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Fall 2010 ... Off and Running!

The Fall 2010 soccer season is underway. We once again have over 1,400 players registered to play recreational and/or minikicker soccer. As you can imagine, putting together teams with this many players can at times be difficult. When we put together teams we do our best to place players on teams with their classmates or friends in the neighborhood. When requests are made to play with a friend we do our best to honor the request. However, circumstances such as a full roster, players being in different age divisions, or even the fact that we only have a co-ed league in the U13/U14 age division sometimes prevent us from honoring those requests.

Listed below are some rules that we ask that you familiarize yourself with and observe when you are at the complex.

- HAVE FUN!
- Please practice good sportsmanship at all times. Yelling at referees or opponents will not be tolerated and may result in offenders being asked to leave the complex. If you are having problems with a referee, opposing coach or player, please go to the referee hut and ask for a field marshal. Explain the problem and ask him/her to come to the field where your team is playing.
- Please park in designated parking spots in the main lot. This helps with traffic congestion and control. Please note that the Topeka PD and Shawnee County Sheriff are authorized to issue tickets to vehicles that are parked in no-parking areas.
- Please do not let siblings of players wander around the complex. We are close to a main thoroughfare and the safety of everyone is our top priority. There is also machinery around the garage that can be dangerous if children climb and play on it.
- Children should not climb or hang on goals or nets. The goals are anchored but can still cause serious injury if they are crawled on.
- The use of alcohol and tobacco products are prohibited at our complex. We are a youth sports complex and we ask that you please refrain from using these products at our facility.
- Please leave your pets at home. As much as we love animals, they are many times unpredictable and can be liability issue for our organization.
- AND FINALLY, HAVE FUN!

Thank you for your continued support of Sunflower Soccer Association. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at 785-233-9700.

Have You Moved?

If you have a change of address and/or telephone number, please be sure to let us know. Having current information on file ensures that you receive all mailings and provides coaches with vital information so they can reach you regarding practices, games, etc.

RAINOUT INFORMATION

The telephone number to check for cancellations or delays due to weather conditions is 233-7099.

For your convenience it is also listed on your child's game schedule.



Please note that we will play in the rain if there is no thunder or lightening. However we do monitor the weather closely if it is raining and will cancel if thunder and lightening are observed.

SSA Office Hours

**Monday—Thursday
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Closed**

Please call if you are unable to visit during these times.

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GAME RESCHEDULING

Coaches, if you find it necessary to reschedule a game, please use the rescheduling form that is available in the schedule section of our website. It is very important that you complete this form and turn it in at least 10 days PRIOR to the weekend that you are canceling the game. Referees are paid whether you show up or not. If the request is not made in a timely manner we reserve the right to not reschedule the game.



FALL 2010 GOVERNOR'S CUP

The Fall 2010 Governor's Cup Soccer Tournament is rapidly approaching. This two weekend event will be held October 23 & 24 and 30 & 31.

We have a dedicated group of workers and volunteers who spend countless hours putting this tournament together. New volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested, please call the SSA office and ask to speak to Carrie. It is our goal to consistently put on a quality tournament in hopes that teams will want to return to our facility. With your help we are confident we do just that!

If you are interested in refereeing for the Governor's Cup, please register on-line at www.govcup.com!

SIBLINGS ON THE LOOSE!

In the name of safety, we would ask that parents please keep an eye on siblings of players who are actively involved in a game at the complex. Many times children have been found hanging from goals, climbing up the nets, and playing on equipment by the garage. We would hate for anyone to get hurt and ask that you please keep an eye on the younger, and older, brothers and sisters of our players!

E-MAIL NOTIFICATION

Because of the rising cost of sending out mailings, we find ourselves relying more and more on communicating by e-mail. If your e-mail address changes, please let us know. In addition, please add sunflowersoccer.org to your list of acceptable accounts.

Congratulations Lauren!

Lauren Lawless was named the US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer "Buddy of the Year" for her work with the Sunflower Soccer TOPSoccer Program!

Way to go Lauren!

UNIFORMS

Please remember to keep your child's uniform from the fall season because he/she will use it again in the spring. If the player gets reassigned to a different team and the jersey is a different color, we will order a new shirt.

SPRING 2010 REGISTRATION FORMS

In the past we have mailed preprinted registration forms for the upcoming season to all current players. This season we are going to try something different.

Rather than mail the forms to players, we will give them to the coaches and ask that they distribute them to the players. If you do not receive a preprinted form from your coach before the end of the fall season, please contact the office and we will get one for you.



Team Photos
Coaches ...

Wichers Photography will be contacting you to schedule team photo's. If you don't hear from them, please call Wichers at 271-5355.

TOPSoccer

TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association volunteers. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, who has a cognitive or physical disability. Our goal is to enable any young athletes with disabilities in Northeast Kansas to become valued and successful members of the Sunflower Soccer and US Youth Soccer family. The registration deadline was July 22nd but we will accept late registrations.

Practice/play dates for the Fall 2010 season are September 12, 19 & 26 and October 3, 10 & 16. The sessions are held at Topeka Sports Facility near the Forbes Field golf course.

If you are interested as a participant or would like to volunteer as a soccer coach, soccer buddy or just want to get involved, email us at Topsoccer@sunflowersoccer.org or call



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- ⇒ Let's all work together – for the kids, and for the \$2,500 grant. Just think of the ways this grant could help us: equipment, uniforms, travel, practice field time – you name it!

Get started at ResponsibleSports.com/Grant today!

RESTROOM UPDATE

Why are there not permanent restrooms at the complex?

The Sunflower Soccer complex is located in the Kansas River 100 year floodplain. This creates special design consideration and requirements. One of the major obstacles we are facing is the lack of a sanitary sewer connection. Not only does this require the facility to be built above the flood zone, but sewer lines need to be extended to the complex.

Last month you may have heard that the City of Topeka agreed to allocate \$40,000 of the transient guest tax dollars to the project. This funding is contingent upon the entire project being approved. We are currently in the process of obtaining estimates for both the sewer extension and the architectural drawings for the proposed facility. Upon completion of these activities, we will make a petition for a benefit district that will be submitted to the City of Topeka for the sewer extension and the facility. We are estimating that the total cost of the project will be around \$1.03 million. As a supporter of youth soccer and the Sunflower Soccer Association, we may be asking for your assistance in showing your support for this project as our discussions move forward. Our hope is that within the year we will see dirt moving.

