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Bulls Calendar

10/6 HSC Bulls Coaches meeting, 7:30 p.m., Paki Hale

10/8 BOD meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hawaiian Brian's

10/14 Holiday - Discoverer's Day

10/18 - 10/20 Region IV Workshop, Honolulu

10/20 Newsletter deadline for November issue

10/20 HSC Bulls Coaches and Managers meeting, 7:00 p.m., Paki Hale

10/25 End of U8 - U12 Keeper Training

10/26 End of Fall Fast Foot Work

10/26 End of Fall 11-a-side season for U12 - U19

President's Message

"Sports do not build character, they reveal it." Heywood Hale Broun.

The latest National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) college rankings for men's college were published recently. For a list of the top 25 college soccer teams in the country log on to NSCAA.com. Not surprisingly, four Bulls alumni are key figures on these National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I nationally-ranked teams: Duke Hashimoto, Southern Methodist University; Adam Sthay, Loyola Marymount University; Kenji Treschuk, Penn State University; and Andrew Brown, Creighton University.

Congratulations to these players and their teams and to all of the alumni working hard for their teams. For the latest, check out our web site at hscbulls.com.

Yes, the HSC Bulls is about youth sports. Our mission statement

shows that we are committed to educating and developing youth players to their highest potential.

Bulls are excelling in the Club, in high school and now, obviously, at the collegiate level. Wouldn't it be great to see alumni in Major League Soccer (MLS), English Premier League or the U.S. National Team!

Another goal in our mission statement is to build and sustain a nationally and internationally recognized club.

"Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."
Theodore Roosevelt.

Bulls' teams have laid the groundwork for travel to Holland and, perhaps, other European nations. The coaching staff is investigating the possibility of more affordable journeys to high quality tournaments in Thailand which already have teams from Southern California participating. Our first Honolulu Challenge Cup has opened the door for powerful mainland clubs to compete here in paradise so that good competition can come to us for a change. The HSC Bulls has joined US Club Soccer, perhaps the future leadership in the sport.

All of these are a reflection of the Board recognizing the need to change and progress so that the Club is sustained. The Board will be meeting soon to set the direction for the Club for the next several years. Thanks to an incomparable coaching staff and your support by membership and volunteerism, the HSC Bulls will continue to lead the charge.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for this year's Pro-

Xtreme Christmas Camp December 26 thru December 30. It would make a great Christmas gift for the kids or grandkids! Ask them to do it with a friend to make it even more memorable.

Trivia Contest Winners

Congratulation goes to Sarah Nonaka, 92 Ka'ula Girls and Erika Lum, 89 Ka'ula Girls for winning the adidas World Cup Trivia Contest. Coach Phil expected 10 winners, but Sarah and Erika were the only players that were able to correctly answer all six questions.

Keiki Bulls Recreation League

The Keiki Bulls has started its second season. As you probably already know, the Keiki Bulls is a development program administered by the HSC Bulls offered to boys and girls in the 5 through 9 age group, with an emphasis on fun, fitness and skill building. The fall session will run for eight weeks with training on Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and games on Saturday afternoons from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This fall all sessions are scheduled for Waiialae Iki.

As of 30 September, there were 36 players registered, 5 more than we had this past spring. 11 of these players returned from the spring session.

MISO Junior League (MJL)

There is a new soccer league in town called Men's Island Soccer Organization (MISO) Junior League (MJL). Teams from the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), American Youth Soccer Association (AYSO), Soccer Association for Youth



(SAY) and US Club Soccer affiliated boys and girls in the U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, and U19 age groups may join the MJL. Teams are placed in U12, U14, U16 and U19 age groups unless four or more teams in a single age group (preferably from different clubs) would allow the grouping of a single age group, i.e., U13 and/or U15. All games are played at the Waipio Soccer Complex on Saturdays starting September 28, and continuing on October 5, 12, 19, and 26. November 2 is a rainout date for all except Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) Varsity Girls who will have begun their high school season. All games are scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For the inaugural season, there will be five appropriate full-time 11-a-side games.

Age	Game Time
U19	90 minutes
U16	80 minutes
U14	70 minutes
U12	60 minutes

Fees cover the cost of three certified officials (one center and two assistant referees) per game. FIFA rules apply with unlimited substitutions. For rosters, US Club Soccer rules apply with unlimited roster, however only 18 can participate in any particular game in the appropriate age group with the appropriate club. No guest players are (Non-affiliated with the CLUB playing) allowed.

The MJL is administrated by the MISO League. The commissioner of the MJL is the present MISO President, Sergio Bolioli. Sergio can be reached at the following number: 722-8889 or via e-mail at islandsoccer@hotmail.com.

"Playing Up" Recommendation

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The development of players and improvement of play in the United States will be enhanced by an improved playing environment.

Players must be exposed to levels of competition commensurate with their skills and must be challenged constantly in training and in games in order to aspire to higher levels of play and maintain their interest in and passion for the game.

As coaches and administrators, all of our decisions must be based on what is best for the players. It is our responsibility to provide an environment where every player is given the opportunity to improve and to gain the maximum enjoyment from their soccer experience.

Recommendation:

Players that possess soccer maturity beyond that of their peers should be allowed to play "up" on an older age-group team in order that their development as players is not retarded.

Teams that dominate in their league be allowed to participate in an older age group league if a more demanding league in their own age group is not available.

The determination of whether a player or team should "play up" must be the decision of the appropriate coaches and administrators, not parents.

Rationale:

- Individual performance improves when a player is subjected to the demands of the game at a competitive level.
- The best players must have the opportunity to compete with and against players of similar abilities.
- Players with less ability must be allowed to compete at their own level in order to enjoy the game and to improve as players.
- Competitive balance in league play is vital: domination of one or two teams in a league retards overall development.
- Improvement in the overall standard of the game depends upon the improvement of individual players.

Considerations/Implementation:

Club teams may allow younger players to try out for their teams. If the player is capable of playing at that level then the selection committee, coach and administrators may choose to select the player.

If a player is seeking to play up more than one age-group, then the decision must be based on how much playing time the player would get as a member of this team. If the player would be on the bench more than the field, then they should be advised to play up only one age-group.

In ODP, any player under-14 should be allowed to try out for a U-14 District Team. If they are young but talented enough to play at that level then they should be selected by the district and/or state coach.

In ODP age-groups U-15 to U-18, players should be encouraged to play in their own age group unless they have exceptional talent and would benefit by playing-with older players. State and Regional Head Coaches should make this determination.

Playing up an age group in one season should not preclude a player playing in their own age-group the following season.

Summary

The intention of this recommendation is to provide sound rationale to support players playing with and against older players when it is in the best interests of their soccer development. Under no circumstances should this information be used by club coaches to recruit players or to circumvent current league policy with regard to this matter.

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Quintin vs. Quinton

Our apologies to Quintin Bray for misspelling his name in the last issue.