



Spring 2010 Newsletter & Registration

I hope this newsletter finds each of you enjoying your winter!

Enclosed is the registration form for the Spring 2010 Season for the West Hartford Women's Soccer Club. As with last season, we have decided to circulate the form **electronically (e-mail and web site) only** to conserve expenses and trees, so please do not wait for a paper form to arrive in the mail. And PLEASE inform fellow teammates and potential new players that it's time to register. If you require a hard copy, please inform Shannon Perotti immediately; if Shannon isn't contacted, she will not send you a form.

We will again offer two recreational divisions. Division A is open to women age 23 and over as of the first day of the season (generally more experienced players, competitive playoff division in the Spring), and Division B is open to women age 25 and over as of the first day of the season (broader range of experience, no playoffs, no slide tackling, open subbing). Please contact the division coordinators to help determine which division is right for you.

In the Spring season, games are played on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, usually at 5 and 6:30 pm, at Goodrich and Eisenhower fields. We are in the process of determining whether we will be able to use a field other than Eisenhower, but at the moment there are no other options. The season will begin the fourth weekend of April (to be confirmed by the West Hartford Field Coordinator) and will end mid-June (assuming usual registration levels). The registration is due **March 1, 2010** to allow sufficient time for team placement and ordering of equipment and uniforms. As with prior Spring seasons, the Division A teams will conduct a draft, to take place at the pre-season Board of Directors meeting (date/time TBD). Please note: On the registration form, you will be required to indicate whether you currently have a WHWSC uniform to facilitate taking of inventory.

We will again be conducting a Sportsmanship Award contest. Last year, the winners were Light Blue (Division A) and Royal Blue (Division B). The winning teams received bottles of wine in recognition of their excellent collegiality, great attitudes and competitive spirit. I think we all had a great time at Rizzuto's and look forward to another great end-of-season celebration.

Finally – Don't forget about our pre-season clinics! We are presently working to secure coaches for clinics, and we may have an opportunity to train with folks from the Boston Breakers. The clinics usually run the 3 weekends leading up to the opening weekend. Stay tuned!

If you have any questions about league play or anything related to WHWSC, please contact me at 860-830-7768, or by email at epbavier@gmail.com.

See you soon,
Evelyn



OTHER NOTES:

PLEASE DISPLAY SPONSORS' BANNERS!

During the Spring 2009 season, teams should have received large-format, full color banners displaying their sponsors' business names (if your team has a sponsor). **Please note that these banners should be displayed at each of your games!** This approach is used by Little League teams in West Hartford to great success and is also more economically reasonable for the operation of our league, barring increased registration fees and/or a new sponsorship/uniform policy.

If you do not have your banner, please contact Evelyn or Katy. Evelyn also has carabiners that will assist you in hanging the banners. We are also looking into stakes for use at Eisenhower field.

As always, if you have occasion to patronize our sponsors' businesses, please do so and let them know you appreciate their support.

ATTENDANCE POLICY REMINDER:

Please be aware that the bylaws allows Executive Committee action to be taken against a player who fails to attend 2 games without prior notice, or 5 or more games for any reason, with or without notice. Team reps are responsible for keeping the division coordinators aware of such problems. If you are a player, take heed and please do not commit to a team as a rostered player unless you can fully participate. If you are a team rep or coach, feel empowered to speak directly to players with chronic issues, and to act in the best interests of your team by keeping your Division Coordinator involved.

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