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May 2006

EVENTS CALENDAR

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| May 10 | Open Registration begins |
| May 20 | DSL spring season ends |
| June 15 | Open Registration ends |
| July 1 | Refund request deadline |
| July 4 | Independence Day Parade |
| August TBA | Coach & player clinics |
| Mid August | Rosters mailed to coaches |
| Sep 2-3 | Dublin Soccer League Charity Cup Tournament at Avery and Darree |
| Sep 9 | DSL fall season starts |
| Oct 28 | DSL season ends |



SUMMER SOCCER CAMP INFORMATION

Can't get enough soccer? Can't wait until fall? Then check out some of the camps available in our area.

Columbus Crew Soccer
www.thecrew.com

Great Britain Buckeye (Gerry D'Arcy)
gdarcy@otterbein.edu
www.gbbsoccer.com

Locker Soccer Academy (Steve Locker)
www.lockersoccer.com

OSU Women's Soccer Camp
www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com

Rocks Soccer Camp (Daren Ekis),
www.dublincoffmanshamrocks.com
ekis_daren@mail.dublin.k12.oh.us

The Summer Soccer School (Kevin Dougherty),
KDoughe952@aol.com
w.opsoccer.com

OPEN REGISTRATION MAY 10TH - JUNE 15TH

Register now through June 15th for the 2006 - 2007 seasonal year.

Registration options:

1. Visit the DSL website for a printable PDF form (must fit on one sheet).
2. Use the enclosed form, making sure that all information is printed and legible.
3. Come to the DSL office weekdays (Tuesday & Thursday, 10 am - 5 pm) to register in person.

Registration requirements:

1. Complete all information on the form; **print legibly**.
2. Sign the form.
3. Include a check (payable to DSL) for full payment.
4. Include a photocopy of birth certificate or passport page if the player is new to Dublin Soccer League.

Completed registration forms (include payment) may be placed in the drop box near the concession stand at Avery Park on Saturday May 13th and on May 20th, from 9 am to 3 pm. Forms may also be mailed to the Dublin Soccer League, PO Box 501, Dublin OH 43017. *DSL is not responsible for lost or misdirected mail. (FYI: DSL is not the same organization as DYA)*

Processing of registration forms and subsequent player team assignments may be delayed if information is missing, there are outstanding fees owed from a previous season, or birth date verification has not been supplied.

HELPFUL HINTS

Register on time. Register on time. Register on time. Register on time. . .

When filling out the form, please **print**. Accuracy and clarity are of paramount importance. Any time a follow up is needed, processing is delayed.

Sign the form and include the appropriate fees.

The DSL office is at 37 W. Bridge St in Old Dublin near Starbucks.

When selecting a uniform size, order a shirt that will fit **over** a turtleneck or sweatshirt as the size your child is wearing now may not be the size he/she will be wearing when the season begins. See samples at Avery Park on May 13th and 20th.

Assign the right birth date and gender to the right child.

With all the intra-district enrollment, remember that the closest elementary to your home (for U6 - U12 players) *may not be* the one your child attends.

For middle school and high school program registrants, please indicate the school attended.

DUBLIN SOCCER LEAGUE PROGRAM AND VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION - The Dublin Soccer League, a non-profit 501.c.3 corporation, is a member of the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association and is affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation. An eight-week fall season is played in September & October; a seven-week spring season in April & May.

REGISTRATION - Register by June 15th for fall; February 10th for spring. Registrations received after these dates may be subject to late fees. A completed registration form with original parent/guardian signature and all fees paid is necessary for participation. There is a returned check charge of \$15. Players may sign up for fall, spring or both seasons (signing up for both is encouraged).

Reciprocal friend requests (in the same age group) may be honored. Requests for a specific coach, team or practice night cannot be honored. The volunteer coaches determine their weekly practice time.

DSL reserves the right to restrict entry, even if registration forms are received by the deadline, if the number of players exceed that which can be competently and efficiently managed or due to a lack of available volunteer coaches.

FEES: Fees vary based on the program selected.

REFUNDS: Players (Primary, MSSA and HSSA) who notify DSL in writing or email by July 1st for fall and February 10th for spring of their decision to withdraw will receive a refund, subject to a service charge. Parents are responsible for notifying DSL of withdrawals.

TEAM PLACEMENT: The player's date of birth is used to determine age group eligibility. Age group, school attendance area and/or a cluster of schools and geographical location is used to form teams. Availability of coaches is also factored into team assignments.

UNIFORMS: Shirt and socks are included with registration fees. Shorts may be purchased from DSL for an additional \$8. Shin guards are required.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES--

DSL offers opportunities to attend pre-season coaching clinics as well as USSF coach licensing classes. A number of coaches have completed the course and become licensed.

Coach: Seasonal year commitment; communicates game and league information to parents and players; coaches games, conducts practices, instructs players in basic soccer skills and rules of the game; exhibits good character around children, including refraining from the use of tobacco, alcohol and foul language; a completed Volunteer Disclosure Risk Management Form, telephone contact number and e-mail address are required.

Co-Coach: Assumes all the responsibilities of Coach but works with another coach volunteer as a team; reciprocal coach requests (same age group) may be indicated on the registration form; leaving the reciprocal line blank indicates you would be willing to share duties with anyone else.

Office/Registration: Assists with data entry, filing, phones, mailings, copying, or registration in May. Daytime availability necessary.

Concessions: Supplements high school booster volunteers during the DSL season or special events; sales, inventory, clean up, etc.

Director: Serves on the DSL Board. Monitors league operations and reviews programs to fulfill the DSL mission statement; regularly attends board meetings. Nominations and elections held each fall.

Miscellaneous: Team admin. asst., Fields, Charity Cup Tournament, Publications, Technical Support, Special Projects.

RECREATION PROGRAMS—

1. **Primary:** U5 (Intro to Soccer) through U12. All skill levels accepted; parent coached. U5 meets once a week and is an instructional introduction to soccer. U6 through U12 has one game and one practice per week. Saturday is game day. Spring tournament for U10 and U11/12.

2. **MSSA** (Middle School Soccer Association): U15 and under league play for boys and girls in middle school. All skill levels accepted; parent coached. Usually two games and one practice per week with some local travel; end of season tournament. No tryout required. Skill level assessment may be requested from previous coach or individual players. Weekday and Saturday games.

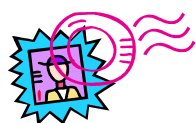
3. **HSSA** (High School Soccer Association): U19 co-ed play for high school (Grades 9-12). One game per week, some local travel; optional practices. All skill levels accepted; self-assessment. Players may not play on their high school team and in this program during fall season. Players on a "carded" travel team are not eligible for this program. Games are usually played on Sunday afternoons.

Age Group Eligibility Chart for 2006 - 2007

Players are expected to play in their age group. Proof of age required for players new to DSL or former players who have not played in DSL during the past two seasonal years (U10 and under). **Please note:** U5 through U10 are currently single age groups; U11/12, MSSA and HSSA are combined age groups.

Seasonal Year (fall & spring) 2006- 2007

| Age Group | Born | Program Format (subject to change) |
|------------------|------------------|---|
| U5 | 8/1/01 - 7/31/02 | Intro program |
| U6 | 8/1/00 - 7/31/01 | 3 v 3 no goalie |
| U7 | 8/1/99 - 7/31/00 | 4 v 4 no goalie |
| U8 | 8/1/98 - 7/31/99 | 6 v 6 |
| U9 | 8/1/97 - 7/31/98 | 8 v 8 |
| U10 | 8/1/96 - 7/31/97 | 8 v 8 |
| U11/12 | 8/1/94 - 7/31/96 | 11 v 11 |
| U15 & in MS | after 7/31/91 | 11 v 11 MSSA |
| U19 & in HS | after 7/31/87 | 11 v 11 HSSA |



Mail completed registration materials (by June 15th) to:

**Dublin Soccer League
PO Box 501
Dublin OH 43017**

DSL programs are wholly supported by registration fees and donations.

Office: 614-793-8320 (vm)

Fax: 614-793-9626

For competitive travel soccer (tryout required) programs to play in the Mid Ohio Select Soccer League, visit the following websites:

Mid-Ohio Select Soccer League (MOSSL):

www.columbussoccer.com has information on area club/travel soccer and tryouts. Read the article on "how to choose a select team" if you are interested in travel soccer and be aware there is a much greater time and significantly higher financial commitment involved.

Ohio FC (boys): www.ohiofc.com

Ohio Premier (girls): www.opsoccer.org

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When does fall recreation season start? September 9th, the Saturday after Labor Day and continues for eight weeks.

Shall I sign up for both seasons? Yes, if your child plans to play both seasons. "Fall only" players are sent reminders about spring fees and need to respond on time to keep their spot on the team.

When will my child hear from a Coach about Fall soccer? Enjoy the summer. Coaches receive their team rosters in mid-August and are asked to call or email players at that time.

Will my child be on the same team again? There are many changes each year in the total number of players registered in each age group and the volunteer coaches available. Teams are regrouped each summer for the next seasonal year (fall and spring) to maintain an even number of teams (for game scheduling purposes) and, hopefully, a balance of new and experienced players as well as players new to Dublin. U11/12, middle school and high school teams generally keep many of the same players since more than a single age group is included on these teams. Although the team names may change, most players find they are again with someone they know. A reciprocal friend (within the same age group each person must list the other person) may be indicated on the registration form. Think of what happens when moving from one grade to the next—some of the same people are in the new class, perhaps there's a different teacher but everyone's still in the same school.

May my child play on more than one outdoor team? No. Players may only play on the team to which they have been assigned by the office. There are roster limits for each age group to insure that all players have the best opportunity for maximum playing time. Players from other leagues (including carded travel players) may not play on DSL recreation teams.

Can I write one check for my entire family? Yes. Make checks payable to DSL and please include your child/children's names on the memo line.

What about uniforms? The flat fee for U5 through U12 includes a t-shirt (50/50 blend) and socks. If this is your child's first time to participate in the Middle School (MSSA) or High School (HSSA) programs or a replacement MSSA or HSSA shirt is needed (too small, lost, etc.), then be sure to indicate shirt size (middle school jerseys run small) and pay the higher fee listed.

My child is trying out for a select/travel team, do I register for DSL? No. Register after tryouts if your choice is the DSL recreation program. If your child is later recruited to fill out a travel roster, as a courtesy, please notify DSL *before* recreation teams are formed.

My child has decided not to play, what do I do? Notify DSL *before* fall rosters are mailed to coaches in August. It's no fun for a team to play short handed because someone decides not to play at the last minute and there's no one else to assign to their team.

Thinking of trying out for a competitive travel team? The Mid-Ohio Select Soccer League (MOSSL) publication covers all the tryouts in the Columbus area. Do your homework to make the best choice at the right time for your child and your family—ask questions about coaching, fees, time commitment, practices, roster size, playing time, travel, tournaments, etc.

OHIO FC (BOYS TRAVEL TEAMS) TRYOUT DATES

All OFC tryouts are held from 6 - 8 pm at Darree Fields. For more information visit www.ohiofc.com. Please arrive at 5:30 pm to sign in. Players, bring a ball, water, and shin guards; wear a white t-shirt and bring a dark one. Please attend all days for your age group.

OHIO PREMIER (GIRLS TRAVEL TEAMS) TRYOUT DATES

All OP tryouts are held from 6 - 8 pm at Darree Fields with an important parent meeting following the last night of tryouts. Please arrive at 5:30 pm to sign in. It is important to attend all days for your age group. Contact Ruth Rudibaugh at 336-4217 or visit www.opsoccer.org for information.

| Age | Born between | Dates |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------|
| U8/9 | 8/1/97 - 7/31/99 | May 24th & 25th |
| U10 | 8/1/96 - 7/31/97 | May 24th & 25th |
| U11 | 8/1/95 - 7/31/96 | May 31st & June 1st |
| U12 | 8/1/94 - 7/31/95 | May 31st & June 1st |
| U13 | 8/1/93 - 7/31/94 | June 6th & June 8th |
| U14 | 8/1/92 - 7/31/93 | June 6th & June 8th |
| U15 & U16 | | June 5th & June 7th |
| U17 & U18 | | June 6th & June 8th |

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| U10 | 8/1/96 - 7/31/97 | May 23rd & 25th |
| U11 | 8/1/95 - 7/31/96 | May 30th & June 1st |
| U12 | 8/1/94 - 7/31/95 | May 31st & June 2nd |
| U13 | 8/1/93 - 7/31/94 | June 5th & June 7th |
| U14 | 8/1/92 - 7/31/93 | June 6th & June 8th |

For information regarding U9 - U14 "select" tryouts, contact Mike Funk at mfunk1@columbus.rr.com

For information about U9 - U14 tryouts, contact Steve Christensen at steve.christensen@cigna.com

U15 - U18 June 5th, 6th & June 8th

For U15 - U18, contact Steve Dawson at sdawson@wittenberg.edu



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Wear your DSL uniform shirt and walk in Dublin's Independence Day Parade on July 4th. If you would like to participate, please contact the DSL office by phone, 793-8320, or email, dublinsoccer@ameritech.net by June 10th. The parade generally begins at 11:00 am and lasts approximately 90 minutes (walkers assemble at Metro Center by 10 am).



DUBLIN CHARITY CUP

This year's Dublin Soccer League sponsored Charity Cup tournament is scheduled for September 2nd and 3rd at Avery Park and Darree Fields. Now in its 17th year, more than 160 teams are expected to participate. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio is the designated charity. If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile event, please contact DSL, 793-8320.

Our thanks and appreciation to the dedicated Charity Cup committee, volunteers from BBBS and the City of Dublin for their continued support and cooperation in making this tournament a success.

SOCCER SHORTS

During fall season, there were 196 DSL recreation teams, U5 through HSSA (U19) totaling 2281 registered and assigned players. DSL was also fortunate to have eight adults without children in our programs volunteer to coach so that all teams had at least one coach. Many thanks to all our volunteer coaches.

During spring season, eight U5 groups, four U6, two U7, one U8, three U9, two U11/12 and three HSSA teams were added—that's about 532 new registrants added to new or existing teams. And, two more adults without children in the program also volunteered to coach.

Of all the players who registered, including those who registered a long time after the deadline, there were only two U5 players and three U-10 girls who could not be placed on spring teams. Had everyone registered on time, it is very likely that most age groups would have had an even number of teams thus facilitating better game schedules.

Overall, there were 55 girls and 72 boys who decided, for various reasons, not to play either fall or spring. These are players whose parents either notified DSL or their coach. Coaches are asked to report any drops, however it is really helpful if parents notify DSL as well so the "on paper" information is current.

Thank you to all our coaches and participants!

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