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Bulls Calendar

08/01 Oahu League Team Registration Deadline
08/02 – 04 U16 – U19 Surf Cup
08/02–04 Mission Viejo Invitational Tournament
08/06 Oahu League BOD meeting
08/08 Oahu League Player/Coach Registration Deadline
08/11 Pre-ILH Training Starts
08/12 HSC Bulls BOD meeting, 7:00 p.m., 900 Fort Street Mall
08/14 – 17 Challenge Cup
08/15 Holiday – Admissions Day
08/17 HSC Bulls Coaches and Managers meeting, 7:00 p.m., Paki Hale
08/20 Newsletter deadline for September issue
08/21 Keiki Bulls Recreation League Starts
08/22 – 24 Honolulu Cup
08/30 Fall Fast Footwork Starts

Message from the President

Congratulations on being selected and welcome to another year with the Honolulu Bulls Soccer Club. For those who are returning we would like to thank you for your continued support and your belief in what the Club offers. For those who have become a Bull for the first time, get ready for exciting and competitive soccer with a great bunch of people.

The HSC Bulls is dedicated to educating and developing select youth players to their highest potential through the game of soccer and we do so with the guidance of a professional coaching staff. The HSC Bulls participates in competitive, not recreational, soccer in Hawaii and abroad. Our annual membership

fees allow for year round training possibilities.

The HSC Bulls have been in existence since 1975; initially being comprised of a few boys' teams and since having grown to 30 teams for boys and girls. In our early years the teams were loosely associated, a club in name only. Four years ago, with community support, the Club made the bold and controversial move to pay for professional coaching. The impact in Hawaii was immediate. There were many who initially did not agree that professional coaching was a good idea; however, our success soon became obvious to all. Now, many Clubs in the state have paid professional coaching staffs, including those who were most vocal against the concept four years ago. We "raised the bar" and others have followed suit, much to the betterment of the youth soccer in Hawaii.

What does it mean to a part of a club?

The State soccer association for competitive soccer (HYSA) recognizes a club as having three or more teams. Our concept of a club goes far beyond this simple notion.

Being a club provides an identity. The Red, Black and White are unmistakable here and at major tournaments on the mainland. Our professional coaches provide a curriculum for the players and coaches to learn a system of play. Players from all ages participate in the same footskill exercises. Skills are gained in a structured and planned way, geared to the appropriate age of the players. Players with initiative can practice with other Bulls teams in addition to their own if they have the skills.

Practices are geared toward learning the technical skills and tactics of the game, not just playing directly to score goals.

What does it mean to be a Bull?

Competitive soccer by invitation. Practice attendance is expected. Playing time is determined by the coach and based on skill level, physical fitness, injury, and how the game is proceeding at the moment. Select soccer players display commitment, enjoy the hard work and long hours necessary to improve and learn and are motivated to go the extra mile. There are usually two practices a week, occasionally three. Several times through the year, the staff holds fast footwork sessions. There are usually scrimmages or official matches on the weekend, sometimes more than one. Practices are usually two hours long with the older players often practicing at night under the lights. Bulls participate in tournaments here in the state, but we strive to have teams travel to mainland competitions. USYSA Regionals, US Club Soccer National Cup, Surf Cup, Dallas Cup, Mission Viejo tournament, and the Pateadores Cup are some of the prestigious events for which our teams have qualified and participated.

In addition to training, our players are encouraged to give back to the Club and the community by volunteering. Volunteer opportunities include spring and summer soccer camps, Pro-Xtreme Christmas Camp, Jamboree and our tournaments. We do have many financial aid recipients and these families are expected to be the first to volunteer.



The HSC Bulls currently is a member of Hawaii Youth Soccer Association (HYSA) and US Club Soccer. HYSA is the state affiliate of USYSA, the national youth soccer association. There are approximately 3,000 players in HYSA, compared to the recreational league (AYSO) which has about 30,000 members. HYSA's Oahu League provides a fall season and a spring season of play.

The HSC Bulls became a founding member of US Club Soccer in 2001. US Club Soccer is a newer organization that (among other goals) aims to reduce the paperwork and rules required to register players. Their system allows the coach to determine the team roster shortly before an event, allowing the adjustments that may be necessary due to player injury or other unanticipated events that make players unavailable. This flexibility is very helpful when player development is a primary goal as it is for the Bulls. Other Hawaii soccer clubs are joining US Club Soccer also, creating additional opportunities for competition here at home.

Our Club has several lines of communication to get information out to the teams, players, staff and parents. Our newsletter, The Bulletin, is published monthly. There is regular communication between coach and players. We have monthly meetings for both the Board and the coaching staff. Each team coach chooses one parent to be the team manager. The team manager is a vital link in our communication system. The manager communicates Club information to parents and players. The manager is responsible for assuring that player registration is done correctly. They also manage uniforms and communicate game schedules. Commonly the manager may also coordinate travel plans and any fundraising activities. The manager can delegate some or all of these tasks to other willing volunteer parents.

Please work with your team manager if you have concerns, criticisms, suggestions or a desire to get more involved with your Club. You may also contact any of the members of the Board (listed below) if you'd like to offer constructive criticism or offer to help! We'd love to talk to you, and once again welcome to another great year with the Honolulu Bulls.

- Ken Perske - President
- Karen Ehrhorn - Treasurer
- Miles Tsuruoka - Secretary
- Keona Leong - Vice President
- Leslie Aubrey, Allan Yokoyama, Katy Bourne, Larry Stenek, P. Michael Watson, Bill Brennan

HSC Bulls Golf Tournament

By Michael Stollar



With just three months remaining, preparations for the HSC Bulls inaugural golf tournament are picking up steam. We would like to invite you, your business associates, friends and family to enter teams into the tournament. Entry forms are available on the Bulls website. We are also stepping up our requests for prizes and other donations. Please see the last two bulletins for recommended donations. With your help, we can make this a tremendous fundraiser for the club. If you have any questions on the tournament or would like to make a donation, please contact Mike at 286-5586 or e-mail him at mbschs@hawaii.rr.com.

HSC Bulls 94 Girls Surf Cup

Congratulations to the HSC Bulls '94 girls for (according to Coach Phil) "raising the bar." Their record in pool play was 1 win, 1 tie and 1 loss. The first game they played was against the host team the Surf and lost 0 – 4. The second game they played was against the West Coast Futbol Club (WCFC) Premier and tied 1 – 1. The final game they played against the Laguna Hills Soccer Club (LHSC)

Eclipse and won 1 – 0. Again, congratulations to Maile, Sierra, Lauren S., Geena, Brooke, Anuhea, Lauren U, Misty and Amanda. The U10 girls also had an opportunity to play a friendly game with the Southern California Blues Soccer Club (SC Blues SC).

HSC Bulls 94 Girls Mission Viejo

Congratulations to Maile, Sierra, Brooke, Anuhea, Lauren U and Amanda for their outstanding play at the 24th Annual Mission Viejo Invitational Tournament. Also, many thanks to the contributions made by our guest players: Courtney Okazaki of Sakura and Annie Grove, Erin Burner and Adeline Saldana from South Bay Soccer Club (SBSC). Without their efforts, the HSC Bulls 94 girls would not have been able to compete in this tournament.

The team had a record of 2 wins and 1 loss in pool play. In the semifinals, they prevailed over the first place team in the other pool making it to the finals. The team finished the tournament in second place.

Other Tournament News

Results for the U11, U12 girls and U10 boys.

SURF

U12 Girls had a record of 2 - 0 - 1 in Pool play and losing in the Quarter finals by Penalty Kicks.

Mission Viejo

U12 Girls 5 - 0 - 0 Tournament Champions

U11 Girls 5 - 0 - 0 Tournament Champions

U10 Boys 1 - 1 - 1, only lost to tournament Champions

Pateadores Cup

U10 Boys – second in pool 2-1 record.

Keiki Bulls Recreation League

Parents – If you would like your young players to experience the fun of soccer in a great environment, the Keiki Bulls starts again on August 21, 2003.