



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 fourth season. This year, the theme is (drum roll, please...), herbs and spices! We have had a lot of fun creating the team jerseys and names. Think about cheering this one...Go Poultry Seasoning!

We have several bits of information so you know what to expect in the coming weeks before the season begins.

The season will start May 15th. We'll post the season schedule on the website 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 and the Civic Holiday weekend. The regular season will run to the end of August 21st. The year-end tournament will be August 27th and 28th. Once the schedule is made, you will be notified by email and can download it from the website.

All games will be played on the stadium fields at Mic Mac Park on Sunday afternoons. These fields are absolutely gorgeous. Since we are playing on city fields this year, each captain will be given one net. Captains, please never leave after your game without bringing a net home with you.

One other change for this season is we will be splitting the league into two pools after the July 1st holiday weekend. So, the first schedule that will be posted will go until June 26th. After that time, the top half of the league will play each other and the bottom half will play each other. All team stats will go back to zero for the start of the new schedule. The reason for this change is the league is now big enough to allow us to divide. By dividing the league, the teams you play for most of the season will be the teams that are your closest matches. Please note!!! This is not to separate the recreational from the competitive teams. This just allows all teams to play against teams of similar skill level, keeping it fun and challenging for everyone.

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 on May 1st at 4pm. Captains will be notified by email about the location. 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, socks, jerseys etc. More information will be given out once we know who the captains are.

By the end 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.

National Sports stores in Windsor are offering a discount to all Sistas. Just let them know you are a Sista when you are checking out. The discount is not limited to just soccer related goods.

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,
Teri-Lynn and Debbie
League Conveners