

## CENTRAL QUEENS CLIPPERS SOCCER CLUB

### House League Parents Letter 2010

Welcome to all new and returning parents for another soccer season. We hope that this newsletter will be a helpful resource to you. We encourage you to keep it handy for the duration of the soccer season.

As noted in your registration handouts, Central Queens Clippers Soccer Club is a non-profit organization run mainly on the strength of its volunteers and sponsors. Hundreds of children rely on us to provide a well run and happy environment in which they can learn and play soccer. Please help out in any way that you can during the season.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who have worked hard to get the club and fields up and running on time. Our club was built on volunteers and can only succeed to meet today's requirements with your help.

#### ***Thank you, on behalf of the Executive.***

House League includes U4, U6, U8 and U10. Youth League is for the U12 and older players. This year marks a change in U10, as it is the first year that we will have separate teams for the boys and girls.

Also new this year, the club will run an ADL Cheese Fundraiser for the U6, U8 and U10 players will all proceeds going toward Grass Roots Soccer Development and much needed team supplies.

#### ***Important Dates to Remember:***

Saturday July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mini Friendship tournament for U8 and U10 players
July 30, 31, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Central Queens Competitive Tournament for U12 teams and up
Monday August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last night for U4 (Rain date Wed. Aug. 18)
Saturday August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wrap-up day for U6, U8 and U10 from 9 am - 3 pm. Bring a shirt to wear after turning in team jerseys at the end of the day. (Rain date Sun. Aug. 22, 1 - 7pm)

#### ***Questions?***

Please get in touch with any of the coordinators. Your House League Coordinators are:

U4	Tara Deglan-Gallant	tddeglan@edu.pe.ca
U6 and overall House League Coordinator	Lisa Langdale	roman_lisa@yahoo.com
U8	Kellie Andrews	kdandrews@ihis.ca
U10	Monica Simpson	simpsonmonica@hotmail.com

We'd also like to introduce Adam Gallant as our new Soccer Complex Manager. Adam will be helping out with maintenance, tournaments, and Club Complex issues and questions. Please join us in welcoming him to the Club.

#### ***Helpful Information:***

House league begins Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 pm for under 4 (U4), under 6 (U6), and under 8 (U8), and Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 pm for under 10 (U10).

U4 and U6 will play Monday nights only and use Wednesdays as a rain date.

U4 will meet at the field marked BOYLE. U6 will use HAYWARD. U8 will use the New Upper field and the top of BOYLE. U10 will play on HAYWARD and BOYLE close to the Clubhouse.

The U6, U8 and U10 game schedules will be posted on the House League notice board in the clubhouse.

U8 and U 10 will begin practicing twice a week on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at their specified times.

U8 will divide their hour with the first half being skills & drills and the second half hour will be a game.

Monday U10 practices will have players rotating through skills and drills stations with all of the coaches and a game on Wednesdays. This will start the second week of practices.

Cancellation of House League: House League is usually only cancelled in the event of heavy rain or thunder and lightning. Usually time is short for these sorts of cancellations, team coaches will try and call their players. We will also try to place these cancellations on the club website.

Teams may change over the first two or three weeks as the coordinators and coaches evaluate the skill levels, check for even distribution of girls and boys and see what they can do to accommodate player requests. Please explain to your child(ren), so there is no upset.

**Equipment:** Soccer cleats and shin pads are required for all players except U4; soccer cleats are optional for U4 only.  
Knee high socks & shorts – Black for U8 and U10, any color goes for U4 & U6.

Team Jerseys will be issued to all players as a loaner only. Jerseys should not be put in the dryer. Please ensure that all jerseys are returned to the club in good condition at the end of the season. Jerseys that are not returned to the Club add to our operating costs and in turn the fees charged.

Please don't leave your young child(ren) without letting the coach know where you are on the field. Your children need you there in case of injury or bathroom breaks and to see them progress. Our coaches are volunteers and it is not their responsibility to 'babysit'.

PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE SOCCER FIELD OR IN THE CLUB HOUSE. We love pets, but not all children are accustomed to being around animals. For the safety of everyone, your pet included, especially on hot evenings, please leave them at home. This is club policy to be fair to all.

Please park in designated parking areas. There is lots of parking all around the complex. Please leave Route 13 and the driveway clear for emergencies. Handicapped parking spaces are near the clubhouse. Be respectful and do not use them if you do not have a motor vehicle handicapped tag.

The speed limit is no more than 20km/hr anywhere on club grounds. Safety of children is paramount. Please also note that traffic is one-way only after you enter the complex.

Tournaments are busy times for coaches and the executive. We will be calling for extra help from house league parents whose children are participating to make sure that our mini-friendship and wrap-up tournament operate smoothly.

Photos will be coordinated this year by Leah Phillips. She will be in charge of when teams are called aside to do pictures. You will be getting info about team and individual photos soon.

Saying thank you to our sponsors goes a long way to building community spirit and good will. Without our sponsors our club would not be as big or run as well as it does. Please, if you have the opportunity, say thank you to the many generous sponsors you will see recognized on jerseys, equipment, notices at the clubhouse and at tournaments.

***Please refer frequently to the Central Queens Clippers Soccer Club's website for updates and answers:***

**[www.centralqueenssoccer.pe.ca](http://www.centralqueenssoccer.pe.ca)**

Lastly, some of our experienced executive will be fading out, so now would be an ***excellent*** time to come forward and learn a bit about volunteer opportunities with the club executive. It is a lot easier to learn a task when there is someone to show you what is required, than taking it on with no knowledge of the work entailed. ***Please think about it.***

Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, staff and everyone for their cooperation and respect shown toward the club community. Any questions or concerns, please contact your house league coordinator or any executive member. The complete list is on the website.

We wish everyone a great soccer season!