



FC LEGACY SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

The Spring 2016 season is about to start and FC Legacy has set yet another enrollment record. We have 36 teams playing in two leagues. Your support has made us the largest club in Springfield and we will continue to work hard to make sure your player's experience is a great one.

Spring Payment Deadline

Please plan to submit payment or set up a payment plan for your spring balance by March 26th. This is the second Saturday of the spring season and consistent with Board policy. Those wishing to set up payment plans by check should discuss this with Club Treasurer, Scott O'Dell (scottr.odell@gmail.com). The Board policy can be found [here](#). Please help us meet our financial obligations by paying by the deadline.

Spring Tournaments

Spring soccer means spring tournaments and the club would like every player to have a chance to experience tournament soccer.

The Lexus Tulsa Cup is April 9th and 10th. Registration is now open. Please sign up your player if you would like them to play in this event. We need to know by Tuesday, March 1st how many teams to register, so please sign up as soon as possible.

Lake Country will again host the Ozarks Coca-Cola/Dr. Pepper Cup, April 22-24. Early registration is far ahead of last year with many out of town teams already signed up. Registration is open for this tournament as well. Early registration helps us know how many teams to register.

There is no need to pay for a tournament until you get confirmation that your player's team is going. Payment is then due before games begin.

Parent Expectations

One of the things I am proudest of about FC Legacy is the behavior of our parents. You have certainly witnessed some poor parent actions toward referees, coaches, and players (children!). I consistently hear from referees and game officials about how impressed they are with FC Legacy parents and players. With our growth, I thought it important to put some of the things that make our parents such great ambassadors for the Club, on "paper". I will be emailing these out to each of you. Please read them carefully and continue to represent yourselves and your kids in a positive way.

Summer 2016

Tryouts, June 13-17, 6-7:30pm

This is a time for players new to FC Legacy to see what it is like at one of our practices and for us to get to know them. Current players are encouraged to attend so the new players can meet some of their future teammates. Age group details to follow soon. Please let your friends know.

Summer Camp, June 20-24, 6-8pm

Camp is held Monday through Friday in the evenings. We are currently planning for Camp to be held at the Rugby Field, with our Camp Cookout to wrap things up Friday evening. This is a very fun event and open to all ages. Players from any team are welcome.

Annual Membership Meeting

Please remember that the Club's Annual Member Meeting will be held in August. All Club members will be invited. This year will be the first time that elections for new Board members will be held. More details will be sent soon. Questions should be directed to Board President Neil Guion (neilguion.fclegacy@gmail.com).

Changes Coming From US Soccer

As I have mentioned in past Newsletters, US Soccer has mandated some significant changes that will have a profound effect on the way teams are organized and play the game starting on August 1st, 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.

The club will be discussing this issue at length and working closely with Lake Country to help ease this transition. For teams traveling to play in tournaments and other leagues, reorganization will be necessary right away since they will be playing teams from across the state in events organized by birth year. For the youngest players, grade-based age groups seem to make the most sense so that 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 in order to maximize his or her learning. Change can be challenging.

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.

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

As always, thank you for supporting FC Legacy.

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Upcoming Dates

March 7-10	Drury Spring Break Camp
March 19	First Lake Country League games
April 9-10	Lexus Tulsa Cup Tournament
April 23-24	Ozarks Coca-Cola/Dr. Pepper Cup Tournament
May 21-22	Presidents Cup
June 4-5	State Cup Round Robin play
June 11-12	State Cup Semifinals and Finals
June 13-17	FC Legacy Tryouts
June 20-24	FC Legacy Summer Camp
June 25	Kick The Heat 3v3