

Good Morning FDSA Family,

We hope this message reaches you in good health and good spirits. It is an unprecedented time we are living in, but New Brunswickers have been extremely successful in our attempt to thwart the spread of COVID19 virus. We can now reap the rewards of these efforts and begin to return to some regular activities. *We must apologize for the length of this communication; however, we are excited to have a large amount of information to pass along to you regarding the return to soccer so please bear with us.*

Now that the Province has moved fully into the yellow phase of recovery, we are ecstatic to announce that soccer has been approved to return to the field in modified formats. The FDSA staff and Board of Directors have been hard at work planning for a safe return to the sport we love. As such, we have some important information we would like to pass on to you regarding our program offerings for the summer of 2020. Although we are returning to soccer activities, we must still continue to follow Public Health measures and guidelines. We must also adhere to the guidelines set out by Soccer New Brunswick, our governing body. You can read Soccer NB's Return to Play document in full to familiarize yourselves with the rules and guidelines we must work within to provide our children with a safe and enjoyable soccer experience
http://www.fdsa.org/wp-content/uploads/RETURN-TO-PLAY-PLAN_SOCCER-NB_EN-v8.pdf

FDSA will begin its on-field summer 2020 programming with a phased-in approach on Monday June 22nd for U8 to U18 groups. As restrictions loosen further, we will begin U4 & U6 programs Monday, July 6th.

At present we are unable to play soccer with any of the following: contact, opposition or games/matches. Therefore Phase 1 will focus on individual skill development and gradually begin to introduce light contact and opposition into sessions as we progress. As we stated in earlier correspondence, our programs will be focused on the following priorities:

- Focus on safety and following best practices as laid out by Canada Soccer, Sport Canada, Soccer NB, Government of NB
- Focus on reconnection of friends and teammates
- Focus on cost-effective programming that removes barriers to access for families who are facing different financial realities.

Parent Information Sessions

We will be hosting virtual parent information sessions via Zoom to discuss the information within this document on the following dates:

Monday June 15 @ 7pm – Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83874482070>

Tuesday June 16 @ 7pm – Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88156393562>

Wednesday June 17 @ 7pm – Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83044178036>

To participate you may need to download the Zoom app to your computer or mobile device.

Programs & Registration

Programs and registrations will be structured into 4-week blocks. We plan to run at least 2 consecutive blocks of programming with the potential to have 1-2 more once we know more about the province's return to school plan for the fall. We hope to be able to communicate decisions on more blocks by mid-July. Players will have the option to register for one or both blocks based on the following dates:

Block 1 – June 22 to July 18 *Registration deadline Thurs June 18*

Block 2 – July 20 to August 15 *Registration deadline Thurs July 16*

We will be restricted to 40 players per field during any given session. Players will be divided into smaller groups of no more than 10 players and each group will work with 1 assigned coach.

** Anyone registered prior to June 11 will be placed in Block 1 unless otherwise directed. For Mini & Youth – you will be placed in Monday (Boys), Tuesday (Girls) unless otherwise told. If you wish to be moved from Mon to Wed (boys) or from Tues to Thurs (girls), please email request to executiveassistant@fdsa.org with your child's name and which day you would like to be moved to.**

Credits and refunds will be processed accordingly. We will get to get to these ASAP, However, please be patient and allow some time for staff to process these transactions.

Recreational Programs

All Mini (U8 &U10) & Youth (U12-U18) will have two 1-hour sessions scheduled per week. However, players will have the option to participate in either 1 or both sessions based on their desire and availability.

Fees (per 4 week block)

Mini & Youth

1 day per week = \$40

2 days per week = \$80

each player must also pay Soccer NB player fee with their 1st block – this only needs to be paid once

Soccer NB player fee = \$25.50 for Mini & \$37.50 for Youth

Schedules

U8 Girls – Tuesdays (Scotiabank North) & Thursdays (Nasis Lower) 6:30-7:30pm

U8 Boys – Mondays (Scotiabank North) & Wednesdays (Nasis Lower) 6:30-7:30pm

U10 Girls – Tuesdays (Scotiabank South) & Thursdays (Barker) 6:30-7:30pm

U10 Boys – Mondays (Scotiabank South) & Wednesdays (Barker) 6:30-7:30pm

Youth Jr Girls (2009-2007) – Tuesdays (Barker) & Thursdays (Scotiabank North) 5:00-6:00pm

Youth Sr Girls (2006-2002) - Tuesdays (Barker) & Thursdays (Scotiabank North) 6:30-7:30pm

Youth Jr Boys (2009-2007) – Mondays (Barker) & Wednesdays (Scotiabank North) 5:00-6:00pm

Youth Sr Girls (2006-2002) - Mondays (Barker) & Wednesdays (Scotiabank North) 6:30-7:30pm

If registrations exceed 40 players in a group, additional slots may be added and may not align with above

Micro Program (U4 & U6)

U4 & U6 programming will begin July 6th

Both age groups will have one 1-hour session scheduled per week.

Due to restrictions/guidelines/scheduling restraints, we will NOT be able to offer a North & South side program this year. All sessions will be held at Fredericton High School

In order to properly follow guidelines for safety, all parents in Micro programming will be required to participate on-field with their child

Fees (per 4-week block)

1 day per week = \$40

each player must also pay Soccer NB player fee with their 1st block – this only needs to be paid once

Soccer NB player fee = \$25.50 for Mini

Schedule

U4 – Mondays @ Fredericton High School (upper gated field) 6-7pm

U6 – Tuesdays @ Fredericton High School (upper gated field) 6-7pm

Competitive Programs

All competitive groups will have two 1-hour sessions scheduled per week. However, players will have the option to participate in extra sessions based on their desire and availability. An academy type session will be offered once per week as will a fitness/physical type session.

Fees (per 4-week block)

All Groups

2 days per week = \$80

Academy = \$40

Fitness/Physical = \$40

each player must also pay Soccer NB player fee with their 1st block – this only needs to be paid once

Soccer NB player fee = \$25.50 for Mini & \$37.50 for Youth

Schedules

U12 Girls – Tuesdays (Barker) 5-6pm OR 6:30-7:30pm
 Thursdays (Scotiabank South) 5-6pm OR 6:30-7:30pm

U12 Boys – Mondays (Barker) 5-6pm OR 6:30-7:30pm
 Wednesdays (Scotiabank South) 5-6pm OR 6:30-7:30pm

U13 Girls - Tuesdays (Scotiabank South) & Thursdays (Nasis) 5-6pm

U13 Boys – Mondays (Scotiabank South) & Wednesdays (Nasis) 5-6pm

U15 Girls - Tuesdays (Scotiabank North) & Thursdays (Nasis) 8-9pm

U15 Boys - Mondays (Scotiabank North) & Wednesdays (Nasis) 8-9pm

U18 Girls - Tuesdays (Scotiabank South) & Thursdays (Barker) 8-9pm

U18 Boys – Mondays (Scotiabank South) & Wednesdays (Barker) 8-9pm

Academy – Saturdays

9-10am – U12G @ SBN; U12B @ SBS

10:30-11:30am – U13G @ SBN; U13B @ SBS

12-1pm – U15G @ SBN; U15B @ SBS

1:30-2:30pm – U18G @ SBN; U18B @ SBS

Fitness – To Be Determined

If registrations exceed 40 players in a group, additional slots may be added and may not align with above

Volunteers

We are still seeking volunteer coaches for our U8, U10 and Youth programs. If you are able to lend a hand with any of these groups, please contact the following:

U8 & U10: Tom Carney - Mini Director minidirector@fdsa.org

U12-18: Rob Saunders – Youth Director youthdirector@fdsa.org

Any questions regarding the on-field aspects of coaching can be directed to Barry Morrison
FDSA Club Head Coach bmorrison@fdsa.org

In order to run programs safely under the recommendations and guidelines of Soccer NB, we will require additional volunteers to manage facilities and the players/coaches entering and participating at each location. We will NOT be able to run sessions without the extra help of our FDSA family. These jobs are new and different than we are traditionally accustomed to and we ask that you please step forward to help when you can. We will need to have orientations for each of these roles and schedule slots ahead of time to ensure positions are filled. If you could contact our Volunteer Coordinator Rob Saunders at youthdirector@fdsa.org to identify which position and where and when (see schedules above) would be preferable for you, this would be a massive help. We have great people within the FDSA who are always willing to lend a hand and we are leaning on you again so our children can enjoy the sport they love!

Here is a brief description of each position:

Reception Managers – These persons will be responsible to take attendance at fields prior to each activity commencing, administer/confirm screening questionnaire to participants, ensuring all entrants to the field area have disinfected hands.

Field Managers – ensure health rules and regulations are respected, ensure proper coach/player ratios and obligations are respected, validate training is following distancing guidelines, ensure equipment is disinfected and maintained in dedicated area.

Supervisor Marshall – Supervise players to ensure compliance with distancing rules, Assist the field manager to manage players, manage situations when participants feel unwell.

Registration is OPEN and we hope to see you all soon at a field near you!

We appreciate your patience during this process as we work towards a return to soccer!

Yours in Soccer,
FDSA Staff