



Brockville Soccer Club Inc.

Start of Season Newsletter

May 2016

Everything you need to know to prepare for the 2016 soccer season

A message from the President:

It is hard to believe the 2016 is just a few weeks away! The Board has been working diligently to plan another great season and we can't wait to get started!

Since the start of registration in March, we have been keeping a close eye on the numbers in the hopes that all divisions could run as we had anticipated they would. Unfortunately after 8 weeks of registration, the Board had to make the tough decision to cancel the U17 division due to low enrolment.

In an effort to ensure the greatest inclusion of those who have registered, the Board decided to realign two divisions in order to accommodate the bulk of the registrants from the U-17 division; those being the 15-year-old age group.

The result will see two new division structures; U-15 mixed (boys and girls aged 13, 14 and 15 -born in 2003, 2002 and 2001 respectively), and U-12 mixed (boys and girls aged 10, 11 and 12, born in 2006, 2005 and 2004 respectively).

The creation of a U12 and U15 division does mean that game nights for those born in 2001 and 2004 will now change. Those born in 2001 will now be playing in the U15 division on Wednesday nights, and those born in 2004 will now be playing in the U12 division on Friday nights.

We acknowledge these changes can cause some inconveniences to families; however we appreciate your understanding as the decision to change divisions was made in the best interest of the league, the registrants, and the game of soccer itself.

I wish you all a great season ahead and I look forward to seeing you all out on the fields!

Elaine De Kroon

SEASON KICK OFF: The U9, U12 and U15 Divisions will begin the season with a Fun Season Kick Off. Sunday, May 15 beginning at 8:30 am, all players are invited to the soccer fields to participate in fun games, skill and goalie development sessions, a parents v kids game and a FREE pizza lunch. Also, all players can enter a draw to win a ROCKSTAR mountain bike! Please arrive early to sign in and enter your ballot in the draw!

(Please note the Season Kick Off for the U5 and U7 divisions will take place Saturday, May 28 @ 9:00 a.m.)

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING NIGHT: MONDAYS, STARTING MAY 30

U7-U12: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

This highly interactive hour provides your child with all the basics needed to grow their enjoyment of the game. Providing fundamental foot skill training as well as some basics in understanding the interaction between players on the field. Parents of all levels are encouraged to sign up as well! Come join us for an hour of soccer fun!

U12 and U15: 7:15-8:15 p.m: Taking Soccer skills to the next level, this 1 hour weekly session encourages participation of all ages and skill levels. From the basics to some advanced instruction your child is guaranteed a good time. Included each week is a variation of one on one instruction combined with group activities and development, focused on bringing them a better understanding of the game we all love.

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2016 SUMMER SCHEDULE:



BRITISH SOCCER CAMP FREE TASTER SESSION

Thurs, May 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

FIELD SET UP DAY:

Saturday, May 14, 9:00-noon

SEASON KICK OFF:

Sunday, May 15, 8:30-12:30

SEASON START DATES:

Thursday, May 26

Women's Soccer 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 28

U5: 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 28

U7: 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 28

U9: 10:00 a.m.

Monday, May 30

TRAINING NIGHT ALL DIVISIONS

Wednesday, June 1

U15 Mixed: 6:00 p.m.

Friday, June 3

U12: 6:00 p.m.

Team Pictures:

(taken during game time)
Wed., June 15: U15 Mixed
Fri., June 17: U12 Mixed
Sat., June 18: U5, U7, U9

BRITISH SOCCER CAMP

July 18-22

FUN DAY (U5 & U7)

Saturday, August 13
(After the game)

CUP DAY (U9 and up)

Sunday, August 14

Other things you need to know...

TEAM PLACEMENT: Players in each division will be contacted by their coach to notify them of what team they are on THE WEEK PRIOR TO THEIR FIRST DAY and not before then. If for some reason you do not get a phone call, don't worry! Just arrive on the first day and we will direct your child to his/her team and coach.

GAME SCHEDULES: Games schedules and field assignments will be posted on our website www.brockvillesoccer.com beginning May 23. Daily game schedules and field assignments can change at the last minute so please be sure to check the daily schedule posted on the whiteboard outside the clubhouse.

CONVENORS: BSCI has assigned a Convenor for each division. Any questions or concerns may be directed to the Convenor who will relay them to the Club. The Convenor is present at the field while the games are played and will assign available call-ups to teams requiring them. Look for them in their green golf shirts!

ATTENDANCE: BSCI is proud to offer a long soccer season to the local community and understands that summer is peak vacation-time for families. In the spirit of good sportsmanship please make every attempt to attend the games. If you know in advance that you will be away for a game or two, we simply ask that you notify the coach so he/she can make arrangements for call-ups for those dates if necessary. It is very disappointing for players when only half the team shows up and they need to forfeit a game.

CALL-UPS: Call-ups are players from a lower division who fill-in when a team in a higher division is short players due to illness or other absences. Call-ups must be registered BSCI members and need to be strong players who will not have an adverse effect on the higher division. Call-ups are only permitted to play in 1 division higher than their own and cannot be called-up by an individual team's coach. Players interested in being a call-up for U9 are asked to come to the clubhouse after their U7 games. Call ups for U12 and U15 should contact the director of convenors at directorofconvenors@gmail.com and indicate their interest in being called up. They will then be contacted by the convenor when needed.

SAFETY:

Players: The nets that we use for the U7, U9 and U12 games are moveable not anchored to the ground. Therefore it is critical that all players DO NOT CLIMB OR HANG on the nets as they can fall over and result in injury or worse!

Families: To ensure the safety of all of everyone watching the game, we ask that all family members and friends of the players sit only on the sidelines of the field, not the end lines. We don't want anyone ending up with a ball to the head!

Everyone: **THERE IS NO SMOKING** On all park premises when soccer programming is in place. This includes spectators, coaches, referees and players.

SPORTSMANSHIP: As a House League organization, sportsmanship and respect on the field and off are our highest priorities. Parents, you can model good sportsmanship on the field by:

- Cheering when appropriate
- Controlling your negative emotions
- Never openly criticizing a coach's or a referee's decision.
- Showing support for all players, not just yours.
- **Refraining from coaching players before, during, or after the game.**
- Enjoying soccer for what it is, a game.

BRITISH SOCCER SUMMER CAMP: JULY 18-22, 2016!

Each day includes foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, small-sided games, coached scrimmages, and a daily **World Cup tournament**. Campers receive a free replica jersey (for online registrations at least 45 days before camp), ball, poster, t-shirt.

Register ONLINE today!
www.brockvillesoccer.com

IMPORTANT WEATHER INFORMATION!



Soccer is a rain-or-shine sport so players need to be prepared for rainy, cold weather. Field closures are rare and only occur if there is EXTREME HEAT or the FIELDS are CLOSED due to excessive flooding or dangerous conditions. Field closures/ game cancellations for any given evening will be posted on the website by 5:30 pm of the same day (and 8:30 a.m. Saturday mornings).

It is also possible for games to be postponed or cancelled due to lightning but don't assume this is the case. Even if you see lightning in your area, the fields themselves may be clear or the storm may pass by. If there are no cancellations posted on the website, players should arrive at the field at their regular time prepared to play. The convenor, with input from the referees, will determine whether the games should proceed based on the Ontario Soccer Association guidelines.