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DASC Programming Clarified

By DOC Chris McGill

DASC has a couple of main objectives but one of the most important ones is fostering an environment to play for anyone that is 3 to 19, no matter their skill level. DASC has really evolved in the past couple of years because we offer programming for the seasonal soccer player and for the player that wants soccer all year round. Because we do offer a number of programs it can get confusing, so I have developed a program offer piece that shows which programs we offer and for which age groups. Please see the diagram below:

	U4	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
Recreational Soccer Fall & Spring	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Rec Plus Fall & Spring								●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●
Summer Street Soccer		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
Indoor Winter Rec League (Polar Bears)		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●							
Outstanding Player Program (OPP) Fall & Spring					●●	●●	●●	●●	●●							
Soccer-Nastics Seasonal	●●															
Joga Seasonal		●●	●●													
Toca Seasonal				●●	●●											
Academy Seasonal or All Year Round						●●	●●									
Competitive Soccer All Year Round								●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●
Goalkeeper Training All Year Round						●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●
College Advisory Program (CAP)												●	●	●	●	●
Xtra Kixx's (Nov. - March)						●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●	●●

- - Associated with League Play
- - Intra Club Activity/Programming
- - Free Seminar with Competitive Players

- - Free Clinic along with Registration
- - Professional Coaching

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Coach's Profile

Name: Doug Townsend

Team(s) Coaching: Lincoln High School Boys Varsity

How Long Have You Been Coaching: 10ish years

Hometown: Sioux Falls

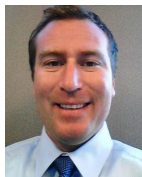
Favorite Athlete: UFC Welterweight Champion George St-Pierre, the guy is a machine and all class.

Favorite Sports Team: Liverpool FC

In Your Free Time You: Early mornings are for watching the EPL, free afternoons are for my family and golf and nights are for reading presidential documentaries and economics theory; not really, I won't read it unless it has swords, dragons and wizards.

Interesting Fun Fact About You: When it comes to soccer I have share most of my philosophy with Liverpool's great Bill Shankly who once said. "A lot of football success is in the mind. You must believe you are the best and then make sure that you are."

Favorite Coaching Moment/Memory: Soccer is sort of a family obsession so having the opportunity to coach alongside my dad (Funk) who coached me growing up.



Player's Profile

Name: Jonathon Gednalske

Nickname: Jon

Age: 18

Team and Age Group: High School Lincoln High School Varsity

How Long Have You Been Playing Soccer: 14 years – I started in Minnesota when I was 4 years old, and continued when I moved to South Dakota a year later and played in South Dakota since I have been 5 years old.

School: Lincoln High School

Favorite Athlete: Christino Ronaldo

Favorite Soccer Team: Barcelona

In Your Free Time You: Golf, Sing, Play guitar, Wakeboard, snowboard, hang out with friends...if I have free time.

Favorite Soccer Moment/Memory: Winning 2010 State Soccer Championship for Lincoln Patriots! Beating Brazil during U13 at the Schwan's Tournament in Minneapolis!



You Tube Clip of the Month

[http://
www.youtube.com/
watch?
v=Z9IA3zWbiG0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9IA3zWbiG0)

Ever wonder what all goes into preparing for a professional soccer game? Check out the above YouTube Clip that features the Chicago Fire Equipment Manager.

DASC High School Update **By Ginger Parson-McGill**

It is hard to believe we are already over half way done with the high school season and are near play in games for the state tournament. I am very happy to report that most of the Sioux Falls Area Schools are doing well.

In single A Girls action, last year's state champs, West Central are on top of the league being undefeated with seven wins. They will most likely hold their place going into the state tournament. In a close 2nd, Harrisburg girls are nipping at West Central's heels with 7 wins and 1 loss. They have a couple of tough road games to wrap up their regular season. Maybe we will see these two teams play each other at the state tournament in the final.

In boys single A action, Harrisburg is close to holding the top spot in the league. They are battling for that spot with Sioux Falls Christian and Huron. Harrisburg wraps up their regular season playing Vermillion and St. Thomas Moore who are middle of the pack teams.

On to AA girls where we have a wide variety of success represented in the Sioux Falls Area. Washington girls are having somewhat of a rebuilding year with several injuries and a few freshmen having to step up in starting positions. They may have found a little more rhythm as they close out the season heading into their play in game with a recent 0 to 0 tie with O'Gorman Girls. O'Gorman certainly has a strong roster and has out shot their competition but holds a middle of the pack spot because their shots are not hitting the back of the net. Hopefully luck will go their way in the tournament play in game. Lincoln Girls have a strong 4th place position going into their last regular season game against Yankton. It should be a battle as Yankton is known for having a strong goal keeper. Roosevelt is in a race for the top seed going into the tournament with Rapid City Stevens who they play September 23rd at home. Roosevelt Girls have had an amazing 38 goals for and 1 goal against so far in league play. Cross your fingers that all the Sioux Falls Area School get into the state tournament after their play in games that are happening September 29th, September 30th, and October 1st.

Last but not least, double A Boys are trucking along. Lincoln Boys are in the 2nd seed position at this point in the season, right under Rapid City Central. O'Gorman Boys are right behind

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Lincoln with the help of some power points. They finish up their regular season with Yankton and a very capable Brandon Valley. Washington Boys are slightly above the middle of the pack with 4 wins, 2 ties, and 2 losses. They have a great shot of getting a good position for either a bye into the tournament or a great play in game home seed. Roosevelt Boys are sitting in the middle of the pack and finish up their regular season with a tough Rapid City Central game.

DASC wishes all the high school teams that register with us the best of luck. May all the teams have a great end of the regular season and pick up momentum heading into the state tournament. The state tournament will be held October 6th, 7th, and 8th in Mitchell, South Dakota.

Recreational Programming Looks to Net Another Successful Season

By Recreational Director Frank Gurnick

It is the commitment of the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club to provide for you and your child a quality recreational experience. The keys to that success are facilities, coaches, parents and Club support.

I believe that for a Recreational Program our facilities are second to none. The Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Sioux Falls takes pride in their park system and our fields come under their direction. One of the changes to the fields you will see this fall is the transfer of games from Lion's Centennial Park over to Spencer Park. This now puts our 4 and 5 year olds in an environment with our U6-U8 divisions and creates an atmosphere of being a part of our Club right from their first experience. For the older age groups, the Parks Department has created a team area which has not been done in the past except for Competitive Tournaments. This now makes for better sideline management for the coach and referees. Through a good rapport with the park staff, we will continue to provide a safe and quality environment for our kids to play in.

This season has already seen a boon in coach volunteerism. I have never seen in over 27 years of coaching and managing clubs such willingness to volunteer and help as a coach. Together we will challenge ourselves to be the best we can be to provide an atmosphere and environment that will foster a passion in our membership for the game of soccer. To date, I have conducted four different coaching clinics and licensing courses. Sixty-three (63) coaches took time out of their already busy schedules to attend and learn some new games and skills to teach the kids. This kind of desire to get better will translate into a more positive experience not only for the coach but their players and teams. Our success will be measured in smiles, skill development and membership retention. If the families keep coming back, there must be a good reason.

You, the parents, are a major key to our success. We need you to be supportive of our efforts and the efforts of your children. I need you to be engaged in your child's soccer experience and that may come in the form of volunteering to coach, referee, and provide the post-game snacks or simply to encourage your child and their teammates on the field. I will also encourage you to become more involved with the Club and see if there is an area of interest that might draw you to volunteer. If this is something you might be interested in, please do not hesitate to call the office 332 - 5911 and talk to Jean Bowar or call me 521 - 8417 and together we might be able to find an area that will engage your strengths in helping us further the Mission of the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club.

Club support is an integral to our success. I happen to be the liaison between the Club and the Recreational membership. I take my role and the responsibilities and duties very seriously. The Board of Directors is committed to seeing that the Recreational Program has everything it needs to be successful. We want to have an exceptional program and we are focused on that mission. This year I will build upon the successes of last year and continue to forge forward. I will be reaching out to my volunteer coaches and parents to conduct some strategy sessions and surveys to see what types of programming our membership might be interested in. If we are all involved in the program together, our efforts will yield positive results.

I hope to see you out at the fields enjoying this wonderful weather and some good soccer! Have an awesome season!!

Trivia Question of the Month

[Expand Your Soccer Knowledge](#)

Last Month's Q and A:
Which US Women's player just broke Michele Akers for the most goals scored in World Cups? Abby Wambach

This Month's Question: In what South Dakota town will the South Dakota State High School Tournament be held in this Fall?

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All-Star Players Deserve All-Star Parents

A few years ago, Dr. Rob Gilbert wrote an article in the NSCAA Journal on how to be an all-star parent. As your children move into more competitive soccer, take a minute to consider Dr. Gilbert's Three B's for

All-Star Parenting:

1. **Be There** – You can never hope to be an All-Star parent unless you show up at games. Regardless of the skill level of your child or the success of the team, go to the games. Be supportive. Don't be a fickle, fair-weather fan.
2. **Be Positive** – When your child puts on their uniform, stop being a parent and become a fan. There is no trick to learn here. You already know what to do. Remember how you were as your child was learning how to crawl and then walk or when you taught them how to ride a bike? You were an enthusiastic fan. You did not criticize every movement or ask questions like "why are you moving so slow?" How is it any different now that your child is playing a sport? Your job is not to be a coach, critic, or expert. Be a fan. On the sidelines, if you cannot say anything positive, don't say anything at all.
3. **Be Seated** – Even though it is good to be positive and enthusiastic, don't overdo it. Don't stick out, be an admirer.

Once you start to become a positive, acknowledging fan, an interesting thing may happen. Your child will want you at the games. You will be a valuable asset as your child's personal all-star support team.

Parent Conduct/Contribution at Games

Soccer matches are as exciting for the parent as they are for the players. For many of the parents, however, soccer is a sport for which they know very little. They want to support the team and cheer their child on. Sometimes, this enthusiasm combines with a parent's lack of familiarity with the game, or lack of knowledge of the **Coach's** instruction to the team, in a way which causes problems. It is in this spirit, that I ask you to keep the following in mind as you attend your child's matches.

Parental Contributions at Game Time

1. Shout words of encouragement, and not instruction, from the sidelines during games and practices since:
Game time is to allow the player the opportunity to learn decision-making.
Their confidence will grow the more they feel in control.
Players need to concentrate.
Your child may have been told to do something completely opposite of what you may yell out to them.
Players need to gain their own experiences to develop. Trial by error if you will.
2. Support other team member's play w/words of encouragement. Excitement of this kind can be contagious.
3. Keep quiet when something occurs that goes against your team. Provide an example of sportsmanship and discipline for your child and other parents.
4. Find a nice place for your lawn chair; sit down and enjoy your child – do not pace up and down.
5. Show respect for the referee's calls even when you disagree. They will not change the call and by dwelling in the past we cannot focus on the present.
6. Adopt a positive attitude after the match, especially after a loss. Find the positive that occurred during the match and focus on it.
7. Ignore your child's mistakes. I am sure that the coach will address anything that needs to be addressed. They do not need to hear it twice

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USF Hosting Cougar Soccer Fest for DASC Players



The USF Soccer teams will be hosting its first ever Cougar Soccer Fest on Sunday, October 16th. Participants of Dakota Alliance Recreational soccer leagues are encouraged to be a part of this incredible opportunity to learn basic soccer fundamentals and skills from experienced USF college athletes. The event is FREE, and will take place from 4:30 to 5:30 between the USF men's and women's soccer games. USF Soccer invites Dakota Alliance players and families to their games to show their support and witness the excitement and competition of NCAA Division II Soccer. Kids wearing their uniforms will receive free admittance into the October 16th games, parents and siblings will receive a discounted offer of \$3 tickets. The women kick off at 2:00pm against St. Cloud State University, and the men kick off at 7:30pm against Upper Iowa University. Pre-register for Cougar Soccer Fest and take advantage of our \$5 box meal offer. Meal includes hot dog, chips, and a drink. Email Frank at frankq@dakotaalliancesoccer.com to pre-register for this free event by Thursday, October 13th. Please include the participant's name and the number of box meals you would like to purchase. Money for food will be collected the day of.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4 v 4 Scramble

Dakota Alliance Training Grounds
Saturday, September 24th
<http://www.dakotaalliancesoccer.com/tournaments>

High School Play In Games

All Around South Dakota
September 29th, September 30th, and October 1st
http://www.southdakotasoccer.com/high_school_soccer.htm

High School State Tournament

Mitchell, SD
October 6th—8th
http://www.southdakotasoccer.com/high_school_soccer.htm

USF Cougar Soccer Fest

USF Soccer Fields
October 16th at 4:30pm to 5:30pm (between women's and men's games)
To RSVP Contact Frank at frankq@dakotaalliancesoccer.com

Academy Open House

Dakota Alliances Soccer Office
October 18th at 7:30pm
Questions? Contact Nathan at nathanr@dakotaalliancesoccer.com

Outstanding Player Program

Oct 18th-U8 Boys, Oct 20th-U8 Girls,
Oct 25th-U9/U10 Boys, and Oct 27th-U9/U10 Girls
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