

Brentwood 2012 Outdoor Soccer - Newsletter

- **Soccer Registration** – The 2012 Brentwood Outdoor Soccer Registration is from February 6 to 24, 2012. Please go online at www.brentwoodcommunity.com to register. This is recreational, community level soccer for 3 to 18 year olds and is open to all.

- **Soccer Season**
 - U4 Mixed - starts April 24; and runs every Tuesday until June 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Dr. Coffin School or Brentwood School fields (for all practices/scrimmages).
 - U6, U8 Mixed - starts April 24; and runs every Tuesday and Thursday until June 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Dr. Coffin School or Brentwood School fields (for all practices and home games).
 - U10 Mixed - starts April 24; and runs every Tuesday and Thursday until June 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Sir Winston Churchill School fields (for all practices and home games).
 - U12 Girls/Mixed - starts April 23; and runs every Monday and Wednesday until June 27 from 6:15 to 7:25 pm at the Brenner field (home games) and Sir Winston Churchill field (practice). Saturday practices may also be scheduled at the coach's discretion.
 - U14 Girls - starts April 23; and runs every Monday and Wednesday until June 27 from 7:30 to 8:45 pm at Brenner field (home games) and Sir Winston Churchill field (practice). Saturday practices may also be scheduled at the coach's discretion. Games will start on May 7. There will be games every Monday and Wednesday, thereafter, until June 27.
 - U14 Boys - starts April 24; runs every Tuesday and Thursday until June 28 from 7:30 to 8:45 pm at Brenner field (home games) and Sir Winston Churchill field (practice). Saturday practices may also be scheduled at the coach's discretion. Games will start on May 8. There will be games every Tuesday and Thursday, thereafter, until June 28.
 - U16/18 Mixed - starts April 24; runs every Tuesday and Thursday until June 28 from 7:30 to 8:45 pm at Brenner field (home games) and Sir Winston Churchill field (practice). Saturday practices may also be scheduled at the coach's discretion. Games will start as of May 8. There will be games every Tuesday and Thursday, thereafter, until June 28.
 - Team lists and schedules will be available on-line via the BCA website (<http://www.brentwoodcommunity.com/soccer.html>). Details on what and how to access the data will be provided the week following evaluations and team selections.

- **Season Finale**
 - U4, U6, U8, and U10 Mixed end of season tournament (Super Soccer Saturday) will be held this year on the morning of June 23. Coaches, please give parents a heads up about this: we will need volunteers for field set up/preparation, the food tables, and clean up.
 - U12 Girls/Mixed end of season tournament will be hosted by Brentwood on June 22, 23, and 24.
 - U14 and U16/18 league – no year-end tournament scheduled at this time.

- **Coaching**
 - You are encouraged (especially for the U4, U6, U8, and U10 age groups) to triple up on your coaches. By having one coach and two assistant coaches per team most of you who volunteered to coach can be involved. These age groups really need the extra attention. Each team, however, must designate one head coach. This individual will be responsible for communicating schedules, game cancellations, equipment pick-up and drop-off, and will serve as the main point of contact for the soccer season.

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- There will be a Coaches Information Night Monday, March 19: U4 – U8 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm and U10 to U16/18 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Brentwood Sportsplex Boardroom. We encourage you to attend.
- Coaching Clinics will be provided to all interested coaches. Brentwood Community will hold a coaches clinic on Saturday, April 21: U4 – U8 from 8:00 am to 9:30 am and U10 and up from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the Brentwood Sportsplex Arena.

• Evaluations

- U4/U6 Mixed - no evaluations required; designated coach will contact players after Team Selections and prior to April 23.
- U8, U10 Mixed, and U12 Mixed players - Tuesday, April 17; at Brentwood Sportsplex Arena from 6:30-9:30 pm.
 - A coach will be assigned a team of roughly 10 to 12 kids (the coach is only the evaluation coach and may not necessarily be the child's coach for the season).
 - Children will play two 20 to 30 minute games. Children MUST HAVE shin pads, water bottle and appropriate dress for the weather that evening.
 - Upon arrival, players should locate the designated coach/field. A list of coaches, fields and players will be posted at the field.
 - Evaluations are mainly to identify the strong (experienced/skilled) players from the rest of the field. This is done to ensure that kids with strong skills are evenly distributed among teams.
- U12 Girls, U14 Girls/Boys, and U16/18 Mixed - no evaluations will be required; designated coach will contact players prior to week of April 23.

• Team Selections

- Coaches will conduct team selections for U4 and U6, U8, U10, and U12 Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 pm.
- Coaches should meet in the old Skate Shack (small building by the Brentwood Community Garden, corner of Bearspaw Dr. and 33 St. NW) on these days.
- Teams are selected based on player evaluations, and where possible children will be placed with a friend. In addition, every effort will be made to keep siblings who are in U4, U6 and U8 on the same fields.
- In the interest of maintaining balanced teams, and due to field availability, it may not be possible to honor every placement request. Dr. Coffin field is usually overbooked. If there are more players than the field can accommodate, some players may have to be moved to the Brentwood field. Players are placed at Dr. Coffin on a first come, first served basis.
- All players (U4 – U16/18) will be notified of their team placements by their designated coach before April 23. In addition, information will be provided online via the Brentwood Community website (<http://www.brentwoodcommunity.com/soccer.html>). An email will be sent out advising families of how and when to access this information.

- Equipment Distribution - If you have any outstanding equipment from last season or seasons past, please gather it up and return it. Every jersey or pair of shorts, or ball, or field equipment not returned costs the program money. Thanks! A coach from each team is responsible to pick up equipment at the Skate Shack (small building by the Brentwood Community Garden, corner of Bearspaw Dr. and 33 St. NW). Equipment pickup will be Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

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- **Player Responsibilities** - Shin pads must be worn in order to play (no exceptions). Players should dress for the weather, wear runners or soccer cleats, and bring a water bottle. Snacks can either be provided by parent (each practice/game someone brings snack for the team – this is typical for U4, U6 and U8 teams), or individual players bring their own snacks. If older players come to the field on their own, or are dropped off, ensure an emergency contact person/number is provided.

- **U10, U12, U14, and U16/18 Referees** - We are looking for kids who wish to gain referee experience and earn money while they do it. The Brentwood U10 games will be officiated by junior referees - typically kids who are older than 12 years of age. The Brentwood U12 games will be officiated by kids who are in their second year of U14 soccer; U14 games will be officiated by kids who are in their second year of U16; and the U16/18 games will be officiated by kids who are in their second year of U18 or above. Free Referee Clinics will be provided on April 21: U10/U12 10:30 am until noon and U14 and up from noon until 1:00 pm at the Brentwood Sportsplex arena. Referee pay scale: U10 - \$20; U12 - \$25; U14 - \$30; U16/18 - \$35. We also have a great Referee Mentor program to help kids who are new to the role of referee. Have any kids you know who have soccer experience and are interested contact Charlene Brust, Referee Coordinator – brust@telus.net.

- **Photos** - Team photos will take place at Brentwood Community Association on May 13, 2011. If weather is good, pictures will be outside, if not, pictures will be inside. Your team's photo time will be communicated once the schedule is established. If you have any question please contact Gerry Brust at gbrust@carboncopydigital.com.

- **Contacts**
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 - Kristina and Henrik Hansen (hansen.kk@gmail.com)
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