

**SPORTS:** Stouffville organization has 1,232 players and more on waiting lists

# Soccer club expands rep program, awaits facilities

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During the winter, Whitchurch-Stouffville is a hockey town.

Come summer, a large number of residents are kicking up a storm to fill the void.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer club has 1,232 registrants signed up for the 2009 outdoor campaign.

That includes 135 adults, 66 rep players and 1,031 in the house league system.

While president Mark Kozak-Holland noted that figure is about the same from a year ago, there are waiting lists this season.

The growth in population with new residential homes sprouting up in Whitchurch-Stouffville is part of it.

Attitude is another, he said.

"Soccer is a game everyone can play," he said. "We welcome players from ages five and up. And it's a game that can keep you active and stay in shape."

"Our approach is 'soccer for life.'"

Entering his eighth season as club president and enjoying "every minute of it", Kozak-Holland was also quick to note soccer is game that's relatively inexpensive as compared to ice hockey in terms of the equipment required for participants.

Taking that factor into consid-

eration, along with what the club charges for registration costs, participants find the game economically attractive.

For youths, it can vary from \$150 to \$195 per season depending on what age group they are in.

For adults, it's \$185 for women 19 and over and men 35 and older.

For those born in 1991, the cost is \$195.

A system known as the Wein Way introduced five years ago by former club head coach Victor Szabo has also sparked growth.

#### FOUR REP TEAMS

Developed by Horst Wein, a well-known German university lecturer with coaching assignments in 51 countries, the Wein Way focuses on player development through the creation of an enjoyable, but effective training system.

What also has Kozak-Holland enthused this season is the growth in their youth rep system.

Fielding just one rep team last year with an under-12 girls' entry in the Central Girls Soccer League that was known as the Mustangs, the club now has four rep teams.

These include girls' teams at under-11, under-12 and under-13.

The boys will also unveil a rep

team with an under-13 entry in the York Region Soccer Association's B Division.

While happy with how the game continues to flourish in Whitchurch-Stouffville, Kozak-Holland remains optimistic about the future.

That is, once the soccer pitches at Bethesda Park begin operation next spring.

"The new Bethesda fields will help cement the presence of the club in town and provide a permanent home," Kozak-Holland said.

With the club in its 32nd season, Kozak-Holland still looks at means of improving the skill level of young participants and to raising the profile of the game on a year-round basis.

An indoor facility, so the game can be played during the winter months, would help.

Neighbouring Markham and Unionville-Milliken have indoor facilities where they can run programs during the winter months for youths and adults.

"We're still actively pursuing a permanent indoor facility as this program has been rapidly expanding," he said.



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Jamieson Smiley is one of more than 1,200 players suiting up on Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club teams this summer.

For more on the Whitchurch Stouffville Soccer Club, log on to: [www.wssc.info](http://www.wssc.info)

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