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Re: Refereeing the 2008 Outdoor Season

G' Day there Soccer Referees!

Welcome back to another year of outdoor soccer for the Blizzards Soccer Club. For those of you who are returning I would like to welcome you back and thank you for your continued support to the youths of Blizzards Soccer.

For those of you who are new, I would like to welcome you to our referee group and look forward to meeting with you and hearing from you throughout the course of the 2008 outdoor soccer season.

To help us ensure that we have the correct information on each of our referees, I would like to request that all referees send in to me their up to date contact information that includes as a minimum:

- Day time phone;
- Cellular phone;
- Evening phone;
- Email address (one that you use the most).

Last year we had a struggle to field referees for each of the games that were scheduled through CMSA. Although we are anticipating a growth in the soccer community, I would like to also see a growth in the amount of referees that we have active in the system. Although we have heard through other stories through CMSA on the abuse referees have received, the Blizzards Soccer Club continues to stand by its referee base to support and commend their efforts to ensure that each game where there is a Blizzard team playing there is also a referee in place to ensure that the games are properly officiated.

Although we actively strive to improve the conditions and manner in which we communicate to our referees, it is also important to share with the soccer club ideas that you feel would help make it easier for you to schedule and commit to refereeing the games we have scheduled. I would like to invite you to share your ideas to myself and/ or to Alan Rickwood so that we continue to move in a forward direction. Without quality officiating, the games are not as enjoyable for the kids.

Once I have everyone's latest contact information, I will be scheduling a meet and greet in mid-April so that we can get together and review some of the past challenges and accomplishments we have had with our referee base in order to set the targets and goals for 2008. I look forward to meeting with you all.

Please send into me your contact information attention Duncan Hawkins at [hawks.01@hotmail.com](mailto:hawks.01@hotmail.com). My thanks in advance for your assistance on updating our database.

Yours in soccer,

Duncan Hawkins  
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