

Director of Coaching Report
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1. Winter Clinics

- a) All K-3rd grade clinics at Hopewell are sold out (8 players per clinic) with a waitlist for every clinic. Kerry and I decided to increase the numbers to ease the waitlist and have communicated to parents. Numbers for the pre-k clinics are slightly down so the plan is for Monday 4-5pm slot to be made available for another k-1st grade clinic instead.
- b) SoccerPlus are also offering winter clinics to players and their numbers are currently down on ours. Details and bookings are available on Hartwell website.
- c) The vast majority of available slots at Buttonball have been taken by various travel coaches for their teams with only a few slots still available.

2. Coach Education Clinics

- a) SoccerPlus held the initial coach education clinic on Sunday January 9th with Anthony putting on a GK clinic. The clinic was opened up to all travel and rec coaches and I was expecting around 12 coaches to attend.
- b) I have changed the format of the remaining clinics and will now be coaching a group of players from the club with all coaches being invited to attend. This Sunday I will be coaching a group of U9-U10 players made up of several travel teams. This revised format has been circulated to all coaches and received very positively.
- c) Having met with Tim C. last week the plan is to hold a series of clinics for the rec coaches immediately before the start of the season (provisionally the 1st week of March).

3. Scheduling

- a) Following meetings with Sue and Tim as well as with SoccerPlus I am working on both the rec and travel practice schedules for the spring. The main areas for consideration are:
 - All 'rec' teams from K-2nd grade will receive an 'academy' style session lead by the DOC's every other week.
 - 3rd-8th grade teams will receive two sessions over the season with DOC support.
 - All travel teams at the same age to practice on the same field at the same time when working with a DOC and ideally for both weekly sessions
 - All teams will not receive the same amount of sessions with a DOC over the season with the younger teams being offered more sessions
 - SoccerPlus to offer dedicated GK coaching as part of the core curriculum every starting in the spring.

4. Coaching courses & qualifications

- a) 'E' license course confirmed with Oakwood with details as follows:
 - Thursdays March 3, 10, 17 & 24 @ 6:30-10:30pm
 - Costs \$135 per coach
- b) Youth Module course also confirmed with Oakwood with details as follows:
 - Thursday March 31st @ 8:00-10:00pm
 - Thursday April 7th @ 7:00-10:00pm
 - Costs \$65 per coach to be reimbursed by the club
- c) Details of the above courses have been circulated to all coaches with some positive responses.