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Nordic News

To: Coaches, Players, and Parents of Nordic Soccer Club.

Regionals:

Good luck to all of our teams that are heading off to Portland, Maine, this coming weekend to represent the state at Regionals. Nordic has a total of 12 teams making the trip this year and we will be the best-represented club in the region! Nordic teams making the trip include our 12 Girls, 13 Girls, 14 Girls, 15 Girls, 17 Girls, 19 Girls, 12 Boys, 13 Boys, 14 Boys, 17 Boys, 18 Boys and 19 Boys. You can follow our teams on the web by going to the following link: <http://region1.com/NatlChamp/Schedules/schedule.htm>

The parade will be on Thursday June 26th with preliminary group games on Friday June 27th, Saturday June 28th and Sunday June 29th. Semi final games will be Monday June 30th and Finals on Tuesday July 1st.

Complete Schedule:

| | Friday June 27th | Saturday June 28th | Sunday June 30th |
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| 12 Premier Girls | 12pm vs. ME | 8am vs. CT#2 | 12pm vs. NH |
| 13 Premier Girls | 2.40pm vs. WVA | 9.20am vs. VA | 2.40pm vs. NH#2 |
| 14 Premier Girls | 9.20am vs. PAW | 1.20pm vs. CT | 9.20am vs. MA |
| 15 Premier Girls | 9.45am vs. NH | 4.45pm vs. EPA | 1.15pm vs. VA |
| 17 Premier Girls | 11.30am vs. ME | 8am vs. MD | 3pm vs. EPA |
| 19 Premier Girls | 1.15pm vs. ENY | 9.45am vs. EPA#2 | 4.45pm vs. VA#2 |
| 12 Premier Boys | 10.30am vs. ENY | 2.30pm vs. RI | 10.30am vs. VA |
| 13 Premier Boys | 8am vs. WVA | 12pm vs. NH | 8am vs. NJ |
| 14 Premier Boys | 4pm vs. NYW | 10.40am vs. DE | 3pm vs. NJ |
| 17 Premier Boys | 3pm vs. CT | 11.30am vs. VA | 8am vs. NH |
| 18 Premier Boys | 9.45am vs. NYW | 4.45pm vs. ME | 1.15pm vs. Epa |
| 19 Premier Boys | 4.45pm vs. CT | 1.15pm vs. NJ | 9.45am vs. Epa |

Nordic Cup:

Nordic Cup 2008 was a huge success with 215 teams from throughout the Northeast competing in our annual tournament. Nordic Soccer Club would like to thank all our parents that volunteered throughout the weekend to make the tournament such a success. Congratulations and thanks also to Ross Duncan and his organizing committee on such a good job. On the field, Nordic was the most successful club with 6 of our teams winning titles (11 Premier Boys, 12 Premier Boys, 13 Premier Boys, 14 Premier Boys, 19 Premier Boys and 17 Premier Girls)...more details in our "Players in the News" section.

2008-09 Try-outs

Nordic has announced our dates for try-outs for the 2008-09 season.

U14-U19 Boys and Girls:

Monday, July 28 and Tuesday, July 29, 2008

5:00-6:30pm U14 Boys & Girls

5:00-6:30pm U15 Boys & Girls

6:30-8:00pm U16 Boys & Girls

6:30-8:00pm U17 Boys & Girls

6:30-8:00pm U18/19 Boys & Girls

U10-U13 Boys and Girls:

Saturday, September 6 & 13

1:00-2:30pm U10 Boys

1:00-2:30pm U10 Girls

2:30-4:00pm U12 Boys

2:30-4:00pm U13 Boys

Sunday, September 7 & 14

9:00-10:30am U11 Boys

9:00-10:30am U12 Girls

10:30am-12:00pm U11 Girls

1:00-2:30pm U13 Girls

All Try-outs are at the Tree Farm.

Players in the News

Nordic 13 Premier Boys reclaimed their Nordic Cup title by shutting out their opponents in 3 out of 5 games combined with timely scoring. Avenging their 1-0 loss in last year's Cup, the boys dominated the Alleycats (NY) 3-0 on their way to winning their bracket that also included scrappy Academica (CT) and Capital. The boys prevailed 1-0 in a semifinal nail biter against Nashua World Cup (NH) before beating Odyssey (ME) 4-2 in a climactic final match.

Nordic's 12 Premier Boys defended their Nordic Cup Championship with a 3-0 record to meet Plattsburgh FC in the finals. In the final game **Ekow Annan** scored twice for Nordic and **Teddy Lyons** once with **Zack Evans** in goal for a 3-1 win over PFC.

The **Nordic 17 Premier Girls** showed tremendous team effort during the Nordic Cup, winning the competitive U17 Girls Division. The team's depth was clearly demonstrated with 5 different Nordic players providing the scoring and six defensive players and two goalies recording four shut outs. The championship game was a 1-0 win over the Shenentaha Lady Mad Dogs, with the offensive play of the game coming with a shot from outside midfielder **Caitlin Nedde**. Defensively, **Maria Tardella** dramatically headed a ball out of the goal to shut down the Mad Dog's best scoring opportunity of match.

Nordic 11 Premier Boys clinched their 1st tournament championship at our own Nordic Cup! The first game was interrupted with an injury to a key midfielder **Carter Smith** who suffered a broken collarbone.

The Nordic U-11 boys started off the Nordic Cup with the other tournament favorite, the Alley Cats of Albany, New York. For most of the match the Alley Cats put pressure on the team by hammering shot after shot at Nordic goalie **Robert Kelly**. Robert put in an impressive display keeping every shot out of the back of the net. The Nordic U-11s were able to break the pressure through a goal by **Jordain Williams** and assisted by **Brendan McGovern**. The defense held onto the shutout for the rest of the games through the efforts of **Nate Hubbard, Hank Collins, Mikey Chambers** and **Alex Barrett**.

The 11 Boys took a more offensive approach to their second and third group games against Plattsburgh FC and Synergy Soccer Club. **Brendan McGovern** led the way to a 3-0 victory against Plattsburgh by beating multiple defenders in the box to slot in two goals. **Hunter Pelkey** added a goal late to seal an impressive midfield display and the victory. In the match against Synergy **Zach Akey, Brennan Fitzpatrick**, and **Mark Gauthier** dominated the midfield by winning 50-50 balls and possessing around the Synergy defenders. The midfield dominance led to a

3 to 2 victory for the U-11's. With the help of in-form goalie **Robert Kelly** and back to back to back-to-back goal line clearances by **Alex Barret, Nate Hubbard, Mikey Chambers and Hank Collins** the defense kept Synergy out of the goal late in the game and wrapped up the top spot in the group.

By the time the final game rolled around both the Alley Cats and the U-11s only managed to draw blanks as the game remained scoreless through the 50 minutes of regular time. In the extra time golden goal period the U-11s increased the intensity that both teams searched for in regular time. The Nordic boys came out flying with the help of inspirational assistant coach for the tournament, **Carter Smith** who broke his collarbone in the first game against the Alley Cats. Within the first two minutes of extra time **Hunter Pelkey** ran onto a through ball and put the ball into the back of the net to help the squad raise the first silverware of the season.

The 12 Boys Spirit team met the Bethlehem Knights #2 for their first Nordic Cup game, and won 3-0 with goals by **Jordan Norcross, Jack Dabagian and Connor Calhoun**. They next played Clifton Park Cobras to a scoreless tie. **Will Ward** scored a goal in a 1-5 loss to Bethlehem Knights #1, and the team advanced to the semi-finals, meeting the Bethlehem Knights #1 again in a game that ended with a 0-2 loss.

The **11 Premier Girls** played two very good teams to start the Nordic Cup weekend. They lost 2-1 to Lustiana RI, and 3-0 to Nashua CT. They then played Far Post Orange to a 1-1 tie and Far Post Blue to a 2-1 win.

The **U10 Boys** closed out their season at Nordic Cup with an impressive performance. Our boys were divided into two groups; GREEN and WHITE. Both teams played well, and shown their skills and sportsmanship throughout the weekend: The two teams combined record of 5 Wins and 3 Losses. Coaches (**Wade Jean, Bay Outama and Ryan Horan**) are proud for the boys for their hard work, determination and most of all their love for the game

Our U10 boys: **Kieran Bhave, Jordan Bursell, Matthew Davis, William Desautels, Leland Gazo, Robert Navarro, Cooper O'Connell, Danilo Salgado, Oliver Sloan, Seth Amalixsen, Patrick Desmond, Aiman Ginawi, Ateev Nahar, Matthew Outama, James Raymond, Colby Audette, Mark Simendinger and Ethan Pochop**.

Nordic U13 Premier Girls competed hard at Nordic Cup, giving up only one goal throughout the entire weekend and beating local rival Capitol 3-0. **Sammi Morrill, Shannon Wells, Riley Kruger and Katie Bernhardt** played a strong defense while **Alita Rogers and Kayla Dion** displayed tough goalkeeping. Despite the girls' solid showing, the team did not advance.

Finally, the **14 Premier Boys** won their first Nordic Cup title in dramatic style with a 1-0 overtime victory over World Class (CT). In group play, Nordic won their first 2 games, 5-2 vs. Brunswick Bengals (NY) (**Nate LeClair, Thomas Artensaye, Kendall Pasteris, Lucas Martin and Adam Ellison**) and 4-0 vs. Nashua World Cup (NH) (**Nate LeClair (2), Jack Loud and Hayden Pochop**) before a 0-0 tie with World Class (CT). In a tight semi-final, goals from **Thomas Woolsen and Nate LeClair** saw off Odyssey (ME) in a 2-1 win. 120 minutes of play against World Class (CT) saw no goals between these 2 teams before **Jack Loud** took matters into his own hands with a great solo run from 30yds in the first 30 seconds of the first overtime period.

Coaches don't forget to e-mail your team/player stories/achievements to Jim Goudie at **thecalfee@aol.com** no later than the end of the month.

