

2010 FDSA Mini Soccer Program Volunteer Package



Welcome to the 2010 FDSA Mini soccer season! My name is Mark Meihuizen, Director of the program, and I would like to wish you all a fun and satisfying summer full of soccer. For those new or returning to the program, once again thank-you very much for taking the time to volunteer; without volunteers we wouldn't be able to provide the children with the support they need to participate in our programs. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance. (Please see below for the upcoming schedule of events)

Thanks again,

Mark Meihuizen
FDSA Director of Mini Soccer

THE FDSA MINI SOCCER PROGRAM OUTLINE

As in years before, the mini soccer program is based on two age categories (8U & 10U) and two gender categories (Boys and Girls). The teams will retain 7 players on the field at the same time for the 2010 season – 6 players and 1 goalkeeper, and will continue playing twice a week at various locations throughout the city, including the artificial turf on the UNB campus.

1. 8U Girls

- For those girls born in 2002 & 2003.
- 11-week season
- 12 min / 14 max per team
- Play Nights:

First Five Weeks (June 1st – June 29th)

- a) **UNB Turf & Grass:** A 5-week rotational schedule will be created to offer all 8UG teams time on the turf; Tuesday evenings from 6:15 – 7:30 (turf), 5:30 – 7:00 (grass) & Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 7:00 (grass) at various fields throughout the city.

Remaining Six Weeks (July 6th – August 12th)

- b) **Grass Fields:** Tuesday & Thursdays from 5:30 – 7:00 or 7:00-8:30 at various fields throughout the city.

2. 8U Boys

- For those boys born in 2002 & 2003.
- 11-week season
- 12 min / 14 max per team
- Play Nights:

First Five Weeks (May 31st – June 30th)

- a) **UNB Turf & Grass:** A 5-week rotational schedule will be created to offer all 8UB teams time on the turf; Monday evenings from 6:15 – 7:30 (turf), 5:30 – 7:00 (grass) & Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 7:00 (grass) at various fields throughout the city.

Remaining Six Weeks (July 5th – August 11th)

- b) **Grass Fields:** Mondays & Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7:00 at various fields throughout the city.

3. 10U Girls

- For those girls born in 2000 & 2001.
- 11-week season
- 13 min / 15 max per team
- Play Nights:

First Five Weeks (June 1st – June 29th)

- a) **Grass Fields:** Tuesday & Thursdays from 5:30 – 7:00 (when necessary) or 7:00 – 8:30 at various fields throughout the city.

Remaining Six Weeks (July 6th – August 12th)

- b) **UNB Turf & Grass:** A 6-week rotational schedule will be created to offer all 10UG teams time on the turf; Tuesday evenings from 6:15 – 7:30 (turf), 5:30 – 7:00 or 7:00-8:30 (grass) & Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 7:00 and 7:00 – 8:30 (grass) at various fields throughout the city.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

1. Tuesday, May 18th – Mini Coaches Pre-Season Meeting.

- a) Time: 8:00pm – 9:30pm
- b) Location: Fredericton Inn
- c) Description:
 - i. 8:00 – 8:30
 - 1. Executive Director provides overview of FDSA
 - ii. 8:30 – 9:30
 - 1. Mini Director explains specific program details
 - 2. Coaches Manuals distribution
 - 3. Team List Pick Up
 - 4. Team Equipment Pick Up
- d) **Coaches' Rebate** (appreciation to Coaches). The FDSA has a Coaches' Rebate Policy based on the following:
 - i. Coaches or Assistant Coaches (max. of 2/team) who are coaching their son/daughter or registered players without children who are coaching are eligible to receive this rebate if you attend the above

Mini Coaches Pre-Season Meeting **PLUS** the Mini Coaches On-Field Practical Session listed below. This rebate will be 50% of the FDSA portion of the fee and issued once the season begins.

2. **Between Tuesday, May 18th and Friday, May 28th**
 - a) Individual teams to contact their Players/Parents
 - b) Description: All respective Players/Parents must be contacted and informed of their coach's name, the team name and colour, location of the first session and the time they should arrive for the 1st evening of play.

3. **Saturday, May 29th – Mini Coaches On-Field Practical Session**
 - a) Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
 - b) Location: FHS (TBC)
 - c) Description:
 - i. An experienced coach will go through a series of practical drills, which can be utilized for this age group
 - ii. Be appropriately dressed for either outdoor or indoor activity

4. **Monday, May 31st – 1st night of Play**
 - a) First evening of play for the 8U & 10U Boys.

5. **Tuesday, June 1st – 1st night of Play**
 - a) First evening of play for the 8U & 10U Girls.

6. **Monday, June 7th and Tuesday, June 8th – Pizza Hut Picture Nights**
 - a) Location: FHS
 - b) Harvey Studios will be on-site
 - c) A schedule for team-specific photo times will be created and circulated in advance.

7. **Wednesday, August 11th – Parents vs Players game**
 - a) 8U and 10U Boys
 - b) Time: Held during the last evening of scheduled play
 - c) Location: Fields as per season schedule.

8. **Thursday, August 12th – Parents vs Players game**
 - a) 8U and 10U Girls
 - b) Time: Held during the last evening of scheduled play
 - c) Location: Fields as per season schedule.

9. **Saturday, August 14th – Year-End Jamboree**
 - a) Time: Schedule TBD.
 - b) Location: Various fields throughout the city.

- c) Description: Conducted to mark the end of the season, distribute medallions, and say good-bye. This one-day soccer activity has come to be a staple of the program.
- d) Rain dates:
 - i. 8U Boys – Monday, August 16th - Fields & Times TBD
 - ii. 8U Girls –Tuesday, August 17th – Fields & Times TBD
 - iii. 10U Boys – Monday, August 16th - Fields &Times TBD
 - iv. 10U Girls –Tuesday, August 17th - Fields & Times TBD

Additional Coaching Clinics

Check the FDSA website for a list of coaching clinics that will be available throughout the spring and summer (under COACHING CLINICS of the VOLUNTEER tab). The FDSA will advise coaches by e-mail if and when additional coaching clinics will be offered.

Coaching Resources

Coaching resources are available on our website by clicking on the Volunteer tab and listed under “Coaches Tips, Drills and Skills”

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

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***Please note: FDSA Staff will immediately place a notice on the homepage of the FDSA website, as soon as any cancellation is known.

I am looking forward to meeting you throughout the summer. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions or concern. Thank you once again for being an FDSA Volunteer.

Mark Meihuizen - FDSA Director of Mini Soccer