

NW United Meeting Notes: May 26, 2008

- **Training.** The first session of the U11 Technical Training was held on May 28. 31 boys and girls were present. The technical training will continue through June. 4pm Mondays for girls and 4pm Wednesdays for boys. This is for any and all U11 players who want to get the additional work on the essential technical skills that lay the foundation for high-level soccer.
 - PSSA will be working with the U-11 & U-12 coaches to implement a common, age-appropriate training curriculum. The plan is to take the coaches on the field for an hour and teach them some skills and then have a question and answer time for ½ hour afterwards.
 - PSSA asks that all NWUnited coaches provide them with their July & August practice schedules. If coaches would like PSSA to set up a team training camp, they can do those also, let them know.
- **Firecracker.** Coaches/managers need to make sure they register right away for the Firecracker. Field marshals for the last tournament did a terrific job. Because of Berry-Dairy days some parking will not be available at the tournament. Tournament organizers will ensure that camper parking is head-on and not parallel to the drive. Campers can get in on Thursday evening.
- **Note to Managers and Parents.** Please hold your conversations with coaches to the times before and after practices so the teams can make the best use of the practices.
- **Sideline etiquette.** Coaches are responsible for managing their sidelines—and their own behavior—so that they adhere to the high standards the Club expects.
 - **NO** (none, zero, nada) coaching from any parent. Only praise and encouragement to players
 - **NO derogatory comments directed to any players (ours or theirs), referees, coaches sidelines.**
 - Basic messages are A) relax and let the players, officials, coaches do their job and enjoy the game. B) Completely **release your child to the game—or** risk turning him/her away from this beautiful sport—or from your presence at it. In a national study, kids said the worst part of sport was riding home after the game. Don't do that to your (and our) player. C) Remember, a soccer career isn't built in a day, a game, a season, or several seasons. Kids will develop—it takes time. A “bad” play, a “bad” game will not make any difference—unless you make it one. D) RELAX! This is sport, fun, education, progress—not saving the planet from alien attack.
- **Team Names.** The standard format for tournament registration is “NW United FC (year)-(Coach's last name)
- **Treasury.** Four teams have paid their May fees. All others should send Duane the \$50 per player as soon as possible. Duane is accepting credit card payments for the NWUnited fee, but you need to arrange that with Duane. You can pay the \$50 increment or the entire \$250. duanehenson@yahoo.com.
 - There are instances of outstanding payments from last year—totaling \$2,000. We are still trying to collect.
- **Scholarships.** Scholarships have been awarded for most age groups. Scholarships for BU12/13, GU16, GU17 & GU18 will be awarded on June 15. Managers: If someone on your team still needs a scholarship, contact Monico Garza or Kelly Gomez.
- It was suggested that we do an equipment exchange during the next tournament.

- **Communications:** The new website is operating. If you see something you would like to improve or change, let Bob know. Coaches & managers should check the coaches page for updates and new information. Managers: If you have new players, let Bob know their email address so he can put on the email list.
- **Merger Committee.** Brian Schaefer is still interested in having it continue. Bob would like to help him with i–especially as regards planning for next year. It was suggested that they meet at least once a quarter.
- **Coach evaluations.** The coaching committee will meet to discuss mid season evaluations.
- **Uniforms for next year.** Drew and Tracy has been talking about uniforms for next year. We have to order 6 – 9 months ahead of time. Tracy has talked to Nike and the uniforms they are offering is approx. 10% more than this year order. He will contact Diadora. There will be more information in the next couple of meeting.
- **Canopies.** Five 5 teams don't have tents. Chuck recommended that each team purchase their own tent, e.g., a Caravan tent from Costco. They would carry it through for the life of the team. Chuck will check with Caravan to see how much it would cost to order a canopy with the NW United logo. Teams will be reimbursed for silk screening the logo on the canopy. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- **LPTS and Rosters.** LPT's rosters went out to all coaches and managers this week. All changes need to be made by Thursday. If you are seeded team – you only have to carry 9 players from last year. If you are attending LPT's you need to have 11 players from your LPT roster when you go into league play. You need to take the electronic signed roster from Eric to check in 1 hour prior to your first game. You need to register whether you are playing in the LPT tournament or seeded.