

Fredericton District Soccer Association Youth Recreation Volunteer Information Package

2010 - YOUTH SOCCER

Welcome to the 2010 Youth Soccer Season. My name is Jason Hallman and I am the Youth Director for the Fredericton District Soccer Association. This is my first season being involved with the FDSA as a volunteer. I am looking forward to working with all of you this year to make this soccer season even better than last year!

Every year, FDSA tries to improve its programs based on feedback from the players and parents. Therefore, (pending registration numbers), gender specific teams will once again be implemented for the 2010 season. The gender specific format will continue to assist FDSA in meeting its goal of fostering and promoting the retention of females in our sport. FDSA believes that gender specific format encourages more girls to continue playing soccer and develop a lasting love of the game into adulthood.

Therefore, the major highlights for the upcoming 2010 season can be summarized as follows:

- All Youth Soccer Programs (12U, 14U & 16/18U) will be gender specific for the 2010 season (Gender specific programs will depend on the final number of registered players for each age group and gender, co-ed play may be required if numbers are insufficient).
- The Youth Recreational Kickoff Tournament will be held on the second weekend in June to avoid any interference with year end exams for our youth players.
- The Year End Jamboree will remain status quo for this season.
- The drafting of the teams will be similar to last years Draft. The teams will be selected by the FDSA staff using the player ratings collected at the end of last year's season. The players will be assigned to teams based on their skill level and each team will receive an equal amount of players at each skill level to ensure balanced teams. A small evaluation session will be held for players who do not have a current rating. This system worked well for the 2009 season and led to fairly balanced teams in the league.

Program Structure and Playing Times

1. 12U Boys and Girls (born in 1998 or 1999)

- 7 v 7 aside soccer.
- The FDSA projects 6 boy's teams and 6 girl's teams in the division

- 12U Girls will play on Monday and Wednesday at various fields in the city from **5:30 – 7:00 pm or 7-8:30 pm (Grass); 6:15 – 7:30 pm (Turf)**.
- 12U Boys will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays at various fields in the city from **5:30 – 7:00 pm or 7-8:30 pm (Grass); 6:15 – 7:30 pm (Turf)**.

2. 14U Boys and Girls (born in 1996 or 1997)

- 11 v 11 aside soccer
- The FDSA projects 8 teams in this division, not including teams from Oromocto and New Maryland.
- The 14U Boys and Girls teams will play on Tuesday and Thursday at various fields in the city from **7:00 – 8:30 pm (Grass) & 7:30 – 9:00 pm (Turf)**.

3. 16/18 Boys and Girls (born in 1992/1993/1994 or 1995)

- 11 v 11 aside soccer
- The FDSA projects 8 teams in this division, not including teams from Oromocto and New Maryland.
- The 16/18 Boys and Girls teams will play on Monday and Wednesday at various fields in the city from **5:30 7:00 pm or 7:00 – 8:30 pm (Grass); 7:30 – 9:00 pm (Turf)**.

(Note: Playing times are preliminary and are subject to change with confirmation of field availability.)

Team Assignments and Drafting of Teams

- In 2009 all FDSA players in the youth program were rated by their coaches on a scale of 1-3 (1 = more skilled players).
- The player ratings from 2009 (including goalkeepers) will be used to determine the teams in the Youth division. New players will be randomly assigned to teams. The Youth Director and FDSA staff will assign each player to a team using the rating system. **Coaches do NOT need to attend this session.** Selection will ensure an even distribution of skill level for each team with respect for age differentials in the 16/18U programs.
- The team lists will be e-mailed to all coaches after the rosters have been determined so they can contact all players prior to the start of play on May 31st.
- Once the coaches receive their list of players, each team will be permitted to make one trade with another team. The trade has to be for an equivalent player and must be negotiated and agreed to with the coach of the other team. Coaches will have until **Thursday, May 27th at 5:00 pm** to conduct a trade for a player. All trades must be reported to the FDSA by e-mail by the trade deadline in order to be valid. Trades after the trade deadline will not be accepted.

- e) Protected Players
- i) Draft will only allow the Coach, Assistant Coach and one helper (manager) son/daughter to be protected. Therefore, a maximum of 3 players can be protected per team.
 - ii) Siblings will be protected.
 - ii) Only in **extreme circumstances** will the Executive Director in consultation with the Director of Youth, make a decision of protecting a player.
- f) Due to the rating system and the trade clause, no special requests will be allowed.

Schedule of Events and Special Events

1) Youth Coaches Seasonal Team Meeting

- a. Date: Wednesday, May 19th
- b. Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- c. Location: Fredericton Inn (Salon A & B)
- d. Description:
 - i. 6:30 – 6:45
 1. Executive Director provides overview of FDSA
 - ii. 6:45 – 7:30
 1. Youth Director explains specific program details
 2. Coaches Manuals distribution
 3. Team Equipment Pick Up

2) Youth ON-FIELD Volunteer Practical Training Session

- a. Date: Saturday, May 29th
- b. Time: 3:30pm – 5:00pm
- c. Location: FHS
- d. Description: An experienced coach will go through a series of drills appropriate to this age group

3) Team Assignments and Drafting of Teams by the Youth Director and FDSA Staff (Note: Attendance of coaches NOT required)

- a. Thursday, May 20th
 - Location: FDSA Boardroom
 - Team lists with contact information will be emailed by the FDSA to all coaches by no later than **Wednesday, May 26th**.
 - Trade deadline is **Thursday May 27th 5:00 pm by e-mail**. Only one trade per team is permitted.

4) Coaches Contact Team Players

- a. Must be done no later than **Friday, May 28th by 5:00 pm** as players start on Monday, May 31st

5) Youth Program begins

- a. **Monday, May 31st**

6) Youth Kick-Off Jamboree and Photos

- a. **Friday, June 11th & Saturday, June 12th** with rain date on Sunday, June 13th
(location TBD)

7) Youth Year-End Tournament

- a. **Saturday August 14th (location TBD)**
b. No rain date

Additional Coaching Clinics

Check the FDSA website (Go to 'Volunteers' and click on 'Volunteer Coaching Clinic Schedule') for a list of coaching clinics that will be available throughout the 2010 summer. Additional Youth coaching clinics will also be provided this year by the West Region Technical Director. Please visit the West Region website at www.westregionsoccernb.org for a list of available courses, times and fees.

Coaching Resources

Please visit our website for additional resources in our volunteer tab under "Coaches Tips, Drills and Skills".

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Note: Office staff will be placing notices on the home page of our web site re: cancellations as soon as it has been confirmed by the City.

I look forward to meeting all of you throughout the summer. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, feel free to contact me at any time by phone or email.

-Jason Hallman

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR VOLUNTEERING – SEE YOU ON THE PITCH!