

November 2007 Newsletter



President's Note

It is hard to believe that we are a week away from Thanksgiving and the start of the Holidays. Our fall season concluded with great success, HC Storm teams represented our club extremely well and our U18 Boys team made it to the quarterfinals of the State Cup competition. Congratulations to each team on a successful fall season. Many of our teams are playing Indoor and/or Futsal during the winter months to continue their training and development and we wish them the best success.

We have begun preparations for the Spring Outdoor season and summer 2008. The Board met with our coaches this month to discuss options and to make sure we are ready for another successful season. We are organizing and planning several activities and planning for further development within our club. One of the most exciting plans is the addition of a professional training resource within the club. Detailed information will be coming in the next newsletter, but we are currently negotiating to have an experienced professional coach/trainer available to our entire club next year.

As you will see in this newsletter, we are looking for a volunteer to help us on the board; we also need a number of volunteers to help us with various committees and to handle ad hoc activities that come up within the club. If you are able to fill a board position or are available to help with other activities, please send me an email (president@hcstorm.org) and let me know your availability.

Open Board Position - Director of Fields

With the growth of our club, the management of fields can no longer be a one-person role. The Director of Fields will be a single board position, but this person will head a committee of volunteers to help with the maintenance and management of our fields. The top priority for our Director of Fields is to coordinate the striping (line painting) on our fields during each season. Typically each field needs to be striped 4-6 times per season. The club will pay \$20 per field per striping and the Director of Fields will coordinate the assignments and finding those interested in doing this service. Secondly, our local communities and the Nebo School district have been great to work with us and allow us access to their fields at very reasonable costs. We need a group of people to make sure we take full advantage of these resources and care for them completely. The Director of Fields and committee will see that each of the fields is properly painted and maintained. They will organize work parties (with parent and player volunteers) to go in and do simple patch or repairs (removing rocks, filling holes, etc), they will organize volunteers to make sure we keep trash picked up and that we make our fields the best they can be. The Director of Fields will also make sure that each field has the necessary equipment (goals, nets etc) and that they are in good repair. We want visiting teams to be awestruck by the quality of our players and the fields they play on!

Coaching E License Clinic

This month we will hold an E License clinic at the Springville Junior High School. Coaches or parents who are interested in coaching can attend this clinic. The cost is \$60 per person and includes 18 hours of instruction. The course will be held Nov 26-28-30 (MWF) from 6pm to

9pm and on Dec 1 (Sat) from 9am to 3pm. You need to attend all classes in order to receive your E License. For more information about this clinic please visit the UYSA website at www.uysa.org . An E License is required for head coaches of AA competition teams and is strongly encouraged for assistant coaches too. Those who complete the course and commit to coaching at least 1 year for the HC Storm will be reimbursed the cost of clinic.

Referees Needed

As we mentioned last month, the explosion of soccer in Utah County has created a serious need for qualified referees. We are planning to host a referee certification clinic in January and would like to have as many new certifications as possible. Once you are certified, you can referee district soccer games. It is a great way to earn some extra money and to support the greatest game on earth. Parents it is also a great way to get a better understanding of the game and to share the sport with your player. Referees earn between \$15 and \$40 per game officiated.

Sportsmanship and Respect

The issue of sportsmanship and respect for the game continues to be a topic of concern at the UYSA and District 5 meetings. During the October District 5 Board meeting, reports were given of incidents involving extreme verbal abuse and threats of physical abuse directed at referees. In an effort to stem this tide of poor sportsmanship and to help all of us have a great experience, District 5 is considering the implementation of a "Sportsmanship Coordinator" for each team. This would be a parent volunteer (or multiple volunteers) who at each game would identify themselves to the referee (pre-game) as the designated person to help with unsportsmanlike fans on their team. This idea is being discussed and considered, please send me any thoughts you have about how we can make sure that our referees are able to call a fair game and not feel threatened or intimidated by fans that are out of control.

As mentioned last month, HC Storm continues to have a great reputation for sportsmanship and we want to proudly continue that tradition.

Spring Family Night and Skills Competition Planned

In an effort to recruit additional players to our club and to expand awareness of the HC Storm program, we are planning a skills competition that will culminate with our Annual Family Night event. We are seeking volunteers to be on the committee and help us organize this event. If you are interested in helping on this committee please send an email to Barbara Wilson (fundraising@hcstorm.org) or to me (president@hcstorm.org). This event will be a great showcase for our club and to help us involve more players and families in our program.

Contributions are Welcome

If you have some information or ideas to make our club a better experience, please don't hesitate to submit that information directly to me (president@hcstorm.org) or to any of the club board members. Together we can make this a premier soccer program.

Regards,
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