

DUBUQUE SOCCER CLUB

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Dubuque Soccer club has had another banner year and continued to grow the game of soccer in the Dubuque land area!! This year was the largest year for overall enrollment in our DSC Academy teams and DSC Developmental program. The DSC Board of Directors has been hard at work helping our new Director of Coaching, Mike Trudeau get his feet under him here in Dubuque. We've been focused on following accomplishments this year:

- New pay and reimbursement policies for coaches and assistant coaches (starting next fall)
- Recruiting to grow our coaching staff for the 2024 season and beyond
- Created and distributed a new Sideline Behavior policy and a Club Player Policy
 - $^{\circ}$ The Sideline Behavior policy was several years in the making. This
 - policy will help us foster a better community amongst our families of DSC players and set a standard for our behavior between other clubs and teams.
 - The Club Player Policy clarifies expectations for DSC players who have opportunities to be rostered on teams for other soccer clubs and what limitations exist for players or teams looking to from within the DSC for events not attended by DSC teams
- Finalizing the purchase of a utility golf cart for usage to support both the Academy and Developmental programs
- New Front of the DSC Game Day Uniform sponsor and several new sponsors on the back of the new 2024–2025 training shirt.

The DSC continues to be a member of the Dubuque Soccer Alliance and are involved in regular DSA meetings. The DSA, with support from CourtOne, are starting renovations on the Dubuque Soccer Complex, you may have noticed new coating on the bathroom floors in the last few weeks. CourtOne is continuing in their effort to construct a mixed use facility in Dubuque, separate from the Dubuque Soccer Complex. We are excited to see even more improvements to the facilities and fields in the coming years!!

There are several DSC Board positions that are open for election at the Annual General Meeting. The positions that are open to be filled are: President, Director of Managers, and, Director of Marketing. We're also looking for assistance with the positions of the Registrar, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. If you're interested in getting involved with the DSC Board reach out to a current board member and ask us for more information.

Please plan on attending the Annual General Meeting on July 25th at 6:30pm, in the Keystone AEA Building at 2310 Chaney Road.

UPCOMING EVENTS

 <u>DSC Tryouts</u> June 10-13th
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• <u>DSC GK Camp</u> June 25-27 <u>https://dubuquesocce</u> <u>r.org/dsc-finishing-</u> <u>%26-goal-camp-1</u>

• <u>DSC Summer</u> <u>Camp</u> July 15-18 h<u>ttps://dubuquesocce</u> <u>r.org/dsc-summer-</u> <u>camp</u>

- <u>Annual General Mtg</u> July 25th, 2024
 6:30pm
 Ø Keystone AEA
- All members welcome

DSC Developmental Program

The DSC developmental program is experiencing great growth over the past year, especially at our youngest age groups Under 5 and 7!! Our numbers speak to our successes this past year, in the Fall we had 378 players, Spring we had 432 and this Summer which is about the kickoff June 9th a record number of players 440 (140 - 3 and 4 year old's on 24 teams). The program does rely mostly on energetic soccer parents for coaching, but several current DSC players have been stepping up to coach kids ages 3 to 9 years old when it fits in their schedules!!!! It is really great to see the DSC Developmental providing the best beginning soccer experience to players in the area. The parking lot is completely full at the Dubuque Soccer Complex on the weekends with the potential of new DSC soccer players for years to come!!





DSC Developmental 2023/2024 Highlights:

- 10% growth over the past year
- Record numbers of participants in all three seasons: Fall, Spring and Summer
- Thursday training program providing a clear pathway to join the DSC Academy
- Purchased 280 new Size 3 and 4 DSC logoed soccer balls
- Two Area colleges provided three Sports interns this year to help manage the league
- Continued Sponsorship is Dick's Sporting Goods





DSC Academy Program

DSC Academy 2023-24 Highlights:

 \cdot DSC Head Coaches licensed by US Soccer.

 \cdot All teams train and play home matches at the Dubuque Soccer Complex in the fall and spring. During the winter months all teams train in area indoor facilities such as those at University of Dubuque.

- \cdot Boys/Girls teams from U9 12 participate in Eastern Iowa Youth Soccer League (EIYSL)
- \cdot Boys/Girls U13/14 teams participate in (EIYSL) for 9v9 matches as well as Club Development League (CDL) for 11v11 matches.
- \cdot Boys/Girls U15-19 teams participate in CDL for 11v11 matches.
- \cdot Through CDL, U13-U19 teams able to participate in Iowa State Cup with the goal of progressing to US Club Soccer National Cup in Denver, CO.

 \cdot U15 – 19 teams participate in College Showcase tournaments across the Midwest, highlighting DSC's players to prospective college coaches.

 \cdot All teams attended area tournaments in the fall, winter and spring seasons, including tournaments in Des Moines, Chicago and Madison.

- \cdot Ball Mastery Technical Training Sessions conducted in conjunction with Clarke University.
- \cdot Performance Training Series conducted in conjunction with Merge Performance Institute.
- \cdot Goalkeeper training sessions occur during fall and spring seasons.
- \cdot Additional small-sided training games occur during fall and spring seasons.
- \cdot Partner with Veo for recording matches.
- \cdot Partner with TeamSnap for schedule and club management
- \cdot Collaboration with Iowa Soccer for Referee Development Program

