

Recreation Director's Report
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Spring Season

Registrations in K-8 were just under 1000 this year. We speculate that other spring sports are attracting many of the players with Lacrosse attracting many new players. As usual the girls have much higher numbers than the boys, almost 2-1 in some divisions. High School Registrations are slowly coming in as they do each year. It aint over in that division until the start of the season.

PreK currently at 160 with more on the waitlist. I am working on non-payments first which may hopefully clear the waitlist.

We have not turned off registrations in any of the programs. We will monitor late registrations and once team size is at a max we will put the division on waitlist.

Finalized field plans with Parks and Rec. 1st grade is continuing as 3 v 3 and we needed to reconfigure some of our other fields to accommodate.

Payment due notices sent to all parents in PreK – 8 that have an outstanding balance. We will adhere to No Pay, No Play.

Division Coordinators are actively creating teams, contacting coaches for their practice nights etc... Mary Petrone has been assisting Tim & me by entering the teams into the system.

T-Shirts have been ordered with Recognitions. Soccer Balls have been ordered and received for PreK. We are working with Laura Hecker to order Medical Equipment.

Field readiness. We are making arrangement for gym space wherever we can get it. If the fields are not ready the first weeks in April we would like to provide coaches and players with an alternate solution. We have some gym space reserved, but not much. I have been corresponding with Don Longtin and he said that he will be turning back the gym space around March 20th. We just need to be in contact with Mary Wilbur to snap it up.

Format Change – 1st grade will remain as 3 v3 format, which was strongly recommended by Rich, our DOC and is in line with player development outlined in the SoccerPlus curriculum.

Sponsors

Rec T-Shirt sponsorship goals have been met. A few new sponsors added. The Goddard School will exclusively sponsor PreK this year and Moe's Southwest Grille will exclusively sponsor the High School. Matt's firm MMNT and one our coaches Jennifer Cordier (New England Center for Cognitive Behavioral Therapy & Psychiatry) are our new sponsors in the K-8 division. Giamalis is not returning to allow MMNT a spot and Palmer Associates did not return. Thank you Mary Kay for reaching out to the sponsors who do both Rec and Tournament. Thank you Matt for your speedy turn around to invoice all sponsors.

Coach Training/Parent Education

I am sure Rich will cover this in his report. March 21st will hold a coach meeting at Gideon Welles for all K-8 coaches. Following that, we will hold coach clinics on 3/28,29,30,31. Registrations for the clinics are looking good (48 so far). We do plan to hold the clinics indoors space TBD. Emails have been sent to all fall coaches and we have asked the coordinators to get the information out as well to their coaches, since many are new.

During the first week of training for K-3, Rich will speak to the parents while training is going on to provide some parent education.

Other Business

Parent Code of Conduct – We did reach out to Ray Purtell and he said no to our request to post signs with the Parent Code of Conduct at the fields. His reasoning was that it would be added work for his staff to mow around the signs. We would like to discuss other alternatives.