

Phantom Lake Soccer Club

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Phantom Lake Soccer Club Parents,

Welcome to another season of soccer fun! Each year we have close to 500 children register for the soccer season. The executive has been busy with the operations of the club.

TENTATIVE START DATE: Regular season play will begin the end of April or beginning of May. Practice times may be available. Squirts play once a week. All other divisions play twice a week.

EQUIPMENT: All players must have **Shin Guards** and the guards must be completely covered with long socks. Soccer shoes are recommended but runners are fine. No sandals will be allowed on the field. The soccer club will provide soccer jerseys. Jewelry and all body piercings must be removed before playing. These cannot be worn or taped over, with the exception of Medic Alert tags. **If your child does not have the proper equipment or comply with the rules, they will not be allowed to play.**

SPORTSMANSHIP AND FUN: These are the priorities of the Soccer Club. All players should be played as equally as possible and in an environment that is harassment-free. You are urged to caution your children that verbal/physical abuse of players, coaches, teammates, referees, will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike behaviour will be dealt with immediately:

1st offence - Ejection from the game plus a minimum of one extra game suspension(s).

2nd offence - Suspension for the remainder of the season.

If, at any time during the season, your child has any problems, speak to your coach first. If it is not resolved, contact Dean Grove at 681-3415, or write to the Phantom Lake Soccer Club Executive at Box 84, Flin Flon, MB R8A 1M6.

DIVISIONS: The breakdown for each division for the 2009 season is as follows:

- SQUIRTS:** Born in 2003 or 2004
- DIVISION 1:** Born in 2001 or 2002
- DIVISION 2:** Born in 1999 or 2000
- DIVISION 3:** Born in 1997 or 1998
- DIVISION 4:** Born in 1995 or 1996
- DIVISION 5:** Born in 1991, 1992, 1993 or 1994

BIRTH CERTIFICATES: These are required to confirm birthdates of players for insurance purposes. Only new players will be required to present a copy of a birth certificate at registration. This information will be kept on file and once on file, will not be required again.

FIELDS: The fields were assigned as follows:

SQUIRTS: Phantom Lake
DIVISION 1: Phantom Lake
DIVISION 2: Phantom Lake
DIVISION 3: Creighton
DIVISION 4: Creighton
DIVISION 5: Foster

REFEREES: We have been working very hard to build up our referee program. We have many youth referees who are learning and who are our future. Please DO NOT harass any of the referees. If you have a problem with the refereeing, please give your Division Co-ordinator a call. Anyone harassing the referee will be asked to leave the field. **There will be a referee refresher course and a Youth Referee Course. Referees who are certified and have taken the refresher course will be paid at a higher per game rate than non-certified referees. Register by contacting Dean Grove at 681-3415. Referees must have turned 12 by May 1st in order to referee games for the Phantom Lake Soccer Club this year.**

REFEREE LIAISON PROGRAM: Each referee will be given a set of referee liaison arm bands this year. Before the game the referee will ask one parent from each team to wear the yellow armband and act as the liaison for that game. In the event of an incident of a parent harassing a referee, the referee will ask the liaison person of the offending parents team to help resolve the situation to ensure that it does not continue.

PHONE LINE: The number for the **soccer line is 687-8200.**

WEBSITE: Our website is up and running, check it out at www.phantomlakesoccer.com

ORANGE DAYS: Your coach will assign a day for you to take oranges to the game. Six to eight cut up oranges is usually enough, depending on team size. If you cannot make your assigned date, please arrange to trade with another parent.

ATTENDANCE: If your child cannot attend a game, the coach should be notified. It is frustrating for the coaches to give up their time, and not have a game due to shortage of players. **Please be courteous and notify your coach!**

WATER BOTTLES: Each child should take a bottle of water to the games with their name on it. Not pop or juice please.

NON-SMOKING: The soccer areas are non-smoking areas. Please do not smoke on or near the fields or stands.

PETS: Pets are not allowed at the soccer fields.

CLEAN-UP: Please clean up any litter you see on or around the field. There are garbage cans at the side of the fields.

PARKING: Parking adjacent to the fields is sometimes limited. At Foster Park please make sure to park on the soccer field side of the street. We have left a little more time between games this year, so that should help the congestion there. No parking between the road and bleachers at Phantom Lake is allowed.

OTHER SAFETY ISSUES: Parents, please make sure your children are supervised at the field. If you are unable to stay for the game, please ensure that another parent/friend is responsible in the event that your child is injured. Please keep smaller children off the field and away from any areas where they may be injured. Do not let children hang on the goal posts. Do not let your children play with the lime used to mark the field, as this is not safe.

FUNDRAISING: The money that is raised by the club goes toward the payment of player insurance, referee costs, field development and the purchase of uniforms and equipment. Although we recognize that fundraising is sometimes an unpleasant task, it is an important part of raising money to allow our club to continue to operate. Each parent has signed up for a volunteer position and posted a volunteer cheque. ***These are two separate items required by the club.***

CHOCOLATES: Must be pre-paid (60.00 which the person makes back when they sell the chocolates), or the parent has the option of buying out of the fundraising by paying 30.00 per family to the Phantom Lake Soccer Club.

TAG DAYS: Thanks to everyone who volunteers to assist with tag days. If you have signed up for a tag day, and have not been contacted, please call the soccer hotline at 687-8200 or watch the website.

VOLUNTEERING: **If you have signed up for volunteering and have not completed your volunteer hours by early June, it is your responsibility to contact the volunteer co-ordinator about fulfilling your volunteer hours. Volunteer cheques will be cashed on October 1, 2009 for people who have not completed their volunteer hours.** You have until November 31st to contact the soccer executive if there was an exceptional circumstance that prevented you from fulfilling your volunteer commitment. We don't want your money as much as we want your assistance in completing the many jobs that are required to make a soccer league run smoothly for the players.

GAMES CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER: If you are unsure whether games are cancelled due to inclement weather, listen to CFAR for announcements, phone 687-8200 for a message or call your coach.

If you have any comments, suggestions, or concerns, please contact the appropriate executive person. Any ideas for improvements are especially welcome. Also, please keep in mind that this is a very hard working group of people, many of who have served several years on the executive. The Annual General Meeting will be held on March 12th at 7:30 pm at Mclsaac School and all are encouraged to attend.

We hope your children have a great soccer season, improve their skills and most importantly, that they have fun!

The Phantom Lake Soccer Club Executive