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## FC LEGACY WINTER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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The second indoor soccer session of the 2015-16 season is well underway and enrollment was another new high for FC Legacy. Twenty-six teams are competing at the Lake Country Soccer Dome during this late winter session.

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### Spring Registration Open

Registration is open for the Spring Outdoor season at [www.FCLegacy.org](http://www.FCLegacy.org). Please register as soon as possible. **Our deadline to register teams with Lake Country is February 14<sup>th</sup>. Waiting until the last minute makes it difficult for us to project the number of teams to register. This causes roster sizes to get too big.** If you do not register your player early, we cannot properly project the number of teams to make sure everyone can get maximum playing time.

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### Summer 2016

We are already planning the events for this summer.

#### 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, 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.

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### Ozarks Coca Cola/Dr. Pepper Cup

Spring soccer means spring tournaments and the club would like every player to have a chance to experience tournament soccer. Lake Country will again host the OCCDP, April 22-24. Early registration is far ahead of last year with many out of town teams already signed up. Registration is now open and early registration helps us know how many teams to register.

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### New 3v3 Tournament

New this year is Lake Country's first ever 3v3 tournament, the Kick The Heat 3v3, June 25 and 26. This is the weekend right after Summer Camp so players should be ready to play. Please put this event on your calendars it should be great fun.

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## **Heartland League Play**

We have 8 teams traveling to play in the Heartland League this spring. We would love to take more teams in the future. This is a chance to play more games against consistent competition in a division appropriate to the teams' ability. It is not necessarily for the best teams, only those committed to developing more quickly.

Fall Heartland registration will open in June. If you are interested in having your player participate, please let your coach or me know.

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## **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 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.

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 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.

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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)

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