



Douglasdale/Glen Timbit Soccer 2008 Information

Douglasdale/Glen Timbit Soccer is a recreational outdoor league of over 400 children run entirely by volunteers and sponsored by Tim Hortons and the Calgary Minor Soccer Association.

What age group do I register my child in?

The soccer program is a mixed league for the following age groups and the following is a tentative schedule:

Program	Birth Year	Days	Locations	Cost
U4	2004/2005	Thursday	Douglasdale/Glen	\$35.00
U6	2002/2003	Tuesday	Douglasdale/Glen	\$35.00
U8	2000/2001	Monday and Wednesday	Douglasdale/Glen	\$45.00

- **moving children between age groups is NOT allowed**
- If your child was born in 1999 or earlier, they must register for soccer with another soccer program (see www.mckenzieunited.com for more information).

How are teams made?

Teams are structured by fair age and gender distribution or as closely as possible. For example, a U4 team of 10 children would have 5 girls and 5 boys with an equal gender distribution of children born in 2004 as well as 2005.

When will the season start?

The season will begin the week of April 28th, 2008 (weather permitting) and end the week of June 16th to 19th, 2008.

What can I expect my child to learn over the season?

U4: The only expectation is that these children have fun since they are between 2 and 3 years old. This may be their first exposure to any structure and they may be apprehensive. They may learn: how to play independent of their parent, how to take turns on the field, and to kick the ball (hopefully towards the net!). We don't expect your child to completely focus during a game.

U6: This may still be the first year of play for many children however slightly more structure and game rules may be introduced compared to U4. The children should be able to focus a little more than the U4's however the main objective is to have fun.

U8: Same as U6 with a little more emphasis on how to play as a team - passing the ball, intercepting the ball, etc. The biggest emphasis is on having fun.

Please feel free to visit www.calgaryminorsoccer.com if you are interested in a more competitive league.

Do I need to provide my email address?

Our favored mode of communication is email. The Team Parents are volunteering their time and we can make the volunteer's job more effective. We recommend that you check your email around 5:00 pm on your child's game night for important last minute information, such as game cancellations or last minute changes. You may provide home and/or work email addresses.

How will I find out where/when my child's first game is?

Please check your email approximately one week before the season is scheduled to start as you will be contacted by your Team Parent stating when and where your first game is. You will receive a schedule for the entire season at the first game.

How long are the games?

All games are one hour starting at 6:30 pm. The format is a 15 minute warm-up/practice, 20 minutes of play, snack break and 20 minutes of play.

How will I find out if a game is cancelled due to weather?

The coaches have final say as to whether a game will be cancelled or not. If they do decide to cancel, your Team Parent will contact you. The preferred mode of communication is email. Given the nature of weather in Calgary, this decision will often not be made until just prior to game time.

Where are the games held?

We have three fields: one on Douglasdale Blvd by the public school, another on Douglasdale Blvd across from Swifty's and one in Douglas Glen. Please note we are unable to accommodate field requests due to the number of children in our program.

Are there make-up games?

Fields are available Sunday mornings from 9am to noon. The coaches may coordinate among themselves to schedule any missed games and this is at their total discretion. Each team objective is to have 8 completed games by end of season.

What equipment will my child require?

Children must provide their own shin pads, runners or cleats and shorts/pants. Each player will also receive a t-shirt/jersey and socks at the first game which they will be able to keep in addition to their team/ individual picture and medal (which they will receive at the last game of the season).

Is there a uniform deposit?

No, there is no uniform deposit.

Who brings the snacks?

The Team Parent will schedule each parent to bring the snack once during the season. The snacks should be free of **any nuts** and choking hazards. Ideal snacks are: oranges cut in 1/8, watermelon, cut strawberries, cut grapes, etc.

When are team/individual pictures?

Team/Individual Pictures will be held at Lake Bonavista Community Centre (located at 1401 Acadia Drive S.E.) on Saturday, May 24th, 2008 between 10 am and 6 pm. It is important that you arrive at least 10 minutes early as we are unable to wait for late players. Your coach and Team Parent will tell you the exact time of your team picture.

Do I need to volunteer?

Lastly, we require over 200 volunteers to make this season possible. Please review the volunteer positions below and indicate which would suit you best. You will be requested to volunteer so please help us find an appropriate position for you by indicating your preference now. There will be clinics and orientations to make each job effortless for all of the volunteer positions. We would like to express our gratitude for your consideration of these positions and fully understand the effort that is given as a volunteer. Our goal is to make these positions as effortless as possible through automation, organization skills and an abundance of labour/volunteers. Feel free to contact us at sports@douglasdalecommunity.com or 720-0668 for more information or to volunteer for a position.

Volunteer Position	Description
Co-ordinators	Each age grouping requires two volunteers to contact coaches and create teams (ideal position for a couple of friends to work on together!). This volunteer position does not require knowledge of soccer, but rather good organizational skills. User-friendly computer spreadsheets and forms exist to assist coordinators in their tasks.
Equipment Sorters	The equipment needs to be sorted out each year into the coaching bags along with uniforms, water bottles, etc. before it is handed out to the coaches. Equipment sorters help with this task on a Saturday in late April.
Coaches	We require dedicated parents with some time and a lot of patience. More important than soccer knowledge and skill is an ability and willingness to organize and lead children. Coaching clinics run by Calgary Minor Soccer Association are provided for you, as well as a coaching manual that includes easy warm-up activities and games. The duties of a coach include collecting and maintaining an equipment bag as well as communicating with the team parent and other coaches during the season when there are weather cancellations. You may volunteer to coach with a specific assistant coach.
Assistant coaches	Assist the coach in their duties; help keep the players organized on the sidelines when they are not on the field. You may volunteer to assistant coach with a specific coach/assistant coach.
Team Parents	Responsible for contacting players on your child's team to let them know when/where their first game is and making up a snack schedule. You will also notify the team in the case of game cancellations.
Database/Excel Specialist	We require individuals to enter data from registration forms into our existing Microsoft Excel spreadsheets.
League Organizer Apprentice	The League Organizer positions are 2 year positions. We will be looking for two individuals to assist/train in 2009 who will take over as Organizers for the 2010 season. The biggest time commitment will be in February, March and April with the balance of the season being maintenance.