



Greetings,

As we move forward into our 2020 Summer Competitive Season, we are all very aware of the public health situation that we are dealing with. We have already been impacted by a loss of time on the field, and moving forward, circumstances dictate that we will have to take a somewhat different approach to the upcoming season.

Keeping this in mind, we understand that there will be many unique things about soccer this Summer, and hopefully the below “program overview” will give you the necessary information you need to look ahead to Summer.

As always, our Summer programming is open to all players in our Under 8 (birth year 2012) through Under 19 (birth year 2001) age groups (boys and girls). The traditional goal of our Summer competitive program is to enhance each player’s soccer skills and overall athletic ability in a competitive environment with age appropriate training by licensed coaches. Rather than taking a “win at all costs” approach, the Summer competitive program is designed to develop each player to be the most successful player/athlete they can be based upon a long-term developmental model.

Of course, one of our unique situations for this year is that we were forced to cancel our Spring Recreational season due the Covid-19 situation. Because of this, we want to strongly encourage all age appropriate players to consider signing up for the Summer competitive program. There will be no requirement to travel/etc....the players will get first class training from professional coaches, and we feel that all players will enjoy the experience.

**So.....What to expect this summer:**

**Dacotah Bank Cup Tournament:** Due to the factors we are all aware of, and following the guidance and directives of State and Local government, we simply had no choice but to cancel this year’s Dacotah Bank Cup Tournament in Aberdeen.

**Other Possible Tournaments:** At this point, all events that were scheduled to be held in South Dakota in May and/or June have been either postponed or cancelled. Many events are tentatively scheduled to be held in July, but please do note that these events are tentative. Should events go forward in July, HCSC players/teams will absolutely have the ability to register for/attend events **as they desire**.

**Training:** Teams will train 1 to 2 times per week depending on weather, holidays, and any possible team attended events that may be available.

**Dates:** Training will begin in early June (as soon as players are registered and teams are organized), and the Summer season will go through July.

**Costs:** Spring/Summer Competitive Program = Due to the obviously shortened season, the registration fee will be **\$89**.

**What is included in this registration fee:** South Dakota Youth Soccer and US Soccer registration fees, secondary insurance for players, coaches cost for training, training equipment, and any training facility costs and maintenance. The “TeamSnap” mobile scheduling app that will be used for all competitive team training and event management.

**What is NOT included in this registration fee:** Any events/tournaments outside normally scheduled training. Tournament cost information is included in the Spring/Summer Program informational/FAQ document.

**Uniforms:** HCSC 2020 Summer players new to the competitive program will NOT be required to purchase a competitive uniform kit. Due to the obvious unknown status of travelling events, if events do become available, and a team chooses to attend, arrangements will be made to accommodate player uniforms.

**Registration:** Can be completed online by using the following link: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/227579>

**COVID-19 Policies & Procedures:** Hub City Soccer Club (HCSC) is working closely with South Dakota Youth Soccer (SDYS), while following the guidelines set by the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), the Aberdeen Parks & Recreation Department, and other state and local government agencies. As per written agreement with all parties, the following policies and procedures will be in place until further notice:

- All parties will maintain appropriate social distancing during training. This includes all coaches and players. Please do note, soccer is a contact sport, and while contact will be very limited during training, it will be impossible to completely eliminate contact.
- Multiple trainings areas will be used for larger groups.
- No sharing of water bottles, personal equipment, or training gear.
- No high fives, hugs, celebrations that involve direct contact with another player or member of the coaching staff.
- Protective face masks will be allowed, but not required.
- Digital “no contact” Infra-red Forehead Thermometers will be on-site, and temperatures of players/participants will be taken at the beginning of each training session. If a participant has a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or above, they will not be able to participate.
- Players/coaches will be instructed to not attend practice if they are feeling sick, have a temperature, or if they are under direction to quarantine due to exposure or sickness.
- If a family does not feel comfortable participating at any time due to potential exposure or high-risk concerns, the player will be excused and welcomed back when they are ready to participate.

All of the above information is also described in the Covid-19 “infographic” that was distributed with this program information, and that is included as part of the online registration process.

**Disclosure/Disclaimer:** By registering for the HCSC Summer program, it is understood and acknowledged that Covid-19 or any other communicable diseases are not covered by the provided supplemental/secondary insurance policy. It is also acknowledged that players/parents understand the associated risks involved with participating in the Summer program, and parents/players are willingly participating and assuming any associated risks.

**Notice of Pre-Season Meeting:** Prior to the first training date, HCSC will schedule an online “Zoom” virtual meeting. While not required, everybody will be encouraged to “attend”, and ask any questions that you may have about the Summer season, etc. The exact date and time of that online meeting will be announced shortly.

## 2020 Summer Competitive Soccer Information/Frequently Asked Questions

**Who will our coaches be?** Because, as noted, this Summer will be unique, there will be many unknowns at the beginning. The primary Summer HCSC coaching staff will consist of the Aberdeen Central High School coaches.

- On the Boys side, the primary coaches will be Coach Steve Cogley, Coach Lance Mohr, and Coach Jared Fischbach.
- On the Girls side, the primary coaches will be Coach Merle Aske, Coach Kendra Hanley, and Coach John Borchard.

As players register, age groups will be formed and individual coaches from the above list will be assigned as “age group” coaches.

**What do tournaments and other events cost?** If tournaments/events are able to be attended, they will be billed to players using the actual cost for the event. Below is the formula:

Tournament entry fee + coach expense ÷ the number of players attending + \$17 per player administrative fee.

Here is example for a tournament that involves travel:

Tournament Entry Fee: \$350

Cost of Coach/Coach Travel: \$350

Total cost = \$700.00 ÷ 12 players = \$58 + \$17 per player administrative fee = \$75 per player for the

event.

**How does a player register for events/tournaments?** If events do proceed, the HCSC Office/Age Group Managers will distribute tournament information to players. Players will be given a “deadline to commit” to an event, and if there is sufficient player interest to form a team, a team will be registered for the event. Please note that tournament rosters will be formed based upon the event, and these team rosters may be fluid during the course of the Spring/Summer season.

**What are the deadlines to register for events?** The “deadline to commit” for any event will be clearly communicated in advance, and will generally be 10 to 14 days prior to the registration deadline for the event. Players will have until that deadline to commit (or un-commit) to the event, and once that deadline date arrives, the players will be locked into the event, and the team will be registered. Please do note, if a player drops out of any event after the stated deadline to commit, to be fair to the other players/families, they will still be liable for their portion of the tournament/event fees.

**When are Tournament/Event fees due?** All tournament fees are due prior to playing the first game of each tournament unless alternate arrangements have been made with the HCSC office.

**Are there tournaments/events that teams are required or encouraged to attend?** Players/Teams are **not required** to attend any events.

**Does HCSC have a play-up policy?** Yes, please contact the HCSC office for information on “playing up”.

**Does HCSC offer any Goalkeeper training?** Yes, HCSC will offer goalkeeper specific training dates during the season. These goalkeeper training dates will be announced as the Summer calendar develops.

**Is Financial Assistance Available?** Yes, HCSC has financial assistance programs available for families in need. Please contact the HCSC office for more information.

**Can HCSC Players “dual register” or “guest play” with another soccer club?** HCSC players must register with the understanding that HCSC is their primary soccer club, and priority must be given to their primary club and teammates. If there are dates when HCSC has no events scheduled, players may “guest play” with other clubs.

**If you have additional questions, please contact the HCSC office at 225-0088 or [aberdeensoccer@nvc.net](mailto:aberdeensoccer@nvc.net)**