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## FC LEGACY EARLY WINTER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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The first indoor soccer session is well underway and enrollment was a new high for FC Legacy. Twenty-two teams are competing at two venues, the Lake Country Soccer Dome and the Shrine Mosque, during this early winter session.

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### Open Registrations

Several events are available for your players. Please go to [www.FCLegacy.org](http://www.FCLegacy.org) to sign up.

The Branson Shootout Futsal Tournament is January 8-10 at the Branson Convention Center. The club hosts this event with proceeds supporting the Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks and Convoy of Hope. This is a unique and exciting event with 4 floors of simultaneous action. The cost is only \$25 for FC Legacy players. We would love to have everyone participate. We have received a special rate at the adjoining Hilton Hotel if you want to make it a weekend getaway.

The second indoor session at Lake Country will begin right after our Shootout and continue into March. Please sign up by Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to ensure your roster spot. We have to register teams with Lake Country by the 13<sup>th</sup> and need to know if your child wants to play.

Heartland League registration is open for competitive players interested in additional league play. You will have been contacted if your age group has a team playing in Kansas City. If you think your player is ready for more competition, please contact your player's coach or Director of Coaching, Wagner Huttenlocher ([fclegacycoachwagner@gmail.com](mailto:fclegacycoachwagner@gmail.com))

Spring outdoor registration will open during the week of December 7<sup>th</sup>. Club Registrar, Stacy Coughenour will be sending an email as soon as it is possible to sign up. Please register your player early to help us build rosters for the coming outdoor season.

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### Changes Coming From US Soccer

US Soccer has mandated some changes that will have a profound effect on the way teams are organized and play the game starting on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The first is a switch from school year to birth year age groups. Starting with the Fall 2016 season, Lake Country, other state leagues (e.g. Heartland and SLYSA), and tournaments will use birth year to organize competitions. This means that a child playing up an age group could be competing against kids more than 20 months older.

The club will be discussing this issue at length and working closely with Lake Country to help ease this transition. For the most competitive teams it is likely that reorganization will be necessary very early since they will be playing teams from across the state in leagues organized by birth year. For the

youngest players, grade-based age groups seem to make the most sense so young players can participate with their school friends. For everyone in between, the discussion will be on-going. Please feel free to voice/email your input to your coach, team manager, or any staff member.

The second change to be implemented in the fall 2016 season is changing the formats for some age groups. Our Little legacies (U6 and younger) and the U7 and 8 players will continue to play 3v3 and 4v4 respectively. U9s and U10s will play 7v7 (U9s will play 6v6 in the spring and 10s, 8v8) and U11s and 12s will play 9v9 (8v8 in spring). These changes are intended to make it easier for players to transition toward 11v11, according to US Soccer.

The club understands that these changes may be stressful and cause some frustration. Our hope is that everyone can remain committed to what is best for each player to maximize their learning. Change can be challenging.

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### **Toys for Tots**

FC Legacy is proud to announce that we will be having a toy drive for Toys for Tots this year. This is an awesome way to help the children in our community. Please try to get your children involved in picking out the presents. It is truly amazing to see how excited they can get about picking out the perfect present for a child in need. The drop off site is located at Lake Country. The donation box is located as you approach the concession stand. The final day for drop off will be on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Please help us make this holiday season a little brighter for some children in our community.

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### **Uniform Kits**

If you have a player U9 or older and have not contacted me regarding a uniform for spring, please do so soon. Your order needs to be placed as soon as possible to give our supplier, Admiral Sports, enough time to deliver your new uniform to you.

U8 and younger players will purchase kits directly from the club.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns you may have. My cell number is 417-576-0071 and my email address is [scottzimmerman.fclegacy@gmail.com](mailto:scottzimmerman.fclegacy@gmail.com)

Most sincerely,

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