



Cole Harbour Soccer Club

2008 SUMMER FULL FIELD PROGRAM – NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS/PLAYERS

We would like to welcome new participants and welcome back returning players to the Cole Harbour Soccer Club (CHSC) for the 2008 outdoor soccer season. Our outdoor program is comprised of “Competitive” teams and “Recreational/House” teams as well as a Mini Program. The fundamental goal of the program is “Player Development” which is consistent with our coaching philosophy - *“For The Good Of Our Players”*.

COMPETITIVE TEAMS

As in previous years, we have assessed the players’ ability to play in each division. Given our current group of players, the club has decided to enter a Tier 1 team in the under 14 girls and the under 16 girls divisions. All other teams, U12, U14, the remainder of the girls and boys, U16 and U18 will play in the Tier 2, the competitive A division (A and B for U12) offered by the Capital Inter-District Soccer League.

There could be one or more Tier 2A teams in each age group depending on the number of registered players and their assessed ability to play at this level. Ideally, competitive teams will be made up of a maximum of 18 players. All players will be selected through the “tryout” process, and must be registered before they can tryout. Players interested in playing on a competitive team MUST, if selected, be prepared to attend at least two practices per week. At the competitive level, parents are advised that at least one away/out of town trip will be planned in addition to regular league play and travel and accommodation costs will be the responsibility of the parents. The average cost over and above registration to play on a competitive team is \$50.00-\$100.00. Teams are encouraged to seek out sponsors to help defray some of the cost of running the team.

Players trying out for an outfield position on a competitive team will be assessed on the following five abilities:

1. **Technique:** The ability to pass, control/receive the ball, dribble/run with the ball and shoot the ball.
2. **Insight:** The ability to read the game and respond correctly to the changing game situations.
3. **Fitness:** The ability to run for a fixed length of time, sprint, twist and turn, and have good balance.
4. **Attitude:** A positive, enthusiastic attitude as well as the ability to listen.
5. **Communication:** The willingness to give and receive helpful information during play.

Players wishing to tryout as Goalkeepers will be assessed on the following 6 abilities:

1. **Fitness:** Same as outfield players
2. **Kicking:** The ability to kick the ball from the hands, drop kick, and goal kick (stationary ball)
3. **Throwing:** The ability to throw the ball accurately over short, medium and long distances
4. **Shot Stopping:** The ability to catch the ball properly, the ability to save shots on goal
5. **Attitude:** Same as outfield players
6. **Communication:** Same as outfield players

The objective of the teams in this competitive section is to win games while ensuring the development of all players on the team. It is the responsibility of the coach to balance results with player participation to enhance the development of all players

Playing Up (participating in an age group above the player’s current recognized registration category)

Players interested in playing up should register with their correct age group but should indicate their wish at registration. They should ensure that their name is put on the try out sheet for the age group they want to try for. The club endorses Soccer Nova Scotia’s recommendation which is “players should be allowed to play up **only** if they can make the starting line up (i.e. top eleven players for that team).

RECREATIONAL / HOUSE TEAMS

The number of recreational/house teams will depend on the number of players registered. Players will be assigned to teams by the club however tryouts will not be held to assign players to recreational teams. The emphasis for the recreational teams will be on player participation rather than on results. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that each player play at least half the game.

It is the expressed goal of all our coaches to do everything possible to ensure that your child’s soccer experience is a positive one.

If you require additional information contact Club Administrator, Elizabeth Singer at 433-0747, chscadmin@ns.sympatico.ca.