



GLOUCESTER DRAGONS RECREATIONAL SOCCER

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Dear Parents,

Well, we are almost half way through the 2010 season. As we enter July hopefully we will put the rain behind us and enjoy some warm summer nights. July is also typically when we see the team sizes dwindle due to family vacation plans. In some age groups this may prove to be a particular concern. I hope that all teams are still able to muster the minimum requirements. That said, I would like to remind you of two things. One, substitutions of players not registered with the Dragons is not permitted. They are not covered by our insurance. Second, if one team cannot field the full complement i.e. 11 players and the other team can, the one with more players can only play one extra. In other words if one team only has 9 players the other team can only play 10.

I would also remind you that your coach needs vacation as well, so they will appreciate any assistance in running the game/practice for one or two weeks in their absence.

The season is progressing well and the link of our uniforms to the World Cup has been well received. There are some pictures available for viewing at www.cbc.ca/news/yourvoice/photogalleries/fifa/. If you have some photos of your child in a Dragons uniform, feel free to post them if you wish. I also had the opportunity to present an Italy and England jersey with the Lowe's logo to the local Lowe's store to thank them for their sponsorship. Please take an opportunity to support all our sponsors (listed on the web site) who help keep our operating costs low.

As mentioned in previous communications, the Dragons will be attempting a player evaluation this season to be used in team formation in 2011. This form will be distributed soon to the coaches. It will consist of ratings on basic offensive and defensive concepts of the game as well as focus on the game, and respect. The results of the ranking will be kept confidential by both the coach and the office. If you feel there is a specific issue with the rating process, please communicate with your Age Director.

I hope all the players are growing in both enthusiasm and skill and wish everyone a fun and safe July.

Sincerely,

Sean Cale

Chairman, Gloucester Dragons Recreational Soccer
