



## 2006 Coed Outdoor Soccer Newsletter and Information Sheet

We're sending out an info sheet at the start of the year to explain some changes to the league. We hope this helps players to understand what is going on for the 2006 outdoor season.

### League Start Dates

Drop-in will start on **Monday, May 15, at Vanier Secondary School at 9:00 pm**. If we have a big turnout, half the players will go down the hill to Christ the King Elementary (CKES). Drop-in will run from May 15 till May 25 (Mondays and Thursdays).

Scheduled league play begins on Monday, May 29. T-shirts will be handed out as soon as possible - hopefully by June 5. We ask all players to wear their T-shirts to games, as that is the best way we have to keep track of who's registered, and to advertise on behalf of our sponsors.

**May 15 to May 25:** Drop-in at Vanier, and Christ the King if numbers warrant, 9:00 p.m.

**May 29 to June 29:** League games at **Vanier, CKES and F.H. Collins, 9:00**, Mon & Thurs

**July 3 to August 24:** League games at Vanier, CKES and F.H. Collins, **7:00**, Mon. & Thurs.

**August 28 to freeze-up:** Drop-in at Vanier - **7:00** Mon. & Thurs. (earlier as it gets darker)

### Register Now!!!

Every year, we have the same problem with even our most keen and faithful players waiting till the last minute to sign up. This creates a problem in team organization, not to mention hours and hours of extra work for our volunteer executive trying to get people onto teams, and for our sponsors at Intersport (who collect registrations). It also means that teams end up being uneven, T-shirts go missing or are never handed out, and people get upset.

This year, there will be **NO registration after May 25**. For anyone. So please do not ask. We WILL take late-season registrations from July 1-15, to fill numbers for the second half of the season. Late-season registration is \$40.00. If you or a friend want to register for the second half of the season, you can let us know and we'll put your name on a list, but you cannot come out and drop in before then. We aren't insured for this, and it is very, very difficult to track or keep teams even when people do this.

There is no half-season registration for the first half. If you register by May 15, it's really not all that expensive, anyway, and you can always come out for the last part of the season, when you get back from your vacations, travels, etc.

### No, you can't play with every single one of your friends.

We've been experiencing large numbers of people requesting to play with other people. This season, you get to pick one friend/partner/car pooler/special buddy - and only one, to request to

play with. We will not consider requests by groups of three or four to play on the same team. This is because it creates uneven teams, skills and age-wise. It also means that if all of the friends are off doing something else, the team has no players.

### **Student Rates**

We realize students are often strapped for cash. Thus, we offer a student rate. The student rate of \$40.00 will be available until May 25. If a student wants to register at the late season registration, they will pay the same  $\frac{1}{2}$  season rates as everyone else, because we need to cover our costs, and we barely do at \$40.00 per player.

### **Rules Rules Rules Rules Rules**

Soccer is a sport where you might get hit with the ball. You might fall down. The person beside you might fall down. And you might hit someone with the ball. **BUT...**

There's no need to kick the ball as hard as you can, when someone is in the path of the ball. There's no need to run as fast as you can at the person you're playing against. Coed is not about a score, and there are no contracts to renew at the end of the season. There are no scouts to watch for potential professional players. We say it all the time, but please respect that the league is about fun and helping everyone enjoy the game. We have no place for aggressive play. We also always say that this is a self-policing league, and we mean it. Tell your team mate or an opposing player if their play causes you concern. You don't have to yell across the field, but at least say something so they know. If you're not willing to do that, please, please, email me and let me know. I want to know **THAT DAY**, not a week or two later when you see me at a game. This is everyone's responsibility, not only the executive's, or the players involved.

If you are looking for competitive play, there is an adult men's league, an over 35 men's league and this summer there will probably be a women's league. We encourage people looking for a more competitive atmosphere to explore those options.

### **It's not all serious and rules and deadlines...**

Dates can be fun, too....like the dates of our Summer Soccer Socials!

The first Social will be at Sanchez Cantina, on **May 24, 2006**, at 8:30 to ring in the new season. This is the night before the **LAST DAY TO REGISTER.**

Come on out, bring your registration form, and have some nachos and beer or pop.

### **Volunteers always wanted**

We often seek volunteers, and usually receive a minimal response. Please consider volunteering for a season or two for coed soccer. We would welcome fresh faces help us administer the league.

**Questions? Concerns? Want to join the Executive?**

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