

South Snohomish County Youth Soccer Association

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Dear Sno-King Soccer Club and Terrace-Brier Soccer Club Players, Parents, Coaches and Fans,

The South Snohomish County Youth Soccer Association (SSCYSA) Board of Directors wants our member clubs to know that the board is well aware of the challenges that the 2008 recreational soccer season has presented to all of you related to the scheduling of matches in the early weeks of this fall season. Your club program directors are working with the North County Youth Soccer Association (NCYSA) to get schedules and team contacts out to coaches as quickly as possible. The board thanks you for your patience. Please know that your directors are doing all they can to support the member clubs and shares feelings of frustration over the situation.

Recreational Soccer is an outstanding activity. It brings kids and families together. It provides exercise, friendships and fun. It prepares players (that desire) for more competitive levels and school programs. Recreational soccer is one of the larger community programs in Snohomish County and for these reasons, we encourage you to continue to participate, coach, support and get involved and look beyond the immediate pain of this scheduling issue - for the long term benefits – please don't give up!

The SSCYSA Board realizes that this is not the first year that scheduling problems have occurred. The board has agreed in principle to a resolution that will charter a detailed review into causes and potential remedy. Of course, we will wait until the season is over as we would not want to disrupt the season in progress. The board will release a findings and recommendations document to the member clubs following this review. In this way, we can all be part of the solution.

On behalf of the board, thank you for reading this.

Sincerely,

Michael Fitch

Vice President, South Snohomish County Youth Soccer Association

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A Word on SSCYSA and the recreational soccer “inter-tie” with NCYSA:

Teams that wish to participate in Washington State Youth Soccer Association (WSYSA) leagues or tournaments, also known as “WSYSA sanctioned play”, must be registered through a club that is a member of a WSYSA accredited association. SSCYSA serves as this association for Northwest Nationals, Sno-King Soccer Club and Terrace Brier Soccer Club.

In order to provide our recreational teams a diverse set of opponents, promote level divisions through a seeding and relegation process year over year, SSCYSA has joined with NCYSA and Snohomish Youth Soccer Club in a recreational soccer “inter-tie” and NCYSA handles the scheduling, administration and disciplinary issues associated with this arrangement. For this, SSCYSA pays a fee that is collected as part of the player registration process. In general, this arrangement is positive, creates a good experience for our member teams and helps balance travel with level competition. The SSCYSA Board encourages this arrangement in principal, thus wants to assist all “inter-tie” members in solving any and all issues, including scheduling, as a service to youth soccer enthusiasts in our area.

For more information on SSCYSA, click on: <http://www.sscysa.org>