

RICHARDSON SOCCER ASSOCIATION



Tournament Updates

In December, Richardson Soccer hosted the Tournament of Champions U10 division at Breckenridge Park. Representing RSA at the tournament were the following teams:

U10 Boys – Hornets – Tracy Chumbley / Rob Roys

U10 Girls – Stars – Deedra Schmidt / Trey Sartin

U12 Boys – Twisters – Miguel Heredia

U12 Girls – Fireflies – Jason King / Michael Waid

(U11 team playing up in a U12 bracket!)

U14 Boys – Fireballs – Tim Kline / Bob Nees

U14 Girls – All Stars – Ed Carreno / Mark Baselice

(U13 team playing up in a U14 bracket, and made it to quarter finals!)

U16 Boys – Sharks – Jeremy Chase / Kirby Tschoepe

U19 Boys – Eagles – Michael Tunnell

Thanks to all the teams that represented the association so well in a bitterly cold tournament weekend, and all the volunteers that made this event a success. Special recognition goes to the U11

Opportunities to Volunteer with RSA

RSA needs YOU!

We're looking for volunteers in several areas of the association for jobs that are one-time (airing up the game balls, putting up or removing goal nets, helping with tournaments, etc.) as well as jobs that are season-long (Division Commissioners, Coaches/Assistant Coaches, etc.).

At the moment we need a Volunteer Coordinator, who will be responsible for staffing these various

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Fireflies and U13 All Stars that played up into a higher age group which saw the All Stars make it all the way to the quarter finals.

Watch for an update on the QuickFoot tournament that RSA will be hosting after the spring season! This will be a regional qualifying tournament for the Quickfoot series which should bring in competition not only from Texas but surrounding states. Divisions will include recreational and competitive opportunities for youth and adult teams. You won't want to miss it!

events and jobs throughout the season utilizing our existing database of volunteers. The Volunteer Coordinator should be someone with the time and ability to email as well as call those who have indicated on their child's registration form that they would like to contribute to the organization.

If you have some time to devote to helping with these efforts, please consider volunteering for RSA! Contact us at registrar@richardsonsoccer.org or leaguecommissioner@richardsonsoccer.org.

Fall 2009 Division Results

And we thought Spring 2009 was a rainy season ... Fall 2009 was a MONSOON! Congratulations to the teams, coaches and parents for staying patient and making it through the season. Here are the top teams from each division:

U9 Boys:

1st – Sharks, 2nd – Hornets,
3rd – Galaxy FC, 4th – Tigersharks

U9 Girls:

1st – Super Stars, 2nd – Lightning
3rd – Pink Panthers, 4th – Dallas Stars

U10 Boys:

1st – Strikers, 2nd – Cheetahs
3rd – Marauders, 4th – BHA Stars

U10 Girls:

1st – Stars, 2nd – Blue Bonnets
3rd – Sharks, 4th – Scorch FC

Upper divisions play with other area associations. RSA teams placing in these divisions were:

U11 Girls:

1st Place: Fireflies

U12 Boys:

1st Place – Twisters

U14 Girls:

2nd Place – All Stars, 3rd Place – The Fury

U16 Boys:

4th Place – Sharks

U19 Boys:

1st Place – Eagles

RSA Spring 2010 ~ Dates to Remember

Please note these important dates:

- General Membership Meeting & Mandatory Coaches Meeting – January 28, 7–9 pm at Apollo Jr. High
- U7 – U14 Season Opens – February 20
- U5 – U6 Season Opens – February 27
- New U5 Season Opens – March 6
- Spring Break – March 15–19
- InterLeague U16 – U19 Season Opens – March 20
- Easter Weekend (no games) – April 3
- General Membership Meeting – April 26, 7–9 pm at Apollo Jr. High
- Rain Out Weekends – May 8 and May 15
- Quickfoot Tournament – June 5–6 (Entry Deadline May 26)



Game Cancellations/Rainouts

While RSA makes every attempt to be timely in their responses concerning game cancellations due to weather changes, it is critical that coaches and parents be prudent and use their best judgment concerning their children and possible risks while playing.

Weather in one area of the city may be different than in other areas. We all know Texas weather can change at a moment's notice. Please don't ever wait on RSA to cancel a game if you have concerns about your child's safety. Further, when at the field, the center referee has the authority to stop play, if in his opinion the weather presents a danger to the participants and fans.

To find out about game cancellations and rainouts, don't call the RSA office. Instead, check the websites www.richardsonsoccer.org, www.garlandsoccer.com (U13 and up), and www.quickcores.com/rsa. You can also call the Richardson Soccer Field Conditions line at 214-757-5297.



RSA Resources

RSA has recently launched a "Resources" link on our website. The purpose of this page is to provide our members with links to soccer-related services.

Currently the Resources page contains information on the U5 Dinomites program, as well as a list of photographers in our area who are available for team or individual photos.

We've also just added a new link to Wataphoto.com, a Richardson based online photo service offering low price photo prints, posters, canvas, photo cards and photo books. We know our members and their families take many photos at soccer games, practices and at other events, so RSA has negotiated a special discount with Wataphoto for RSA members saving you 10% off their already low prices. To receive your discounts enter "RSA" at the final stage of the check-out after entering your credit card information.

Here's a list of our current resources:

Dinomites Soccer Program (U5 only)

For more information on the Dinomites program:
www.xarasoccer.com/education.aspx

Photographers

Eye Gotcha Photography, 469-235-1414,
www.eyegotchaphoto.com

Fred Mida Photography, 214-356-5332,
www.fredmida.com

Giggles & Grins Photography, 972-897-3659,
www.gg-photo.net

TSS Photography of North Texas, 972-843-2886,
www.tssphotography.com/terry

Photo Processing Services

Wataphoto, 972-680-7800, ext 255,
www.wataphoto.com

If you know of any other services or resources that you'd like to see added to the RSA website, please let us know.

An Important Game Rule

Coaches, parents, spectators and substitutes must remain one yard away from the touch-line, and must not be within the area behind the goals or along the goal-lines. This is for safety as well as for the Assistant Referee, who must be able to run along the touch-lines. Please remember this rule and remind your team parents.



Fair Play and Fun

RSA is a recreational soccer organization. Our goal is for all players to learn the game and to have fun.

Kids find it disheartening if they play a team that is running up the score. On the flip side, a team getting beat shouldn't quit the game before it's called by the referee.

Calling a game early is done on a case by case basis, or if both coaches agree. If you have concerns, talk to your referee.

Bobby Moffat Richardson Camps

Bobby Moffat will be offering two clinics in Richardson this summer, both at Lookout Park.

The day camp will be held July 19-23, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The evening camp is scheduled for August 9-13, from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

Visit Bobby Moffat's website for more information and registration: <http://www.soccermoffat.com>.

Soccer Word Search

BALL
CALL
COACH
DEFENSE
FIELD
FOUL
GAME
GOALIE
NET
PASS
PLAY
POINT
REFEREE
SCORE
SHOT
SOCCER
TRAIN
TURF
UNIFORM

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Get Flip-Flops and Improve Practice and Game Play

By Alex Kos

Shortly after a practice or game ends, all players should participate in the collective ritual that I simply call the "aaaaahhhh."

Typically, "aaaaahhhh" is the sound that players make when they take off their cleats, socks and shin guards and slip on a cool pair of flip-flops. In Northern California, we can usually get away with flip-flops. But in other parts of the country and depending on the time of year, other footwear may be more appropriate.

The "aaaaahhhh" ritual benefits players as well as parents and coaches. For players:

– After a long, hard practice in which you have given 100 percent effort, you want to wind down and put soccer behind you and reward yourself for a job well done. There is no better feeling than freeing your wet and smelly feet from your cleats, stretching your toes out, and then having them touch the nice, cool grass. There is only word that can describe this feeling ... "aaaaahhhh."

– Conversely, when you put on your cleats before a game or practice, this is the players' signal to start focusing on soccer and the job at hand. All goofing off and messing around should cease. You are now at work and ready to give 100 percent effort and attention. Putting on the cleats is the equivalent of a parent sitting in front of the computer at work, a fireman answering an alarm, or a teacher calling the class to order when the first-period bell rings. It is time to go to work to learn and improve.

– The same is true of games. When those cleats are put on, it is time to focus on the game. When the game is done, reward yourself for your effort. Getting out of your cleats is extremely important when you have multiple games in one day. After the first game, slip on your flip-flops and relax. Soccer is done for a while. Take a break.

For parents:

– Your kids will learn that there is a time and place for everything. At practice, they should be there to learn and improve -- just like at school. When the cleats come off, soccer is done.

– Flip-flops will save money. There is nothing that I hate worse than seeing my kids walking around the parking lot or mall in their cleats. Plus, it can't be comfortable.

For coaches, try incorporating the collective "aaaaahhhh" ritual. Make sure they have your undivided attention when their cleats are on. When they are off, that is their time. Your practice should run smoother and hopefully your players will be more focused and ready for the start of a game.

(Alex Kos wants to improve soccer in the United States. His experiences as a player, coach, referee, parent, and fan are shared in his blog entitled [Improving Soccer in the United States](#).)