

Holt Athletic Association Spring Soccer 2010
WELCOME PARENTS

Welcome to the Holt Athletic Association Soccer Program. We hope that this season will be enjoyable for you and your child. We participate in soccer as a member of the Durham County Youth Soccer League.

This league is comprised of teams from Holt Athletic Association, Northern Junior Athletic Association and Oak Grove. Each team will play 10 games. Information on field locations will be available prior to the start of the season. Our season will start April 10th and run for approximately 6 weeks. Each team will play two games per week. Games will be played on weekday nights (Monday through Thursday and Friday if needed) and week-ends (Saturday and Sunday if necessary). Each week most teams will have one game on a week night and one game on the weekend. The game schedules will be available the week of March 22nd. We will hold evaluations on Saturday, February 27th. In case of rain make ups will be February 28th. Teams will be selected the week of March 1st and practice will begin the week of March 8th. Once the teams have been selected your child's coach will contact you with the practice time. **At the end of the season all players in the 5-6 age group only will receive trophies.**

Important: The only cleats allowed will be plastic/rubber cleats. **Metal cleats will not be allowed.** All cleats will be checked before games, any player's with the wrong cleats will be asked to change their cleats or they will not be allowed to play. Each player must have shin guards. Shin guards must cover your child's shins. Socks must cover the shin guards and both must be the same color. Also, parents will be asked to stay 10 feet back from the sidelines and between the two penalty boxes, parents will not be allowed beside the penalty box or behind the goal. This area will be marked at all fields.

Important Rules: Any Coach or Parent ejected from a game will be required to leave the property. Any Parent or Coach ejected twice will be banned from all games for the remainder of the season. 2) Coach or parent ejected can not come to next game or to the field.

Rain: In case of inclement weather please call our weather hotline at 789-7778. We will update the hotline to let you know if practices/games are cancelled.

COACHES/PLAYERS CLINIC

This year Holt and NJAA will be teaming up with Triangle United Soccer Association. Triangle United is out of Chapel Hill and is associated with the North Carolina Youth Soccer (NCYSA). They have teams at the Premier, Classic, and Challenge levels. Triangle United will be running a coaches clinic on March 6th at 9:00 AM (mandatory for all coaches) and a coaches/players clinic immediately following.

In addition, Triangle United will be running a Players Camp during Spring Break (April 6-9). The camp will run from 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon each day. Camp for 5/6's will run from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM each day. There will be a fee for the camp. At this time the fee structure has not been established. But please check back with us if you are interested.

COACHES ARE NEEDED

Coaches are needed for each age group. Please sign up to coach your child's team. No experience is necessary. This is an opportunity to spend time and have fun with our children. If we do not have enough coaches to sign up we will select the teams and let the parents of each team pick their own coaches.

REFEREE'S ARE NEEDED

We are looking for teenagers 16 years or older who are interested in learning to be a soccer referee. If you have a child who is interested please contact Kurt Churchill (730-0528) or David Dellinger (477-2996).

NEW RULES

1. Any player receiving three (2) yellow cards will receive an automatic 1 game suspension. Hard red card or two yellow cards and a player must sit the next game. Player must come to the next game dressed and sit on the bench. If player does not show must sit the next game until they have sat out a game on the bench.
2. Coach or parent ejected can not come to next game or to the field.

3. Two yellow cards, and the coach will sit out a game.
4. All earrings must be covered by an adhesive bandage. Clear scotch tape will not suffice.
5. Any child playing with a cast must submit a doctor's note to the official prior to the game stating that they can play. Submission of the doctor's note will be required prior to each game. In addition, the case must have bubble wrap or the cast must be soft to be eligible to play.

WEB SITE

Please visit our web site www.holtssports.org for information on rules. The game schedules will be placed on the web site as soon as they are available. Please also check the Web site for cancellations due to weather.

EVALUATIONS SCHEDULE

EVALUATIONS	DAY	DATE	TIME	PLACE	BALL SIZE
Ages 5 & 6	Saturday	February 27	9:00 AM	Old Farm	3
Boys					
Ages 7 & 8	Saturday	February 27	10:30 AM	Old Farm	3
Girls					
Ages 7 & 8	Saturday	February 27	10:30 AM	Old Farm	3
Boys					
Ages 9 & 10	Saturday	February 27	12:00 PM	Old Farm	4
Girls					
Ages 9 & 10	Saturday	February 27	12:00 PM	Old Farm	4
Girls					
Ages 11 to 13	Saturday	February 27	1:30 PM	Old Farm	5
Boys					
Ages 11 & 13	Saturday	February 27	1:30 PM	Old Farm	5
Co-Rec					
Ages 14 to 17	Saturday	February 27	3:00 PM	Old Farm	5

AGES ARE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2010.

ELIGIBILITY – Players who are on the current roster of a middle or high school team are eligible. Players playing on a classic or challenge team are also eligible.

The evaluation process is an attempt to evaluate your child's skills in order to try to evenly distribute the talent among all teams. Please make every effort to have your child present for the evaluation at their scheduled time.

FINAL COMMENTS

Remember that the games are for the children. We (board members, coaches and officials) are all here to provide your child with a safe environment to obtain a positive experience with soccer. Your child is part of a team and that team depends on their participation in games as well as practice. You can help ensure that your children have a good experience by encouraging them. When they make a good play, tell them so. Don't dwell on the bad plays or the fact that your child's team lost. Find something positive to say about your child's play and team. Spend some time practicing with your child. You will enjoy it!

Any questions email us at haasports@nc.rr.com