

ECFC Newsletter – January 2017

Welcome to the January 2017 edition of the ECFC monthly newsletter. We have some great momentum in the club, and we are looking forward to the spring season with you. Here are the newsletter topics for this month:

- New ECFC Club Philosophy Statement
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NEW ECFC CLUB PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

With the coaching leadership changes at ECFC, we felt it was time to update our Emerald City Football Club Philosophy Statement. John Hamel and David Smith have provided a new statement, which you can read in full [here](#). We believe ECFC is a different and special soccer club and we are proud to make our philosophy clear to current and prospective members. Please share this with your friends in the soccer community as we want to get the word out and you are the best way to do that!

Here is a snapshot from the philosophy statement: Emerald City FC is dedicated to creating a positive and dynamic learning environment where players not only desire to succeed, but become enthused by the experience to contribute to the success of others. We are more than a soccer club; we are more than a life experience...we are 'Soccer for Life.'

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRYOUTS – FEBRUARY 15-16

ECFC will be holding tryouts February 15th and 16th for High School age boys in preparation for the 2017-2018 season. This is for M02, M01, M00 and M99/98 boys. Please know that the club policy for this year is that all players will tryout in their appropriate birth year age group on the first day, and coaches will communicate with and advise players from there. Arrive 15-20 minutes before your session start time to get checked in. Field and dates/times are located below, and will also be posted to the ECFC website.

Day	Time	Field	Boys – Birth Year
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Wednesday, February 15th	5:00 – 6:30	Interbay Stadium	2001, 2002
Wednesday, February 15th	6:30 – 8:00	Interbay Stadium	1999, 2000
Thursday February 16 th	5:00 – 6:30	Magnuson #6	2001, 2002
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DEV PROGRAM SPRING 2017

Training for our Development Program (Dev) will start up again February 1st for an 8-game league season that ends in early May. Registration is \$550 and is still open at [this link here](#). Our club is working hard to find ways to increase the numbers of young players in our Dev program, especially on the girl’s side, so we would very much encourage current Dev families to help spread the word! We also want to encourage families with kids in the U8-10 age groups who played fall rec soccer with their local neighborhood clubs and now want to consider a great way for their player to play in the spring as well. At the developmental ages, ECFC has a no-cut policy. Please help spread the word about our Dev Program!

NEW ECFC SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP WASKOWITZ

ECFC is pleased to announce that we have a new summer residence camp offering this year. We have partnered with Peter Fewing camps to offer an **ECFC Camp at Camp Waskowitz, July 6-9, 2017!** Camp Waskowitz is a historic landmark located on the Snoqualmie River near North Bend. It's 372-acre location will play host to the ECFC Summer Residence Camp hosted by Peter Fewing Camps. Camp Waskowitz has many adventures awaiting your kids. Campers will receive excellent soccer coaching with Peter Fewing coaches together with a few guest ECFC coaches, and skill building training from college and professional ranked staff as well as enjoying nature hikes and other outdoor activities throughout their stay. Friendships, improved soccer skills and lots of fun memories will begin at this camp. We hope you take advantage of this great new opportunity. Talk to your teammates and let’s make this a great new tradition for the club! You can learn more and register [HERE](#). Space is limited so reserve your space today!

SOCIAL COORDINATORS WANTED

We gathered feedback from the parent feedback meetings that it would be great for the kids to have more team bonding opportunities, and teams that did were generally more positive about their ECFC experience. This also helps newer families to the club get to know other ECFC families. Thus, we are looking for volunteers from each team to act as **social coordinators**. The goal is to have two 'team bonding' events per year. Some suggestions are a pizza party after a game, ice cream social, a pool party when the weather is nicer, night at the Sounders, etc. It would be great to have the first event happen this spring as teams get back into action. Please reach out to your team manager if you would be willing to help in this area.

WA CUP REMINDER

We wanted to remind you to keep an eye out for the upcoming Washington Cup 2017 tournament information, in which ECFC usually participates. U15 and older boys (High School) play in late January and into February, while most of the other teams/ages play later in Spring. Please note that some of the dates may conflict with your schools' mid-Winter or Spring Breaks. Your coach and team manager should communicate your team plans, and you can find information about the Washington Cup dates [here](#) and on the ECFC [calendar](#).

SPRING U11 to U15 TRYOUTS

Emerald City FC will be hosting our annual tryouts for U11 to U15 ages during late April or early May. These tryouts will be for our U11-U15 boy and girl teams (birth years 2003-2007). As we get closer to the tryouts, we will publish the exact times and field locations, so stay tuned for that. Please know that the club policy for this year is that all players will tryout in their appropriate birth year age group on the first day, and coaches will communicate with and advise players from there.

FOLLOW ECFC ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please remember to follow ECFC on all of the following social media channels. This is a great way to connect with other members of the club, share your stories & pictures, and have some fun.

- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114542515254/>
- Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/emeraldcityfootball/>
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/EmeraldCityFC>

Remember, we pick one lucky follower/contributor each month to win some Emerald City merchandise. Please take a minute to follow ECFC today, and then share your pictures and posts with the community!

Thanks,

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ECFC Board Member