



MENTOR SOCCER CLUB

A CLUB, A COMMUNITY, A FAMILY

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The DOC Is In - with Jim Buchan

Hi Mentor Family,

I hope your Thanksgiving was a good one. Just an update on our U15 Boys and Girls teams, so far our teams are almost complete, but there are still spots available. If interested, contact Missy Read at wave@mentorsoccerclub.com.

We as a Club strive to improve our players at every game or training session. I have seen a few futsal training sessions and it seems to be a very good way to improve our footskills. So much so, that I have enrolled our U11 girls into it as an experiment. Futsal is a Brazilian game played on a basketball sized court, with a small ball that is harder and does not bounce much. I'll keep you informed on how it goes.

The indoor Friday Night Lights is almost finished, as is our GK sessions, but look for them to begin again next session. Well I hope you all have a great Christmas as I journey over the border to the beautiful city of Vancouver, BC. Hope Santa has a passport, lol.

Happy Holidays,
Jim
DOC Mentor Soccer



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Happy Holidays to our MSC Family!

MSC Apparel Sale at Heisley!

Mentor Soccer Club will be holding an apparel sale Saturday December 21st, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm at Heisley Indoor Soccer Center. There will be a very limited selection of Wave and MSC hoodies and T-shirts as well as car magnets. Come get your last minute soccer gifts. Cash or checks only.

MSC 4v4 Indoor Soccer Festival

When: March 28-30, 2014

Where: Heisley Indoor Soccer Center

Questions or to sign your team up: Contact Melissa

Read at soccer22mom22@yahoo.com

Cost: \$150 per team

Mentor Soccer Club will be hosting their Third Annual 4v4 Indoor Soccer Festival again in March of 2014. This is a fun filled, fast paced small sided soccer festival for all teams age U8 and up. Game format is 4v4 with 12 minute games. There will be MSC and Wave apparel for sale, a Chinese auction and a giant prize board. Winning teams are awarded trophies and all teams get at least 3 games.

We are currently taking sponsorship donations for the Festival. If you or your company would like to donate a prize for the Prize Board, contact Melissa Read at soccer22mom22@yahoo.com

PFC-Wave's New Look

The new PFC-Wave U15 boys and girls team will be unveiling their 2014 home and away kits soon. The kits feature a cutting edge Puma design in red and black. These beautiful kits are available for PFC-Wave players to order online. PFC-Wave players will receive a link to get to the ordering site in mid December.



Rec Spring Registration Opening Jan 1, 2014

For those that did not sign up for the Fall season of Rec Soccer, you can still sign up to play in the Spring season. Registration for the Spring season opens on January 1, 2014. There are limited spots open in some age groups and waiting list in others. To register, go to www.mentorsoccerclub.com.

Soccer Scarves, What's Up With Them?

I know I'm not the only one wondering about the *scarves* footie fans love to wear. There's no better way to show your love for your favorite team (go Italia!) than with a scarf sporting your country's colors. But where did this phenomenon come from? The answer: Great Britain.

Team scarves first appeared in Britain in the early 1900s. They were designed to allow fans to stay warm in the winter without sacrificing their team spirit. The original soccer scarves were striped, alternating the team's colors. This style is still the most popular in the UK and Australia. Then came the addition of the club crest and team name, followed by scarves decorated with team slogans and pictures of popular players. Now the possibilities are endless. Scarves are made for important matches, championships and rivalries.

Whether it's winter or summer, whether the match is in Europe or Mentor, scarves are essential for any soccer fan. The ultimate accessory, they are not just for function and fashion. Scarves have become a part of pre-game tradition. Fans will raise their scarves above their heads, creating a scarf wall and a sea of their club's colors, while singing their team's anthem. USA fans, this makes you want to put down your foam finger and get an American scarf doesn't it?



So what would a scarf for our Wave teams or Mentor Soccer Club look like? Here are a couple of front and back ideas, pretty cool, huh?



MSC Looking for Rec Coaches

Mentor Soccer Club relies on volunteer coaches for our Rec Division. Our age groups were full for the Fall season, and we would like to be able to open up more teams in the Spring for kids that want to play, but did not sign up in the Fall. To do this, we need more volunteer Rec coaches. You don't need to be a former player or an expert in soccer. We hold a training class before the season to get you up to speed and supply you with the necessary practice items like cones and pinnies. If you would be interested in becoming a coach, and your child's hero, contact Amy Myers at Rec@mentorsoccerclub.com.

USA Draws Tough Group for World Cup

The US Men's National Team was slotted into Group G for the 2014 World Cup to be held in Brazil. Joining the US in the "Group of Death" are Germany, Portugal and Ghana. Ghana has knocked the US out of the last two World Cups! Germany is always one of the top teams in the world and Portugal showcases Cristiano Ronaldo. It will be a tough task for the US to be one of the top two teams to advance out of the group and into the round of 16. The World Cup kicks off in June. Here are all the groups for the most popular sporting event in the world.

Groups

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
1 BRA	1 ESP	1 COL	1 URU
2 CRO	2 NED	2 GRE	2 CRC
3 MEX	3 CHI	3 CIV	3 ENG
4 CMR	4 AUS	4 JPN	4 ITA
GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
1 SUI	1 ARG	1 GER	1 BEL
2 ECU	2 BIH	2 POR	2 ALG
3 FRA	3 IRN	3 GHA	3 RUS
4 HON	4 NGA	4 USA	4 KOR

10 Things Parents of Athletes Should Know

1. It's not about you, it's about them. Do not live your own sports dreams through your kids. It's their turn now. Let them make their own choices, both good and bad.
2. Never talk to a coach about your child's play time after a game. Actually you never should. You should have your kid do that. That said, if you just can't help yourself, send an email the next day and ask for some phone time.
3. NEVER yell at referees. They are trying. How would you like it if someone came to your job and screamed at you? Not. So. Much. If you have a real issue, file a grievance the next day.
4. Do NOT coach your kid from the sideline. Your job is to be a cheerleader, not a coach. If you wanted to coach, you should have volunteered.

5. It is EXTREMELY UNLIKELY you are raising a professional athlete. I promise you. Relax, let them have a good time and learn the lessons they are supposed to be learning in sports.
6. Kids should play the sport that is in season until they are in middle school. Then they can decide which one or two sports they want to play and become more focused. Cross training prevents injuries and burnout.
7. If you have nothing nice to say, sit down and be quiet. Don't be "that" parent.
8. If you are losing your mind on the sideline of game, it's time to look in the mirror and figure out why. It's not normal to care that much about sports. Put that energy into something more productive.
9. Let them fail. Forgotten equipment, not working out, not practicing at home? Let them suffer the consequences of that. It will make them better.
10. Your kids are watching you. Make them proud not embarrassed.

Mentor Soccer Club and Wave Spiritwear for the Holidays!

Soccer.com has opened its new MSC Wave Spiritwear Online shop. Check it out at this link for some of the coolest Wave gear available:

MSC WAVE SPIRITWEAR

Mentor Soccer Club gear with the new Mentor Logo as well as Wave gear is now available at our other Spiritwear shop:

MSC SPIRITWEAR



Twitter Contest Coming – Follow to Win.

Mentor Soccer Club's Twitter account will begin to have some contests. MSC will Tweet out where to find our Tweeter and the first follower to give the secret phrase to him in person will win a prize. Prizes will range from soccer balls to apparel and other soccer items. To start following MSC on Twitter, go to:

https://twitter.com/intent/user?screen_name=mentorsoccer

Follow and Like Mentor Soccer Club online.



Mentor Soccer Club is on Facebook and Twitter! Keep up to date with all the latest team news and announcements as well as having fun and seeing pictures of some of our teams. We would love for you to like our page and post whenever you can. The link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mentor-Soccer-Club/325866336713>



We are also on Twitter. Keep up to date on field closings and other important announcements by following us at:

https://twitter.com/intent/user?screen_name=mentorsoccer

Club Calendar

Jan 1 st	Registration Opens for Spring Rec Season (for those that did not sign up in Fall)
Jan 12 th	Board meeting at Longo's Lakeshore 7pm
Approx Jan 13 th	Second Session of Indoor Starts
March 28-30	MSC 4v4 Indoor Festival
Early April	Outdoor Spring Season starts

Soccer Web Links

Mentor Soccer Club: www.mentorsoccerclub.com

MSC Wave Spirit Wear: http://www.soccer.com/teamGateway.php?club_id=701460&spiritwear=1

MSC Spirit Wear: www.mentorsoccerclub.shopgraphx.com

Ohio Youth Soccer Association North: www.oysan.org

Northern Ohio Girls Soccer League: www.nogsl.com

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