

Bedford Titans Soccer

2009 Summer Newsletter



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President's Message

Welcome to the 2009 soccer season. Our executive team has begun to prepare for another fun, productive summer of soccer in Bedford. Each year we review our programs and hunt for ways to improve player and coach development. In 2009 we will be adding more opportunities for volunteers to develop their coaching skills through CSA programs. We will also be adding fitness programs to our player development model to help our members learn how to live healthy and stay fit. The executive team is focused on creating a passion for soccer while helping players realize their full potential. Whether you are 3 or 63, our goal is to help you achieve your goal in the game.

Regards,

Phil Swinney, BSA President

Online Registration

Bedford Soccer Association on-line registration option for the summer 2009 season will be available starting February 15. Go to www.bedfordtitans.com and enter the registration section. If you prefer not to enter a credit card you can register your player(s) online and mail in a cheque to:

PO Box 48078,
Bedford, NS
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You can also download a registration form or attend our walk-in registration that will be held on March 11th from 6:30-8:30pm at the Lebrun centre in Bedford. All new and existing members can drop by and register in person.

Volunteers Needed!!!!

Bedford Soccer Association is a volunteer organization that depends heavily on the community to deliver its programs. During the summer season we require over 200 volunteers to help ensure our 1200 players have fun and develop soccer skills. Without volunteers there would be no organized soccer club in Bedford. We encourage you to get involved as a coach, assistant coach, coordinator or manager. Help us help your player develop a passion for the great game of soccer.

If you would like to volunteer please contact us at soccerinfo@bedfordtitans.com.

2009 Summer Tryouts

Tryouts for Tier 1, Tier 2A, U12 Tier 2B and U10 academy will begin April 6. The tier 1, U12 2A and U10 academy tryouts will be completed first followed by U14-U18 tier 2A and U12 tier 2B. The complete tryout schedule will be posted on our website www.bedfordtitans.com by the end of February.

Soccer NS Regionalization

In 2008 Soccer Nova Scotia (SNS) introduced a Strategic Plan for the growth of soccer in our province. This plan includes a number of very positive steps that will help clubs and associations develop better soccer players.

A section of the plan speaks to a term now coined as "Regionalization". This model sees one Tier 1 youth competitive team per gender/age group in each SNS region. In the case of Bedford Soccer, we share a region with Scotia Soccer Club, Sackville United Soccer Association and East Hants District Soccer Association. "Regionalization" means that there would only be one team fielded (per gender per age group) at the provincial level of play for the 4 clubs in the region. If "Regionalization" is adopted by the SNS executive, Bedford Soccer Association along with the other clubs in the region would become feeders for the new regional program.

It is the club executive's intent to monitor SNS's progress on this initiative and explore opportunities that will help our club grow and retain control of its competitive offering. We will work closely with SNS to make sure our members benefit from the change.

New Club Retail Sponsor

Bedford Soccer has entered a new retail sponsorship agreement with Golden Goal Soccer Supplies. This means more great deals for our members. With the help of Marc Butler, a member of Bedford Soccer and part owner of Golden Goal, we have put together a complete club kit program including shorts, socks, bags, suits and GK jersey.

This year members will be able to visit or call Golden Goal at any time to place their kit order up until April 23, 2009.

Golden Goal Soccer Supplies is located on Lacewood Drive in the shopping plaza next to Home Depot. Give them a call at 902.405.4625 for more information on the great deals for Bedford Soccer members.

Spring Soccer Program

Bedford Soccer will offer a Spring Soccer program for players in U6, U8, U10 and U12. The program will be held on Saturday and Sunday indoors at CPA high school starting in mid April running through until the end of May. Each age group will train for 1 hour per week over the 6 week period with a paid technical trainer.

There is no online registration for the Spring program. We have included a registration form in our Summer mail out. The form can also be downloaded from our website. All forms must be received by Mar 20th.

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Tim Hortons

Summer Programs 2009

Mini Program

BSA recognizes that the grass roots program(s) are the foundation of a successful club and has been focusing a great deal of resources on improving our mini program. The following is a brief description of our basic programs. A more detailed description of the 2009 summer program will be posted on our website.

U4 (2005/2006)

This is a coed parent and tot program offered 1 night a week on Wednesday or Thursday evenings from 6-7pm. Volunteer coaches will guide the parents and players through fun drills and games. A parent or guardian must be on the field with the child.

U6 (2003/2004)

This is a coed program consisting of 2 evenings per week. Volunteer coaches will run fun drills and skills and end with a mini game. Sessions are held Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday from 6-7pm.

U8 (2001/2002)

This is a gender specific program run 2 evenings a week. Volunteer coaches will introduce more soccer specific skills while running fun drills. The sessions end with a mini game. Sessions for the boys are Monday/Wednesday and the girls Tuesday/Thursday from 7:15-8:15pm. A U8 academy program will be offered for the more committed players.

U10 (1999/2000)

The following levels of play will be offered at the U10 age level:

1. U10 Academy The U10 Academy is open to all U10 age players but is intended for the more serious and committed player interested in developing soccer skills. Interested players must attend assessments in April in order to be considered for the U10 Academy. They practice 3 times during the week and play 1 weekly game on Sunday.

Note: There will be a \$100 fee to play in the U10 academy.

2. U10 foundation

Open to all U10 players who do not wish or have not been selected to play in the U10 academy teams. The U10 foundation league girl's sessions are on Monday/Wednesday and boys on Tues/Thurs. All sessions are 1 hr and are in Bedford between 6 and 8:15pm.

Youth Program

Tier 1(U14-U16)

The NSSL Tier 1 league is the highest level of club play. Teams play other teams in HRM as well as Valley, Cape Breton and South shore teams so travel is necessary. Games begin the first week of May. Tier 1 teams practice 4 times and play 1 time per week.

Tier 2 A & B teams (U12-U18)

Teams play in the CISL league. Travel throughout the HRM

is required. Tier 2A teams have 2 practices/week and 2 games/week. Tier 2B teams have 1 practice/week and 2 games/week. Team training begins in May. League games begin the first week of June.

U12 8-a-side

Players not selected to play U12A or B will play in the CISL 8-a-side league. All games will be played on all weather turf and will begin the first week of June. U12 8-a-side teams have 1 practice/week and 2 games/week.

Tier Fees

Bedford Soccer has changed the Tier fee process for the 2009 season to eliminate the need for refunds when a player doesn't make a team. Starting in summer 2009 all players who wish to tryout for Academy, U12 Tier 2A or Tier 1 teams MUST present a post-dated for \$100 at their first tryout session. Any player who shows up at a tryout without having submitted this cheque will not be allowed to partake in the tryout process. This will be diligently enforced so please make sure you read the instructions on the registration form and the website.

Financial Assistance Programs

Soccer is a great sport for fitness and conditioning. Bedford Soccer Association is committed to helping every child in our community have the opportunity to play the world's greatest game. We work hard to make soccer an affordable sport. If you require assistance with registration fees please contact us or visit our website for more information on programs that provide financial assistance for young soccer players. Through programs like Kidsport and HRM Kids, families can obtain subsidization for registration fees.

Your Refund Policy

Registration refunds are available prior to the start of the league season only. Once the season starts NO Refunds will be issued. All refunds are subject to a \$20 administration fee per player that will be automatically deducted from the refund. Processing the refund can take up to 45 days following the initial request.

Important Notes

- All Coaches - Please contact Miguel Morales at: 832-3833 to arrange a time for return of winter equipment.
- There will be a tryout process for the Women's Senior B team. All wishing to play on the team must attend tryouts.
- Bedford 7 a-side teams are a closed registration. All players wishing to join a 7 a-side team must first contact the team manager for approval.