



OP EAGLES NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Mike Zazon

A big hello to the OP Eagles Family of parents, players, and coaches. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer with their families and got recharged for what promises to be an eventful fall soccer season. We have already had some notable tournament finishes for some of our teams while league play is in full force. It truly is a wonderful sight to see our kids working so hard for their coaches but also having fun while they train.

Our OP Eagles Invitational is just around the corner and I want to thank all of our sponsors for their support this year. A list of the companies and individuals is posted on the front page of our web site. This will also be our first tournament as a boys and girls club and the field of teams is very impressive. In addition, I encourage all parents to volunteer wherever possible. It is a very rewarding experience and as always, we make every attempt to insure your work schedule does not conflict with your child's matches. I will be on the grill again this year so come by for one of our world famous brats or burgers.

Lastly, since we are starting a new season, I must remind all of our parents of the leadership position we are in with our kids. Yes, we all want our kids to succeed but please remember to let the coaches coach and the kids play.

See you on the fields!

OP EAGLES INVITATIONAL

**OP EAGLES INVITATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT IS
THIS WEEKEND—SEPTEMBER 19TH AND 20TH.**

The OP Eagles Invitational committee have been busy planning the 11th annual soccer tournament. This is the Club's major fundraiser and we encourage everyone to get involved. We are very excited about the addition of young men this year as well as hosting our tournament at multiple sites due to our growth. Games will be played at Darree and Spindler parks.

We have always been a top-notch tournament and we expect it to be again this year. It is due to all the volunteers that make that possible. We ask each family to volunteer to at least one shift over the weekend, even the older age groups who aren't playing this fall. If all families pitch in, we will have ample volunteers to make the weekend run smoothly.

Please go to <http://opsoccer.volunteerhub.com/Events/Groups.aspx> to sign up for a shift. THANK YOU!!!!

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Technical Director Report

Chris King

I hope this newsletter finds all our families and players doing well. As a club, we are off to a tremendous start this fall, with many of our teams having great success on the field. I've had the opportunity to observe many of our teams play and I must say, I'm impressed. However, our fans and our sideline behavior are just as important as what we do on the field. So I thought I'd give you all a few friendly reminders of our expectations regarding sideline behavior:

- CHEER! CHEER! and CHEER some more!
- Do not coach. Let the coaches coach the players!
- Do not yell at referees. No one is perfect, they will make mistakes. We all do.
- Do not approach a tournament official or tournament director for any reason. If you feel something needs to be addressed, speak to your coach at an appropriate time/location. Then we, as a club, will address any valid concerns with the appropriate parties.
- Be respectful of other teams and their parents, regardless of their behavior.
- ENJOY the time you have watching your children play a game they are passionate about!!!!

If you all remember these simple expectations, then the 2009-2010 OP Eagles will be a success.

See you on the field!

OP EAGLES JUNIORS AND UA U8 ACADEMY

Shane Woodruff and Matt Odgen

Our OP Eagles Juniors programs have been extremely successful in both Dublin and Upper Arlington. We have around 60 boys and girls in Dublin participating and over 45 boys and girls participating in Upper Arlington.

The U8 Academy in Upper Arlington has a pool of 16 boys that are participating in the GOYSL program.

SAVE THE DATE

OP EAGLES NIGHT
AT THE WOMEN'S
OSU SOCCER GAME
Friday, Oct. 9, 7pm

Details soon!

Boys Director of Coaching Report

Andrew Kessinger and Chris Duff

By the time this first Fall Newsletter hits the press and our OP Eagles website, our 20 boys teams will have accomplished tournament success and wins in some of the most prestigious events occurring in the Midwestern United States. Not bad for a "start up" boys program!

Chris Duff and I have many exciting things to update you on from the boys side of the program:

With the help of the OP Eagles Board and our Technical Director Chris King, we were able to complete a club merger earlier this year and launch a boys program that will challenge top clubs and top leagues for years to come. How did we achieve this? Simple, by working together to bring in the best assembled coaching staff in Columbus and by continuing to motivate our awesome players to "bring it" on the soccer field. It also helps to have wonderful parents who help car-pool the kids and volunteer to help in many different ways.

Chris and I are proud that the boys teams are off to a great start and really want to thank and credit the staff with being organized and adapting quickly to our new, two community concept, that has been so well received by everyone involved. We look for great things from our teams in their league events including MOSSL, Buckeye Premier, and the Midwest Regional League. Our early tournament successes can be seen above!

We are excited to finish strong this Fall and to get into our new and club owned indoor facility later this year! More on that topic to follow in the upcoming newsletters! Keep up the great work everyone and we will see you at the OP Eagles Invitational!

Director of Operations

Ruth Rudibaugh

PARENT ADMINISTRATORS

Thank you for all you have done this year and will continue to do for your teams and the club.

We would not be able to operate without your assistance. With the club doubling in size this year, your support and patience has been greatly appreciated!

OP EAGLES INVITATIONAL

Thank you to a wonderful committee that has put countless hours into making sure we will host another top quality tournament.

With adding boys teams this year, we have doubled the size of the tournament. We appreciate all the families that are volunteering this weekend to make sure that it runs smoothly. Thanks for your help!

Reminder — Payments past due

If you have not already made your payment that was due September 1, please do so immediately. Your player's spot is not secure until we receive your payment. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Ruth at admin@opsoccer.com. Please refer to the tryout information link if you need a copy of the fee payment schedule.

Congratulations to the following teams for their performances in tournaments

DOG DAYS

Girls U10 Black Dublin - Champion
Girls U10 White Dublin - Champion
Girls U11 White Dublin - Champion
Girls U12 White Dublin-Finalist
Boys U9 Black Dublin – Champion

ECLIPSE

Girls U12 Green Dublin - Champion
Girls U14 Green - Semi-finalist
Boys U12 Green - Champion

CINCINATTI UNITED CUP

Girls U11 Green UA - Champion
Boys U10 Black Dublin - Finalist

MICHIGAN ELITE CUP

Girls U12 Green Dublin - Semi-Finalist
Girls U14 Green - Semi-Finalist
Boys U10 Green Dublin - Finalist
Boys U12 Green 2 Dublin - Finalist

DONATOS CLASSIC

Boys U12 Black Dublin - Finalist
Boys U11 Green UA - Finalist

CCAA LABOR DAY INVITATIONAL

Girls U10 White Dublin - Champion
Girls U11 White Dublin - Champion
Girls U12 White Dublin - Champion

MEAD CUSA CUP

Girls U10 Green Dublin - Finalist
Girls U10 Black Dublin - Semi-Finalist
Girls U11 Green UA - Semi-Finalist
Girls U14 Black - Semi-Finalist
Boys U10 Green Dublin - Finalist
Boys U10 Green UA - Semi-Finalist
Boys U12 Green 1 Dublin - Champion
Boys U12 Green 2 Dublin - Champion
Boys U12 Green UA - Finalist
Boys U14 Green – Finalist

BAY VILLIAGE CHALLENGE CUP

Girls U10 Black UA – Finalist

Uniform Coordinator Report

Kathy Schlemitz

What a uniform cycle this has been. Thanks to all of you for your patience while we doubled our size becoming OP Eagles. While there were ups and downs this year regarding uniforms, I think finally things are pulling together. Warm-ups should soon be delivered just in time for the cool weather. Sweatshirt orders are being processed and will be delivered soon. All of the Procore items are coming in as well.

Some of you may have been hearing some rumblings regarding the girls

uniforms or have seen groups of girls trying uniforms on, again. ALL girls uniforms are being replaced. We voiced our concerns regarding some quality issues and Nike listened. While we seem to be a select group having this problem, our relationship with Nike allowed us the opportunity to replace ALL girls jerseys and shorts. This has been a process; however, in the long run everyone will be happier. Our uniform cycle is two years, and after just two weekends, we were seeing some problems. Thanks to Nike and Chris

King for getting this resolved in a timely manner.

I also want to thank Cheryl Berry who has been my right hand during this uniform cycle. She has been extremely helpful distributing uniforms in Arlington, saving the PA's trips to Dublin to pick things up.

Again, thanks to all of you for your help and your patience, it is greatly appreciated.

INDOOR FACILITY UPDATE

Thank you to all the volunteers who have donated their time, materials and items to help get our new indoor facility ready to use. We sincerely appreciate all of your help!!

We are close to being ready to move into the facility. There will be offices located in the building as well as a large training space with turf, a conference room, a viewing area, and areas for parents to hang out and relax while their children will be training over the winter.

There is still work to be done, but we are excited about the progress that has been made to date.

We will be out there on Thursday, September 17th at 8:30am if anyone is available to help mulch and put in some plants.

We also could still use the following items:

- **Tractor/Snow blade**
- **Fountain for pond**
- **Green construction fence**
- **Refrigerator**
- **Washer/dryer**

Please contact Angie at angie.weber@att.net if you have items to donate or could help out on Thursday.

Facility Manager

We are looking for a part-time Facility Manager Position.

They will be responsible for:

- Creating and implement programs to use facility
- Find organizations to lease space in the facility during off-peak times
- Assist with fundraising to advertise in the facility
- Maintain office hours
- Maintain the facility
- Assist Ruth
- Other duties as necessary

If you are interested or know someone that is interested, please contact Pat Shivley at patshivley@aol.com.

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COUNTRY - THE OP EAGLES"*

Publicity Angie Weber

We will hold a training session on how to use the website on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30pm at the new Indoor Facility, which is located at Post Rd and Cosgray Rd on the north side. It will be in the back white building. This is open to anyone who will be updating the website for your team.

If your team does well at a tournament and would like to have a photo submitted to the papers, please send the following information, along with a photo, to Angie Weber at angie.weber@att.net:

- Names of kids and coaches in the photo (in the order they appear in the photo)
- Name of tournament
- Location of tournament
- Who they played
- Score
- Finals or Semi-Finals
- Names of towns the kids from the team live in, so I can put in the appropriate papers