

Kenmore Soccer News

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Updated Indoor Schedules Posted Academy Modification/GK Training and Futsal Begin

With the beginning of 2012, indoor training will ramp up as we increase player preparation for the outdoor season. The training schedules have been updated for every team, and include all indoor sessions through April 2nd. Several teams will be changing their night of training, so please ensure you check the Club web site links under the Teams and Schedules page.

Three other changes will occur:

- Goalkeeping training will begin on Monday January 9th, and will continue for 13 weeks from 6:15-7:30pm at the Epic Center. The Kenmore Soccer Goalkeeping Coach, Mike Idland, will lead these sessions.
- Futsal play will begin during the week of January 9th for players in the Under 12 through Under 16 ages. The schedule will post to the Club web site on January 5th.
- The Under 14 and Above Kenmore Soccer Academy session will be merged with the Under 11 through Under 13 session effective January 11th. This will open up time for Futsal play.

Remember, Epic Center sessions are held regardless of weather, but training sessions, the Academy program, and Futsal play, is cancelled anytime that school is closed due to weather or holidays. In addition, gyms are closed on days where school activities conflict. Hence, the web site schedule may have dates that have been deleted to accommodate those conflicts.

Kenmore Soccer Coach Named High School Coach of the Year

Mike Thoin, the Varsity Boys Coach at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, and coach of the Kenmore Express women's team, was recently named as the High School Coach of the Year for the 2011 season.



Mike is a long-time coach in our community, having coached hundreds of players, and having led teams to championships in virtually every age group. His success on the field has been exceeded by the positive impact he has made on the youth of our area. Congratulations Mike, and thanks for all you do in the community.

WPS Retains Top-Tier Sanctioning

Thanks fans for their continued support!

The United States Soccer Board of Directors formally approved Women's Professional Soccer's request for waivers today, clearing the way for the league to play its fourth season in 2012 as the only division one pro women's soccer league in the country.

"We are pleased U.S. Soccer and its Board of Directors acknowledge the significance of Women's Professional Soccer. There is a tremendous amount of potential for growth both for our League and the women's game on a global scale that could have gone unrealized without a fourth season for WPS." "We are thankful to all the organizations, players and fans who showed their unwavering support for WPS during this process, and look forward to further strengthening our role as a leader in the women's game. We are confident that with the combination of our 2012 campaign and a strong performance from our athletes on the international stage [at the Olympic Games], 2012 will mark another milestone year for women's soccer."

The division one sanction approved by the Federation allows the league to operate with the current field of five teams in 2012. The approval was contingent upon the League and its Board of Governors accepting and fulfilling, conditions related to the League's growth and performance in future years. WPS and its teams continue to establish plans for the upcoming season which will open in April of 2012. Looking to build from the swell in attendance in 2011, that included multiple sell-out games and record-setting in-stadium attendance figures, the League's fourth season will feature a five-month schedule pitting teams from current clubs in Atlanta, Boston, Philadelphia, New York/New Jersey and Western New York.

In addition to showcasing another season of world class soccer, the League will continue to work toward establishing a collective bargaining agreement with the WPS Players Union and league expansion which are both instrumental to the League's long-term business plans. Up next for WPS will be the League's annual draft which will be held in January – in conjunction with the annual NSCAA Convention in Kansas City, MO - which brings some of the Nation's top collegiate talent to the professional ranks.

Goalkeeping Training Begins January 9th

Goalkeeping training begins at the Epic Center on Monday January 9th, and will continue for 13 weeks on Mondays from 6:15-7:30pm. Our goalkeeping coach, Mike Idland, will lead each session. Mike is the head women's soccer coach at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, and is a Regional staff goalkeeping coach for the Olympic Development Program.

We are fortunate to have Mike on staff, and encourage all of our goalkeepers to take advantage of his expertise.

Kenmore Soccer Welcomes Bryon Thoin to Coaching Staff

Kenmore Soccer is pleased to welcome Bryon Thoin to our staff. A former standout player at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, and a 4 year starter with the men's team at Fredonia State College where he helped lead his team to the NCAA quarter-finals in 2005, Bryon brings a wealth of experience to our staff. In addition to his extensive playing career, Bryon served as an Assistant Coach at Fredonia State, where he helped lead the Blue Devils to several playoff runs.

Bryon will be coaching the Under 16 Boys Panthers, and is eager to get underway. We are happy to add him to the Kenmore Soccer staff, as we continue to grow the area's finest coaching staff.

National Staff Coach Conducts Clinic for Kenmore Soccer Coaches

On Monday December 19th, Kenmore Soccer hosted a coaching clinic led by USYSA National Staff Instructor Glen Buckley. One of the best clinicians in the country, and the architect of small-sided play for younger age groups. Glen led a 90 minute session designed to demonstrate the use of small-sided training activities to teach critical skills.

Staff from Alliance members Amherst Soccer and Hamburg Soccer were invited to attend, and members of the Under 12 Boys Flames and Strikers served as the player pool for the clinic. Our thanks to everyone who participated in helping coaches gain training insights.

Kenmore Soccer Thanks Mark Schlant

Kenmore Soccer bids farewell to Mark Schlant as he leaves our coaching staff following two years of service. In an era where it is difficult to find volunteers, Mark stepped forward and took over the coaching reigns for the current Under 16 Boys team when the prior coach had to resign to focus on his Medical School studies. We thank Mark for his work, and wish him and his family well for the future.

Trivia Question

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Based on the date the Club was founded, what is the youngest Club currently playing in the English Premier League?

Concussion Symptoms and Management

The increasing awareness of brain injuries due to sports has highlighted a need for players, parents, and coaches to undertake immediate action where the possibility of concussion is present. Here are the steps adopted by youth soccer.

Step 1:

Did a concussion occur?

Evaluate the player and note if any of the following symptoms are present:

- (1) Dazed look or confusion about what happened.
- (2) Memory difficulties.
- (3) Neck pain, headaches, nausea, vomiting, double vision, blurriness, ringing noise or Sensitive to sounds.
- (4) Short attention span (can't keep focused).
- (5) Slow reaction time, slurred speech, bodily movements are lagging, fatigue, and slowly answers questions or has difficulty answering questions.
- (6) Abnormal physical and/or mental behavior.
- (7) Coordination skills are behind, ex: balancing, dizziness, clumsiness, reaction time.

Step 2:

Is emergency treatment needed?

This would include the following scenarios:

- (1) Spine or neck injury.
- (2) Behavior patterns change.
- (3) Loss of consciousness.

Step 3:

If a possible concussion occurred, but no emergency treatment is needed, what should be done now?

Focus on these areas every 5-10 min for the next 1 - 2 hours, without returning to any activities:

- (1) Balance.
- (2) Speech.
- (3) Memory.
- (4) Attention on topics, details.

Step 4:

Players should not re-enter competition, training, or partake in any activities for at least 24 hours. Even if there are no symptoms after 15-20 min, activity should not be taken by the player.

Step 5:

A player diagnosed with a possible concussion may return to US Youth Soccer play only after release from a licensed medical doctor specializing in concussion treatment and management.

Step 6:

If there is a possibility of a concussion, do the following:

- (1) A Concussion Notification Form is to be filled out in duplicate and signed by a team official of the player's team.
- (2) If the player is able to do so, have the player sign and date the Form. If the player is not able to sign, note on the player's signature line "unavailable".
- (3) If a parent of the player is present, have the parent/legal guardian sign and date the Form, and give the parent one of the copies of the completed Form. If the parent/legal guardian is not present, then the team official is responsible for notifying the parent/legal guardian ASAP by phone or email and then submitting the Form to the parent/legal guardian by email or mail. When the parent/legal guardian is not present, the team official must make a record of how and when the parent/legal guardian was notified. The notification will include a request for the parent/legal guardian to provide confirmation and completion of the Concussion Notification Form whether in writing or electronically.
- (4) The team official must also get the player's pass from the referee, and attach it to the copy of the Form retained by the team.

Registering for 2012 with Kenmore Soccer



- Welcome back to our returning players, and welcome to the 54 new players who have joined Kenmore Soccer so far this season.
- Registration for new players remains open for the 2012 season, using the "Join Kenmore Soccer" link at www.kenmoresoccer.com. A few openings remain in several age groups, with the possibility of a few additional teams being formed.
- The basic travel fee for this season is \$150. Teams that move into the new Nike uniform kit will have an additional charge of \$65. This include the Under 10 Boys Thunder, Under 10 Girls Talons, Under 11 Girls Ambush, Under 12 Boys Flames, Under 13 Girls Ambush, Under 13 Boys Lightning, Under 16 Boys Panthers, Under 16 Girls Storm, and Under 19 Girls Talons. Payment for new uniforms is due when they are ordered.
- Kenmore Soccer continues with its policy of not conducting formal try-outs, since we believe that does not allow for coaches, players, and parents to best determine if a team is the "right fit". Instead, we will continue to invite interested new players to attend training sessions to see if Kenmore Soccer is a fit for them. We encourage our existing players to invite interested friends to register on-line, and we will invite them to attend upcoming team training sessions. Questions regarding our programs can be directed to Ken Voght, our Operations Manager, at 837-1627.
- If you know someone interested in joining Kenmore Soccer, please encourage them to register as soon as possible, so that we can quickly finalize the teams we will have, and try to place everyone on an appropriate team.

Trivia Answer - from page 3

Wigan Athletic, which was formed in 1932.



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Submissions Anyone ??????????????

We want this to be your newsletter. We also want you to be a part of the Club web site. So, we are looking for your ongoing input—articles, pictures, match highlights, team and player recognition, etc. Each team should consider having a designee that can channel information to the Club for inclusion in the newsletter or web site.

Send your submissions to us at voght@msn.com. Pictures are welcome, but should be in a jpg or gif format.

Soccer Puzzle

WORDS ABOUT SOCCER

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CLEATS

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FIFA

FOOTBALL

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HAND BALL

HEAD

KICKING

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PENALTY KICK

RED CARD

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RUNNING

SHIN PADS

WORLD CUP

YELLOW CARD

Kenmore Soccer Club Goals

- To be the best club in our community
- To recruit and retain the finest youth soccer coaches in Western New York
- To continually evaluate and revise our coaching curriculum to insure that all of our players are participating in practice sessions that are challenging, interesting, and fun
- To encourage our players to develop healthy and responsible goals of their own

The Kenmore Soccer Club belongs to all of us, and we encourage you to bring your contributions and expertise to the club. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please speak to your child's coach or contact us directly at your convenience.

Fund Raising

The Kenmore Soccer Club is able to conduct fund-raising, but each activity needs to be approved by our Board of Directors.

If your team wants to conduct any fund-raising, just e-mail us at doc@kenmoresoccer.com with the details of what you propose, and the eventual use of the funds raised. We will get back to you promptly.

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