



Dear RSDL Parents and Players,

As the start of the Fall 2011 season approaches, we can now finalize some of the more important details for you.

Our First Get Together: We will have a "play in day" on Tuesday September 6th. The play in day is exactly as it says, you turn up and play - each player will be assessed by the coaches, the coaches in turn give me the assessments and we then start to form the teams. On Wednesday night, you will receive a call from your coach; they will introduce themselves and tell you what team you are on. ***Please note that in order to create competitive teams throughout the program, we reserve the right to move players accordingly from team to team even during the season.***

Special requests: There is no buddy system in the 'D' league. I will not honor requests for whole teams to play together.

Group Selection: Players will be divided into two groups, 'EARLY' and 'LATE'. Basically all the groups are a means to identify the practice and playing times.

Practice: All practice sessions will be held at Borden Park on field's # 6-9. Practices will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Normal times are.... The EARLY group will train 5:00 - 6:00pm. The LATE group will train 6:15 - 7:15pm. Dress appropriately for the practice, no jeans, basketball shorts etc. ***Please note that the stated time and venue are not set in stone. We may have to be flexible if we change the venue due to weather.*** Last two weeks of October we will move practice to Ultimate Soccer Arena.

Equipment: All players need to bring a **pumped** up size 4 ball. Shin guards are mandatory. NO jewelry or watches can be worn. Bring something to drink to each practice and game. Uniforms can be worn for practices or if you wish you can purchase practice tee shirts from Soccer World.

Parking: Every season I get complaints from the park rangers about people parking illegally. Do not park on the grass, do not park in disabled spots (unless you have one of those wee blue thingies hanging from your window), and do not park in the circle. Oakland County Police will again be out in force and they are way too happy to hand out tickets. To assist with parking I have managed to get a 15 minute window between practices. Please take extreme care when reversing out of the parking area.

Game days: The 'game schedule' is now posted in the game schedule pull down menu in the RSDL section of our website. Games will be on Saturday mornings, EARLY at 8.30am and LATE at 9.45am. Again please take care when reversing out of the parking area. Please be on time for the games. Please download and get familiar with the RSDL laws of the game and parent expectations. Scream as loud as you like and encourage for what players have done, and not for what they are about to do!

Uniforms: All NEW players to the program need to purchase the RSDL adidas uniform available at Soccer World (Rochester). I will send an email out when they are ready for you to pick up. FULL Uniforms MUST be worn on game day. Home team will wear Navy. ***There is a slight design change with this Fall's uniform due to manufacturing issues at adidas, current RSDL uniforms are still good to play in.*** RYSL uniforms cannot be worn.

The 'D' league: The 'Development' league is exactly what it says. We focus on player development, team development will follow later. There is a fixed coaching curriculum for the coaching staff to follow. Please do not be surprised if during a game, a coach stops the game in flow and gets over a coaching point, this is normal for the 'D' league.

Once again, thank you for your continued support in our program. Questions? Email rysl_rsdl@yahoo.com

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