



2009

Parent House League Guide



GLEN SHIELDS SOCCER CLUB

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MESSAGE FROM THE GLEN SHIELDS SOCCER CLUB

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of the Glen Shields Soccer Club, it is my pleasure to welcome you and your family to what we hope will be an exciting and fun-filled **2009** outdoor season!

During this 27th year of the Club, we continue to keep our membership informed of Club events via our **Parent House League Guide** and have begun the process of using our web site more effectively (www.glenshields.com). We welcome all members' input. Please feel free to give us your comments via e-mail (houseleague@glenshields.com).

Included in the booklet is house league playing rules, the Club's codes of conduct and general information. All of this information has been gathered and distributed to help all families better understand how the Glen Shields Soccer Club manages its recreational program. More importantly, however, this booklet will assist our families participate more fully in our programs, by providing them with invaluable information on the Club's commitment to **fair play, good sportsmanship, teamwork and healthy competition**.

As always, the most important element in any **non-profit organization** is volunteers and many of our past successes were made possible through the commitment of our dedicated volunteers. Unfortunately, the burden of work falls on the shoulders of a few people. With an organization of this size, it is critical that more people get involved. All members of the Board are volunteers and dedicate many hours to the overall organization of the Club. The Director of House League Youth and Mini Micro in particular need a volunteer staff to assist them. As the Club demands continue to grow, the demand for volunteers increases. With your help, we can continue to build on our past successes.

Many of our parents have excellent skills that we can make use of – **please volunteer your time and expertise** to help us maintain the strengths of our program while improving on our weaknesses, so that, as a Club, we can continue to deliver a high quality, consistent program for all the youth in the community. Remember – be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

On behalf of the Club, it is my sincere wish that all our players have the opportunity to participate in an enjoyable and fun-filled season, keeping sportsmanship utmost in one's mind, while every player, coach and parent develops new friends and reacquaints with old ones.

My thanks and best wishes to the players, coaches and volunteers who work extremely hard to make the season a success and special thanks to my Board of Directors and my staff who contribute countless hours and valuable efforts to making soccer an enjoyable experience for all members of the Glen Shields Soccer Club.

Vince Marchese
President
Glen Shields Soccer Club

CLUB PROFILE

The Glen Shields Soccer Club Inc. has been an active participant in the Thornhill and Concord communities within the City of Vaughan since 1982. Beginning with only sixty-five players and five co-ed house league teams, the Club has grown immensely over the years, and in 2004/5 the Club reached a new high in registration numbers with 1602 enrolled members. The Club houses 24 representative teams, ranging from the ages of 8 to 18 in the youth division, with approximately 380 youth members playing competitive soccer year round, and men's and women's teams in the senior division. In 1998, the Club added a professional men's team to its ranks, thereby becoming the **first youth Club within Canada** to own and operate a professional team in the sport of soccer. The Glen Shields organization is the home of four Ontario Cup championships, three prestigious Robbie championships, numerous other league distinctions and tournament championships, and a full girls program. The Glen Shields Soccer Club prides itself on the extensive achievements of its members.

In 1986 the Glen Shields Soccer Club was incorporated as an organization for non-profit. The Club currently draws its revenue from several sources: membership registration, fund-raising events, and sponsorships. The Club is governed by its Constitution and run by an elected group of Directors, both of which provide the stability and continuity required to meet the needs of the membership and the discipline of soccer. In 1997, the Club hired a full-time professional Director of Coaching & Player Development to help run and build its youth programs. The Club's rapid growth and desire to increase the development of quality programs created the need for this position, and the Club hired a professional coach/player with an expansive technical background to take on this role. The Club has also hired two office administrators and several part-time youth trainers to facilitate its growth and the development of quality programs.

The Club and its members have a commitment to provide the best quality service and to develop its programs to meet the growing needs of its membership and the community, as well as the discipline of soccer. In 1996 the Club expanded its programs by offering a soccer camp under the direction of a professional coach/player, and in 1997 this camp grew to become the single largest camp to be run by any individual Club in the Province of Ontario.

Although the Club has standards of quality and distinction rooted in tradition, its Directors also recognize the need to continue progressing and moving ahead. We are the only Club within the Province of Ontario that has maintained the same colours (red and black), Club crest, and competitive uniform since our founding. Recently, however, the Club adopted a new and modern mascot, the Sun Devil, which provides a unified icon within the Club with which all teams and players can identify. Both the crest and the Sun Devil are symbols representing what has led the Club to its many successes: a long tradition of excellence combined with creative innovation and ingenuity.

The success and growth of the Club's programs relies on the strength and commitment of its membership and supporters. The Club's Executive Board and the majority of Club participants and organizers work on a volunteer basis. In exchange for their time and commitment, the membership takes pride in being a part of a professional and successful organization. The Glen Shields Soccer Club is a true ambassador to the fulfillment of community participation and a partner in the growth and development of our youth and the sport of soccer.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

Sources of Revenue:

The Glen Shields Soccer Club has three main sources of revenue: player registration fees, sponsorships and fundraising activities.

The Club's Board of Directors establishes all house league fees in August for the following year's outdoor house league season. House league fees consist of an Early Bird Fee, which is applicable until the end of November, a Regular Rate, which is applicable until the end of February and a Late Fee, which becomes effective March 1 of each year.

Operating Costs:

The Glen Shields Soccer Club house league operating costs consist of Player Expenses, Team Expenses and Shared Expenses.

The Player Expenses include the following items:

- Standard Uniform, consisting of a jersey, socks and shorts
- Soccer Ball
- Team and Individual Photo
- End-of-Season Trophy
- Player Registration Fee (to the Ontario and York Region Soccer Associations)
- Ontario Soccer Association User Fee
- End-of-Season Banquet Expenses

The Team Expenses include the following items:

- Referee Fees
- Coaching Jerseys
- Practice Equipment and Bag (cones/disks, etc.)
- Sponsorship Plaques

The Administrative Expenses include the following items:

- Field Rental
- Offices Expenses, including administration fees and salaries
- Office Rental
- Supplies (printing, phone, fax, postage, paper, advertising, photocopying, Internet)
- Website Hosting and Maintenance
- Annual General Meeting Expenses

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

1. The Glen Shields Soccer Club (GSSC) will attempt to accommodate every interested player. However, placement on teams will be limited and acceptance of every registration cannot be guaranteed.
2. The GSSC reserves the right to move players from one team to another within the Club for team balancing purposes.
3. The GSSC **will not accept special requests** or that any player will be placed on a specific team with a specific coach or on a specific field.
4. The GSSC will attempt to ensure FAIR playing time for all players, as stated in the House League and Mini Division rules.
5. In the interest of coaching staff, parents and/or guardians are asked to advise the team coach, in advance, if a player will be absent from a game or practice.
6. Parents and/or guardians are responsible for ensuring that registered players are in good health and have sufficient medical insurance coverage.
7. Parents and/or guardians must ensure proper supervision of their child during games and practices.
8. Parents and/or guardians agree that the GSSC and any of its officials will not be held responsible for injuries or accidents that may occur during games and practices or en-route to and from games and practices.
9. No registration will be accepted unless it is signed by the player's parent or guardian.
10. A player will only be placed on a team when full payment is received.

These conditions of registration are printed on the back of each registration form. A player's registration will not be accepted without the signature of the parent and/or acknowledging and agreeing to the above conditions.

COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Please remember that your responsibility as a coach with the Glen Shields Soccer Club's program requires you to abide by the following rules and protocols:

1. To provide a fun-filled and safe program for the players to learn and focus on enhancing soccer skills; not winning.
2. To encourage parents and players to exhibit good sportsmanship towards the opposing players, coaches and the game officials. Set the example by communicating with parents and players in a positive manner.
3. To upgrade personal coaching skills by participating in the house league coaching clinics, as conducted by Club staff.
4. To respect the decision of the game officials. They will make mistakes, but please set the example for your players and parents and refrain from shouting at them. Instead, provide feedback to the referee co-ordinator on the performance of the game official.
5. To teach the players fair play and to respect the rules of the game. You are their role model so set the example.
6. To provide players with equal playing time so that they may learn and advance their skills, while still enjoying the game. Remember that recreational players play for fun and satisfaction.
7. To maintain high standards of personal conduct. Do not ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or losing. Be enthusiastic and generous with deserved praise.

Any coach who does not follow the Club's Code of Conduct may receive a warning letter. If a coach should break the Code of Conduct a second time, said coach may be asked to leave the Club for the remainder of the season.

PARENT/GUARDIAN/GUEST CODE OF CONDUCT

Please remember that your responsibility as a parent with the Glen Shields Soccer Club's youth program, requires you to abide by the following rules:

1. To ensure that your child has adult supervision (excluding coach) at all games and practices. **It is not the coach's responsibility to supervise your child.**
2. To respect the decision of the referee. They will make mistakes but they are doing their best. **Please refrain from shouting at them if you disagree with their calls. The referee has the last word on all calls. If you need to complain, do so via e-mail.**
3. To support your child's coach, please control your emotions at the games and do not criticize the coach, assistant coach, Convenor or opponents. Please communicate with everyone in a positive manner.
4. To refrain from coaching your child from the sidelines. Instead be a "cheerleader" for your child and the other players on the team and respect the difference between the roles of the coach and the parent.
5. To ensure your child is ready for games and practices. As a rule, arrive at least 15 minutes before the game and ensure your player is dressed in his/her uniform.
6. Ensure your child is well hydrated with water and well protected from sunburn with the appropriate SPF level of sunscreen on very hot days.
7. To support the Club's "team balancing" philosophy. Please accept the decision of Convenors and the Club when a player is reassigned to another team for balancing purposes. Every attempt will be made to balance teams as early in the season as possible – usually prior to Photo Week.

Any parents/guardians/guests who do not follow the Club's Code of Conduct may be asked to leave the field and may receive a warning letter. If a parent should break the Code of Conduct a second time, said parent may be asked to leave the Club for the remainder of the season.

GUIDE TO FAIR PLAY AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

1. Teach players to demonstrate sportsmanship at all times towards other players, referees, coaches and players. This applies before, during and after games and practices.
2. Teach players to play recreational sports for their own enjoyment and not to please parents, coaches or teachers.
3. Teach players to co-operate with teammates and work hard for their team.
4. Make sure that win or lose, your player knows you support them.
5. Emphasize that winning is not everything. Instead, teach players that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing their best are also important.
6. Cheer good plays, both for your team and the opponents'.
7. Encourage players to play by the rules.
8. Encourage players to make new friends and to have fun.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The Glen Shields Soccer Club is a strong supporter of the ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY in sports.

The Glen Shields Soccer Club does not condone any abusive and/or violent action by players, parents, legal guardians, coaches, spectators, volunteers, sponsors or officials during any event or program sponsored or organized by the Glen Shields Soccer Club.

Non-compliance of this policy may result, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, in the ejection of the offending party from further participation in the event or program.

Please ensure that all individuals participating in or attending an event sponsored by or organized by the Glen Shields Soccer Club are aware of and understand this Zero Tolerance Policy.

2009 HOUSELEAGUE SOCCER RULES (Mini & Youth)

- For the Mini and Youth division teams (i.e. boys and girls aged 6 thru 18) the game is to be divided into two periods of 25 minutes with a five-minute half time. The referee, in consultation with coaches, may reduce the length of the games due to weather conditions.

Note: The Micro division, (boys and girls aged 4 to 5 years old) play two periods of 15 minutes each. This division does not use referees or formal game sheets.

- Each player must participate equally in total playing time. Team benches should be on the OPPOSITE side of the field from the parents. **No parents are allowed on the players/coaching side of the field and/or to stand behind the nets or by the corner kicks. Parents must be located two yards behind the touch line to avoid player injury (i.e. hurt with a lawn chair if pushed). No coaching staff and/or parents are allowed to coach from behind the nets and/or corner kicks. Coaches MUST remain at the touch line to coach and in their own half of the field.**
- Unlimited substitution. Substitution may be done as follows:
 - After a goal kick has been scored
 - At a goal kick
 - At the beginning of the halves
 - At a throw in
 - At the referee's discretion in the event of injury
- No exceptions are allowed to the substitution rules.
- There is no offside in Mini or Youth House League games.
- The normal throw-in will apply.
- Goal kicks must be taken from the six-yard area (small box). All opponent players must be outside the penalty area (bigger box) when the kick is taking place.
- The goalkeeper cannot use his hands outside the penalty box.
- The goalkeeper must wear the designated goalie sweater. In the event that one is not available, the goalkeeper should wear a colour that contrasts with the uniforms on the field.
- All free kicks are indirect (including corner kicks). A player cannot score on a free kick UNLESS the ball is touched by a second player, regardless if the ball touches a teammate or an opponent player before the ball crosses the goal line.

THE FOLLOWING TWO DISTANCE RULES APPLY FOR MINI-DIVISIONS ONLY -

1. Penalty shots are to be taken from an 8-yard spot (from the goal line) directly in front of the mid-point of the goal.
2. On all goal kicks, corner kicks and free kicks, the 6-yard rule applies. All opponent players must stand back at least 6 yards.

(Youth Divisions will apply the FIFA rules (12 and 10 Yards respectively))

Team Sizes:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>	<u>Players on Field</u>
MIXED U4	3	4 vs. 4
MIXED U5	3	4 vs. 4
MIXED U6	3	5 vs. 5 + GOALKEEPER
BU7	4	6 vs. 6 + GOALKEEPER
BU8	4	6 vs. 6 + GOALKEEPER
BU11	4	7 vs. 7 + GOALKEEPER
BU14	5	7 vs. 7 + GOALKEEPER
GU8	4	6 vs. 6 + GOALKEEPER
GU11	4	7 vs. 7 + GOALKEEPER
GU14	5	7 vs. 7 + GOALKEEPER

In the event of a team having less than the required number of players, the opposing team must use the same number of players in the spirit of the game. Upon mutual consent, one team may “loan” players to the other team to create a more equitable situation. In Play-off games if a team has two or more players less to complete a full team, then the game will be forfeited. In the case that both teams can't complete the minimum of players required, then NO points will be awarded to either team.

- Shinpads and soccer shoes must be worn by all players. The shinpads must be worn on the inside of the socks. Team jerseys must be tucked into the shorts. Players shouldn't be wearing any jewellery, headgear or eyeglasses that aren't approved for sporting activities.
- Coaches shall be responsible for the behaviour of their team members, **including parents**, during practices and games. Please refer to the Zero Tolerance Policy regarding abusive or violent actions or language on the field.
- The referee has sole authority in the field. **In the event there is no referee, the home coach shall referee the 1st half, and the opposing coach shall referee the 2nd half. They shall have sole authority for their halves.**
- **No standings will be kept.** Game sheets must be completely filled out and given to the referee prior to the game. The game sheet is used primarily for the referee to be paid. Playoffs will be determined through a random draw at the end of league play.

RAIN OR SHINE

PLEASE BE ON TIME!!!!

Only the Referee or Authorized Club Designate can Postpone a Game due to Inclement Weather.

All Games will be played, rain or shine, except in the event of thunder or lightning, where the game will be postponed or cancelled by authorized personnel.

U4 and U5 Division games will be played at the coaches' discretion. All other age groups play games at the referee's discretion.

REMINDER:

The Referee's decisions are final. No protests are allowed.

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS AND REMEMBER...
IT'S ABOUT HAVING FUN!!!**

Thank You!

To Our Wonderful Referees.

Parents – remember that our referees are **YOUR** sons and daughters. They are still learning – as we all are – and may sometimes make mistakes.

Please don't abuse our referees. Be a positive role model – we are here to build self esteem, not destroy it.

Remember – it's all for fun.

So Lighten Up and Enjoy the Game!



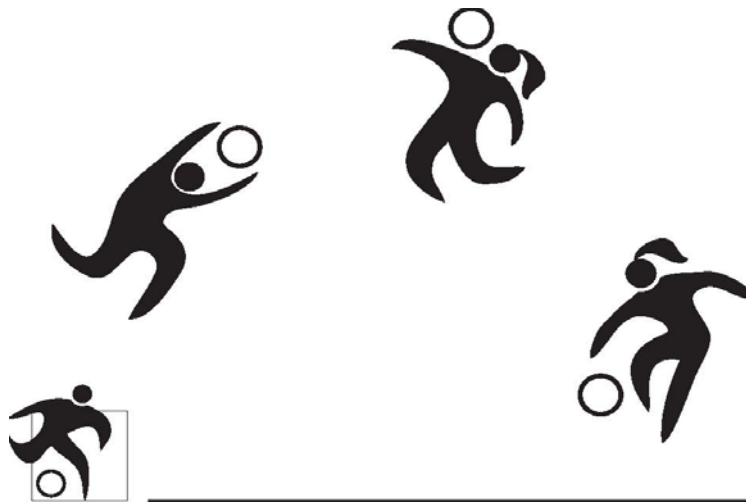
2009 HOUSE LEAGUE END OF SEASON CELEBRATION

WHERE: Garnet Williams Comm. Ctr. Arena

WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2009

***DETAILS ABOUT THE CELEBRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM YOUR COACH AND ON
THE WEB-SITE***

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