

Welcome to the 2009 outdoor season with McLeod Soccer.



Because the season will not be starting for about another 6 - 8 weeks, we thought we would answer some of your questions, before they arise. Tentative season start date is May 3, 2009. Outdoor practice time will start as soon as the fields open (scheduled for April 25, 2009). If you have not heard from your coach by April 25 please email: soccer@mcleodcommunityleague.ca. Please note U4s have a different starting date.

SHIN PADS ARE MANDATORY for everyone and your socks must cover the shin pad. NO PIERCINGS ALLOWED and no taping of piercings. They must be removed as per Canadian Soccer Association rules and regulations. Cleats are recommended U8 and up, not allowed at U4 and U6. Alberta Soccer Association has ruled hijabs are allowed at discretion of referee. All city wide players (Xtreme) and U14, U16 & U18 (Born 1991 to 1996) players MUST have player cards. Information is available at registration. Coaches for U14, U16 and U18 must be carded as well.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE ALBERTA SMOKING LAWS AND RESPECT THE FACT THAT FIELDS ARE PUBLIC PLACES AND SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED AT PUBLIC PLACES. PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE IN THE VICINITY OF SOCCER FIELDS. ALSO DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT SOCCER FIELDS. BE PREPARED IF YOU ARE SMOKING WITHIN THE VICINITY OF A FIELD OR BRING YOUR DOG, YOU DO RISK BEING FINED BY BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT.

U12 TO U18 MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Cities - June 29(Mon) and 30(Tues); and July 2(Thur), 3(Fri) and 4(Sat) 2009
Intercities Tier V, VI etc. September 12-13, 2009 Locations to be confirmed

The format will be changing this year with Tier 1&2 becoming Premier A, Tier 3& select T4 teams will become Premier B. Community will start at Tier V. At this point, this is all of the information we have, more TBA at the coaches meeting.

Pictures have been scheduled for FRIDAY, MAY 29 and SATURDAY MAY 30, 2009 at McLeod Hall. Your coach will notify you of your time.

REFUND POLICY

- If trying out for a club team or if you are pulling your child please let us know as soon as possible by emailing soccer@mcleodcommunityleague.ca. If you make Xtreme we will transfer your payment, less the \$25 admin fee. Please let us know ASAP.
- Community memberships are not refundable as you need one to play.
- Your registration fee will be refunded in full less a \$25 administrative fee, if we are notified prior to the start of the season if your child has made a club team or is not playing. Refunds will be prorated up to and including May 20, 2009. May 21, 2009 and later no refunds will be issued.
- Once you have registered, you will be required to fulfill your volunteer commitment whether your child is playing for Club, McLeod or not playing at all, as registering your child means a position on a team is being held. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Zero Tolerance Policy:

We are also reminding everyone of McLeod Soccer's ZERO tolerance policy for inappropriate behaviour from any player, parent and/or member of the coaching staff. This includes inappropriate behaviour on the field, off the field whether it be the parking lot, shopping centre, school or by the use of internet tools to threaten, bully or intimidate anyone in any manner. Recently the McLeod Executive passed the following:

Due to recent abuse towards our directors, volunteers, and employees, we are adopting a "zero tolerance" policy. Effective immediately, any type of verbal or physical abuse, including profanity, directed toward our staff or volunteers will result in the offending party and their family being banned from the League. This means that the offending person and their family will be prohibited from participating in all league programs, including sports leagues and the outdoor rinks. Reinstatement to the Community League will be at the sole discretion of the McLeod Community League Executive. We want to promote a safe and healthy environment for our staff and volunteers, and will strictly enforce this policy. Along the same vein, any obscene or threatening messages left on the hall answering machine will be referred to the police, and we will actively pursue criminal charges.

There is no room for bad sportsmanship in McLeod Soccer or in McLeod Community. Too much work, time and dedication is put into McLeod programs by so many to allow it to be spoiled by a few. We regret having to take this stand but we must protect our players, and their safety is our first priority.

This information is also posted on the McLeod Website: OVER

www.mcleodcommunityleague.ca→

Reminders:

UNIFORMS ARE FOR GAMES ONLY, NOT FOR PRACTICES, SCHOOL OR SHOPPING.

WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE ZONE, THAT ALL CONTACT WITH THE ZONE OFFICE MUST BE DONE THROUGH THE SOCCER DIRECTORS. PARENTS OR COACHES ARE NOT TO CONTACT THE ZONE DIRECTLY. ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO soccer@mcleodcommunityleague.ca WE WILL THEN BRING YOUR CONCERN TO THE ZONE.
PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO VISIT THE ZONE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION OR YOUR COMMUNITY CONTACT: <http://www.edmontonnorthsoccer.ca>

There is a zero tolerance in force with respect to abuse of officials. Many referees are young and are just learning, **before you criticize a referee, remember he or she is someone's child - would you like an adult speaking to your child in an inappropriate manner and running your child down.** The Zone, EMSA and ASA will be dealing severely with any coach or parent that abuses a referee.

Each team **MUST** have a referee liaison. Teams will be fined for not identifying a parent referee liaison on the game sheet. The parent liaison must wear the band and identify themselves to the referee **prior** to the start of the game and is responsible for the conduct of the parents. Teams not following these regulations will be fined \$75.00 for each offence.

If you have any team or coaching concerns please have consideration for your coach. After a game, especially a close game, is usually not a good time to approach the coach. Ask your coach when a good time is to bring up suggestions, concerns or questions. This is something else that can be handled by the referee liaison.

Also it is important to remember that because everyone is a volunteer, that coaches usually need assistance. If your coach asks for help, whether it's for a team manager or simply a phoning parent or an equipment parent, please help your coach. Coaching is a big and very time consuming commitment and not a one person job, so please help your coach and **respect the arrival times set by your coach.**

Playing days are as follows:

Age Group	Year of Birth	Tentative Playing Days	Rain out Procedure
Little Kickers	2005	Wednesday evenings	No rain out rescheduling
U6 Mixed	2003/04	Mondays (May) Mondays & Wednesdays (June)	If Monday game rained out you will play following Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at home field. If Wednesday game rained out you will play following Saturday at 12:00 p.m. at home field
U8 Girls & Boys	2001/02	Tuesdays and Thursdays	If Tuesday game rained out you will play following Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at home field. If Thursday game rained out you will play following Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at home field
U10 Girls & Boys	1999/2000	Mondays and Wednesdays	To be arranged by home coach. (U10 will be on Midsize fields - 7 v. 7 and games will be played at 6:15 and 7:15 so 2 games can be played in one night)
U12 Girls & Boys	1997/98	Tuesdays and Thursdays	To be arranged by home coach (U12 will be on Midsize fields - 8 v. 8)
U14 Girls & Boys	1995/96	Sundays and Wednesdays	To be arranged by home coach
U16 Girls & Boys	1993/94	Sundays and Thursdays	EMSA rain out procedures
U18 Girls & Boys	1991/92	Sundays and Tuesdays	EMSA rain out procedures

For the last couple of seasons we have had problems with uniform returns. This indoor season coaches have been asked to keep a list, and if jerseys are not returned we will be including a \$75 charge the next time you register your child. Please check your closets, bags, under the beds and return any jerseys you may have. We will **not** be providing tournament monies this year as we are finding approximately half the teams chose not to go into a tournament. Anyone wishing to purchase additional pairs of socks they will be available for \$10/pair. Please email the address below.

If you have any questions, please email us at soccer@mcleodcommunityleague.ca Thank you.