



## 2011 Welcome Letter

Now that you have successfully registered, you are ready to get all the info!

First of all, we would like to welcome you to the “sista-hood” and let you know how thrilled we are to be heading into our ninth season. We have several bits of information so you know what to expect in the coming weeks before the season begins.

The season will start at the beginning of May. We don’t receive the schedule of fields from the city till the end of April, but we’ll post the schedule as soon as we can. We will not schedule any games on the long weekends. There will be no games on Victoria Day weekend, Canada Day weekend, Civic Holiday weekend and Labour Day weekend. The regular season will run to the end of August. The year end tournament will be after that – we just don’t know because we can’t book it through the city quite yet. Once the schedule is made, you will be notified by email and can download it from the website.

There will be maps to the fields available on our website. The season will begin with round robin play for 6 six games. After the first six games, all leagues will be divided into two pools, (dependant on league size). The regular season will then begin and the games will “count” towards the play offs after the pools have been divided.

Our goal is fun first, so we like to highlight the importance of this with the Sissy of the Game nomination. For those of you who are new to us this season, this is an award held in high esteem. For every game played, each team will nominate one player from their team to be the Sissy. This individual will have best exemplified a positive attitude and encouraging spirit during the game. This is not necessarily the most skilled player on the team. At the end of the season, the nominations are tallied and one player from each team wins an award. She who has the most fun wins!

There will be a captain and coaches meeting held at Stoney Creek Baptist Church in April. Captains will be notified by email on the date and time. It will be roughly two weeks prior to the season opener. It is imperative that the captains (and coaches if your team has one), from each team be at this meeting or send a representative. This is when a lot of critical information is given out, as well as all the team equipment, including balls, net, clipboard, jerseys etc. More information will be given out once we know who the captains are.

By the middle of March, you will be receiving your team roster by email. This has the name and phone number of each person on your team. If you haven't received this information by two weeks prior to your season opener, please contact us.

Our insurance coverage requires that each player have soccer cleats (not runners) and shin guards for every game. It is imperative that you have your equipment for each game or you will not be allowed to play.

We just want to make it very clear that the only charities or fundraising that we, as a league, ask you to take part in is for the London Crisis Pregnancy Centre, and the donation of your jerseys to go overseas at the end of the season. If you are approached by another charity or individual from the league about fundraising for other soccer leagues, teams or charities, it is not from us. Feel free to give where you see fit, but please know that we do not ask for any additional money or donations other than the above-mentioned organizations.

### **Sistas In Soccer Mission Statement**

It is the goal of Sistas In Soccer to provide a place for women of all ages to play the game of soccer in a fun and recreational setting, to meet new people, to get some exercise and to do it in a manner that is both kind and cordial to all other members of the league. Our mission is *not* to fundraise, create a competitive atmosphere, to cause harm or to undermine other players or leagues.

Every year we have made changes to the league as it has stretched and grown. We have really appreciated the continued support of you, our players and want to continue to offer a fun soccer experience at the recreational level.

Sincerely,  
Sistas Erin and Chris