



GLOUCESTER DRAGONS RECREATIONAL SOCCER

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Message to Parents April 2009

Hello,

The soccer season is fast upon us and preparations are well under way to ensure your children have the best season possible. The snow has left us in plenty of time to let the fields dry out nicely.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of some considerations before the season starts.

1. Registration

If you have already registered, thank you and remember to keep your receipt for tax purposes. If you haven't registered yet you may at anytime register on-line or in person at our office, 1-5510 Canotek Rd, from 8:30 to 1:30 M-F or you can drop the form and check off in the mail slot. Registration ends April 12th. Registrations after that will be placed on a wait list and a late fee will apply.

2. Coaches

Every year we are short coaches, especially in the younger ages where parents are coming into soccer for the first time. If you haven't already signed up, please consider doing so. We offer free training (deposit refunded upon attendance) and have set up a couple of new tools this year to help plan practices. If your family commitments are such that you personally can't coach any family member or friend over 18 can coach. As a reminder if your child is under 12 a parent or responsible guardian i.e. over 16, has to be with them anyway, so why not coach at the same time? Another option is co-coaching with another parent. Please consider the importance of someone filling these roles if your children are to play and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

3. Equipment and team list hand-out

Coaches for youth soccer (12 and up) will receive their equipment and team lists Monday May 4th at the soccer office (7 p.m. - 9 p.m.). All other coaches will receive the bags and lists as well as training and information sessions the afternoon of Sat. May 9th at Louis-Riel Dome. Sessions will be split based on age groups and will be communicated shortly.

Parents you will be contacted by the coach between that date and no later than the 15th. The season begins May 18th.

4. Jewelry

Just a reminder that no jewelry, except taped medic-alert bracelets, are allowed. If your child is planning to have their ears pierced this summer, please plan accordingly for the time period where the studs must be left in against when the season starts. If they come to the game with studs, they will have to remove them or sit-out. Taping is not allowed and the referees will be looking for any infractions.

See you on the pitch!

Sincerely,

Sean Cale
Chair, Gloucester Dragons
