

SOMETHING NEW FOR 2007 TAX YEAR.....

Children's Fitness Tax Credit

Information for organizations providing eligible programs of physical activity

"While the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will administer the children's fitness tax credit, organizations are in the best position to determine eligibility. (Soccer will definitely qualify !! - ed)

Issuing receipts

You should issue a receipt for income tax purposes for amounts paid in 2007 only. Amounts paid in 2006 do not qualify even if all or part of the activity takes place in 2007". So here's our PROPOSED policy...

****COMMENCING IN 2007, HDSA WILL ISSUE RECIEPTS ONLY AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION AND WE WILL MAIL THEM TO OUT-OF-TOWN PLAYERS ONLY. TRAVELLING TEAMS WILL ISSUE SEPARATE RECIEPTS. PLEASE HANG ON TO YOUR RECEIPTS, OUR VOLUNTEERS CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO RE-ISSUE LOST ONES.**

WATCH FOR INFORMATION ON THE FIRST EVER HUSKIE SOCCER CAMP THIS SPRING IN HUMBOLDT, MORE INFO TO FOLLOW AT REGISTRATION NIGHT!



TRAVELLING TEAM UPDATES...

Our Hurricanes had another successful season. Five out of six teams will be participating in Provincials in Regina March 16-18. The U-12 boys played hard but lost 4-2 in their final game at qualifiers. Next year, boys...Good Job !! Congratulations to the coaches and the players for a very successful season, and good luck U-12/14/16 girls and the U14/16 boys !! GO HURRICANES !!!!!

THE BIG THANK YOU SECTION....

Thanks to Jim Huber for coordinating all the referees for the indoor season, and the mini tournaments and exhibition games, Great Job!!
 Thanks to Gord Lees for all his hard work with HDSA.
 Thanks to Miles J for stepping up to take on the Presidents role. (Whoo hoo!!)
 Thanks to St. Dominic and St. Augustine staff for your cooperation on game nights.
 Thanks to all the coaches/parents and players for another fun indoor season. Keep up the good work!

Check out the SASK Soccer website:
www.sasksoccer.com



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SOCCERSHORTS

David Beckham's first game in the MLS could be in Toronto against the NEW Toronto F.C. Check out their website



www.toronto.fc.mlsnet.com

Awesome stuff !!!

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We're only in it ..for the Kicks!!

We're working on a new website. Keep on googlin' www.humboldtsoccer.ca?? cityofhumboldt/soccer?? hmmm

WANTED: NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS - NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED !! CALL 231-6548

INDOOR 2006 / 07 salutes final whistle...

WOW, it just keeps getting better. HDSA has had another successful indoor league and traveling team season. Our numbers of players and coaches keeps increasing and the quality of play is improving by leaps and bounds.

The breakdown of players goes like this:
Micro -22
U-6 - 30
U-8 - 33
U-10 - 38
U-12 - 60
U-14 -55
U-16/18 - 51
ADULT: 16
TOTAL 305



The number and quality of coaches is also increasing and our knowledge of the "Beautiful Game" improves every season. Keep up the good work and remember YOUR EFFORT shows in the kids you coach!

Register for spring footie* March 21 @ the Uniplex
OUTDOOR STARTS THE WEEK OF..... APRIL 30TH.....YES !!!!

**** WATCH FOR TRAVELLING TEAM INFORMATION SOON!!**

President's Message

Ask yourself to complete the following statement: "*The Humboldt & District Soccer Association exists so that....*". This is known as an "end" statement. It helps our organization stay on track by telling us what we do. It is more direct and to the point than any mission or vision statement.

Let me rewrite a little club history. Our first president, Mike Suchan, probably created our club "*so that children have a healthy, fun and cheap activity for the winter**". He recognized our appetite for indoor soccer, running it for a decade in St. Dom, St. Aug and HCI gymnasiums. Our second president, Terry Indzeoski, worked to move us in to St. Peter's College "*so that soccer has the best facility available in a place that feels like home**". His term saw us host major out of town tournaments and Provincial playdowns for the first time ever. Gord Lees, our third president, took another huge leap and established outdoor soccer "*so that families can enjoy the game of soccer in its purest form**". The outdoor program proved to be tremendously popular, as many parents and players appreciated the chance to play in the springtime, outside and during the longest days of the year. He also gave children as young as three a chance to play, and worked to foster excellence in our volunteer coaches and our referees. All three presidents supported soccer in all its forms, from youth to adult and recreation to competition, while keeping the fun league squarely at the forefront.



Facilities have been a constant obsession in our sport. When I started taking my kids to indoor soccer in 1998, the school gymnasiums were all any of us had seen. Even Saskatoon played in school gyms at that time. Then came the Henk Ruys Soccer Centre. Soccer began to evolve to a bigger surface with more "rebound friendly" floors and walls. In 2001, St. Peter's College funded a major upgrade to their gymnasium tailored to the exact specifications of our soccer club. It is still an excellent venue.

But, the bar has been raised once again. Last year, Regina and Saskatoon opened gigantic new soccer facilities. These buildings house a full outdoor size pitch with artificial turf. One motivation was to "weather-proof" the sport. A second motivation was to pull the indoor game ever closer toward the "real game", i.e. outdoor soccer. There are even rumours that our school soccer finals may end up being centralized because of the tremendous attractiveness of these major facilities. This has ramifications for our local club. If we want to be taken seriously as a soccer community, we too need to act.



We do have choices.

- We could choose to stay the course, playing our traditional indoor game. In fact, if we called it "futsal", we could even claim to be following a true international format (check it out at <http://futsal.com/>).
- We could continue to work with Humboldt city council on enhancing the various parks throughout the city, and play outdoor soccer when the weather suits.
- I sense there is an appetite for a bolder choice. What would you say if I asked you to support setting up a major soccer centre right here in Humboldt? This is no small feat, to put a roof over a full size FIFA soccer pitch (70 x 110 yd)! However, anything smaller would leave us right back where we are now. Our first thought is a "Coverall" type of structure, but there is a lot of work to do before we'll know what is feasible. If you have anything to contribute to the discussion, or any experience with a project of this scale, funding options or anything, please call your president or any member of the executive.

I propose the following new end statement: "***The Humboldt & District Soccer Association exists so that families can learn and enjoy the game of soccer in an environment that does not limit any player's potential****". That's pretty straightforward. Imagine growing up in a city without a hockey rink, and you'll see why this is so important to those of us tasked with feeding the community's soccer appetite.



Well, that's my "thrown in". Now let's play!!

*MJ ...



41 DAYS, 3 HOURS, 52 MINUTES TIL GAME DAY!

GORDO'S "LAST" KICK !!!!!

How time fly's, here I am writing my last message as President of HDSA, well I am actually not the president anymore that belongs to Miles Jorgenson now so I guess you would call me the past president. Three plus years have passed by since my term began, it really is hard to believe. It has been a great three years and I would like to take this time to thank everyone who in any way no matter how big or small the role was who lent a helping hand in making our organization what it is today.

Since the beginning of our outdoor program, which is entering its 4th year this spring we have represented in excess of 700 young soccer players each year ranging in age from 3-18. This is something to be very proud of for a community the size of Humboldt and area. We have an organization that is very well known for producing some excellent soccer players and very good teams this being evident by the number of provincial championships and the dozens of tournament medals the Hurricanes have brought home over the years. It is of utmost importance that this organization stay strong and continue to provide for our young people an opportunity to play a game that is enjoyed by millions of people worldwide.

Once again I want to thank everyone for their support over the past three years and please continue to support those individuals who continue to make it possible for your child to enjoy the great game of soccer.

AN EXECUTIVE MOMENT...

The HDSA executive has some new faces for the coming year. We welcome Debbie Huber as a new member. We also want to mention Owen Witte who has joined us since the last newsletter.

We want to sincerely thank our outgoing members who have contributed time and energy to our association . Huge thanks to Irene Jaeb, Terry Schatz, Susan Poss, Kelly Witke, and Rob Muench . All of the players , volunteers and Parents of the HDSA would like to THANK YOU for your time on the Executive.

As well as the new members we also have elected new officers to the executive.

The positions have been filled as follows :

Pres: Miles Jorgenson V P: James Huber Treas: Deb Huber Secretary: Steve Patton

**Quote of the week: From George Best (former Manchester United and England Player, also one of the Best soccer players ever!), talking about a young David Beckham:
"He cannot kick with his left foot, he cannot head a ball, he cannot tackle and he doesn't score many goals. Apart from that he's all right."**

