

**Travel Directors Report – May 2010**  
**Jim Wadleigh**

**1. Spring Travel Soccer**

- a. Spring Travel season underway. All teams have begun league play
- b. Sent in Cup registrations and copies of rosters. Question, should coaches be allowed to opt out of Cup play?
- c. All Travel teams minus High School Program participated in the Hartwell Tournament.

**2. Travel Committee**

- a. Travel Committee continues to meet the first Monday of each month at the High School.
- b. Discussion has begun on creating a mission statement for Travel Soccer.
- c. Held Field Assignment meeting at Welles Turner Library. Thanks go to Sandy Gardner, Doug Werner, Bruce Batson, Joe Andrade, Mark Mistretta and Jerilynn Labas for helping.

**3. Other Items**

- a. Responded to hundreds of emails and phone calls
- b. Reviewed and continue to review Survey results for any Travel feedback
- c. Club needs to review Travel player costs. Should we break out the \$300 fee into 2 categories? One that covers uniforms and another all other costs? When do we have this conversation?
- d. Worked as Buckingham Site Coordinator for Hartwell Tournament Weekend
- e. Worked at Irish American Home site on Friday night
- f. Met with MaryKay and Janine to finalize the 2010/2011 Travel fee to be \$300

**4. Fall Tryouts**

- a. Planning has begun
- b. Uniform try on's slated for May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Buttonball school for U9's and new players.
- c. Met with MaryKay, Matt and Rich Williams from SoccerPlus to discuss tryout process.
- d. Tryouts slated for 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks of June and performed by Matt Cameron and SoccerPlus.
- e. Created Web page for Travel related activities. Information will be submitted as finalized.
- f. Need to send out a note to Rec kids and encourage them to tryout even if they have not made teams in the past. There are openings at most age levels for players
- g. Matt and I are defining a coach interview process to take place in the late May and June timeframe
- h. Matt Cameron will cover the tryout process/selection process in his monthly report out.
- i. There will be a Goal Keeper evaluation held on Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>.

- j.** Once the Tryout Process is finalized, I would like to post in the Travel section of the web site.
- k.** Travel team makeup will be one “A” team and 2 “B” teams in the fall as necessary.
- l.** I have created form to be used as part of the Coach evaluation. I wanted to make the request a little more formal then just an email saying they wanted to be a coach. This form will also be on the web site.
- m.** I will need 4 volunteers per session each night of tryouts. Meaning 8 people per night for the two weeks to help validate registrations, check in, give pinnies and checkout.

#### **5. Board Question**

- a.** I would like to put a section in the Travel menu around fees and at a high level what they cover. I would also like to have a comparison to area Travel clubs as well as Premier programs as to what they would pay. There has been some concern in the Survey about the high cost of Travel.
- b.** I would like all board members to participate in the Travel Head Coach Interview process. Board members should be expected to give feedback and approval for Travel Head Coaches.