

Greetings Pursuit Soccer Club!!!

There is lots of great info in this weeks BLAST, so be sure to read all info, and check out the 2 attachments on our winter camp offerings for players!!!

We start another busy week this week, and will have a very busy weekend with EDDOA moving all matches to Saturday to allow for everyone to support the Houston Dynamo in their home playoff match in the Western Conference Semi-Finals! The Dynamo battled to a 1-1 draw in the first leg of the series against the New York Red Bull, and will need lots of support in their bid for a 3rd consecutive championship. Pursuit still has a LIMITED number of player tickets available for FREE and companion tickets remain only \$20!!!

Contact [kgambetta@houstondynamo.com](mailto:kgambetta@houstondynamo.com) for more information and to order your tickets to support the DYNAMO!!!

Pursuit is excited to announce 2 great opportunities for our players over the winter break, our U7-U14 Technical Skills camp, open to boys and girls and our 1st High School Fitness and Match camp for ALL Female HS players! Both camps will feature opportunities for players to work on their fitness and flexibility and compete in 6v6 and 7v7 matches in an INDOOR environment, so weather will not be a factor!!! The camps will be held December 29,30 and 31 @ Northwest Indoor Soccer, and space is limited so registering early!!!! Registration forms are attached, and can also be found on the website at [www.pursuitsoccer.org](http://www.pursuitsoccer.org)!

Speaking of the website, if you have not checked out the new website, check it out, as there is LOADS of new information and updates that are posted daily, as well as Pursuit TV, that features some of the coolest soccer videos!!! We are also getting ready to add a new tab called "coaches connection" that will have loads of information, including training plans, great articles on coaching, risk management, injury prevention, Laws of the game, etc. IF you have any information you feel would be valuable, please email [webmaster@pursuitsoccer.org](mailto:webmaster@pursuitsoccer.org) with the information ASAP!

Last week we reminded everyone to be sure to take ALL their equipment with them when they leave training, and wanted to remind everyone that it is getting chilly in the evenings!

With the end of daylight savings time this weekend, the sun is now completely set by 6:30 and the temperature is dropping, so be sure to dress appropriately!!!

This was a BIG weekend for many teams, as our U12 teams concluded their first round of play, and many teams are battling for spots to represent the Eastern District at the Fall Championships in December. Pursuit had lots of great results, and I got to see numerous teams play this weekend and was tremendously impressed with their hard work, determination and skill that the girls exhibited in their matches! Additionally, our parents deserve a hand in the way they support the ladies as they play, and a hand goes to our coaches and training staff for working hard to ensure these girls all have valuable contributions in matches, regardless of result! Some of the results are below with information on some of the games, etc.

99 PDF Academy 7 - 2 WIN, domination!

98 Midnight 1 - 1 TIE, The girls played very well and are 1-1-1 this season in league play against Challenge 1st teams.

98 Royal 2 - 2 TIE, The girls played amazing, and gave up a goal in the 2nd minute of stoppage time (yes stoppage time in U11!) which resulted in the game ending in a 2 - 2 tie

98 Cobalt 0 - 3 Loss

98 Navy 1 - 3 Loss, the girls continue to improve and played arguably their best match so far this year.

97 Blue 2 - 1 WIN, the ladies capture 2nd place in their bracket at the end of round 1, and continue their strong play.

97 White, 1 - 0 WIN, the girls capture FIRST place at the end of the 1st round of league play in their bracket and are unbeaten in their last 7 matches!

97 Black, 0 - 1 Loss, the team was shorthanded and played with 7 this weekend, however, played their BEST match of the season and had late opportunities to tie!

96 Blue 0 - 3 Loss

95 Blue 0 - 0 TIE, the girls are now unbeaten in their last 4 matches and are moving up in the standings each week

94 Blue 0 - 1 Loss, a tremendous effort with numerous injuries. The girls were beaten 1 - 4 just 3 weeks ago by the same side, and had chances to tie the match today. Improvement is certainly showing!

94 White, 3 - 0 WIN, the team continues to roll, now unbeaten in their last 5 matches and continue to move up in the rankings and looking for a bid to the EDDOA Fall Championships.

93 Blue 1 - 3 Loss, a strong match, the girls sit in 3rd in their bracket.

92 Blue 2 - 0 WIN, the ladies rebound after a rough match last week to collect the win and face a BIG rivalry match next weekend!

91 Blue, no score as of 7:43pm

90 Blue 1 - 1 TIE, the team continues to play well, and the girls are unbeaten in 3 of their last 4 matches!

Congrats to ALL teams on a strong weekend and we are looking forward to a productive week of training!!! As always, feel free to let me know if you have any questions or concerns, and sign up NOW for the Winter Camps!!!!

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