete a drainage swale will be molded along the top of the wall. Concurrent with the swale construction the irrigation system will be completed. Our electric hookup is underway. The electricity is required to run the irrigation system and eventually the parking lot lighting that is required by New Castle County. The grass will be planted in a matter of days.

As everyone involved with the construction project feared our biggest challenge was rocks. We had rocks -- big rocks, huge rocks and "my-car-is-smaller-than-that" size rocks. Green Stone had a series of borings done to attempt to determine the extent of our risk of hitting too much rock. The borings left us feeling hopeful that the project could be done with a minimum of interference from rocks. We were misled by the results of the test borings.

Hopefully, all that remains for the field portion of the project is grass growing and mowing! If nature cooperates and CSA meets its financial challenge the fields can be open for play in the fall of 2009, less than one year away!



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

To submit an article for the next Concord Soccer Newsletter, forward to Laura Hagood at:
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Capital Campaign Update THE TIME IS NOW!

As with every capital campaign there comes a critical point, the final push to make dreams a reality. Over the past two years CSA has raised more than \$350,000 toward the construction of the fields. Those funds, together with cash on hand and a \$500,000 loan commitment from Wilmington Trust, have allowed us to get the construction underway.

The Wilmington Trust loan is a five-year term loan which features an initial two year interest only period and a 20 year amortization, with no prepayment penalty. These features allow us to spread a portion of the cost of the fields to all of the years benefitted by the project. Of course, the loan will need to be renegotiated in five years should a balance remain.

The current challenge is to fund all of the ancillary requirements of the New Castle County code which, while not part of the fields per se, are required prior to our grand opening kickoff. Approximately \$255,000 needs to be raised to fund the extensive county-required landscaping and the paved, curbed and lighted parking lot.

We have submitted two significant grant requests and are hopeful for some positive responses from these foundations that have a very generous record of supporting charitable causes. The foundations do have a limited and recent history of supporting athletic related causes, but most of their focus is on social, welfare and educational endeavors - so the extent of support from these foundations is uncertain.

We are also in contact with several potential corporate sponsors to discuss opportunities to help push us to our goal of opening in the fall of 2008.

Finally, our capital campaign committee will be in contact with our travel teams soon to determine how each team can help. Given all these sources of funds and a sense of urgency we are confident that our kids can be playing on these fields in the fall of 2009.



Concord Soccer Players Selected for Regional ODP Team

Three players from Concord Soccer Association's U14 Girls Magic travel soccer team have been selected to the 1995 Birth Year Region 1 Olympic Development Program (ODP) Team. Kendal Robino of Greenville, Caitie Green of Glen Mills and Andrea Gunderson of New London, were selected after a week-long camp at the University of Rhode Island this past July.

The Olympic Development program, comprised of four geographic regions, is one designed to identify and develop the nation's top youth soccer players in preparation for U.S. Olympic and National Teams.

Fran Kulas, Concord Soccer's Director of Coach and Player Development, is a member of the Region 1 ODP staff and is also an assistant coach with the U14 and U15 USA Women's National Teams: "Concord Soccer is very proud that three players in our club have advanced to play at such a high level. Their success is a tribute and credit to their commitment to the game and the quality of development they are receiving year-round with their very successful Magic team. It is our hope that these players will continue to play at a high level and that their success will inspire other players in our club to reach that level of play."



**Concord Soccer U14 Girls Selected for
Olympic Development Team**

WINTER INDOOR ACADEMY TRAINING

For Boys and Girls, Field Players and Goalkeepers

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See www.concordsoccer.com or contact
Fran Kulas at frankulas@comcast.net
for registration details.

Registration is limited for this program geared
toward providing a higher level of training during



Girls & Boys Representative Team News



Bruce Haberman,
Boys Representative Program Coordinator

Concord Soccer has 18 Representative Teams participating in league play this fall. 10 boys teams playing in the Delco League include the U9 Concord 99, U10 Thunder, U11 Cosmos, U12 Revolution, U12 Athletico, U13 Nitro, U13 Dynamo, U14 Chaos, U14 Rockets and U16 Crush. 8 girls teams playing in Philadelphia Area Girls Soccer include the U9 Soccer Sisters, U10 Fusion, U11 Avalanche, U12 Ridgebacks, U13 United White, U14 Magic, U14 Fury and the U18 Courage.

These teams are enjoying their fall seasons. Many of our teams are working with professional trainers, to develop the players to the fullest extent possible. The Concord Soccer Representative Program is, first and foremost, a program that emphasizes the training aspect of the sport. Success on the field is measured by the growth of the players, not simply by wins and losses. We welcome 'winning,' when it's a by-product of appropriate training.

Concord Teams Shine at Columbus Day Tournaments

The Concord **U9 Girls Soccer Sisters** participated in the Delco Soccer Columbus Day tournament in West Chester, PA, the weekend of October 11th and 12th. After much hard work and team effort, they proved to be victorious. The Soccer Sisters won four games and went home with proud smiles and a first place trophy. The team is coached by Ed Judge and Bryan Seningen. A special thanks also goes to Steve Kendus for his assistance.

The Concord Soccer Sisters are: Maggie Connolly, Autumn Gray, Rebecca Henretty, Victoria Judge, Isabella Julian, Rory Kendle, Gabriella Kendus, Dominique Kendus, Sloan Maas, Lauren Murray, Erin Olesiewicz, Kelsey Olmstead, Allie Olmstead and Alyssa Seningen.



U9 Soccer Sisters

The **U10 Girls Concord Fusion** is having a great fall season, to date. The team has jumped out to a 5-1 league record, due to great goalkeeping, tenacious defensive play and focused goal scoring. The team also participated in the Delco Columbus Day Tournament. Although the team was without three of its core players, they reached the semi-final round, only losing to eventual champion, the Radnor Rumble. The team was happy with this outcome, as they played in the top U10 girls bracket of the tournament. Great job, Fusion!

The Fusion team is made up of Hannah Cutler, Julianne Duko, Melanie Haberman, Marite Horton, Devin Hunter, Ali Kochie, Juliana Looney, Zoe McFadden, Gina Miller, Megan Ogden, Gianna Rapposelli, Alexis Schofield, Arden Sullivan and Kendal Trickley. The team is coached by Bruce Haberman and has recently added Mike Kleinert as trainer.

The **U12 Boys Revolution** won their division of the Whitewater Cup Classic tournament in Wilkes-Barre, PA over Columbus Day weekend. The team played strongly all weekend, allowing just two goals and scoring 10. The goalkeeping duties were shared by Noah Miles and John Van Nostran. The defense was like a wall, lead by Aubrey Kingston at sweeper and Kevin Williams at stopper. The outside back positions were covered by Thomas Diamanty and Ben Crain. The team controlled the midfield in all three games, with strong play from Zac Rimmer, Jim Connolly, Kieran Tuntivate, Kyle Haberman, Jake Cahill and Kieran Tuntivate. The striker positions were covered by Steven Siegfried, Dale Durkee and Henry Rogatz. Stephen and Henry scored three goals each, during the tournament. Ben, Kyle, Chris and Thomas also contributed to the goal scoring. On Sunday, the team enjoyed a white water rafting trip down the Lehigh River. The Revolution highly recommends the Whitewater Cup Classic to any CSA team looking to play some good soccer teams and have some fun.

The Revolution team also won their bracket of the TBAA Pre-Season Tournament, held back in August. The bracket play culminated in an exciting final match with the Washington Township Dragons. The 2-2 battle was broken in the last minutes of the game, with an awesome outside shot by Kevin Williams, to put the Revolution on top. This was a particularly satisfying result, as the team played the final with only 11 players, who all had to play 100% of the game. Way to go, guys!



U12 Revolution

The **U13 Boys Dynamo** team continued to embrace the "Be Positive (B+) Live Like Andrew (McDonough)" philosophy that the team has readily adopted. While remaining positive throughout the 2008 DELCO Columbus Day Tournament and "living like Andrew," the CSA Dynamo went 3-0-1 to become the 2008 U13 Boys Division DELCO Tournament Champions. The CSA Dynamo played to a 0-0 tie in their first game and won 3-0 in their second game to advance to the semi-final playoff game. In the semi-final, after trailing 1-0 and being tied 3-3 in the beginning of the second half, the Dynamo "played like Andrew (McDonough)" and scored three unanswered goals to win 6-3. This win had the Dynamo advance to the Championship game against the King of Prussia Liverpool team. In the first half, the Dynamo scored to make it 1-0. The Dynamo then shut down the King of Prussia team to secure the 1-0 victory and the 2008 DELCO Columbus Day Tournament U13 Boys Division Championship!

During this patch exchange tournament, the CSA Dynamo continued to spread the "B+ Live Like Andrew" message by exchanging "B+ Live Like Andrew" wrist bands and cards along with their CSA patches. The Dynamo continued to wear their B+ shirts when not playing their

Representative Team News continued:

games in the tournament. The team cheer "LET'S GO DY-NA-MO!! LIVE LIKE ANDREW!!!" could be heard multiple times, as it echoed across the soccer fields before, during and after the CSA Dynamo team became the tournament champions!



U13 Dynamo

The **U19 Girls Courage** team recently started its second year of existence with August practices to prepare for a Labor Day tournament in Philadelphia, where they played against other competitive women's teams. Following the tournament, the Courage began its regular season games at the PAGS Premier level. The jump to the Premier level has allowed the Courage to play the best teams in the region and to improve their play. To date, the team has played five very competitive teams and has a record of 1-3-1 following several very close games. The Courage plan to play in a total of four tournaments this year, to give the girls an opportunity to be more visible in the soccer community. They had the opportunity to play in the Frederick Cup at Kirkwood Soccer over Columbus Day Weekend, and finished near the top of their bracket, with a record of 1-1-1. The Courage is looking forward to playing in two additional tournaments in November, the first in Fort Dix, New Jersey and the second at the Kirkwood Soccer Club.

Based on its results in the 2007/2008 competitive year, the Courage also recently learned that they are ranked 2nd in the State of Delaware in the U18 age group. They are also ranked 44th in Region 1, which is comprised of hundreds of teams in 13 surrounding states. This is an amazing accomplishment for the girls, given that the team achieved this ranking in its first year of existence, and with relatively little practice, since the Courage was created to provide girls with an opportunity to play competitive soccer, without the substantial time commitment often required by travel teams. Nearly every girl on the Courage is a strong student with multiple other activities and interests, including other sports and school activities such as varsity high school soccer, field hockey, cross country, track, band, and dance. Congratulations girls!

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**For regular updates about CSA, visit our website at:
www.concordsoccer.com**

Congratulations, not only to the teams mentioned above, but to all of the boys and girls who are participating in our Representative program this fall. Job well done! Many of our teams will be training over the winter, to stay in shape for spring league play and/or Delaware State Cup Competition. For more information, please contact Bruce Haberman at bhabe2@comcast.net. Thank you for your participation!



Soccer Development Program News

Chris Lee
Soccer Development
Program Coordinator

Concord Soccer's Fall 2008 Soccer Development Program (SDP) is in full swing with over 550 kids enjoying and learning soccer this fall. As has been the tradition of CSA for almost 30 years, young children from 4 to 14 years of age are spending Saturday mornings playing a game they enjoy while learning how to be part of team. The smiles have changed very little over those years and the joy each child shows when scoring a goal is probably as strong as it was back in 1979. One major change, however, is the color of the jersey worn by that child as they scored. CSA Red and White are still the predominate colors, but on 12 teams you will see a colored jersey with the familiar Concord Soccer logo on the front and a local business name on the back.

In support of our new fields CSA has started accepting sponsorships for teams in the Soccer Development Program. Our initial foray into the sponsorship world resulted in 10 local businesses paying to have their company name on the back of a team of happy CSA players. We are looking to expand that number to include all of the teams if possible. That would allow over 45 local companies the chance to have their company name seen by over 1,000 people each weekend. If you are interested in having your company sponsor a team, please see the form on page 7 of this newsletter or e-mail me at CSA@concordsoccer.com.

I want to thank the companies listed below for their support and ask that you please utilize their services whenever possible, and remember, they are supporting us so please support them.

CSA Team Sponsors

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Many thanks for your support!

Soccer Learning Curve – Balancing Training and Competition

Fran Kulas,
Director of Coach and
Player Development



During the years when I was serving as the State Director of Coach and Player Development for the state of Kentucky, the state directors convened on several occasions to discuss player development issues. In looking back at my notes from one particular meeting in 2003, I discovered a list of items that we identified that presented challenges to player development in the United States. Some of the challenges we identified are as follows:

- The most talented players tend to play the most games.
- The most talented players tend to play the most minutes in competitive games.
- The most talented players are generally the least rested.
- Because of the above, the most talented are more likely to play with acute or chronic injuries and without any breaks, and are at high risk for psychological burnout and dropout.

As I write this article here in October 2008, I can't help but think that not only have these conditions not improved, but have worsened. In fact, I would add that we could say that the comments above are applicable for many players today, irrespective of their ability level.

Training, Competing, Learning – BALANCE

By virtue of our culture to “play, play, play” so that we can “win, win, win”, the training-to-match ratios are disparaging in the sense that our players are under-trained. Players and teams are playing multiple games in a seven-day period, often multiple games on the same day with either one, or multiple teams. While the players are experiencing these competitions, what is often missing is the opportunity to process their performance, obtain feedback from coaches, and then train to correct their deficiencies. This cycle is commonly referred to as a learning curve. I liken the situation to a math student in school who shows up to class every day to face a quiz or a test. Each day this student arrives being tested, without ever getting feedback on their prior test, the opportunity to learn from their past errors, or the chance to learn the content of new lessons. In both scenarios outlined above, the player and the student are being tested, without the opportunity to correct their mistakes. While many think that more is better, allow me to assure you that often, less is more. I held my first meeting for CSA's travel coaches and team managers in early September. All but one team was represented at the meeting and the following recommendations relevant to training to competition ratios were presented per the recommendations from US Soccer in their publication, *Player Development Guidelines - Best Practices for Coaching Soccer in the United States*.

AGE GROUP	TOTAL MATCHES PER CALENDAR YEAR	TRAINING TO MATCH RATIO
U9 - U10	20 MAXIMUM	2-3 :1
U12 - U13	30 MAXIMUM	2-3 :1
U14	30 MAXIMUM	2-3 :1
U15 - U16	30 MAXIMUM	2-3 :1
U17 - U18	30 MAXIMUM	2-3 :1

Because our current youth soccer system in the United States is so very unbalanced, The United States Soccer Federation recently created a Development Academy to essentially remove players and teams from this unhealthy environment, and place them in one that is most beneficial for their DEVELOPMENT. Those affiliated as members of the Academy must adhere to many guidelines relevant to training-to-match guidelines, as well as participant guidelines for those playing on multiple teams and multiple sports in the same season. Why has this Academy been created? Basically as a safeguard. A safeguard to protect the players from overuse and underdevelopment because our current youth system has created an environment that is driven by parents making it difficult, even for the most qualified and experienced of coaches, to develop the players accordingly. While this Academy structure exists at the moment for only boys' teams in the U.S., a similar program for girls' teams is expected soon. As a coach with extensive experience in working with US Soccer's national youth teams, I can't help but support this approach because I have seen the results and they work! In the most recent October issue of *Soccer America*, Mike Woitalla writes in his “youth beat” section, an article titled “Has the Focus Been Shifted?” In the article, Ryan Austin, Coach of Atlanta Fire United's team who competes in US Soccer's Development Academy, is quoted as saying: “The practice-to-game ratio makes much more sense. There is a minimized threat of burnout and less chance of injury. We are no longer playing five games in two or three days against usually mediocre competition. When you do that you spend half of the following week just recovering and regenerating instead of working toward your next game.” The Academy structure was predicated from US Soccer's BEST PRACTICES DOCUMENT that outlines various recommendations relevant to minimums, maximums, and ratios. To further explore the academy program's guidelines as well as US Soccer's BEST PRACTICES DOCUMENT, please see the coaches section of the Concord Soccer website for related materials. There you can also find the guidelines associated with US SOCCER's DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY.

At this point we (Concord Soccer Association) aren't at the level of acceptance into US Soccer's Academy. We can, however, attempt to follow the important guidelines and criteria that they have outlined. Whose responsibility is this? It is our responsibility – the adults – all of the adults. It starts with the coach of the team, continues with the team administrator/manager, and should be further reinforced with the parents of those on the team. Ultimately – ALL adults are responsible and must be accountable for the well-being of the children we are entrusted with.

In closing, while this article has addressed items relevant to players playing soccer, I would encourage all to examine a child's level of soccer involvement, coupled with activities in other sports. While I am a proponent of kids playing different sports, the balance of these activities in terms of same season and consideration of overuse, must always be considered.

Concord Soccer Association Official Sponsor Agreement

Concord Soccer Association (CSA) is a non-profit 501(c) (3), community-based, volunteer organization devoted to the development of youth through the sport of soccer. Our broad-based approach provides opportunities to play soccer at all levels while fostering character development, sportsmanship, skill acquisition and fun in a positive, respectful environment. Over 800 children between the ages of 4 and 18 participate in our soccer program. Over 200 parent volunteers coach these children week after week.

Over the past 25 years, CSA has been conducting our soccer program without a place we can call our home. Multipurpose fields, not designed for soccer, are being used at local schools and in community parks when available. Competition for this space has grown so that finding space for the program has become increasingly difficult. Our need is to develop the CSA Soccer Complex enabling our program to continue to grow and positively impact the children and their families. With the assistance of our elected officials and the Brandywine School District, the former Channin Elementary school site, on Naamans Road, is evolving into the future home of the CSA Soccer Complex. The project will convert the 10 acres into a single large open playing area with movable goals.

We are asking area businesses to help CSA fulfill the vision of the CSA Soccer Complex, by sponsoring a developmental team. Please help us to make this dream a reality, and ensure the future of Concord Soccer Association. All profits from the sponsorships will be used towards the construction and maintenance of the CSA Soccer Complex.

Team Sponsorship	Sponsor Fee	Benefits of Sponsoring Team
Developmental Team for two (2) seasons: Spring 2009 and Fall 2009	\$600.00 (includes both seasons)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Partnership with community based soccer club, which provides a safe, fun, healthy activity for local youth. ◆ Raise the profile of your business in an organization with over 1000 members that live in this community. ◆ Advertisement in CSA's quarterly news letter. (This is mailed out to all present and past members.) ◆ Advertisement on the CSA web page. ◆ Your business' name on the back of sponsored team's T-shirts (approx. 20 – 30). ◆ Appreciation plaque with picture.
Developmental Team for one (1) season: Spring 2009 OR Fall 2009	\$350.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Partnership with community based soccer club, which provides a safe, fun, healthy activity for local youth. ◆ Raise the profile of your business in an organization with over 1000 members that live in this community. ◆ Advertisement in CSA's quarterly news letter. (This is mailed out to all present and past members.) ◆ Advertisement on the CSA web page. ◆ Your business' name on the back of sponsored team's T-shirts (approx. 20 – 30).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Chris Lee, c/o Concord Soccer, PO Box 7063, Wilmington, DE 19803, 302.652.5762 (h), Clee200@comcast.net. Thank you for your consideration of sponsoring a CSA team.

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Phone/s: _____ Fax: _____

Season: Spring 2009 _____ Fall 2009 _____ Both Spring & Fall 2009 _____

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Please make your check payable to Concord Soccer Association. Please submit Sponsorship Form along with your payment by **February 25, 2009** to the following address: **Concord Soccer Association, PO Box 7063, Wilmington, DE 19803.**

“The above is an agreement to sponsor a CSA developmental team for the designated seasons. The sponsor fee is tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law. CSA is a tax-exempt section 501 (c) (3) nonprofit whose tax identification number is 51-0273409. All teams shall be governed, organized, and equipped by Concord Soccer Association.”

Signature

Date

Thank you for your support of the youth and families of Concord Soccer Association.



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2008-09 Winter Indoor Soccer Development League: December 6 – February 28

CSA is now taking online registrations for its Winter Indoor Development League at www.concordsoccer.com. The cost for a single player registration is \$50 through the registration deadline of November 21, 2008. For families with three or more players we offer a family discount of \$25 off the total family registration fee – to take advantage of this offer, you must email Concord Soccer. Late registrations may be accepted if space is available in the appropriate age group. There will be an additional late fee of \$25 for anyone whose registration is accepted AFTER November 21.

Teams will convene for an initial practice session on Saturday, December 6. No additional mid-week practices will be scheduled, as this program is designed for fun and fitness during the long winter months! Games will be held on Saturdays from December 6 through February 28. There will, however, be no games scheduled for December 27, January 3, January 17 or February 14.

Players will be grouped according to their ages as of August 1, 2008. To participate in the Kiddie Kickers program, children must be 4 on or before 8/1/08. While specific team age ranges will depend on the age distribution of registered players, it is anticipated that teams will fall into groupings of under 6, under 8, under 10, under 12, and under 15-year olds. Depending on enrollment numbers, some teams may be co-ed.

All participants are required to have shin guards and sneakers, soccer flats, or other non-marking, soft-soled shoes for indoor play. Club jerseys and socks are recommended. Club jerseys will be available for purchase at \$20 each in the gyms the first two Saturdays on the season (December 6 and 13). Note – online registration fees do not cover the cost of the jersey. Volunteer coaches and assistant coaches are needed for every age group. CSA provides clinics, tapes and support for its volunteer coaches and assistants, and coaching provides you the opportunity to experience the fun and rewards of working with great kids! If you'd like to help, contact Chris Lee, Soccer Development Program Coordinator, at clee200@comcast.net.



WINTER INDOOR LEAGUE - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Season: December 6, 2008 – February 28, 2009
Registration Closes: November 21, 2008
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