

## Welcome to the Eclipse Soccer Club!

### 0. Comp Philosophy, Player Status

- This is comp soccer, we are playing to win games against other comp teams
  - parents are not 'purchasing' playing time, rather they're purchasing development of their soccer player
  - players are not entitled to, nor are they guaranteed playing time in each game
  - playing time is decided exclusively by coaching staff based on coach's objectives for each game
- To support the interests of 11v11 comp soccer ( $\geq$  U13) all U11 players made it past Sept. 2009 Eclipse try-outs (congrats!)
  - objective is Alaska State Cup age group championships, NCAA Soccer scholarships, etc.
- Outdoor teams will be formed week of 9/13/2009
  - please disregard 'Feb 2010' scenario presented by coaches on telephone
  - if enough players commit, two teams will be formed
  - we need minimum of 10-11 players per outdoor team
  - coaches will continue to recruit towards 14-player rosters, need your help (thanks!)
- Team rosters will be balanced, consistent with Eclipse Club philosophy for 8v8 age groups ( $<$  U13)
  - coaches will cooperatively choose players from try-out pools
  - coaches will cooperatively choose players during all subsequent recruiting until U13 try-outs (Sept. 2011)

### 1. Club Membership Requirements

- Submit a completed membership form to Team's Registrar
  - players will need to provide Eclipse Club proof of age (copy of birth certificate)
  - annual membership fee for 2009-2010 soccer year is still \$175 (check or cash)
- Players pay for high level soccer coaching
  - players are obligated to pay their head coach based on national license level
  - players are obligated to pay head coach's tournament travel expenses (up to regional per diem limits and Club bylaws/guidelines)
- New for 2009-2010, Coaching Coordinators for Eclipse Club
  - Club's Goal Tending coach (pays \$1,500/yr., \$100/team fee shared equally amongst players)
  - Club's Coaching Coordinator (pays \$1,500/yr, leads Eclipse Academy program, \$100/team fee shared equally amongst players)
- Players are committing to four (4) comp tournaments/year
  - for 2009-2010 soccer year, all tournaments located in-state (Alaska)

- strategy is to eventually blend in Outside tournaments (no passport/visa required!)
- Players are committing to a minimum of \$1,300/year in expenses for 2009-2010
  - estimated total excludes player's personal equipment
  - estimated total excludes player's travel, lodging and per diem expenses
  - players are strongly encouraged to conduct fund raising year round
  - individual player obligation account (IPO) balance never expires while Club member
  - parents are encouraged to help with whole team fund raising

## 2. Communications, Team Webpage

- Email is the preferred method for communication because it can be delivered to everyone quickly, easily
  - some parents may not read email until they go to work, be mindful this may cause critical delays for player
- Please telephone the coaches and parent volunteers when necessary
  - view email messages and info posted on team's website before calling
- Team's webpage is at [www.eclipse.soccer.net](http://www.eclipse.soccer.net), then choose Eclipse/Girls/00's link
  - please regularly check the team's CALENDAR at the website
  - training for the team's "webmaster" is free, no HTML/XML skills required(!)

## 3. Team Uniforms

- Players will compete for jersey numbers
  - Mutual agreement to trade numbers okay w/Coach's approval
- Player's required to purchase numbered, Club logo playing t-shirts
  - Provide size, quantity to Team's Uniform Coordinator by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>
- Formal uniforms and name-embroidered soccer bags/warm-ups are REQUIRED
  - Club determines uniform source and style, teams to be consistently dressed
  - players will need 'away team' set (purple jersey, shorts, socks)
  - players will need 'home team' set (white socks, jersey). Yes, WHITE socks required.

## 4. Parent Roles

- Lots of volunteer positions (see handout), need committed occupants
  - training available
  - enhances pride in team and fulfills personal philanthropy goals
  - please give it a try

## 5. Personal Equipment

- Non-marking indoor gym shoes, shin guards, shorts, t-shirts, personal water, hair control
  - size 4 indoor soccer ball
- Outdoor turf shoes, size 4 outdoor ball
- No eye glasses, wrist watches, or body jewelry during soccer practices/games

## 6. 5v5 Indoor Soccer (FYSA Session 1 runs Sept. 21 – Nov. 1, 2009)

- Remind players to register with FYSA for Indoor Comp soccer – U11 by deadline (Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>)
  - will form 3-4 teams of five to eight players each
  - combined practice for all players or split practices, depends on assigned gym space

## 7. Soccer Practice Program

- Team training program
  - need to decide how many sessions/week, duration
  - need to arrive at time of day, day of week consensus
- Individual development program
  - soccer skills & knowledge homework
- Club requires coaches to formally review player development 2x/year
- Club solicits parent/player feedback regarding coach's performance 1x/year

## 8. Other Discussion Items??

- Special Accommodations
  - Dietary restrictions
  - Allowing for other sports, family priorities
- Consider joining Eclipse Soccer Club's board, influence youth soccer
- Use of Fairbanks Grizzlies indoor turf at Carlson Center (April-May 2010)
- Need team 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit, water cooler, portable tent & player bench
- (your item here)