

# KASA News

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## WELCOME BACK!



Kimberly Area Soccer Association would like to welcome all our players and their families to another exciting summer of soccer! If you are new to our club, welcome, we hope you have a great season with our organization. You will find this newsletter to be filled with information for our players, coaches, and families. We hope you find soccer to be a very rewarding and fun-filled sport. We look forward to any feedback you may have. Enjoy your season!

### PLAYER TEAM ROSTERS

Included with this issue of the spring newsletter, you will find your **team roster** for the upcoming season. Your coach will be contacting you in the very near future to give you information on your indoor/outdoor practice schedule, team picture day information, and game day information.

### U5 & U6 PLAYERS

This summer, KASA will again provide coaching expertise for directing of activities for the KASA U5 & U6 players. **Parents that are willing to assist will be on the field helping with these activities.** The U5 players will meet at either 5:15 or 6:15 PM on Tuesday starting April 28<sup>th</sup> and the U6 players begin at 5:15 or 6:15 PM on April 30, 2009.

About April 15<sup>th</sup>, parents will receive a roster listing all the players signed up for a specific date/time slot. If for some reason this time slot no longer fits your schedule, you may request the player be changed to the other offered time for that age group. Requests should be directed to Wayne Stoflet at 788-5840.

On the first night of play/practice (April 28 or April 30), the players will be given a team t-shirt, which will be theirs to keep and wear to practice. The parents will be given a roster with all the players, their team names, game schedule and treat schedule for the summer.

Each week the one hour time slot will consist of about 35-40 minutes of fun learning activities and a 15-20 minute game. The season will run until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July with **no activities during the week of June 28 through July 4<sup>th</sup>**,



### ROSTER OPENINGS

We still have a limited number of openings available at every age level. If you are interested in registering your child or know somebody who is, please contact Mike Buman at 687-8398. The U5 and U6 age groups are always open!

### COACHES MEETING

Our next meeting scheduled for the coaches will be on **Sunday April 5, 2009 at 6:30pm** in the LGI Room at the Kimberly High School. It is very important for **all** coaches to attend this meeting. We look forward to seeing each of you there!

### KWIK TRIP GAS CARDS

Kwik Trip gas cards are still available for purchase. Any parent or player from either the recreational or classic teams can purchase gas cards while supplies last. You are welcome to purchase cards more than one time!

If interested in purchasing gas cards, please let your coach know and he/she will get the cards for you. Kwik Trip cards are available in \$20, \$50, and \$100 denominations. We will have the cards available for purchase during picture days on April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup> as well. Any questions may be directed to Bill VandeVoort at 788-3998 or wvandevoor@aol.com.

### COACHES NEEDED

To parents and young adults who would like to spend time with kids and have a lot of fun, KASA is looking for volunteers to coach ages U8-U12 girls and boys the fundamentals of soccer.

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!** KASA will pay for the (3) hour course to receive your Youth Level license and we have a volunteer coach who will help

demonstrate drills and games for your practices. This will make your start to coaching soccer fun and easy. So moms and dads, if you can spare (2) hours a week to have fun with your child, contact Mike Buman at 687-8398 or tboomen@aol.com for additional information about being a soccer coach.

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## COACHES CLINIC

A **free** coaching clinic will be held on April 18, 2009 from 9am-Noon at J.R. Gerritts Middle School. This clinic will be geared towards our new coaches but any coach is welcome to attend. More information, as well as a sign up sheet, will be given out at the coaches meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Any other questions may be directed to Mike Buman at 687-8398 or tboomen@aol.com.

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## CHALLENGER PLAYER CAMP

Challenger – British Soccer Player Camp is scheduled for June 22-26, 2009. This year the camp will be held at Van Lieshout Park in Little Chute. Even though the camp is put on by the same organization as in the past ten years, you may expect the camp to be different. The coaches are new, training manuals have been updated and the players are in older age groups, all of which will make a difference.

**A brochure has been included with this newsletter!** The week long camp will be half-day (3 hr.) sessions and would be ideal for players desiring expert coaching on how to improve their enjoyment of soccer. Providing there is enough interest, younger players (ages 5 & 6) can enjoy the same expert coaching during 1.5 hour sessions. Five and six year olds may also participate in the half-day camp. As a general rule, as a player's skill increases so does the enjoyment of the game!

Register your player early on-line (prior to May 6, 2009) and receive a coach replica jersey. For additional good deals, please read the "Cultural Experience" article in this newsletter. Questions may be directed to Wayne Stoflet at 788-5840 for more details.

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

KASA is looking for families to host our Challenger Player Camp Coaches from June 22-26, 2009.

Hosting would consist of providing meals, sleeping room, bath and laundry facilities during their stay. These coaches all hail from the United Kingdom and have played soccer since they were very young.

As payment for hosting, your family would receive one free player camp scholarship worth \$88.00. Sign up for camp using the included application form. If

interested or have additional questions, please contact Wayne Stoflet at 788-5840.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

KASA again will be offering two scholarships to graduating seniors. One will be for a male and one for a female, each for a one-time amount of \$500. To be eligible, you must have been involved, for a minimum of two years, as either a player, referee, coach, or volunteered as a TOPSoccer Buddy.

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## TEAM PICTURES

Team pictures are scheduled to be taken Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 2nd at the Kimberly Municipal Building. Your coach will inform you of the date and time of your team picture.

**Coaches**, if you did not schedule your team's picture time at one of the coaches meetings, please contact Jodi Avery at 730-8174 ASAP as times are given out on a first-come-first-serve basis. **Parents**, if your coach does not mention a picture time by mid April, ask what time your team is scheduled for. Your team will not get pictures if the coach does not schedule a time.

This year we will be doing all the ordering on-line with the photography studio. You will be given instruction on how to access the website. You will have a chance to look at your pictures **before** ordering and decide what package you would like. You will also have the choice to have your pictures mailed directly to your home or pick them up at the studio. Coaches will no longer be bringing them to you at the field.

Teams should arrive 10 minutes early so they can prepare (comb hair, etc.) and line up. This way we can keep things running smoothly and on time.

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## ADULT SUMMER SOCCER LEAGUE

Last season East Central Soccer District had teams in the A & C Levels of competition. Team formation is open to players going into their senior year of high school and older.

Three leagues are being formed:

**A Level** - Men and Women's high level league for those players who are playing in college or wish to have the highest possible competition.

**B Level** - Men and Women's league for those players who have played classic soccer in the past and are looking for a high level of competition.

**C Level** - A Coed league for those who have played

classic or recreational soccer and are looking to play in a league primarily for fun and exercise.

Adult leagues will play games in June and July. Games will be played on Sunday evenings from 4:00-6:00 pm. Team rosters can include up to 22 players with a minimum of 14 per team. Team registration will be conducted through the existing East Central Soccer Clubs. The adult league teams will be a member of the club of registration. Deadline for team registration is **May 15, 2009**. For registration, contact Mike Buman at 687-8398.

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## **SOCCER SEASON**

This season games will begin the week of April 27, 2009 and will end on July 31, 2009. As usual, there will be **no scheduled games** June 28 - July 4, 2009. No games are played on Monday, May 25, 2009 (Memorial Day); they will be scheduled to be played on Friday May 29, 2009.

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## **REFEREE FEES**

Once again, visiting and home teams will split the referee games fees 50-50. Please make sure to break down the money in bills that can be easily paid out to the referees.

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## **PLAYER ID CARDS**

Again this season, in addition to all classic team players needing ID cards, all U16 and U19 Coed Recreational team players will need club printed, pictured, and signed ID cards. From the time you register, the roster and ID card process will take at least (2) weeks before you will be allowed to play. **Register NOW!**

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## **CCT COACH**

KASA has again contracted with Challenger British Soccer for a Challenger Club Trainer (CCT).

Once again, our trainer will be Mr. Steve Heaton. Steve has in excess of twelve years experience teaching/coaching soccer. Please welcome Steve back to Kimberly!

The CCT trainer efforts will be directed toward the Classic teams as well as the U7/8 players, but if time is available, we will make the CCT Trainer available to the U10 recreational teams also. The expected benefits are a cultural experience for the players and coaches plus skill development and game analysis. Steve will be here from Sunday April 19th through June 27, 2009.

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## **COACHING CLASSES**

There is still time to sign up for coaching classes. All coaches and assistants need a minimum of a Y1 level license. For a listing of dates and times, go to East Central's website [www.eastcentralsoccer.org](http://www.eastcentralsoccer.org) or contact Sue Ann Evers at 788-6718 or

[saevors@new.rr.com](mailto:saevors@new.rr.com). Courses provide a wealth of activities for your team age group and fees are paid by KASA!

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## **KASA APPRECIATION NIGHT**

We will again be having KASA Appreciation Night on the varsity soccer field located at the J.R. Gerritts Middle School on **Monday, May 14, 2009** at 7pm vs. Appleton East. All players who attend **in uniform** and their parents will receive free admission. All attending KASA players will be introduced, by their teams, during half time at the girl's varsity game.

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## **WEB SITES**

East Central Soccer District, of which KASA is a member, has a web site. All game schedules will be on their site, including up-to-date standings for all teams above age 10. Rules, team contacts, and club officers are also listed. Their web site is [www.eastcentralsoccer.org](http://www.eastcentralsoccer.org).

Schedules for 2009 will be on the web site around April 1<sup>st</sup>. Check it out!

Kimberly Area Soccer also has its own web site. Jorge Simon has done a great job of keeping our site up to date plus has added many links to helpful information. Please check out our web site at [www.kimberlysoccer.org](http://www.kimberlysoccer.org) or [www.kasasoccer.org](http://www.kasasoccer.org).

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## **PARENTS**

Your child's age, as listed on the roster, is their age as of August 1, 2008. The software calculates this.

About February 1<sup>st</sup>, we determine the number of teams for each age group. These teams are filled based upon following the state association guidelines. We do our best to meet the needs of the children and their parents.

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## **SAFETY FIRST**

An 18 year old teenager from Florida died as a result of a soccer goal falling on top of him. He was attempting to climb the structure when it fell on him causing severe head trauma.

For decades, coaches have been telling players to "get off the goal" in an attempt to protect them from goal-related injuries. However, more children every year suffer what are often life threatening injuries as a result of unsafe or misused goals (according to Anchored for Safety [AFS]).

Only 22 lbs. of force is needed to bring an unsecured 400 lb. goal down, which has led to more than one death or injury. All of us need to be watchful and educate all our coaches, administrators, and parents to help keep everyone from climbing on our goals.