

# Brentwood Soccer Club



## Newsletter

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## *A Note from the DOC*

by Hans Hobson

### **Tryouts 2012? When will they take place?**

Every year around this time many of you start asking me about our tryout dates for the 2012 year. I would love to set the date and post them now, but many times we are waiting on the Annual General Meeting of our Tennessee State Association to post final dates on State Tournaments and rules governing the tryout process. Currently the Boys and Girls Division 3 State Tournament is scheduled to be held May 26th and 27th. This would mean that tryouts for U8-U11 would take place May 28- May 31. The Boys and Girls Division 1 and 2 State Tournaments are currently scheduled for June 1-3. This would mean that tryouts for the older ages U12-U18 would take place June 4- June 10. We have a very small window for tryouts because the Region III Championships will then take place on the 14th of June in South Carolina. Tryouts will need to be wrapped up prior to this event.

As always tryouts are difficult and we will do our best when selecting kids for the Brentwood Competitive Program. Having stated this, we acknowledge that we do and have made mistakes in selections. Mistakes can be fixed by moving players around during the season. In order to fix a mistake you would have to choose to stay with one of our teams so that we could monitor the player and thus fix any mistake in placement. Also, please remember that our staff is constantly evaluating players within the club so that selections are easier. Many times tryouts are a time for us to evaluate new players and not current players.

We anticipate few coaching changes for next year, if any, since last year most of our changes were made. The club does attempt to switch our coaches up every 2-3 years when possible. There is no exact science as to who is moving or where. The idea is to do what is best for the growth of the players and coaching staff. I often tell people to compare the process to education. None of us graduated with our 1st grade teacher in High School. We do try to limit changes to the coaching staff in the Academy ages (U8-U12).

As always, if you have any questions about the process please do not hesitate to email me at: [directorofcoaching@brentwoodsoccerclub.com](mailto:directorofcoaching@brentwoodsoccerclub.com).

U8-U11 Possible Tryout Dates: May 28- May 31  
U12-U18 Possible Tryout Dates: June 4- June 10

### **1st Round Olympic Qualifying comes to Nashville**

United States U23 qualifying for the Summer Olympic games (in England) will take place of March 22- 26 here in Nashville, TN. Tickets will be purchased by the club in bulk and will be available for purchase through Dave Gallagher and the U11 Boys teams. Further information on ticket purchase will be available following the New Year. This will be a great time for our players to witness soccer at the highest level in our country. We anticipate once again to provide food and beverage for our BWSC families prior to the game in the parking lot. All information to follow.

**Date:** March 22-26, 2012

**Location:** LP Field; Nashville, Tenn.

**Match:** 2012 CONCACAF UNDER-23 CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying for 2012 London Olympic Games (*Hosted by U.S. Soccer*)

### **First Round Games – Group A**

USA (host), Canada, El Salvador, Cuba

Round-robin format

Teams with two best records advance to semifinal round in Kansas City, Kan., March 31-April 2, 2012

### **Doubleheader Event Schedule:**

#### **March 22 (Thursday)**

El Salvador vs. Canada at 5:30 p.m. CT

USA vs. Cuba at 8 p.m. CT

#### **March 24 (Saturday)**

Cuba vs. El Salvador at 3:30 p.m. CT

USA vs. Canada at 6 p.m. CT

#### **March 26 (Monday)**

Canada vs. Cuba at 5:30 p.m. CT

USA vs. El Salvador at 8 p.m. CT

**SERIES TICKETS GO ON SALE STARTING TUESDAY, DEC. 20, 2011, at 10 A.M. CT**

**Tickets for individual doubleheaders will go on sale at a date to be determined pending availability.**



## *Webmaster Needed!!!*

BWSC is in need of a webmaster. This volunteer role is important to our club. The website serves many purposes including:

1. **Tournament Information** Almost \$200,000 in revenue comes from our tournaments and the website is the entry way for participating teams.
2. **Player opportunity** - College coaches use the website to get information on our club and players.
3. **Sponsor Exposure** - Our sponsors get valuable exposure as a result of being on the website.
4. **Information** - Much of the critical information used to run our club is online (forms, by-laws, contact information, etc.)
5. **News** - Our team accomplishments are on the website and allow us to share the success of our teams and players with the world.
6. **Credibility** - An up-to-date website is critical for parents and players who are thinking about playing at Brentwood Soccer Club. We all may take it for granted now that we are in the club, but how important was it to all of us when we were initially making the decision come to BWSC?
7. **Calendar** - It's hard enough to keep track of things. Having club a website where all of us can confirm dates, etc. makes life easier.
8. **Communication** – A lot of effort is put into the newsletters each month. All past newsletters and additional information is available at the website. On demand access to information allows all of us to get up-to-date when we want to.
9. **Newcomers** - Provides information for new players coming to town and looking for a soccer team.
10. **Training** - Provides information on additional training, YMCA Academy, iSoccer, summer programs, and other opportunities provided to our players.
11. **Social Media** - Info posted to our website provides content for social network postings like facebook/twitter.



## *A Note from the Assistant DOC*

by Sandy Pollock

At our November coaches education we had the privilege of having Andy Moss, one of Tennessee's most seasoned and respected referees, deliver a presentation on the rules of soccer and the interpretations made by himself and referees in youth soccer. It was very enlightening to all of us and it stirred a lot of

questions and debate. One of the statistics that Andy shared with us that shocked us all was the attrition rate of 50% for young boys and girls who drop out of refereeing because of the harassment they receive from parents and coaches. It is becoming harder and harder to retain these young athletes who do the best they can, and to ensure by being referees that we continue to be able to have games for our soccer players.

While Hans and I continue to educate our coaching staff on sideline behavior and also our Parent base, I thought this letter that Andy shared from a Grandmother might put it all in perspective for us.

*Sometimes as I slouch down in my lawn chair watching my grandchildren's soccer games, I indulge in wishful thinking. Only skillful, focused players on the field. Only knowledgeable, supportive parents on the sidelines. Only coaches who remember the bottom line is character development and not just winning games. Only top-notch officials running the lines and the field. Never going to happen. Like I said - wishful thinking. Not that I'm an expert on the soccer subject. But I have spent 32 years immersed in youth soccer. As the chauffer. As the team mom. As the team grandmother. And any other position that needed a warm body. Some knowledge of the game is bound to rub off after awhile.*

*Now my daughter and granddaughters are referees as well as players. And I'm seeing games from a whole new angle. Sitting on the bleachers watching my 14-year-old granddaughter play at a Disney tournament recently, I got annoyed at our parents for criticizing the assistant referee's seeming inability to be in position to make good calls. When the parents grew vocal enough for the AR to hear, I decided to muffle the criticism.*

*Duct tape would have done the job, but I used something more personal - an incident that happened to my 16-year-old granddaughter Emily at a different game the day before.*

*Emily was running the line on the parents' side and they gave her a bad time about her offside calls. The coach even went to the center ref after the game and complained about her. Fortunately, the center ref had been paying attention and said Emily's calls had been correct. This is a tough situation for a young referee to handle, and probably why the attrition rate is so high.*

*When I told our parents about Emily's experience, they were indignant about anyone's criticizing Emily. After all, she's one of ours. We know her. We know she's conscientious and unbiased. She knows the game both as a player and a certified official. How dare those parents and coach give her a rough time?!*

*Then I pointed at the AR running our line and said, "She's somebody's Emily."*

*I know that, in the heat of competition, everyone forgets that the officials are somebody's Emily or Tom or Dave. Parents demand superhero officials. Which, in most cases, means officials that make only calls the parents agree with. And when most of the parents don't even know the difference between being offside or being in an offside position, that would be an impossible demand.*

*You couldn't pay me enough to take the abuse that soccer officials take. I'd probably take the field armed with a whistle and a small caliber handgun. And because I know that about myself, I stay on the sidelines. And try to encourage parents to send positive energy toward the field. And to try to help them remember that the every official is somebody's Emily.*



## "Official Business of BWSC"

Please welcome our new official businesses of BWSC. In the next couple months, we hope to provide a detailed description of each of these BWSC supporters. In the meantime, please support these businesses.

Official "Eye Center"  
Loden Vision Center  
4 Mid TN Locations - 559.4242  
<http://www.lodenvision.com/>

Official "Dentist"  
Concord Mill Family Dentistry  
Nolensville Rd. - 941.1157  
<http://www.concordmillsdentistry.com/>

Official "Law Firm"  
Harwell, Howard, Hyne, Gabbert, & Manner, P.C.  
Nashville - 256.0500  
<http://www.h3gm.com/>

Official "Orthodontist"  
Cool Water Orthodontics  
Cool Springs - 778.1800  
<http://www.coolwaterortho.com/>

Official "Restaurant"  
McDougals Chicken Fingers & Wings  
Nashville & Cool Springs - 771.7753  
<http://www.mcdougalschicken.com/>

Official "Medical Center"  
Vanderbilt Health  
Nashville - 322.5000  
<http://www.vanderbilthealth.com/main/>

Official "Medical Center"  
Vanderbilt Health  
Nashville - 322.5000  
<http://www.vanderbilthealth.com/main/>

Official "Tutor"  
Tutoring Club  
Nolensville - 776.7054  
<http://www.tutoringclub.com/>



## BWSC Tournament Success

BWSC continued to celebrate more tournament success through December adding to the season totals of 38 Tournament Champions and 41 Tournament Finalists so far in the 2011-12 Season, as well as the total of 74 State Champions and 41 State Finalists! To see a complete list of tournament success please visit: