

# Little People Press

News From Brant County Recreational Soccer Inc.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back to all our coaches, players and to all those who are new to our soccer family. We are hoping for another successful year with our soccer organization and we can only achieve this with all of your help.

We still have the same rules that apply as previous years, which means no jewelry is to be worn on the field for the safety of not only your own child but for that of the other children playing. All hats with a peak are to be worn backwards and no sunglasses, if glasses must be worn it would be best if they were sports glasses.

We ask that all parents and coaches please set an example of fair play for the kids by following the rules set forth in the constitution which has been given to each of your coaches or can be found on our website. Please read it so that there is no confusion as to how our league operates so we can all have a productive and fun season for the kids, yourselves & the pure pleasure for our executive who enjoys watching you & your kids have the best summer in a sport that is growing in our community. We hope we will continue to grow in great strides for you and all who will come along after you as well.

If anyone has any concerns please do not wait until the end of the season to bring it to our attention as we wish to take care of these issues early so that the rest of the season is a joy for all of you.

Thanks to all of you from all of us, the executive, and may you all have a kicking season.

The president  
**Drew Campbell**

Visit our web site at [www.soccerforlittlepeople.ca](http://www.soccerforlittlepeople.ca) and you can email the soccer league at [info@soccerforlittlepeople.ca](mailto:info@soccerforlittlepeople.ca) to request information.



## FUNDRAISING

During the season the league will be fundraising. We will be selling flavored popcorn again as everyone seemed to like that. There will be a prize for the team that sells the most popcorn. We appreciate all your help with this to keep our registration costs down for future soccer players



Each year we put on special clinics for our coaches and referees. The purpose of the clinics is to teach the coaches the basics of soccer and how to work with the young players. It teaches the referees our rules and how to deal with different situations.

The coach's clinic will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Pauline Johnson Collegiate gymnasium from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The talk and question period will be held first and the basic skills session will follow. Equipment can be picked up after the skills session is complete. We feel the coach's clinic is very important as it deals with questions and answers regarding the upcoming season and what is expected of them in special circumstances. It also shows the coaches what to teach these young players.

The referee's clinic will also be held May 6<sup>th</sup> at Pauline Johnson Collegiate in the cafeteria. It will run from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In this session we will cover possible situations during a game and there will be a written exam. You must attain 65% in order to referee. You must register in advance for this clinic.

## SAFETY

*The league strongly recommends the use of shin pads for all players. The protection these shin pads give has been proven.*

*Most sporting goods stores or major retailers have shin pads available.*

**MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS HIS/HER SHINS PROTECTED FROM THOSE BRUISES AND SCRAPES!!!**

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# FUNDAY<sup>Page 4</sup> 2017

Funday will start off with regularly scheduled games throughout the day with each team playing a team they have never played before. After each set of games there will be presentations for all the players and coaches.

Over the last several years we have had a pizza day as part of the Funday activities. Coaches and players are invited to sit around at the field and enjoy themselves with the pizza, drinks and chips that are handed out after the presentations.

Schedules and further information will be handed out to the coaches after the 8th set of games are played. This is done to try to make the games on Funday even.

This is also the time when the coaches are required to hand in all their equipment.

## For Your Information

A parent or adult must accompany players to all games and practices for the entire season. The coaches are not baby sitters for your children.

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## WANTED

### COACHES & REFEREES

Each year the league looks for teenagers (must be at least 15 years old) and parents who are interested in coaching. The amount of time required for this is minimal. Coaches are required to arrange practice times for their weekly practice and be available for the games to coach the players on the field. You are not required to set up nets or corner flags as all the fields are prepared by the executive. The one thing we do require because of the age of the players is that you get along well with small children.

For the coaches there are directors and a head coach to assist you with any concerns you have. There is also a free coaching clinic for all the coaches.

Interested persons are requested to register at registration time. There is an information sheet at the registration table to fill out. Any parents who wish to coach will have their son/daughter on that team unless specified otherwise.

Teenagers who are interested in refereeing may register at registrations. We accept people as young as 11 years old for positions on our refereeing staff. Certain responsibilities are associated with the job.



The league plays all its games on Saturday mornings. They start at 9:00 a.m. and the last set starts at 11:20 a.m. No games are held on long weekends.

Below is a list of tentative dates that the league has set for the 2017 season.

May 27	July 8
June 3	July 15
June 10	July 22
June 17	July 29
June 24	Aug. 12

Final games of the season will be played on August 19<sup>th</sup>. (Funday)

Coaches will be contacting their players sometime after May 6<sup>th</sup> as they will not receive their equipment and team lists until then.

Rained out games are rescheduled by the league and this information is forwarded to the coaches. We may play in light rain.

***Any rescheduled games will be played on Sunday mornings.***



## PICTURES

Each year the league arranges for individual pictures. We will be holding picture day on June 10<sup>th</sup> to ensure that a majority of the players are available. For the past 28 seasons we have had The Northlight Studio take our pictures. Northlight offers several packages to choose from.

Picture day is held early in the schedule. The team pictures are made up of the individual pictures taken. It is imperative that the players are on time for their scheduled session so the games can be started on time. **For the parents who prefer not to order a package, we request that your child has their picture taken (no cost to the parent) so the team picture will be complete for the rest of the team and the sponsor.** The League makes sure that the coach, sponsor and league each receive a copy of the picture.

There are games following the player's picture time so the exact game time may be affected on this day and the coaches will be informed.

Further information on picture times will be on the picture forms handed out to the coaches at the first game of the season.