

Dear RSDL Parents and Players,

As the start of the Fall 2009 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 8th at Borden Park on fields # 6-9. All **BOYS** will play 5:15 - 6:15pm. All **GIRLS** will play 6:30 - 7:30pm. 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 after the play in day, 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 league, 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. For car pooling reasons only, I will make sure that players will be there at the same time. YOU MUST EMAIL ME DIRECTLY @ RYSL_RSDL@YAHOO.COM and let me know of the players you wish to carpool. 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. Due to low registration in the younger age groups and high registration with the older age groups, we will revert back to the old system where the U9 players will be split between the early slot and the late slot. EARLY time slot will be for U8/U9 and LATE time slot will be for U9/U10.

Practice: All practice sessions will be held at Borden Park on fields # 6-9. Practices will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Because of our "play in day", our first weeks schedule will be slightly adjusted. Your first real practice with your coach will be on Thursday September 10th. The EARLY group will train 5:15 - 6:15pm. The LATE group will train 6:30 - 7:30pm. Dress appropriately for the practice, no jeans, basketball shorts etc. We will look to practice under lights during the dark weeks of October, schedule to be advised.

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: Last season I had several complaints from the park rangers about people parking illegally. Do not park on the grass, do not park in disabled spots, do not park in the circle. Oakland Police made a lot of money from RSDL parents last Spring and I'm sure they will be back for more this Fall. 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 will be posted on the web site soon. 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 follow the game day rules, they will posted on the web site shortly, but in a nutshell..... Parents on one side - players on the other. No standing behind goals. No standing in between fields. 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 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.

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 league 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.

Gordon Gardiner
RSDL Technical Director

