



Sherwood Youth Soccer Club

March Recreational Newsletter



Director's Notes

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter! In the past we have held a meeting once a year to provide an overview of the upcoming outdoor season. Instead of holding a meeting that only some can attend, I am going to try and keep everyone up to speed on a more regular basis thru a newsletter. Thru the next few newsletters I will cover some short and long-term goals as well as upcoming changes to the program.

In this first director's notes, I wanted to write about the goals I have had since taking on the director role last year and where I am trying to go with the program.

First, I know it is impossible to run a rec program that fits everyone. Some kids play because they love soccer and want to play in High School or at more advanced levels in the future. They are involved to improve and learn. Some kids join for social aspects. They want to do something fun with their friends. Other kids play because their parents want them to learn a new sport or just be active. There are some huge differences in what kids want to get out of the program.

I want to see all kids and parents get the most out of their registration and involvement. To that end, my number one goal with the Rec program is for kids to have fun. There are always exceptions, but in general kids are not going to return to the sport if they aren't having fun. To be clear, fun doesn't mean creating a circus at practice and free for all at games. It means engaging the players and removing boredom at practices (and games).

My second goal with the program is to develop our players. It is not enjoyable when our teams get trounced by other cities. I am not saying we always need to win to have fun. I am saying we need to have quality practices and competitive games that, again, engage the players and help them learn the sport and become better players and people on and off the field.

My last goal is that kids come back each year and eventually develop a love of the sport. That is a lofty goal and comes from my passion for the game, but ultimately if I can fulfill the first two goals then the third will generally be accomplished.

The underlying theme to accomplishing these goals, in my opinion, lies with coaching and coaches. Our volunteer coaches are what make or break the program. In the past we have generally thrown coaches to the wind and expected them to be successful. I want to provide coaches with all of the tools and support they need to be successful. That will be my focus for the next several years. In my next newsletter I will go into more detail about my vision for our coaches and players and how I hope to make this a top Rec program in Oregon.

Mark Your Calendar:

4/11 – Board Annual Meeting
5/1 – Fall Registration Opens
5/17, 19, 24, 26 – Kick Around
July TBD – Coaches Meeting

Week of Aug. 1st
G3, G4, G5 GIRLS Placement
Week of Aug. 8th
G3, G4, G5 BOYS Placement
8/15 - Team Practices Start



Placement Program

The placement program will be in full implementation for the 2016 season. The placement committee met over the winter season and a document was created to act as a guideline for the program. This document can be found on the Sherwood Soccer Website (www.sherwoodsoccer.org).

The program was put in place to help achieve equal competition between our teams and allow our younger ages a chance to play for and meet different coaches. At the older ages we are looking for more consistency in teams while maintaining a balance in competitiveness.

Players in the G3, G4 and G5 (G = "Grade") ages will participate in two placement practices. During these practices the coaches will evaluate the players. After the conclusion of the last practice, coaches will draft players. All players will be placed on teams. No players are cut at the Rec level.

At the G6 – G8 ages, coaches will draft players to create their teams. There are no practices for this age group as most players are already known by the volunteer coaches. The GK – G2 ages (academy program players) as well as our High School players will be rostered by our registrar.



Spring Kick Around

Registration will open April 1st for our Spring Kick Around. This is a chance for our G2 – G4 (2nd thru 4th graders) to come and refresh their skills and is also an opportunity to get a quick introduction to the sport for anyone who has not played before.

We will open with a fun soccer game, progress with some fundamental drills and conclude with scrimmages.

Dates: May 17, 19, 24, 26 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Location: Edy Ridge Elementary
Ages: 2nd thru 4th Grade
Cost: \$20
T-shirt included with registration

We will also have a table to register for the fall outdoor soccer season. Registration for fall outdoor will begin May 1st.



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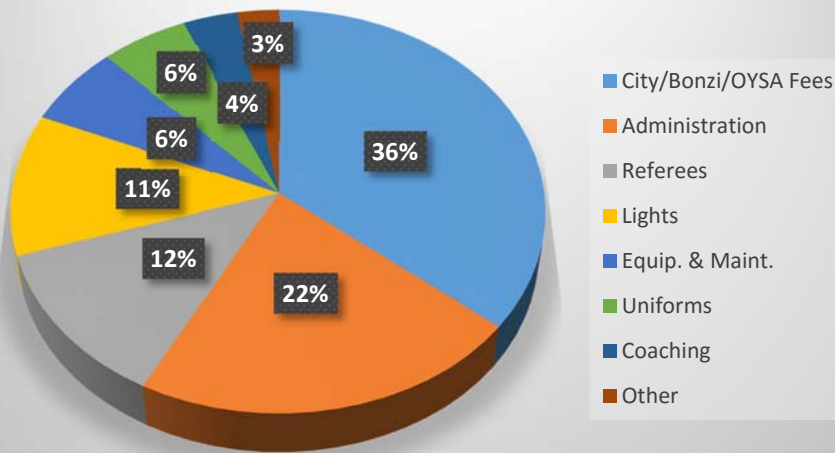
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Financial Details – What Your Money Goes Towards

We recently approved our budget for fiscal year 2016. Shown below is the breakdown of expenses for our outdoor program. We operate at a break-even. Fees for the fall season will remain at \$90, but will be increasing to \$100 next year as we would like to invest in new equipment for our coaches and help offset some registration fees for those who volunteer as coaches.

Expenses



- City/Bonzi/OYSA Fees make up the largest part of the budget. This covers Sherwood field use, league fees, registration fees and player insurance.
- Administration includes expenses shared between the indoor and outdoor programs. We pay our registrar. We offset part of the registration expense for Board members with children at Westside Timbers. We also have a storage container and PO Box along with some other miscellaneous shared expenses.
- Referees represents the cost to have our games officiated.
- Very few fields have lights. Lighting our fields is very expensive, but we have no choice given the size of the program and field space required.
- We have expenses for lining fields, repairing goals and depreciation expense for goals that were purchased. Dick's Sporting goods has provided most of the coaches gear in the past and hopefully will do so again this year.
- Uniform expense relates to our academy program players shirts and socks.
- Coaching expense includes payment for our academy head coach, coaching apparel and licensing reimbursement.
- Other includes things like the jamboree, coach's appreciation dinner and advertising.

US Soccer Calendar Year Changes

US Soccer recently announced that they will be changing how players will be registered to play in the United States. Currently players are registered based on a school year. The US and Canada are the only countries to register players this way. In order to match how the remainder of the world registers players, the US has decided to move to a calendar year. For instance, a U12 player would be someone under the age of 12 for the entire calendar year. Although this rule is being implemented across all clubs, our league (THJSL) has worked with OYSA to allow us to retain the grade based registration of players. As a result, even though you will or probably have heard about this change, it will not affect how our club rosters teams. With that said, given our partnership with Westside Timbers, it will cause some confusion when players move to and from competitive clubs since they are making the change and Sherwood Youth Soccer is not.

Picture of the Month

WE NEED PICTURES! - Please submit any Sherwood soccer pictures you take. It could be kids playing outside with soccer shirts on, going to a Timbers game or even an action shot from our indoor session starting soon. Submit any pictures to james.grothe@sherwoodsoccer.org

Fun Soccer Facts

149 – 0 Highest score ever made in a soccer game.

20 Months Age of youngest professional soccer player (Belgian Club).

1 in 20 Ratio of injuries related to post goal celebrations on the pitch.