

First-time players can join mini-soccer league

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What is Mini-Soccer? Mini-soccer is a simplified version of the game of soccer which has been developed for the first time player. The size of the field, the goal, the ball and the number of players are reduced and the rules are simplified to make the game more fun.

RECREATIONAL ASPECT

Why Mini-Soccer? Young children dressed in colourful uniforms and chasing a ball and a large field may look cute but, that does not aid the

development of each child. The basic concepts of mini-soccer are designed to encourage maximum participation by each player and emphasize personal enjoyment. The reduced number of players yields more touches of the ball and reduces bunching. The simplified rules make the game easier to learn. The elimination of league standings emphasizes the recreational aspects of the sport and encourages the development of individual skills rather than a "win-at-all-cost" approach. The result is that the laws of the

game and the field of play more closely coincide with the age, stature and powers of concentration of small children.

REGISTRATION

How will it work in Georgetown? Mini-soccer will be available to boys and girls born in 1973. Most children born in 1974 are not ready to begin soccer but a limited number will be permitted to register providing that a parent also registers as a coach or manager. Registration will take place at Cedarvale from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon on March 1 and 8 and the cost will be \$15.00 per player. The

registration fee is \$10.00 less than that for regular house league and competitive soccer to make mini-soccer available to the maximum number of children. The reduced registration fee has been made possible by eliminating external registration, tournaments and league trophies and by providing only a shirt instead of full uniform. These savings also enable us to provide one ball for each

two players to promote skill development.

The children will be placed in groups of ten and will hold practices and recreational games until August. At that time, they will be assigned to different teams for the purpose of playing a competition which will occupy the remainder of the season.

It is also our hope that parents will also become involved as no previous exper-

ience is necessary. Coaches will be given assistance in conducting practices and learning the rules of the game. In fact it is a long term goal of the Georgetown Youth Soccer Club that parents will become coaches in mini-soccer, learn the game with their children, and progress to coach older players as they gain confidence and experience. Why not give it a try?

Women soccer players wanted for summer tri-town league

Soccer, the world's number one sport, is fast becoming as popular here in the cold climate of Canada as it is around the globe's summer locales. In fact the

Registration for boys and girls will take place March 1 and 8 at Cedarvale Park. It is expected that girls and ladies from Acton will be

either individuals or as teams. For further information contact Lydia and Des Rafferty.

mainly male oriented sport is gaining increasing interest from the female sex. They too want something to kick around.

Georgetown Youth Soccer Club is running a girls soccer program, which last summer saw almost 300 players participating in three levels. This season Des Rafferty hopes to double that number of players and include a woman's team also.

Rafferty says that they will be competing for five levels or age groups. They would be squirts, born 1972-74, atoms, born 1970-71, pee wees, born 1967-69, bantams, born 1964-66 and ladies, born 1961 or before.

Last season Pineview and Milton fielded ladies recreational teams, consisting mainly of mothers of children already involved in Youth Soccer. This year the intention is to form one or two ladies teams to play soccer in a fun league, with competitive games at a recreational level with Pineview and Milton.

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