



KEYSA NEWSLETTER



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A NEW SOCCER DISTRICT

NEW OPPORTUNITIES THIS YEAR FOR 17 AND 18 YEARS OLD PLAYERS

The soccer clubs in the Kootenays have joined together as one district. This merging of clubs will allow for more game opportunities for all our KEYSA players but it will benefit our older players even more.

The Kootenay soccer clubs (east and west) generally have lower registration numbers in the upper age categories. This year we will be able to work together to field age appropriate players from the newly formed district. So, if KEYSA does not get enough players to make a team in certain age groups, they can form a team with players from other clubs. The exact format and procedure is still being developed; however, it is likely to be a collaboration where the older players would practice as a 'local' team twice a week and meet with the 'district' team weekly or biweekly at rotating locations. The players would attend tournaments and competitions as a district team.

If you are 17 or 18 years old, please register as you would normally. Once registration closes and numbers are assessed you will be contacted regarding the district team.

The formation of this new district is bound to bring many great opportunities. This particular opportunity for the older players is an awesome solution to a common problem among all clubs in the East and West Kootenays. We will be able to keep older soccer players playing and competing in their proper age groups. It truly is an exciting opportunity for KEYSA and the older players.



BOARD MESSAGE

We are off to an exciting start for 2022. Our winter indoor session for the Rep/Development teams started on January 10. The players are eager to be back on the field to start training for the Spring season.

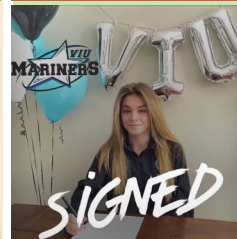
The indoor dome is seeing a lot of other **soccer action** too: the inaugural Adult league started that same week with a roster full of eager adults reclaiming the game and the Whitecaps continue to host their weekly training sessions too. We continue to follow all PHO orders and are taking the necessary precautions to continue to offer a safe environment for all who attend our programs. We do want to remind everyone, however, that if you are feeling sick or experiencing any symptoms of COVID to please stay home.

The registration for the Spring 2022 season is now open - early bird discount until January 29. A reminder that the registration fee this year includes the tournament fees. Please visit the KEYSA website for full details and to register.

Happy and healthy winter, everyone!

KEYSA Board

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR KEYSA PLAYERS



Congratulations to another KEYSA player! Kaiden Thorpe is heading to Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo next year after graduation.

Kaiden has been recruited and accepted a position with the VIU Mariners. Best of luck, Kaiden, what an exciting opportunity!

Ana Waurynchuk, a former KEYSA player, is moving to Lethbridge to join the Horns Women's Soccer team. Ana has accepted a position with the Horns and will attend the University of Lethbridge. Way to go, Ana! Congratulations and best of luck on your new adventure!



TECHNICAL DIRECTOR'S UPDATES



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season and you are off to a great start to 2022. We've hit the ground running this new year, kicking off our REP/Development season at KEYSA. The players have been showing excitement for the game as always, backed by a wonderful team of volunteer coaches. In addition, the Whitecaps Academy Center and 'Caps to College have resumed. The players in these programs were roaring to go in the first week and have set the tone for a great training environment.



As we are getting soccer up and running again, we are eager to see more players (born between 2009-2012) join our growing Whitecaps training group. For players who would like to improve their game in a fun and competitive learning environment and would like to give a training session a try, please feel free to contact me at any time (wferia@whitecapsfc.com).

Here's to an awesome year in soccer for 2022! - Will Feria

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of January 10 Start of the Indoor REP/Development winter sessions.

January 15 Registration opens for the REP/Development Spring season.

January 15 Registration opens for the Spring House programs.

January 29 - Early bird registration for REP/Development ends.

February 15 Registration closes for the Rep/Development Spring Season

March 31 Registration closes for the Spring House programs.



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