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February 2005

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Feb 15** **Spring registration and refund deadline**
- March 19** St. Patrick's Day Parade, Coach pickup & open house (11:00 am - 3:00 pm)
- March 25- April 3** Dublin City Schools Spring Break
- April 4** MOSSL & GOYSL begin
- April 6** Middle school games begin
- April 9** **DSL spring season begins**
- April 29 - May 1** Ohio FC/Nike Challenge Cup at Darree Fields
- May TBA** Registration for 2005-2006
- May 21** U11/12 & MSSA Tournaments
- May 23** **DSL spring season ends**
- June 15** Fall registration deadline

DUBLIN SOCCER EXTREME MAKEOVER

Since early 2001 the Dublin Soccer League has been in discussions with Dublin city officials about a variety of issues, including field and facilities development, updating current lease arrangements, etc. Discussion evolved into an overall evaluation of the relationships between the city and community service groups.

On June 10th of this year, the Dublin Soccer League signed an agreement with the city that formally recognizes separate divisions of soccer in the Dublin community. First and foremost, the city recognizes the DSL as the provider of outdoor recreational soccer within the community. The agreement recognizes two club select soccer programs in the City of Dublin – Ohio Football Club (OFC) and Ohio Premier (OP). It also provides for recognition of one “middle tier” (MTO) soccer program to provide soccer opportunities at a level between general recreation and club soccer. The MTO program would be established through a proposal process within specific guidelines.

TELL ME MORE ABOUT . . .

The Dublin Soccer League sponsors recreational soccer leagues for children U 5 (born between August 1999 and July 2000 for 2004-2005) through high school. Teams are coached by adult volunteers.

This is a recreational program where having fun, learning soccer skills and learning teamwork are primary goals.

Two outdoor seasons are held, one in the fall, beginning the weekend after Labor Day and continuing through October and another in the spring, April through May, concluding before Memorial Day.

Open registration is held in May, teams are formed in June and early July, uniforms are ordered in July, coaches receive rosters in August and play begins in September.

Each player's registration form is valid for a seasonal year. Players are assigned to the same team for fall and spring. If registered only for fall, a postcard about additional spring fees is sent in November.

Teams are regrouped each fall with new players.

Birth date determines age group (U5, U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11/12, U15 and in middle school, U19 and in high school).



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Wear your uniform and show your team spirit!

Dublin Soccer League teams or individual players are invited to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 19th. Contact DSL by February 28th at dublinsoccer@ameritech.net

Just imagine if all 200 plus teams were represented in a walking unit with the Dublin Soccer League banner leading the way! The parade begins at Metro Center at 11:00 AM and lasts approximately ninety minutes.

DUBLIN SOCCER LEAGUE

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DSL observes Dublin school holidays and closings.



16th Annual 2005 DUBLIN CHARITY CUP

The Dublin Charity Cup, sponsored by DSL, takes place on Labor Day weekend at Avery and Darree parks. Over \$30,000 was donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters in 2004. Thanks to the city of Dublin and all the volunteers and committee members who help make this event a success.

Planning is underway for this year's tournament. Join us this year by calling the office at 793-8320 this spring.

CAN YOU TELL ME . . . ?

Q. When my child will hear from a Coach about Spring soccer?

A. Coaches contact players in mid-March after the St. Pat's day open house and coach pickup of rosters and schedules.

Q. If my child is a spring only or new player for spring, how are team assignments determined?

A. DSL determines primary placement by birth date for age groups (U-6, U-7, etc). Teams with openings are assigned new players for spring to round out their rosters, regardless of school attended.

Q. What my child's game schedule is?

A. Check the website for game schedules. Schedules are posted after all coaches have picked up their information from the office.

Q. When registration is for the next season?

A. Open registration is in mid May for fall 2005 and spring 2006 (the soccer seasonal year is concurrent with the school year). Signing up for both seasons (fall and spring) is recommended.

Q. What to do when It's game day and the weather is bad?

A. Go to the fields at your game time unless the website indicates all games have been cancelled or you've received a call from your coach. Games are rarely cancelled and cannot be rescheduled.

Q. Why there is a June deadline to register for fall?

A. It takes considerable time to process over 2800 registrations and assign players and coaches to more than 200 teams. There is also a lead time of six weeks for the fall uniform order before each team's supplies are ready for coach pickup in August.

IT'S RAINING, IT'S POURING—ARE WE PLAYING?



In the event of strong downpours or significant rainfall resulting in flooding or standing water on the fields, games may be cancelled for the day or for a portion of the day—an unusual occurrence!

If a determination is made to cancel the day's activities, DSL will post a message on the website. **Please**, DO NOT call the office—we're out at the fields ourselves and it just clogs up the voice mail. Remember, soccer is played in all sorts of weather.

When in doubt as to whether a game is on or not—SHOW UP!

Do not assume that because earlier games may have been cancelled that all games are cancelled.

Weekday games are almost never cancelled in advance. A determination is made at the field prior to play. The office will not know the status of individual weekday games or practices.

4 (OF 7) TYPES OF NIGHTMARE PARENTS (WWW.SPORTSPARENTS.COM)

When you're the (volunteer) coach, sometimes the kids on the teams are the least of your problems. While most parents are a pleasure to work with, others can be a nightmare. Every sports parent ought to check the descriptions out—and then look in the mirror.

1. **The Screamer:** Yells at refs, at players, at coaches—even at their own kid (“What are you DOING, Bobby? You’re playing like your grandmother out there! . . . Hey, ref? What’s wrong with you? . . .”).
2. **The Must-Win Parent:** Expects perfection from their child—and their child’s team, grumbles about losing too many games, makes negative comments before games, after games and when it hurts most—after a child lets a winning goal slip by.
3. **The Whiner:** Doesn’t feel right unless complaining about something (“Eight in the morning? Why do games have to be so early? . . .”).
4. **The Interfering Parent:** Shouts instructions from the sidelines, jumps into practice to “help” with their own coaching agenda and questions every line up decision (“Are you sure you want to put Arnie in the goal? He was nailed for four goals last time. He’s too shaky.”).

What’s a coach to do?

1. Tell parents before the season begins to convey only positive messages from the sidelines and think about how they sound when they get carried away. Parents, try taping yourselves during a game and listen to it later. You may be surprised.
2. Be a good coach by being a good model for parents and kids. Greet the opposing coach, wish his team good luck, compliment good plays by all players, reassure kids who make mistakes and emphasize effort over result. Teach respect for the opposition, love of competition, value of trying your best and how to win and lose graciously.
3. Listen to comments and try to give the person a reasoned, honest answer. Or try putting the Whiner in charge of the problem.
4. Let parents know they may talk to you privately rather than express opinions in front of the team. The Dublin Soccer League handbook (online) covers coach and parent conduct and responsibilities.

Monday Night Skills Clinic

KICK IT UP a notch! For **U-6 to U-10** recreational players who wish to complement the training received with their coach and team. This “extra practice” session provides any player an opportunity to develop individual skills under the direction of a professional trainer. Sessions are geared toward the fundamentals of the game. Some elementary tactics are covered but the main purpose of the program is to advance players with fundamental skills and make them more proficient, no matter what level of soccer they may play.

Training on proper soccer techniques and skills is provided by Ohio FC (boys) and Ohio Premier (girls) using activities that are age appropriate and **FUN!** The program includes:

Clinic Cost: \$40 (includes t-shirt)
Dates: Mondays, April 11th—May 23rd
Training Time: 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm
Location: Avery Park, check in at concession stand on the first night
To register: Mail your completed form with your check (**payable to DSL**) to:
Dublin Soccer League, PO Box 501, Dublin 43017, by April 1.

Registrations will also be accepted the first night between 5:45 and 6:15 pm.

SOCCKER SHORTS

Did you know . . .

The Avery Park concession stand opened in 1992 (relocating from a wood shed).



The high school boosters provide volunteers to staff concessions at Avery and Darree and receive a percentage of the receipts in return.

Most of the goals at the schools were donated by DSL or purchased by the PTO's.

The Dublin Soccer League receives no operating funds from the City of Dublin; participant fees pay for DSL programs and administration.

In the early days of Dublin soccer, everything—coaching, refereeing, lining fields, concessions, registration, player assignments, administrative duties—was done by volunteers.

Now, volunteers are coaches, board members, concession staff (high school players & parents) and a few office/registration helpers.

BEHIND THE SCENES

It's Soccer Saturday at Avery Park, you're hungry for a hot dog. Hurray! The concession stand is open!

What happens before that Ball Park frank gets to you? Well, before each season, the concession stand is cleaned and orders are placed to vendors. Some supplies are delivered; others picked up on a weekly basis by DSL staff and unloaded at Avery. Work schedules are coordinated with the high school boosters.

On Saturday morning, a volunteer stops on the way to Avery for donuts. Other volunteers arrive a few minutes before games begin to set up for the day. Change is delivered by DSL and the fun begins as everyone learns by doing how to make popcorn and coffee and serve a multitude of snacks and beverages to a variety of customers. At the end of the day, it's clean up time.

During the week, receipts are totaled and recorded, additional supplies are ordered and picked up then it begins all over. At the end of the season, a formula is used to determine the amount earned by each volunteer group. There's more to it, of course, but if this sounds like the job for you, send a letter of interest and your resume' to the Dublin Soccer League.

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