Piedmont Soccer News

Fall 2008

From the Commissioner

I would like to welcome all Coaches, Players, and Parents to **Piedmont Area Soccer Association** (PASA) and hope you have a great Fall Rec. Soccer Season. Our goals are and will always be to provide a place for kids of all ages to have fun, and learn to play the sport of soccer.

Program Status

I am very excited about all the new things going on with our soccer program. We have added new members to our Soccer Board and there is a Great Spirit and Energy to improve the program and facilities. We are also moving forward with support programs that will add to the soccer learning experience.

Continued Improvements

Our improvements have started and we are very excited about them:

1. Fields:
   Large U12 /U14 field has been re-graded and seeded with new grass. Irrigation has also been installed for future use. We want to thank "**Carolina Green"** for all of their services. Re-grading work on the Micro / U7/ U8 fields is expected to begin in late Spring early Summer.
2. Micro Goals:
   We would like to thank Jerry Fehlman & Duke Power's Community Assistance Program for helping us acquire the new sets of Micro goals.
3. Learning programs
   Our new staff has been working to get us better training for both players and coaches / parents. See Training / Clinics

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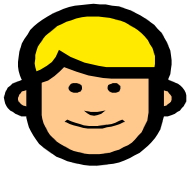

Get Involved!!

The people who: help run the soccer program, maintain the park facilities, and help coach the players, have given a lot of their time and sweat. No one here gets a salary or any money for the time they put towards your kids enjoyment. Unfortunately, they will eventually all move on as their children age-out of the program. If we fail to bring in new members, to help those who are already involved, the program that you and your children are enjoying may not have the support it needs to continue. Please ask about how a few minutes of your time can make a world of difference.

Creative Player

We are very excited to announce the addition of the "Creative Player Training Program" to our soccer association. This fall is our trial season with this program. This ball-skills program is designed to make the player comfortable with the ball at all times. We feel that this will give our players the extra boost that they need to become better players while still having fun playing rec. level soccer. We ask for your support and encouragement, and more importantly for the players. We feel that this is the best program available for us and our goals for our kids. We thank Derek Harrell and his guys for their help, and welcome your comments and views, remember this is an ongoing process to make our kids the best they can be.

High School Game Night

All PASA players, coaches, and parents are invited to "Rec. Night" at Piedmont High School for the Men's soccer game vs. Sun Valley on Monday **September 29th** at 5:00 pm (JV) 6:30 pm (Varsity). Wear your uniforms!!!! . . . see you there.

Hey, Referee!!!!

We ask all our Coaches and Parents to please refrain from any comments made towards the referees or their calling of the games. We have older experienced, as well as younger least experienced referees on our fields. Their main goal is to insure the safety and fair play of our players and coaches. If you're going to yell, then please yell "encouragements" to the players and let the referee's do their job.

Ants, Ants, Everywhere!

Yes we know they are everywhere. Because of the amount of rain we've had lately, our ant problems have been greatly magnified. We are fighting this battle as best as we can. We are spreading ant killer when fields are not in use and we are getting some of the mounds. The ant killer is very powerful and also expensive, so wide spreading of it is not feasible at this time. Please inform your players to try to keep from standing in them, playing with them or sitting next to them. We are hoping that with the lower temperatures that it will help them go away faster. Thank you for your support on this.

Team Representatives

Each team is required to have a ***representative***. They work with the coaches to insure that everyone on the team knows what's going on and that the team runs smoothly. Most duties include schedule snacks, make phone calls, and handle fundraising, Park information, trophies and / or picture schedules. If you feel that you can help in this capacity we would appreciate it greatly.

Pictures / Trophies Policy

<u>During the fall season</u>, which is our main season, PASA schedules Team pictures for all age groups. We ask parents to pay a small fee to purchase participation trophies, which are handed out at the end of the season at an Awards Assembly. <u>During the Spring Season</u>, we only schedule pictures and trophies for the Micro teams. There is no Awards Assembly for the spring season. Micro awards and pictures are given out at the field after their last games.

Rain Policy

Our policy is to have all players show up at <u>our</u> fields and let the Referee or Coaches make the call. Other Association's fields are different so please check with your coach on what they would like for you to do. Games should only be cancelled if fields are flooded or there is lightning or other conditions that would be hazardous to the players. We will try to update the website as soon as we know of cancellations

Coaches Clinics / Camps

The only way to become better coaches and players is to learn as much as possible. We are always looking to provide clinics for our coaches and or provide them as much assistance as possible. <u>Ask if interested in learning something new.</u>

As far as youth soccer camps, we do not have the facilities (at the moment) to host them, but we try to support other camps in our area that we feel will provide the best instruction for our players. <u>Ask about them.</u>

Spring Sign ups

Look for spring sign ups in late January / February, please check the web site, road banners and signs as well as school flyers.

PRA Board Meetings

Piedmont Rec. Board meetings are held the <u>First Monday of every month at around 7:00 pm</u> in the upstairs space of the concession stand / bathrooms. All members of PRA are welcome to attend, and be a part of Piedmont Recreation.

Soccer Sponsors

If you or your organization / business is interested in sponsoring the soccer program (not a specific team) then we welcome your support. We are a 401-C organization and will gladly post your business logo on our fields or website. No support is too small. Help us grow for the kids.

It's Your Park, Help keep it Beautiful

We ask that everyone who uses the facilities to do their part to help maintain them. Please clean up the fields after your games, close all gates after you pass through them, keep your kids from hanging on goals & nets, and make sure others respect the facilities too. **<u>GET INVOLVED!!</u>**