

Hey Hucks,

Welcome back to the fall 2009 soccer season!

Changes in Format

This year brings a fairly significant shift in our format.

- We move from one practice a week to two practices a week!
- We play one game at a time with 6 players on the field rather than two 4v4 games.
- Goals are bigger and we have goalies.
- Games will be refereed by paid professionals (OK, they're mostly 14 year-old highschool kids, but still, they're not parents).

Schedule

We will practice on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4-5pm on the Chapman field. Practice will run for one hour.

Our first practice is on Monday, August 24th, followed by Pizza and a team meeting at (tbd – any takers?)

We don't have the game schedule yet, but I will forward it to you all as soon as I receive it.

Equipment & Uniforms

Despite my best efforts, my kids keep growing. We continue to work with The Far Post Soccer store to supply our uniforms. As usual, families are responsible for picking up their own uniforms. The store is located:

825 SW 14th Ave Portland, OR 97205-1928

Shin guards are required and cleats are recommended. You can purchase cleats and shin guards new at the Far Post or other athletic equipment store, or you can stop by the equipment swap taking place this year during the Ice Cream Social at Chapman School on September 3rd.

We still use size 4 balls. Please ensure that your son brings a ball to every practice and that the ball is appropriately inflated.

Early Season Events

Equipment Swap – On September 3rd at the Chapman School ice cream social we will have a soccer equipment table setup. Please bring what you don't need and take what fits. No cash, no commitment, just take what you need.

PYSA U9 Jamboree – September 12th - To help kids transition to the new format, all U9 teams participate in a tournament at ... More details to come on this.

Hillside Soccer Club Jamboree – The Hillside Soccer Jamboree is an annual event that brings the entire club out to Wallace Park for a fun day of soccer, games, dunk tanks and lunch. This year it will be held on Sunday, September 13th from 10am – 2pm. More details to come on this.

Timbers Soccer Night – Hillside Soccer Club will be honored at the Timbers game on Thursday, September 17th. It should be a fun event and we'd like everyone to attend.

Attachments/Links

Team roster – if you need to get in touch with members of the team, you'll find their names and contact information on the attached roster.

You can learn more about Hillside Soccer Club by visiting our website at: www.hillsidesoccer.org.
Feel free to call or email me with comments/questions at: (503) xxx-xxxx.

Let's go kick some grass!

Coach Craig