

fc alliance

Newsletter

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A note from the Executive Board

Greetings Soccer Families,

Well we have made it a little over ½ of the first season of **fc alliance**. Overall from a Board perspective we have done quite well. The integration of so many players, coaches and parents has resulted in something that we believe is quite special. We have assembled a group of 20+ coaches as good as anywhere in the southeast. Many of our teams are distinguishing themselves in tournaments and league play. We have developed a new field and as a Board are

turning our focus on facilities and fund raising. We have certainly learned some things about managing such a diverse group and will continue to revise our working model. What we really need more than anything is you! We are a group of only seven people. There are so many things that are left to accomplish and we are looking for everyone to take ownership in **fc alliance**. We need more of you to step up and volunteer to take leadership roles in the numerous projects, tournaments, fundraisers and service activities that we

envision. Please always keep in mind that club soccer is not only about training great soccer players, but building character in the young men and women in our club and this community. We do this for the kids! Please take a look at the “our club needs” column in the next newsletter. Find something that fits your ability, and join us in our continuing effort to make **fc alliance** the best club in America.

Randy—for the Board of Directors

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The legacy begins

Last call! - fc alliance Fall Break Soccer Camp

October 20-24, 2008

We have extended the hours from 8:30 to 4:30 to help with work schedules.

It only **\$75** per player (\$15.00 a day)

Sibling discount is \$5 off the second child and so on.

Why have them stay with a babysitter or send them to daycare? Send them to

camp with the FC Alliance coaching staff.

Every player gets an **fc alliance winter stocking cap** (Bennie) also!

- If you can only attend some of the camp, prorate the days and add \$10 for the stocking cap.

This camp is a fundraiser and the proceeds go to the club.

Bring registration the form the first day!

“Let’s have some fun!”

Game of the week

This Friday (October 17, 2008) at 6:00 pm at Watt Rd field #2 the **fc alliance 96B Black** is playing KFC Crush u13 Boys Blue in a state league game. This should be a very good game and win, lose, or

draw this will be a great way to show your club pride. We are asking everyone to wear an **fc alliance** shirt or jacket to the game to show your support. Last week we saw our u12 boys pull out a big

victory. We had about 55+ people at the game. Let's see if this week we can have 100 people at the game. **See you there and kick off is at 6:00pm.**

Changes being made to the Academy

Academy (a·cad·e·my) is defined as an educational institution devoted to a particular subject.

Our subject is soccer. We have been working this first season to create a program that gives all players an opportunity to excel in soccer. In our club the academy program is for the ages of u9-u12.

We are excited to announce that the program we have decided to use for our players is modeled after Chelsea FC's Academy.

Chelsea FC is a professional soccer club in the English Premier League. Chelsea has a wonderful youth system that they use to create their future professional players. If you would like more information on their team please visit www.chelseafc.com.

What kind of changes can you expect? We will use a version of the Chelsea FC youth curriculum to train all of our academy players. This

means every team will have set practice plans for certain days of the week. This will help us to make sure the necessary skills and the needed tactical topics are being taught the way we want them to be. We will also use three club trainers to rotate throughout the teams to assure the skills and practice plans are being done consistently for every team. Next, we will implement a uniformed club warm-up for all academy teams to use before every practice and game. This will be an important part of unifying the **fc alliance** style of training. Then we will work to have all academy

teams eventually practice at Hickory Creek Park. This will give us to a better opportunity have more games for the players during the week. We are excited about the new changes and we hope you will be too. We look to start the new changes within the next two weeks.

fc alliance is committed to giving all players the best soccer experience we can.



Thanks

fc alliance is having a strong first season and we are excited about all of the great results our teams are having. We are also excited to see the development of our players. A special Thank You goes out to all of our coaches for all of their hard work. We feel we have one of the best coaching staffs in the southeast and the proof is in the results. Great job everyone!

"Practice does not make perfect. Perfect practice makes perfect."

F U T S A L W O R L D C U P

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What is Futsal?

Futsal is no walls indoor soccer. The only form of indoor soccer recognized by FIFA the governing body of soccer. Professional futsal is very popular through out the world and once again you can play here in Knoxville. The fast paced 3v3 format promotes technical and tactical development for all players. We do not use keepers, so all you need is at least four players and matching shirts and you are ready to play.

- 4 player minimum; 6 player maximum
- \$70 per player
- 25 minute games
- Games at Cool Sports

For more information please contact Rex Mummey at 865-643-2125 or soccerex0717@comcast.net.

Start making your teams today!

Space is limited!

*** Golf Tournament News! ***

fc alliance "Screwly Scramble" Golf Tournament- as mentioned in last week's Newsletter we are in the process of upgrading our facilities. To make all of these upgrades we need to raise money. With that said we would like to make all of you aware of the First Annual **fc alliance "Screwly Scramble" Golf Tournament.** The Tournament will be held at Egwani Golf Course with a Shotgun start at 9 am on November 11th, 2008. This tournament is meant for all levels of Golfers as it is meant to be a true fun day with such things as \$20,000 New Car or Boat Hole

in One, \$5,000 putting contest, and prizes for Longest and Shortest Drive, and Closest to the Pin. Along with Putting and Driving Assistance, and many more fun holes. All participants are sure to have a great time while helping raise money for the kids of fc alliance. If you are not a golfer there are still ways that you can help with making this event a huge success. We have opportunities for businesses to be sponsors at many different levels. If you know of any potential sponsors please make them aware of our event. If you

have any questions please contact Frankie Delgado at (865) 643-7672 or you can email him at imegu20@comcast.net We look forward to seeing you on the Golf Course!

Please contact Frankie today to assure your foursome a spot!

Weekly Programs Schedule

- **Moves to goal** training for u9-u12 on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:45 at Impact fields (Alliance Park). This is for all players to attend; we will focus on both sides of the ball.
- **Finishing (shooting) night** for u13-u18 on Mondays at Impact fields (Alliance Park) from 5:30 to 6:45. This is for all players to attend; we will focus on both sides of the ball.
- **Extra Skills training sessions offered:**
 - Mondays 4:00-5:00 at Watt Rd. Field # 2 (u9-u12 Boys and Girls)
 - Tuesdays 4:00-5:00 at Impact (u13-U18 Boys and Girls)
 - Wednesday 5:30-6:30 at Impact (u9-u12 Boys and Girls)
 - Thursday 4:00-5:00 at Hickory Creek (u9-u12 Boys and Girls)

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Players needed for Pre-academy

Please contact Mike Kelleher at 235-4850 if you have players between the ages of 5 and 8 years old interested in getting started in soccer.

fc alliance fridays

We are starting a tradition! Every Friday we are asking every player to wear either an **fc alliance** jacket or t-shirt to school. *Let's show our club pride!*

The legacy begins...

*"We all want to belong
to something bigger
than ourselves."*

We're on the Web!
www.fcallianceknox.org

Coming to a field near you!



We are committed to getting fc alliance players seen by college coaches!
