



Welcome Families! SPRING SOCCER 2012

Welcome to the Holt/Triangle United Spring Youth Soccer program. We thank you for playing with us and hope your season is enjoyable and fun!

We participate as a member of the Durham County Youth Soccer League (DCYSL) with teams from Northern Junior Athletic Association (NJAA) and Oak Grove Athletic Association (OG). We practice at the Holt Field at 98 Hedgerow Place and play a 10-game season at fields from all three organizations. Please note there is no season ending tournament in the Spring.

EVALUATIONS ON SATURDAY MARCH 3, 2012. All players must attend Evaluations. We evaluate your child's skills in order to evenly distribute talent among all teams. Please make every effort to have your child present for evaluation at their scheduled time, below. Please bring water, wear shin guards and cleats and be ready to play some small-sided soccer. Evaluations should take no longer than an hour. Ages are determined by the child's age as of JULY 31, 2011. The "U" stands for "under." For example, a child who is 8 years old on 7/31/11 would play U10. A child who is 7 on 7/31/11 would play U8. AGE GROUPS DO NOT CHANGE FROM THE FALL 2011.

U6	Saturday, March 3, 2012	2:00 PM	Holt Field, 98 Hedgerow Pl
U8	Saturday, March 3, 2012	1:00 PM	Holt Field, 98 Hedgerow Pl
U10	Saturday, March 3, 2012	12:00 noon	Holt Field, 98 Hedgerow Pl
U12	Saturday, March 3, 2012	11:00 AM	Holt Field, 98 Hedgerow Pl
U14	Saturday, March 3, 2012	10:00 AM	Holt Field, 98 Hedgerow Pl
U18	Saturday, March 3, 2012	9:00 AM	Holt Field, 98 Hedgerow Pl

Deadline for registering is FEB 29. Late registration is from MAR 1 – MAR 30 and is an additional \$20 late fee.

EQUIPMENT EVERY CHILD NEEDS: all players should have five items:

1. *Shin Guards* –Wear them to every game and practice. We are providing socks.
2. *Cleats* – For discount cleats, see Play it Again Sports in New Hope Commons. These MUST be rubber soccer cleats – no metal cleats permitted. These will be inspected before each game.
3. *Proper sized ball* – U6 & U8 use Size 3. U10 & U12 use size 4. U14 and U18 use size 5. Very important: bring your ball to every practice.
4. *Water Bottle* – Be sure your children bring water to every practice and game. Please help us ensure kids are hydrated.
5. *A SMILE!*

PRACTICE and GAME SCHEDULING: Your coach will call you after evaluations and tell you your practice days/times. If you have not heard from your coach after March 5, please email us immediately at holt@triangleunited.org. The game schedule will be distributed a few weeks before games begin the week of April 14.

SPECTATOR & GAME RULES: Complete rules by age division will be available for download on our website. FANS MUST BEHAVE. Please do not yell instructions to your child from the sidelines. If you want to instruct, please become a coach – we would love to have you. Stay 10' from the field and away from the goals. Anyone repeatedly breaking the rules will be ejected from the field and cannot come back to the field or next game. Positive cheering is ALWAYS WELCOME!



SPRING BREAK CAMPS: The details for the Triangle United Spring Break Camps have been finalized and registration is open. Register before March 1 and get an Early Bird Discount! We are proud to announce that due to popular demand we are finally offering an exciting full day Camp for Champs for our more ambitious players!

Please choose from one of the following options:

April 2-5	Chapel Hill (Rainbow)	Soccer Tykes	900am-1000am	\$35
		Half Day	900am-1200pm	\$65
	Chapel Hill (Triangle Church)	Camp for Champs	900am-400pm	\$175
April 10-13	Durham (Woodcroft)	Soccer Tykes	900am-1000am	\$35
		Half Day	900am-1200pm	\$65
	Chapel Hill (Triangle Church)	Camp for Champs	900am-400pm	\$175
April 10-12	Durham (Northern HS)	Soccer Tykes	900am-1000am	\$25
		Half Day	900am-1200pm	\$50

Soccer Tykes: Ages 3-5; Half Day Camp: Ages 6-14; Camp for Champs: Ages 7-12 (U8-U12 players)
You can register online at triangleunited.org or by calling 919-942-1995. We hope you join us!

COACHING: *We need more coaches!* All our coaches are VOLUNTEERS and many are parents, just like you. We will be holding a *mandatory coaching meeting* during the first week which will also be attended by personnel from Triangle United. Some of our coaches hold advanced coaching licenses and are always happy to advise as needed. No experience is necessary to coach, just the desire to make a difference for children and an ability to communicate. In the event we do not have enough coaches, we will draft equal teams and ask the parents to nominate one of their own. In the unfortunate or unlikely event that no parent steps up, we will disband the team and refund all money. PLEASE CONSIDER COACHING!

WEATHER POLICY: In the event we have inclement weather, you should always assume you are playing unless you hear otherwise. Please call our hotline at (919) 789-7778 and we will try to have it updated as far in advance of cancellations as possible. We sometimes play in light rain but we never play with lightning or in any situation we feel would be hazardous. In the event games are cancelled by weather, games may be rescheduled by the home team’s Commissioner. There is generally LITTLE TO NO flexibility in the schedule and games must be played as rescheduled, sometimes very inconveniently for parents. We can’t control mother nature and appreciate your patience and cooperation. Sometimes games just must be cancelled.

TROPHIES: Trophies are given to all U6 players for their participation. No other age groups receive trophies in the Spring and formal standings are NOT kept.

VOLUNTEERING: Please consider volunteering with Holt / Triangle United in Northern Durham. We are always looking for volunteers to run our concession stand or help us plan and administer our programs. If you can help, please contact us at holt@triangleunited.org. Thank you so much!!!

FINAL WORD: Please remember that these are games for children. Your child is part of a team and that team depends on their participation in practice as well as in games. Encourage them! When they make a good play, tell them! Don’t dwell on the bad plays – celebrate the good. Spend some time practicing with your child – you’ll both love it!

Thanks so much for playing with us!
- Holt / Triangle United