



KEYSA NEWSLETTER



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SPRING SESSION



The fields are alive with the sound of happy soccer athletes ready to practice and play the game they love!

The excitement was contagious as the athletes filled the soccer fields at Moir Centennial Athletic Park for their first practice of the season.

Following the health and safety COVID protocols, all House programs and Rep/Development teams have officially started the Spring session.

"I am so excited! This is my very first time playing for KEYSA. I hope I make it to the Rep program one day" U10 House player (spoken like a pro athlete).



BOARD MESSAGE

It takes many volunteers to make our soccer programs run smoothly from field set up, parent coaches, team managers and the many other 'behind the scene' roles. The KEYSA board want to send a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to all the volunteers that helped make the start of our season a highly successful one!

We have received the results of the survey on the Winter indoor session. The overall consensus is that it was a success! We appreciate all of the feedback and we will take all comments into consideration when planning the next indoor session.

As Adam Mooi, Technical Director (TD), prepares to leave KEYSA, the Board would like to thank him for his assistance in developing our strategic plan and for the coaching skills he brought and shared with our KEYSA community. You might see a familiar face on the fields in the next coming weeks. Sam Heap (the TD from two years ago) will be acting interim TD as we wait for Adam's replacement.

KEYSA Board

HIGHLIGHTS

This past month has been a busy one for KEYSA!

- The House program and the Rep/development teams had a great start to the Spring training session.
- KEYSA had its first successful fund-raising online auction.
- Survey results from the indoor soccer Winter session revealed overall athlete/parent satisfaction.
- KEYSA is hosting a ref clinic at the end of May.



'CAPS CORNER



The Vancouver Whitecaps BMO Academy Centre Spring outdoor program has started. The program allows athletes to get even more touches on the ball. It has been great to see the technique and confidence of our athletes improve over the last couple of 'blocks'.

The athletes have really taken 'ownership' of their development and

have not allowed COVID and its many restrictions to slow them down one bit!

The 'Caps to College program is still up and running. Although athletes only train once a week, players continue to show a fantastic attitude and commitment to the sport.

For more information on 'Caps to College program, follow this link: [Caps To College - Whitecaps F](#)

KEYSA TECHNICAL UPDATE



The outdoor season has officially started for the Rep/Development teams and the House programs. All training/practice sessions continue to respect all COVID health and safety protocols under the government protocols and restrictions. However, this has not stopped coaches from 'thinking outside of the box' and providing environments that are fun and engaging to the players. In addition, coaches have been receiving on-field mentorship which has given them further tools and ideas to challenge their players. Kudos to all the coaches and managers for starting the season up so smoothly!

ONLINE AUCTION

KEYSA would like to thank all of our sponsors who helped us have a successful auction. And, thank you to everyone who participated in the auction - it sure was a fun event bidding on the various awesome items that were donated by our amazing and generous local businesses.

We raised over \$8400 and we will use these funds to purchase equipment to be used in the new multi-sport indoor facility, New Dawn Place.

A big thank you to Kelly Banting and Kootenay Fundraiser for organizing and running the auction.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 29: REF CLINIC



In anticipation of game play being allowed sometime this summer, we are now accepting applications for referees!! KEYSA is hosting a Ref clinic starting on May 29. The theory component will be offered online with a zoom component.

Once Provincial Health Orders allows it, we will offer the practical on-field component. If you are a registered KEYSA player, you will pay for the course upfront and once you receive your certification, KEYSA will reimburse your course fee. Register for the course here: <https://www.refcentre.com/bc/>

You must be **14 years of age** before the end of July to register for the course.

For more information, follow us on Facebook and Instagram or visit our website [Kootenay East Youth Soccer Association \(kootenayeastsoccer.com\)](http://Kootenay East Youth Soccer Association (kootenayeastsoccer.com))

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New Dawn Place (indoor facility) Sponsors

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