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From the President

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a wonderful 2012 soccer season. With the start of a new season we want to make you aware of the changes that are coming ... new uniforms and the inclusion of indoor training in your soccer registration fees.

Northern Lights Soccer Club has always strived to keep our registration fees low and affordable for everyone. With that in mind, we would like to make you aware of some new additional fees that we will incur. We will now be charged field set up fees by both the cities of Ramsey and

Anoka (we have approximately 24 fields) and we will also now be charged for the paint for field striping (fields are striped weekly). We anticipate these changes will cost the club a projected increase of \$7,000.00 for the 2012 season.

Northern Lights Soccer Club has not raised our registration fees in over 5 years and we are striving to keep your costs at an affordable level. We do anticipate a slight increase for the 2013 soccer season. The soccer club is looking into ways to offset these costs and will make you aware of

any developments.

Again, Northern Lights Soccer Club is a community based club and will do everything we can to keep prices low and affordable. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or any of our board members.

Regards,

Bret Fields

President

Northern Lights Soccer Club

(763) 286-1195

Registration Update

Winter training is fast-approaching along with a reminder to parents to make your registration payments.

Players must be registered in the Northern Lights Soccer Club system and have made their initial \$75 installment payment in order to participate in winter training. That \$75 not only secures your child's spring/summer roster spot, it covers their insurance through the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association.

If for some reason you are unable to make the initial \$75 payment prior to the start of winter training please contact the club registrar immediately at registrar@northernlightsoccer.org.

To make a payment: [click here](#).

Important Dates

Soccer Committee Meetings

Sunday, January 8th 2012

7-9 pm

Sunday, February 12th 2012

7-9 pm

Central Park Building

ARAA Board Meetings

Sunday, January 29th 2012

6-9 pm

Sunday, February 26th 2012

6-9 pm

Central Park Building

Miscellaneous

Coaches Curriculum

Saturday, June 30th 2012

Time and location TBA

Super Soccer Saturday

Saturday, June 30th 2012

Recreational Update



Happy Holidays to everyone. The soccer season is fast approaching and I am very excited for it. There are a few changes that are being implemented into the Rec Soccer program this upcoming season that I would like to cover for everyone.

In the past we have gone with a 2 year format for the age groups (i.e. U6, U8, U10 & U12). Due to the growth of our Recreation program, we will be changing to a single age

group through U8 (U4, U5, U6, U7, U8). The U10 & U12 age groups will stay the same, with the U10's made up of 8 & 9 year olds and the U12 Coed being made up of 10 & 11 year olds.

While the growth of our program made this change necessary, it is a positive change that will allow the players to train and play with others at their own age level. Northern Lights Soccer is committed to providing a safe and fun environment

for the players to train and develop their soccer and social skills. By making the changes mentioned above, we are taking another large stride in creating that environment.

Hope to see you all on the Soccer Fields this Spring.

Regards,

Joe Helback

Northern Lights Recreational Director

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I have had many questions about switching colors to maroon, as for now we are going to stay with green for the next two years.

Uniform Update

We are excited to have a new uniform style for the next two years, Most have had the chance to see them at the uniform sizing. If you have missed sizing, we are not sure if we are going to have another date . You may want to ask a similar size player on the team to see what size they are getting and go with that. This is going to a two year uniform so

please keep that in mind when updating the size on-line.

I have had many questions about switching colors to maroon, as for now we are going to stay with green for the next two years. There is a poll on the Northern Lights Soccer web page to vote for the color you would like. If we do switch it will be in two years.

Any questions email me at Uniforms@northernlightsoccer.org

Thank you,

Jason George

Apparel and Uniform Director
Northern Lights Soccer Club

Committee Member Bio's



Sarah Boyum
Registrar

I began as registrar for the Northern Lights Soccer Club in March of 2011 and have been loving it ever since. My new role allows me not only to work with board members but to meet coaches, parents and players. I enjoy learning about our members and sharing information about our fantastic club.

I first started with the Northern Lights Soccer Club when my

son wanted to do more than kick the ball around the field; he wanted to be part of a real team, jerseys and all. We searched for clubs in our area and decided on Northern Lights because of its recreational program – we wanted him to be able to focus on skill development as well as game play and Northern Lights seemed like the perfect fit.

When I'm not focused on soccer I like to camp, decorate, entertain and spend time with my family. I have been married to my husband Mark for 12 wonderful years and we have two children, Nicholas, age 6 and Liam, six months. In my professional life I run my own freelance writing business and I work for various magazines and newspapers across Minnesota.

I started my volunteer career with NLSC in the spring of 2007 as a recreational soccer coach. My oldest daughter Ella began her playing career at the age of three in the NLSC recreational program. I joined the NLSC board in the spring of 2008 and volunteered to be the Recreational Soccer Director, and continued that role for three years, ending before the spring season of 2011. My current position which started in the fall of 2011 is Webmaster. In this position, I manage the website for www.northernlightsoccer.org. I currently have two girls in the NLSC program. Ella, now 8 is a

member of the U9 girls maroon traveling team Chaos, and Reese, now 4 is going to be starting her 3rd year of the Recreational program. I currently hold an "E" coaches license, and actively coach both of my girls. My life consists of my two girls, and my wife Cari. I currently work for The Trane Company (HVAC) as an Engineer. In my spare time I play hockey during the winter months, and compete in triathlons during the summer months. I love to get feedback on the website, so if you have any ideas, shoot me an email at webmaster@northernlightsoccer.org.



Josh Christoff
Webmaster

Winter Training Update



This winter, Northern Lights S.C. has introduced two new programs for all our players. As most of you know, all our Competitive program players will be training at the new MN Kings Dome this winter. Although winter training can typically cost upwards of \$150 per player, the club was able to provide this training at no extra cost. This allows all our players to train over the winter without incurring extra costs and gives them a competitive advantage of those teams who do not train over the winter.

The winter training will be led our club trainers and we will be working not only to improve the development of our players but also the knowledge and coaching ability of all our coaches. Team coaches will be taking part in each session, as-

sisting the professional trainer, and will lead every third session under the guidance of their trainer. It is important all the players and coaches take advantage of working with these highly experienced, nationally certified trainers. For NLSC to remain a competitive club, we must continue to provide all our players with more training opportunities as well as continuing to develop our own pool of coaches. Hopefully everyone will enjoy the training experience in the MN Kings Dome this winter and someday we'll have our own local facility to use.

This year we have also started a winter Little Lights Rec training program. This program is for our youngest players who want to play during the winter in a challenging and fun indoor environment. I'm thrilled to be able to start up this new program and we hope to expand it even more next winter to provide more opportunities for our youngest players.

We also have the second season of the Friday Night Futsal League, with

12 teams participating this winter. This indoor league, started last year, allows our players to hone their skills in a fast-paced, competitive game of Futsal. Started in South America, Futsal has been recognized as a key component to the development of some of the top players in the world and has is used as part of the training regimen for both youth and professional players.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for our summer 2012 programs, which will be released soon. We will be once again holding our Summer Rec Camp and our Travel Team Camp, both hold in June. Our inaugural Little Lights Rec Camp was a huge success last summer and we are bringing back many of the same trainers to work with the players again.

Regards,
Michael O'Reilly
Director of Coaching
Northern Lights Soccer Club
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ARAA)

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Northern Lights Soccer Club was formed in 1985 and our mission is to provide quality recreational and competitive soccer programs for youth ages 4 to 19 in the communities of Andover, Anoka, Coon Rapids, Elk River, Nowthen, Ramsey and surrounding areas. Our soccer programs are affiliated and regulated by Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA), United States Youth Soccer (USYS) and we are a division of Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association.

Northern Lights Soccer Club, celebrating it's 25th year in 2010, is dedicated to bringing a high level of soccer to the youth in the Anoka, Ramsey, Andover, Coon Rapids and surrounding area. We focus on training our players to become quality players while gaining lifelong lessons and experiences. We are committed to developing strong community relationships with our players, families and community businesses and organizations. We are continuing to grow and develop winning teams over time, without compromising our beliefs and values.

Committee Members

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