

Hello, BDSC parents, coaches and volunteers! We are gearing up for another fun-filled season of soccer and have some important information to give you. Sorry for the long email, but here it goes:

**Registrations are still open.** You can still mail in your registration forms for your players. We have one recently added walk-in date at the Marion County Library on Girl School Road (map: <http://maps.google.com/maps?q=198+South+Girls+School+Road,+Indianapolis,+IN+46224>), scheduled for Sunday March 7 from 1pm – 4pm. We will also be accepting registrations at our fields at West 21<sup>st</sup> Street on Saturday, March 20, 10am – 2pm. This brings me to my next point.

**Field Opening Day:** We will be opening the fields on Saturday March 20, beginning at 9:00am (weather permitting). We are in need of several volunteers to help out. Lunch (pizza) and drinks will be provided. On field opening day, we layout and stripe the fields. It takes at least 2 people to lay out a single field and one more to run the striper. We have 9 fields to layout (some go much quicker than others). No heavy lifting is required but there is a lot of bending and string winding. We'll be out there for several hours. Bring your own work gloves, if you wish. If you can help, please let Chris Williams know by emailing him at [VPRec@bdsc.org](mailto:VPRec@bdsc.org).

**Dick's Sporting Goods Coupons:** Dick's has just provided us with coupons for soccer equipment (better late than never). If you need equipment for your player (cleats, shin guards, soccer balls, etc.), come to one of the walk-ins and get your coupons (we have lots). The coupons are for 10% off selected soccer gear. WHAT A DEAL!!!

**PLAYERS NEEDED:** Registrations, thus far, have been light – not quite what we are used to. If you haven't registered your players, **there's still time.** WE WANT ALL OUR PLAYERS TO RETURN SEASON AFTER SEASON, but are in particular need of U10 and U12 players!! So, make sure you get signed up just as soon as you can. You can download the registration form or register online. Links for both are at the [www.BDSC.org](http://www.BDSC.org) homepage, on the right side of that page.

**COACHES:** We need coaches for many of our teams. There is a \$20 discount for anyone that coaches a team, regardless of age group. And, we provide support and training materials for our coaches. No experience is required (but is helpful). We are once again planning on holding a coaching clinic before the season starts. This clinic will be run by a trained coach from the Indian Youth Soccer Association, the state soccer governing body. Materials (video and printed) will be provided to coaches on skills and training drills and techniques. **If you are interested in coaching, please contact Chris Williams by emailing him at [VPRec@bdsc.org](mailto:VPRec@bdsc.org).**

**VOLUNTEERS:** Our club couldn't continue to run without the dedication and generosity of its volunteers. None of our board members are paid for their efforts (we are, after all, a not for profit). However, for serving on the board, one child of a board member gets to play for free (except for uniform cost). Serving on the board is fun, doesn't take a lot of time and you get to help make the club better for the kids of our community. Functions of a board member may include attending board meetings once a month, planning concession and field activities, coordinating uniform purchases, scheduling games within the club and with other clubs,

planning for tournament activities, facility maintenance (weekly field striping, trash dumping, working the concession stand), coordinating and scheduling volunteers or sending out communications (like this email). If your player intends to play soccer for many more seasons (and we hope they all do), this could mean substantial savings for you, over the long run – and we'd welcome new ideas! **If you can volunteer, please contact Chris Williams, or any board member. Board member contact info can be found at <http://www.BDSC.org/officers.asp>.**

**UNIFORM RECYCLING:** If you have one of the black and white uniforms that your player no longer uses or has outgrown, you can donate that uniform to the club. We, in turn, would LOVE to be able to provide those, as part of our player scholarship program, to families that want their kids to play but are financially unable. Nothing breaks our collective hearts more than to see a child that wants to play but can't, for economic reasons. As a not-for-profit, we have limited availability for scholarships and recycling allows us to help them get one step closer to doing what they really want to do – play soccer. **Contact any board member ([www.bdsc.org/officers.asp](http://www.bdsc.org/officers.asp)) to recycle old uniforms.**

Again, I apologize for the long email but we had to get this information out to you. So, get your players registered, show up on field opening day - help get the fields in and enjoy pizza on us, if you can spare a few hours a month, we'd love to have the help – volunteering or on the board, choose to be a coach – save some money and make a difference for the kids, and help make a child's soccer dream a reality by recycling your old uniforms.

Thanks and we'll see you on the field!

Best Regards,

Chris Williams  
VP of Rec/Rec+