



News and Updates

April 2019

A Letter from James Charette, Technical Director

Blackhills FC families,

As we move into another seasonal calendar soccer year, I wanted to let you know how much we appreciate having had the opportunity to work with your child this past year. Thank you for entrusting the staff to coach your child.

Thank you to all families that participated in our annual Head Coach and Club Survey. The thoughtful feedback on our coaches and Club helps to continually improve the experience for the most important person, the player. The input of families and coaches helped in the development of our Clubs' first set of Core Values. This 14-month collaborative process would not have been the same without including each family and coach.

I am pleased to announce the Blackhills FC Core Values that received the most votes:

- **FUN:** *We celebrate our friendships and we embrace the joy in competition and our productivity increases by having fun.*
- **RESPECTFUL:** *We are polite, we listen, we are good stewards with our environment and we are aware of other's rights and feelings.*
- **STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE:** *We set high expectations in order to achieve our best on and off the field.*
- **TEAMWORK:** *We work collaboratively toward our common goals.*
- **SAFE:** *We are secure because our learning environment is safe.*

The coaching staff has been actively discussing, refining, collaborating, developing an understanding and developing our Club Mission, Core Values, Player-Centered Philosophy, Teaching Philosophy and Player-Centered Development Plan. These cornerstones are the foundation for our Club.

We are excited to announce that Steve Schmidt has taken on a new position as the U10 – U12 Director of Coaching and Player Development for Blackhills FC. Steve will be working weekly with our U10 – U12 coaches and players on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Based on your feedback we are implementing these programs for 2019-2020:

- **Robust Skills Training Centers:** multiple age groups and some age groups based are gender specific.

- **Quarterly Town-Halls:** to share and explain our player-centered development plan, age group priorities, specialists....
- **Mid-Season Head Coach and Club Review:** include a middle of the season review as well as an end of the year.
- **Individual Development Plan meetings:** Club age-gender group schedule.
- **Fall Friday Night Finishing and Goalkeeping**
- **Summer Playball:** opportunities for all players to combine in small sided-games.
- **Goalkeeping:** integrated into team training with additional goalkeeper training outside of the team environment.

REMINDERS:

COLLEGE NIGHT

Pre-registration required (players name and age group): technicaldirector@blackhillsfc.org

Location: Bush Middle School, Tumwater

Date: Sunday, April 28, 2019

Time: 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

College Fit Finder Website: www.collegefitfinder.com

Questions: technicaldirector@blackhillsfc.org

BFC PROGRAM INFORMATION MEETING

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Time: 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

Location: Bush Middle School

SPAIN 2020 SPRING BREAK

We still have a few spots for boys and girls 06 – 01. Email technicaldirector@blackhillsfc.org for more information.

Thank you,

James Charette
Blackhills FC Technical Director

COACH SPOTLIGHT

Coach Jason Darrow

Current BFC Team Coaching:

Boys 2009 Red Team

Number of years coaching in the Club: 8 months

Favorite Soccer Team(s): Sounders

Favorite Soccer Player(s): Osvaldo Alonso

Favorite Movie(s): Top 5 - Braveheart, Gladiator, Top Gun, Boondock Saints, Return of the Jedi

Last book I read: The Culture Code

Favorite Musical Group: The Dave Matthews Band

Best concert attended: No Doubt at the Gorge in 1995

Favorite Ice Cream: Chocolate Chip Mint

Favorite T.V. show (now and ever): Sons of Anarchy

What do you like best about coaching in the Club: I like the constant cooperation between coaches to help make each other better and the attention given to our values.

How can parents best support their child's soccer experience: Through encouragement and listening

What advice do you have for the soccer players in our Club: Continue to have fun. If you are not having fun there is something wrong that needs to be addressed. Remember it is and always will be a game.



COACH SPOTLIGHT

Coach Vanessa Crisp

Current BFC Team Coaching:

Goalkeeper coach U10 - U14,
Associate coach GU13 Black and GU15 Black

Number of years coaching in the Club: 1

Favorite Soccer Team(s): USWNT, Seattle Sounders,
Wolverhampton Wanderers

Favorite Soccer Player(s): Adrianna Franch, Shaquri

Favorite Movie(s): Cool Runnings

Last book I read: Yes Please by Amy Poehler

Favorite Musical Group: Dixie Chicks

Best concert attended: Tie between Dixie Chicks and Garth Brooks

Favorite Ice Cream: Mint Chocolate Chip

Favorite T.V. show (now and ever): The West Wing

What do you like best about coaching in the Club: I enjoy the family atmosphere BFC. Coaching in the club has also provided me the amazing opportunity to share my love of the game. It's also been invaluable to begin my coaching career learning from great coaches such as Kurt, James, and Rob.

How can parents best support their child's soccer experience: I think it's important that each player feel supported no matter their performance on the field. Players are often harder on themselves than needed when they make mistakes or get frustrated with their play; parents can help alleviate some of this self-doubt by focusing on the positive aspects of their child's game.

What advice do you have for the soccer players in our Club: Whether it's coming to Skills training or helping out another team in need of players, take advantage of every opportunity to become a better soccer player! And most importantly, HAVE FUN!



PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Sydney Potvin

Team: GU10

Years in the Club: 1

Nickname: Syd.

Position: Goalkeeper

Year in School: 4

Home Town:

Olympia

School: Centennial

Elementary

Favorite Soccer Team: Sounders FC

Favorite Movie: Winnie the Pooh

Last Book You Read: Out of My Mind

Favorite Musical Group: Lindsey Sterling

Favorite Ice Cream: Almond mocha fudge

Favorite TV Show: All about the Washington's

Favorite Pre-Game Meal: burger and fries

What you Love about Playing Soccer: playing with the people on the team

Toughest Opponent: the team that we played in the last game (WPFC)

Best part of your game: slide blocks

Part of your game that can be better: coming out of the goal more

What do you like best about BFC: how hard they work you at practice.



Karissa Leland

Team: G04 U15

Years in the Club: 4 years

Nickname: None

Position: 6

Year in School: Freshman

Home Town: Olympia,
Washington

School: River Ridge

Favorite Soccer Team: none

Favorite Movie: none

Last Book I Read: To Kill A
Mockingbird (for school)

Favorite Musical Group: Thomas Rhett (favorite
artist)

Favorite Ice Cream: Cookie Dough

Favorite TV Show: none

Favorite Pre-Game Meal: Scrambled eggs with toast

What you Love about Soccer: The competition and
the relationships you build with both your
teammates and coaches

Toughest Opponent: none

Best Part of your game: Expressing my skill in my
own way

Part of My Game that can be Better: Putting my
frustration into more of a beneficial way

What I Like Best about BFC: My favorite part about
BFC is the coaches, before coming to BFC I didn't
have the best coaching experiences but after
having three different coaches in my four years at
BFC and getting coached by other BFC coaches in
camps and other practices I have gotten the
opportunity to learn many new tips and many
different viewpoints toward the game of soccer.
As result, after coming to Blackhills my skill has
only became better.



**Remember to share the newsletter with
your kids!**

Send it to them, or read it with the ones
that are too young to have an email
account.

Celebrating Another Great Season at Blackhills FC



Congratulations to the following teams for finishing first or second place in their respective RCL Division.

B09 Black - moving up a division during the season
Coaches: Roland Watson, Omar Vera, Scott Cushing, Caleb Gallenger, Jason Darrow, Jon Scott

B08 Black - moving up a division during the season
Coaches: Rob Knowles, John Klimek, Jay Smith, Vera, Rob Fairbrother

B07 Black - First Place Division 3
Coaches: Rob Knowles, John Klimek



G07 Black - First Place Division 3
Coaches: Jesse Costello, Josh Edwards

G05 Black - Second Place Division 3
Coaches: James Charette, Jon Scott, Jesse Voorhies, Mikayla Kee, Scott Kee

G04 Black - First Place Division 4
Coaches: Rob Knowles, Vanessa Crisp, John Klimek



G02 Black - Second Place Division 1 (opportunity to move up one more spot!)
Coaches: Kathleen Penner, Eric Penner, Thom Thornton, Bret Wilhelm

We are proud of how all our teams played this season! Well done, BFC family!



Reminders

Player Safety

It is important that we are all vigilant in providing a safe environment for our families.

- Buddy system when using the bathrooms at all team activities: **players need to go in groups of three (3)**
- Report any suspicious behavior to an Executive Board Member or BFC Coach
- **Drop off and Pick up:** Groups of three: one adult and two (2) children or two (2) adults and one child
- Use the BFC Club Misconduct Report Form to report inappropriate behavior
- When children contact their coaches electronically make sure another adult is included

Air Quality Policy

For the safety of our children and families attending, Blackhills FC has an Air Quality Policy.

If at any time you believe it is unsafe for your child or family to attend a training, practice or match due to the air quality, please stay home. If the air quality reaches red - “Unhealthy” at 2:00 p.m. on the day of a training, practice or match, they will be cancelled. This is an hour-by-hour decision and requires last minute checking of the club website, email, text messages and AirNow. You can check the air quality at www.AirNow.gov (search Tumwater).

Important: If the air quality reaches orange - “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups”, those with asthma may experience health effects. Always consult with a physician or healthcare professional if there are any medical concerns. Your team’s manager will be given information to distribute regarding practice cancellations. Due to vacations, internet provider outages, computer glitches and other factors you should also check the Club website, Blackhills FC Facebook page, text messages, and www.AirNow.gov.

Important Events

Tryouts

Tryouts are FREE to anyone interested in playing for Blackhills FC. Visit, www.blackhillsfc.org, click the ‘Tryout’ tab, then click the ‘Tryout Information’ page, and then click the red REGISTRATION button.

The **Blackhills FC (BFC)** youth soccer program is designed for youth soccer players who are looking to compete at the highest level. BFC has premier teams for boys and girls age U10 to U19. Our nationally licensed coaches are dedicated to developing high quality soccer players. BFC participates in the Washington Youth Soccer Regional Club League (RCL), which is the

highest-level league play and player development. Our teams also play in the North Puget Sound League (NPSL) and South Sound United League (SSUL).

Registration: There is no cost to attend the tryouts. All players are required to register for tryouts. Visit, www.blackhillsfc.org, click on the 'Tryouts' tab to register today.

Boys Born	Date	Time
2005	May 8 and 9	7:00 – 8:30 pm
2006	May 8 and 9	6:30 – 8:00 pm
2007	May 8 and 9	5:30 – 7:00 pm
2008	May 1 and 2	6:30 – 8:00 pm
2009	May 1 and 2	6:00 – 7:30 pm

Process: All players should arrive 20 min. prior to their tryout time to check-in, receive their tryout number and go to their assigned field. Tryouts are held for two days and players should try to attend both days – the more time in front of coaches, the better. Remember to wear shin guards and soccer cleats, and bring plenty of water.

Location: All tryouts will be held at the [Capital Soccer Complex](#) in Tumwater.

Girls Born	Date	Time
2001	May 15 and 16	7:00 – 8:30 pm
2002	May 15 and 16	7:00 – 8:30 pm
2003	May 15 and 16	6:00 – 7:30 pm
2004	May 15 and 16	5:30 – 7:00 pm
2005	May 8 and 9	7:00 – 8:30 pm
2006	May 8 and 9	6:30 – 8:00 pm
2007	May 8 and 9	5:30 – 7:00 pm
2008	May 1 and 2	6:30 – 8:00 pm
2009	May 1 and 2	6:00 – 7:30 pm
2010	May 1 and 2	5:30 – 7:00 pm

Players are encouraged to try out in their own age group but are allowed to try out for an older age group. Players can also be selected to play up if their true age team has a full roster.

The technical director will make the final determination on all players playing up on an older team.

If your daughter or son is unable to attend their assigned tryout date(s), contact BFC's Technical Director at technicaldirector@blackhillsfc.org

Information Night

Blackhills FC Parent Information Night is Sunday, April 28 from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. at Bush Middle School. If you're unable to attend the information session, contact opsmanager@blackhillsfc.org with any questions.

Blackhills FC Auction & Fundraiser

The upcoming Blackhills FC auction is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2019. This year's event will be held at the Hands On Children's Museum in Olympia. **We need as many people helping and supporting the event!** If you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, help with event, or help with getting auction items, email opsmanager@blackhillsfc.org.

Blackhills FC Summer Camps

Activities to develop and support goal scoring, creating chances and ball mastery. Sessions to include high shooting repetitions, 1v1, 2v2, small sided-games, moves, turns, tricks and goalkeeper shot stopping.

Dates: Camp 1: July 22 – 24, 2019

Camp 2: August 12 - 14, 2019

Each camp is from 9:00 – 12:00 p.m., two (2) 1:15 minute sessions with a half hour supervised break. It is recommended that children bring a healthy snack and plenty of water each day.

Location: [Capital Soccer Complex](#)

Cost: This is FREE to current BFC Players (camps are included in player fees). This program is open to all players outside the club - fee for non-BFC Players is \$100/a player.

Register: Contact, James Charette at technicaldirector@blackhillsfc.org with your child's first and last names, age (birth year), parent's names and phone numbers, and at least one emergency contact in the area along with their phone number.

Registration for Non-Blackhills FC (BFC) players: *Registration will open in June.*

If you have any questions, contact technicaldirector@blackhillsfc.org.

Top Soccer Buddies

Blackhills FC (BFC) will be running the annual TOPSoccer Program for players with disabilities. BFC is looking for players to be buddies for the participants. Buddies will assist players in the activities to help create a fun and positive environment.

If you are interested in being a [TOP Soccer](#) Buddy (if you are 8 and older), contact James Charette at technicaldirector@blackhillsfc.org.

Club Picnic

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 14, 2019! The annual club picnic will be held from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Capital Soccer Fields. More information to come. Make sure to visit our website at www.blackhillsfc.org

Community Service: Blackhills FC Giving Back

Community service has become an integral part of Blackhills FC (BFC) players and families experience, with many of our student athletes committing to give back to both the Club and surrounding community. On any day of the week student-athletes are giving back to the community. BFC values community service. Please contact technicaldirector@blackhillsfc.org, if you know of a community service project.

Need to share something with the club? If you have information or stories you would like added to the newsletter, please contact opsmanager@blackhillsfc.org. Starting this month, we will create a newsletter every other month. Immediate communication regarding BFC will go out via