

KASA News

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Player Team Rosters

Included with this issue of the spring newsletter, you will find your ***team roster*** for the upcoming season. Your roster may also include a practice schedule for indoor/outdoor practices or team picture day. If the practice schedule or picture times are not available, your coach will contact you in the near future with this information.

Scholarships

Once again KASA 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 \$250. To be eligible, you must have been involved, for a minimum of two years, as either a player, referee, coach, or volunteered as a Top Soccer Buddy.

If you are interested in filling out an application, they are available at your High School Guidance office. Applications need to be returned to your Guidance office by the deadline on the application. ***No late applications will be accepted.*** The decision of the board will be final.

Roster Openings

We still have a limited number of openings available at every age level with the exception of the U19 Rec level. If you are interesting in registering your child or know somebody who is, please contact Mike Buman at 687-8398. The U6 age group is always open!

SAFETY

Corey Hawk, a teenager from Lake Wales Florida, died recently after a soccer goal fell on top of him. The 18 year old who attempted to climb the structure, was airlifted to a local hospital but was unable to recover from the severe head trauma incurred. 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.

Player Camp

Challenger – British Soccer Player Camp is scheduled for June 11-15, 2007. 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 eight 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 April 27, 2007) and receive a coach replica jersey (no \$20 discount); or register players by mailing their application to Wayne Stoflet prior to June 1, 2007 and receive a \$20 discount if the player is registered with KASA. 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.

COACHES NEEDED

To parents and young adults who would like to spend time with kids and have a lot of fun, Kimberly Area Soccer Association (KASA) is looking for volunteers to coach 8 & 10 year old 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

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for any questions and additional information about being a soccer coach.

ADULT SUMMER SOCCER LEAGUE

The East Central Soccer District announces the formation of Adult Summer Soccer Leagues. 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 20, 2007**. For registration contact Mike Buman at 687-8398.

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 rostering and ID card process will take at least (2) weeks before you will be allowed to play. **Register NOW!**

SOCCER SEASON

This season's games will begin the week of April 30, 2007 and will end on July 26, 2007. As usual, there will be **no scheduled games** July 2-6, 2007.

REFEREE FEES

Again this season, visiting and home teams will split the referee games fees 50-50. Please make sure to break down the money in bills easily paid out to the referees.

Team Pictures

Team pictures are scheduled to be taken Saturday April 28th and Saturday May 5th at the Kimberly Municipal Building. Your coach will inform you of the date and time of your team pictures. Coaches, if you have not scheduled your team's time, please contact Jodi Avery at 730-8174 ASAP as times are given out on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Teams should arrive 15 minutes early so they can prepare (comb hair, etc.) and hand in their paperwork so they will be ready to go on time.

Cultural Experience

We will be looking for families to host our Challenger Player Camp Coaches from June 10-16, 2007 and our CCT coaches from April 22nd through June 30, 2007. We would appreciate your housing a CCT for two weeks or more during their stay in the Kimberly area.

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 \$86.00. Sign up for camp using the included application form. If interested or have additional questions, please contact Wayne Stoflet at 788-5840.

Web Sites

The East Central Soccer District, of which KASA is a member, has a web site. All game schedules will be on the web site, including up-to-date standings for all teams above age 10. Rules, team contacts, and club officers will also be listed. The site is www.eastcentralsoccer.org.

Schedules for 2007 will be on the web site around April 1st. Check it out!

Kimberly Area Soccer also has its own web site. You will find us at www.kimberlysoccer.org.

COACHES MEETING CHANGED

The coaches meeting originally scheduled for April 8th has been changed to **Sunday April 1st at 6:00 pm** in the LGI Room at the Kimberly High School.

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Soccer Balls

Every player is encouraged to have his or her own soccer ball for practice and play at home. Ball sizes are geared towards your child's age. Ages 8 and under use a size 3, ages 9 through 12 use a size 4, and ages 13 and up use a size 5 ball.

If the team you are coaching is moving to the next age level or you are no longer coaching, please return the soccer balls to Doug Rammer at 788-3553. Also, if you have more than 8-10 practice balls, please turn in the extra balls for redistribution.

KASA Team Night

Once again there will be a KASA Night at the J.R. Gerritts Middle School Soccer Field on May 10, 2007 at 7pm vs. Kaukauna. All players 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.

Coaches and Parents

The next coaches meeting will be Sunday April 1st at 6 pm in the LGI Room at the Kimberly High School.

Parents, your child's age, as listed on the roster, is their age as of August 1, 2006. The software calculates this.

About February 1st, we determine the number of teams for each age group. These teams are filled based upon carpooling requests (if possible) and by the school that they attend. In some cases, children from a school will be divided because of numbers. We do our best to meet the needs of the children and their parents.

Team Rosters

Just a reminder that all teams U17 and older will be allowed to roster 22 players; however, only 18 players will be allowed on the game night roster. This should help with fielding enough players on game night.

Coaching Classes

There is still time to sign up for coaching classes. All coaches and assistants need a minimum of a Y1 (formerly "G") level license. For a listing of dates and times, check www.eastcentralsoccer.org or contact Sue Ann Evers at 788-6718 or saevers@execpc.com. Courses provide a wealth of

activities for your team age group and fees are paid by KASA.

COACHES' MANUAL

Have you seen our new coaches' manual? If not, make sure you pick up your copy at the next coaches meeting on April 1st (6 pm in the LGI room at Kimberly High School).

Many, if not all, of your questions should be answered in this new manual. There is a huge amount of information for all new and returning coaches.

A **HUGE** thank you goes out to our past president, John Evers, for spending many hours putting together the majority of this information! **Thank you John.**

We hope you find it very informative!!

CCT COACHES

Again this summer, KASA has contracted with Challenger British Soccer for Challenger Club Trainers (CCT's). This year KASA has decided to hire two CCT coaches.

Our trainers this year will be Mr. Steve Heaton and Mr. Tom Poland. Steve is returning from last year and works with Tom in Blackpool, a seaside resort in northwest England. Both Steve and Tom have in excess of ten years experience teaching soccer. Please welcome both Steve and Tom to Kimberly!

This year the CCT trainers will be directed toward the Classic teams and we will also be using them two nights for the U5 and U6 program. If there is time available, we will make the Challenger Club Trainers available to the U10 recreational teams. The expected benefits are a cultural experience for the players and coaches plus skill development and game analysis. The CCT's will be here from Sunday April 22nd through June 30, 2007.

If there are any families that would like to host Steve or Tom for two weeks or more during the summer, please contact John Heck at (920) 731-7769.

