Spring Season

As we eagerly move closer to the start of the Spring Season, like all of you we are monitoring closely any circumstances that may alter those plans. For the last year we have been following the IDPH Sports Guidance and IYSA Guidelines to conduct our soccer activities and will continue to do so (those details are below so that you have visibility to the information that dictates our operations).

In summary, our state has exceeded the requirements for both Phase 4 and Phase 5 as documented by the Illinois Department of Public Health. While IDPH have not yet declared the state can operate under Phase 5 guidelines, we are in Phase 4. IDPH have declared Soccer as a Medium Risk Sport and in Phase 4 this means we can now participate in competitive in & out of state outdoor competitions under the additional guidelines set forth by the Illinois Youth Soccer Association.

It has been a long year and we can’t wait to see you all on the soccer fields this spring!

IDPH

Phase 4 (schools, child care open with social distance, gatherings up to 50 people)
- Continued decline in the rate of infection
- Hospitals have capacity
- Restore Illinois Phase 4

Phase 5 (all sectors of economy open, large gatherings can resume)
- Testing, tracing and treatment widely available
- Vaccine is developed COVID-19 Vaccines | FDA
- Treatment option is readily avail-

New Scholarships!

The Friedrich (Fritz) Spiess Memorial Soccer Scholarships were established in memory of Fritz Spiess who was an original member of Green White Soccer Club. Although he couldn’t play soccer due to childhood health issues, he was an ardent supporter of the sport and of the Club for over 50 years.

Each year four $500 scholarships will be awarded: two assistance scholarships (awarded to one male and one female elementary or high school student), and two merit scholarships (awarded to one male and one female high school junior or senior). Applications will be accepted from March 1 – April 30, and winners will be notified prior to tryouts.

Find out more about each type of scholarship, including eligibility requirements and application forms on our website at https://www.greenwhitesoccer.org/scholarships

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TOPSoccer will be on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. on field 7 (by the clubhouse parking lot). The season will run 7 weeks from 4/10-5/22. Registration is open on the website for both participants and buddies. There are also 2 new coaches this year: Kara Kinnear - Volunteered with Cincinnati TOPSoccer for many years and is a pediatric physical therapist at Athletico Mount Prospect. Mackenzie Folkers - Going to school to be a pediatric Occupational therapist and long time GW player. She will be an assistant coach for the upcoming season.

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First Kick

Coaches Giselle and Ryan will again be working with 4-6 year olds in the First Kick program administered by the park district. This program teaches technical skills such as dribbling, passing, and shooting as well as social skills such as teamwork and sportsmanship. It also instills in these young kids a love for the sport of soccer and Green White. If you have younger children or know young children who want to give soccer a try, tell them about First Kick. Programs are held at Majewski Athletic Complex (home of Green White) on Saturdays from 11 am – noon. The MPPD registration code is 41529.

Girls’ Travel

This spring, we will be fielding 4 teams: 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2011. Thanks to the team managers who will be the primary contact for parents of players on each team: 2007: Jack Walker, 2008: Chris Rocks, 2009/2011: Kelli Weinberg.

You can also always contact girls director, Kelli Weinberg, at kweinberg@greenwhitesoccer.org with any questions about girls teams.

Referees and ARs

GW is happy to be providing the chance for referees to further their skills this coming season. Understanding that with the pandemic it has been difficult to anticipate whether or not a soccer season would exist, GW will be accepting referees who have been certified in the past to participate as the ARs. We are planning to provide a change in which payment will be provided at the end of each GW game refereed. As in the past all games will be assigned thru the assignr app. This season, Park District games will also be assigned thru the same application and those who have been previously certified as well as the Park District referees will have the opportunity to center referee these games. Skeane@greenwhitesoccer.org

Youth Rec

For 2021, Green & White has expanded our partnership with the Mount Prospect Park District. All Rec programs will now be administered by the park district, but Green White is actively involved. Our coaches will be doing a clinic for the parent-coaches of recreation, providing game-day training for younger players, providing some referees, and working with MPPD to grow their soccer program. We are particularly encouraged by the news that the CCC conversion to a turf field should be complete in time for next winter. Have a great spring. – Jon Davidson, Rec Director jdavidson@greenwhitesoccer.org

Boys’ Travel


Lynn Buritica (lburitica@greenwhitesoccer.org) is the boys director.
**Indoor Recap**

We did our best to offer the maximum amount of soccer opportunities for our kids this winter given the circumstances. Through the relentless effort of Mostafa and all the coaches, along with the MPPD, it was wonderful to see all of our kids running around each Sunday and Monday at the Central Community Center. Hopefully it was a fun activity enjoyed by all of the kids, while also being a nice break for Mom and Dad! Sundays were days for fitness and foot skills and Monday brought out more fun soccer activities and games. You likely noticed some red-faces exiting the building on Sunday mornings especially!

Later in the winter we were able to procure additional turf field time at the Schaumburg Park District and the coaches were able to expand the curriculum given the larger space. Tuesdays (girls) and Fridays (boys) exposed the kids to both individual technical and team tactical training. All of these winter activities should help our kids get a jump on the spring. Many thanks to Mostafa, Ivan, Chris and Ryan for their dedication all winter.

**Tournaments**

We try to choose tournaments that will offer good competition for our teams and that can accommodate as many of our teams as possible. It’s so much more fun if we can support each other at these events—especially when they are out of town. This year, Mostafa has chosen the following tournaments for our teams:

- **U14 boys Grun:** Puma Illinois College showcase on June 11-13 in Montgomery, Illinois.

**Presidents Cup**

We have entered two teams to compete for the USYS Illinois Presidents Cup this spring. This tournament is a state wide competition with the winners moving onto Regional and National competitions. You’ll remember in 2018 our Green White Girls 18U team were crowned USYS National Presidents Cup Champions! The bar has been set high for our teams, but we wish them all the best as the competition takes place April – June. **Good Luck to our 18U/19U and 14U boys!!**

**Tryouts**

Spring season hasn’t even started yet, but we’re already planning for tryouts. We weren’t able to hold tryouts last year, so our younger teams could use some more players. We’re also hoping that all the existing players will be back for another season. Mark your calendars now!

**Elections**

Youth board elections are rapidly approaching. Exercise your right to vote! Even better, are you willing to share your time and talent to improve the club? People are elected to 2-year terms, and the board members decide among themselves who should take on which role. The current board includes Chris Salatino (president), George Prosiokos (Secretary/Compliance), Kelli Weinberg (girls’ director), Lynn Buritica (boys’ director), Jon Davidson (rec liaison), Heather Haskin (Communications), Mike Folkers (TopSoccer), Scott Keane (Refs/Ars), and Steve Pastorelli (Equipment manager). New members are always welcome. We particularly need help with fundraising, social coordination, newsletter, treasurer, and community outreach. Don’t feel that these are full-time jobs; all board members are volunteers and contribute the time they can. The more people we have helping, the less work for each of us. Please give serious consideration to helping in an area you enjoy!
Green White Car Window Stickers

Are you proudly representing the club with one of these on each car you drive? We have plenty of these car stickers available for people who want them. Simply ask any of the coaches for one (or more). We keep them at the clubhouse, so any coach can get them for you.

Sponsorships

Thanks to all our sponsors—especially our major sponsor Illinois Bone and Joint Institute. We are currently looking for companies who want to help sponsor a set of practice t-shirts. If you know of anybody who might be interested, please direct them to Chris Salatino. For $250, we’ll put the company logo on the back of the shirts and on our website.

Reviews

Help people new to the area learn about our club by posting reviews on FB, Google, etc—basically anywhere you would go to find information about the best clubs around. We’ve gotten feedback that we don’t make the top the search lists—more reviews would help move us up!

Fundraising

Thanks to everybody who came out for the fundraising events at Station 34 and Panda Express last year. As the opportunity arises, we hope to do a few more of these. You have to eat anyway, so why not support the club in the process? Fundraising efforts this year will help finance some improvements at the clubhouse as well as financial assistance programs.

Social Media

Do you follow Green White on social media? If you don’t, “like” the Green White Facebook page and follow us on Instagram and Twitter. We try to put information where we think it’s most useful to you. The more ways you follow us, the better the chances you’ll know everything that’s going on! Don’t forget to use the hashtag #greenwhitesoccer when you post!!

Company Matching Programs

Many companies in our area have matching donation programs. When their employees donate to a charitable organization, they match the donation—often dollar for dollar. Check if your employer offers this benefit. Donations to Green White are tax deductible (we’re a 501(c)3 organization), and your donation could be doubled! Some companies even give donations to organizations at which their employees volunteer their time. Why not see if your company offers this benefit?
Men’s Soccer

The old guys are still kicking! Both the O40 and O48 teams will be going to Las Vegas to play in a tournament May 1-3. When they come back victorious, they’ll start league play. The 40s play on Saturday afternoons, and the 48s play either Wednesday or Thursday evenings and again on Sunday mornings. They are all looking forward to playing on grass again. For more information about men’s teams, contact John Dunkas.

 Schlachtfest

You may have seen pictures on Facebook or the website about Schlachtfest and wondered what that is. It literally translates to “slaughter fest” and is the name of the annual dinner/dance put on by the parent club (often called the men’s club) the last Saturday in February. Green White was founded by ethnic Germans, and this event celebrates the heritage of the club. If you haven’t attended a Schlachtfest or tried the famous Hungarian sausage made for this event (and picnics and Socctoberfest and fundraisers), you don’t know what you’re missing! Like most events the past year, Schlachtfest could not be held due to Covid-19. The guys did make and sell the sausage, though. It’s a wonderful tradition that has been handed down to the next generation. Several parents of youth team members help make the sausage now, too. Recognize anybody?
We’re hoping to do a lot more things like Socc-er-treat this season!

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Attention U23 Girls!

- Registration deadline is April 15th.
- Cost is $300.00/player includes (league fee, field rental, referees, uniform, coaching games and training sessions)
- 1st & 2nd training sessions are on Tuesday, June 1st & Sunday, June 6th at 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Training sessions are on Thursdays & Sundays 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Games are on Tuesdays.
- First league game on Tuesday, June 8th.
- Last league game on Tuesday July 27th.

For more information, contact Mostafa Edders

Spring/summer calendar

- April 5th: first day of training.
- April 17th/18th: start of league games.
- May 17th – 18th: Open tryouts.
- June 21st – 25th: Mount prospect park district summer camp 5-7 years old 9-11 am
- June 21st – 25th: Mount prospect park district summer camp 8-14 years old 9-12 pm
- July 19th – 22nd: “Play with the pros” summer camp. 9-11:30 am
- July 20th – 29th: skills summer camp. 9-11 am - 7 – 10 years old.
- July 26th – 29th: Conditioning camp. 9-11 am – 11 – 18 years old.
- August 20th – 22nd: “IBJI Green White Cup” tournament at Majewski park.

IBJI Green White Tournament

People who have been around a long time may remember that Green White used to host a huge regional tournament every year. In fact, we hosted 2 every year! Years ago, we stopped doing that because we simply didn’t have all the personnel it took to pull it off. Now, with Mostafa, we are ready to bring that tradition back. Sponsored by our uniform sponsor, IBJI, the tournament will be held the weekend of August 20-22 at Metro Majewski Park. We’ll start relatively small, but we hope to rebuild over time. All games will be held at Majewski, and even the softball field outfield will be set up for games. It should be a great time and bring lots of exposure to both Green White and our sponsor, IBJI. More information will be forthcoming as it gets closer, but mark your calendars now for August 20-22! If you are able, please consider volunteering your time to make this event a huge success!