



SOCCER . . .

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Spring 2006

2006 EVENTS CALENDAR

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| Feb 15 | Spring registration and refund request deadline |
| March 25- April 2 | Dublin City Schools Spring Break |
| April 5 | MSSA (middle school) season begins |
| April 8 | DSL spring season begins |
| April 22 | Photo Day |
| April 29 - April 30 | Ohio FC/Nike Challenge Cup at Darree Fields |
| May | Registration for 2006-2007 |
| May 20 | U11/12 & MSSA Tourneys |
| May 20 | DSL spring season ends (except HSSA) |
| May 24 | DSL Board Meeting |
| May 27/28 | Starburst Tournament |
| June 15 | Fall registration deadline |
| July 1 | Fall season refund deadline |

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME . . . SOCCER?

The coach has called, you've gone shopping for equipment (shin guards, a ball and shoes) and practices have started. Help make the season enjoyable by:

- Transporting your child to and from practices and games on time.
- Coming prepared for games and practices:
 - 1) Shin guards are required—put the shin guards on *first* then the socks. The socks must completely cover the shin guards.
 - 2) Bring a soccer ball, especially for practices. Size 3 for U-5, 6 and 7s; size 4 for U-8s through U-12; size 5 for U-13s and up.
 - 3) Wearing soccer shoes (tennis shoes acceptable)
 - 4) Removing earrings, jewelry, etc. or not playing.
- Watching games from the side line of the field (not behind the goal or goalie) opposite the team and at least one yard away from the touch (side) line.
- Entering the field of play only with the referee's permission.
- Never arguing with a referee, especially a youth referee.
- Yelling only positive comments and encouragement.
- Picking up your trash as you leave the fields.
- Leaving your pets at home.
- Parking only in designated areas, not on the grass. Use of the north parking lot is encourage and reduces congestion.

The DSL requires that coaches ensure that each player receive 50% playing time for each game attended (except where an injury has occurred), significant experience at all positions and equal opportunities to start games.

For additional information, see the *new* Program Handbook on the website.



WHETHER TO PLAY OR PLAYING WEATHER?

Soccer is played in all kinds of weather and games are rarely cancelled. Any decisions about cancellations are made at the fields on game day.

Come to the fields prepared. Dress for the weather. If it's cold, players may wear warm clothing UNDER the team jersey with a coat available when sitting out. Long pants are acceptable only when it's very cold (under 50°). They prevent the referee from judging plays by sock color.

Thunder and/or lightning may cause delays or cancellations of individual games. Again, these decisions are made at the fields; however, parents have the final say about their child's participation in a game.

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2006

Plans are underway for construction of a storage and concession building at Darree Fields. If you have experience in design and construction, please contact DSL to help with this project. The process is a lot more complicated now than when the Avery Park equipment/concession was built. In cooperation with the city, the Avery Park facility, which opened in 1992, was made possible through a combination of dedicated volunteers, donated time and materials, as well as league funds.

Registration for fall will be here before we know it. The DSL Board recently approved several changes affecting programs and fees for the fall season. U8 teams will change to a 6 v 6 format and U 11/12 field size will decrease slightly. Fee increases will cover increased costs associated with program operations. Watch for more registration information in late April.

RAP flooring has offered to donate new carpet for the office. To install it, however, requires moving everything out for a day to take up the old carpet and put in the new. Volunteers (with muscle) are needed to make this happen (sometime in June or July). Call DSL for details. Thanks!

DUBLIN SOCCER LEAGUE

Board of Directors 2005

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| Chris Clinton | Chairman |
| Dan Wesner | Vice-Chairman |
| Brad Arnold | At large rep |
| Terry Mowery | Coach rep |
| Matt Earman | City rep |

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| Club Representatives (non-voting) | |
| Mike Scoliere | Ohio Premier |
| Randy Smith | Ohio FC |

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| Secretary/Treasurer (non-voting) | |
| John Muir | Executive Director |

Nominations and elections for available board positions are held annually in October. Board members are volunteers.

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Staff

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| John Muir | Executive Director |
| Nancy Fuller | Office Administrator |

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Office Hours (subject to change):
10:00 am - 5 pm Tu - Th (in season)
10:00 am - 5 pm Thursdays or by appointment (out of season)

DSL observes Dublin City Schools closings.

Help wanted:

Part time positions for concessions and in the office. Must be available weekdays during peak times (including summer) and Saturdays during soccer season.

Experience in MS word, excel, access, database management, and QuickBooks Pro needed. Good communication skills a plus. Letters of interest accepted through April 20th.

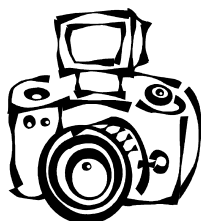
ABC'S OF DSL

The Dublin Soccer League is a 501c (3) non-profit organization providing recreational soccer for the Dublin community. Having fun, learning soccer skills and learning teamwork are the primary goals. Teams are coached by adult volunteers. Two seasons are held—eight weeks in the fall, beginning the week after Labor Day and continuing through October, and seven weeks in the spring, April through May.

Coaches: Thank you to our volunteer coaches. Win-loss records (U 8 through MSSA) reported after fall season are used to prepare the game schedules for spring season so that teams of comparable abilities play each other.

Lost & Found: Clothing items left at the fields during the season and not claimed have been donated to charity. Remember to check in the lost and found bins at Avery and also the city offices in the water tower (during the week).

Medical Information: Parents are responsible for notifying coaches of any pertinent medical conditions relating to their child's participation.



Photos: Midwest Sports is DSL's official photographer. In the fall all teams are scheduled for picture days. **Spring Photo Day is April 22nd at Avery Park** near the shelter house. Coaches, if your team, new individuals or returning players want to have photos, please call Chip, 841-7608, at Midwest Sports (not DSL) to schedule an appointment. Order forms will be mailed to you and also be available on site on photo day. If your team plays at Darree, tell the photographer when you call so arrangements can be made to have a photographer there.

Placement : Date of birth is used to determine age group. Spring registrants are assigned to existing teams on a space available basis regardless of school attended. Additional teams may be formed if there are sufficient numbers of players and coaches. As has been the case for many years, requests for a specific team, coach or practice night cannot be honored. Every effort is made to place those registered for spring. Anyone not placed will receive a full refund.

Registration: Any player who was registered only for the Fall 2005 season received a postcard reminder to send in Spring fees by February 15th (no new registration form needed). The next registration period begins in May for seasonal year 2006 - 2007.

Uniforms: The registration fee includes a t-shirt and socks. If a replacement shirt is needed, your coach has an order form. The cost is \$12 (U 6 - U11/12), \$25 (MSSA) or \$24 (HSSA). Shorts are \$8 and socks \$4. Uniform orders are due on the first day of the season and may be turned in at the equipment room of the concession stand at Avery Park.

Website: Whether you're a coach or parent, there's a lot of helpful information on the DSL website—schedules, field maps, the new program handbook, age group eligibility chart, specifics on each age group (format, objectives, ball size, etc.), calendar, registration and any announcements.

AT THE FIELDS . . .

U 5's: The U 5 Intro to Soccer Program has a new look this year as part of Tim Hortons "Timbits" youth soccer program. Each jersey has the words, "I just played, I'm thirsty" on the underside of the front. Players can go to Tim Horton's after their game for a free small beverage, compliments of the store owner.

Goals: Keeping the goals anchored is of paramount importance for safety. When the goals are put in place for the season, they are anchored with spikes or sandbags. During the course of the season some get moved by teams during practices (ignoring the "**Do not move the goals**" signs). An unanchored goal is an unsafe goal. How can you help? Check the goals before use to insure they are securely anchored and make sure your children **do not climb on the goals or nets—EVER!**

Flags: The purpose of corner flags is to provide for easy visual reference to referees and players. They are placed on the fields used by age groups U 9 and above. How can you help? Keep your children from playing with the flags. They do break and are expensive to replace.

Vending Machines: The vending machines at Darree and Avery are for the convenience of those using the parks and to supplement Saturday concessions. Pepsi has removed the vending machines at Avery for now due to many instances of vandalism. How can you help? Be alert to activity in the park and contact the police if you see illegal acts—we're not in Kansas anymore.

IT'S NOT WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE . . .

(from Life Advice, a newsletter for MetLife customers, Fall 2000)

Few commitments have the kind of payoff that a child receives from playing sports. Sports participation enhances physical fitness during childhood while helping develop healthy habits for adulthood. A child gains experience in cooperation, self-discipline and perseverance, all while having a good time.

Unfortunately recent headline news suggests that the basic tenets of good sportsmanship are being forgotten. Youth sports rage seems to be a growing phenomenon among parents with children involved in competitive sports. Chances are anyone who has attended a child's game, regardless of the sport, has seen parents ranting at a coach, referee, player or another parent. Some psychologists compare this aggression to that displayed by angry drivers, disgruntled workers, etc.

To remove this dark cloud from the sports horizon, the challenge for parents is to promote a recreational atmosphere for their children that is fun and educational says Bobby Dodd, President of the Amateur Athletic Union based in Florida. Dodd offers these tips to parents:

- Understand that it's just a game, and your child will make mistakes
- Enjoy the excitement of the sport and the opportunity to be with your child
- Be positive, don't criticize, and never disagree with the coach or referees in front of your child
- Lend all the players your support, and be graceful, not boastful, when your child's team wins
- When the team loses, or your child doesn't play well, be positive and provide encouragement.

Dodd adds that it's the experience of playing the game that's important—not whether the team wins or loses—and your child is closely watching and learning from your behavior as a parent. Dodd urges parents, coaches and players to adopt "fair-play" ethics.

There's some great information for parents and coaches to enhance the experiences of players and their families available on line at usyouthsoccer.org, sportsparents.com, and scholastic.com.

SOCCER SHORTS

Thank you to Dublin Coffman Girls Soccer, Dublin Coffman Boys Soccer, Jerome Girls Soccer, Scioto Girls Volleyball and Chris Clinton's travel team for providing volunteers to staff concessions at Avery and Darree. If your group would like to participate in this community service and fund raising project in the future, contact DSL for additional information.



Moving? If so, please notify the DSL office (email preferred) with your change of address so you will continue to receive mailings. The newsletters are sent using bulk mail and are not forwarded by the post office.

The average total time a player typically spends with his or her spring soccer team is eight hundred and forty minutes—fourteen hours.

Fewer than 1% of the children participating in organized sports today will qualify for any type of athletic scholarship in college, ever fewer go on to professional sports or the Olympics. Approximately 73% who compete in organized sports quit by age 13. Many who drop out say pressure from coaches and parents simply takes all the fun out of playing and competing. (reprinted in part from Good Sports: Raising a Young Athlete, SoccerOhio, Winter 2006)

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX GRANT AWARDED

In 2005, the Dublin Soccer League applied for and received a hotel/motel tax grant from the City of Dublin to purchase additional goals. Three 8' x 24', four 7' x 21' and two 6.5' x 12' pairs of goals were purchased. Thank you, City of Dublin, for your continued support.

DUBLIN SOCCER LEAGUE NIGHT AT THE CREW



Join the Crew on Saturday, April 29th, for a night of great fun and world class soccer as the Crew battle the Kansas City Wizards!!!

Each coach received a ticket order form in their spring packet of information. Special Ticket Price - \$10 North End Ticket (Day of Game Adult Price is \$17)

The deadline to order tickets is Wednesday, April 19th at 5 pm. Questions? Contact David Ridenhour by phone @ (614) 447-4156 or email at dridenhour@thecrew.com

Get together with your team and attend the game to cheer on the Crew!

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