



The Score

April 2007

Waukee Soccer Club officially changes its name

Waukee Soccer Club has a new name but remains the same organization.

Formerly known as the Waukee Soccer Club, the Vision Soccer Academy of Waukee remains the main soccer club serving youth mainly residing within the Waukee Community School district boundaries. The name change was necessary to align the goals of the organization with the ideals of the coaching staff and board of directors.

All players, referees, and coaches will continue enjoying the same, if not enhanced, benefits of the club with no major organizational change.

The board of directors approved the name change at their recent board meeting.

According to Chris McGill, Director of Coaching, the new name "represents a major commitment to move our programs forward. As we focus on the future of soccer in Waukee, I am

excited to see our organization become stronger and more visible locally and statewide. Our club is attracting new coaches to allow us to provide more opportunities for soccer training and skill development for all players and team coaches."

The Vision Soccer Academy of Waukee registered just short of 1,000 players in the fall of 2006. Recent estimates predict that the club will have 1,500 club members by 2017.

Players aged 4 to 19 can take part in soccer through year round programming in both recreational and select soccer.

The organization is a non-profit 501(c)(3) incorporated in 1996 that is volunteer driven and governed by a board of directors. For more information about the club including upcoming events, programming opportunities, and announcements please visit our website.

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By the Numbers

Spring 2007

- 599 players
- 76 teams
- 548 total games coached by
- 130 dedicated volunteer coaches
- 1042 families in our club

Did You Know?

The Vision Soccer Academy of Waukee offers more than just a team for your player to be a part of for either spring or fall.

Aside from your team practice and match schedule, players at various ages can experience technical skill development opportunities through:

- **Friday Night Clinics**
for players under the age of six
- **The V.S.A. Developmental Program**
for players between seven and ten
- **B.A.S.I.C. Training**
for all players in the club seeking individual attention in a structured environment with the sole focus on your player's needs
- **Kinder Kicks for all registered U6 players**
- **Player clinics throughout the season**

The VSA professional coaching staff oversees all technical skill development opportunities.

Our staff includes former players with college & professional playing experience, current & former high school & college coaches, and United States Soccer Federation licensed professionals.

We strongly encourage you to visit our website www.visionsocceracademy.com for more information and to download registration forms.

For those of you seeking immediate answers please contact our Director of Coaching, Chris McGill at: chris.mcgill@visionsocceracademy.com.

Letter from the President

Greetings!

With so many exciting things happening in our club—name change, new logo and colors, etc.—I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support through the changes! We are proud of our club and our steady growth and without you we'd be just like all the other clubs in the metro.

Vision Soccer Academy of Waukee has a mission to ensure all players learn the fundamentals of soccer and provide resources to assist our parent coaches in driving each team's success.

I'd like to personally take the time to thank our head professional coach and director of coaching, Chris McGill, for seeing the future of our club through "big eyes" and bringing developmental programs to our kids in new and innovative ways. If you see him on the field this spring be sure to thank him for all of his and his group's hard work!

With the spring season just about underway, I'd like to take this time to review with you the club policy on canceling games due to severe weather. As a general rule of thumb the club does not make it a habit to cancel all games when weather is an issue. Here are the rules that the Club follows:

- The club will only cancel all games if a tornado watch/warning is in effect for DALLAS COUNTY.

- At 7:30 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday (games are played on both days), the President and the Director of Fields will make the decision on canceling all games. The website and Soccer Line are then changed to reflect the cancellation.

- If it is only raining, coaches need to work together to make a decision on rescheduling. The club encourages all games to be played as scheduled as much as possible.

I stress to everyone that the weather at the complex may be dramatically different than at your homes. We would always encourage the coaches and parents to play in the rain and not make any decisions until they get to the game.

At the older age groups (U10 and up), all teams should show and the ref should be the one making the call on if the game is played or not. Of course, if it should start lightening, all games should be suspended until the weather passes.

If at the complex you hear a loud horn sound, you need to leave the fields immediately. This means get off the field and to your car as quickly as possible. Check our website or call the Soccer Line at 978-7701 for cancellation updates.

I wish all of you a successful season!

Becki Hansen
President, Vision Soccer Academy of Waukee

GET WYRD! Waukee Youth Recreation Development

Development of recreation facilities in Waukee has not kept pace with the growth of the community and the school district. In fact, the lack of facilities has put many youth sports programs at risk.

The City of Waukee is working to develop a plan for a Recreational Complex; however, community support is necessary to ensure the project is funded and that it moves forward quickly.

A group of concerned citizens, parents and coaches created the GET WYRD Campaign to garner support for this project and to assist with development of the plan to meet the needs of our community before programs are cancelled due to lack of facilities.

If you have not had a chance, please sign an e-petition in support of a recreational complex (and future home of our soccer club) by simply accessing the following link:
<http://www.getwyrd.org/6.html>.

Our mission: to support the health and well being of all Waukee residents and particularly children living in Waukee and/or attending Waukee schools by ensuring there are adequate facilities to support athletic and recreational programs in our community.

Our goals: to collaborate with all interested parties and stakeholders to:

- help identify needs for youth and adult recreation
- assist with development of a plan to meet those needs
- educate community members about the plans
- help raise funds in support of this important project
- ensure swift implementation of the plan to ensure that children living or attending school in our community have adequate facilities for recreational activities

WYRD Meeting Dates:

The GET WYRD Steering Committee will meet on the following dates at 7:00 p.m. in the Waukee Community Center, 410 - 6th Street, Waukee, Iowa. For more information contact us at: info@getwyrd.org

- March 27
- April 24
- May 29
- June 26
- July 24
- August 28
- September 25
- October 27
- November 27
- December 18



VSA Achievements

Fall of 2006

- Samantha Copley was selected to ODP for the 2005-2006 season
- VSA U11 Boys White placed 3rd in the Johnston Tournament
- VSA U12 Boys placed 3rd in the Johnston Tournament
- VSA U13 Boys placed 1st in the Johnston Tournament
- VSA U14 Boys placed 1st in the Johnston Tournament
- VSA U15 Girls placed 2nd in the Just For Girls Tournament
- VSA U11 Girls placed 2nd in the Urbandale Tournament
- VSA U16 Girls placed 2nd in the Ankeny Fall Festival
- VSA U15 Girls placed 4th in State Cup

Spring of 2006

- Samantha Copley '92 was selected to ODP for the 2006-2007 season
- Jill Schechinger '93 was selected to ODP for the 2006-2007 season
- Isaac Gardner '93 was selected to ODP for the 2006-2007 season

VSA = Vision Soccer Academy ODP = Olympic Development Program

Upcoming Events Spring 2007

Kinder Kicks	Saturday, March 31, 2007 9:00:00 AM	11:30:00 AM	VSA soccer complex
Spring Kick-off	Saturday, March 31, 2007 2:00:00 PM	7:00:00 PM	SportsPlex West
Vision Soccer Academy of Waukee Board Meeting	Tuesday, April 03, 2007 7:30:00 PM	9:30:00 PM	Waukee Community Center
Friday Night Clinics	Friday, April 13, 2007 5:30:00 PM	6:30:00 PM	VSA soccer complex
VSA Developmental Program practice	Monday, April 16, 2007 5:30:00 PM	6:45:00 PM	VSA soccer complex
Friday Night Clinics	Friday, April 20, 2007 5:30:00 PM	6:30:00 PM	VSA soccer complex
VSA Developmental Program practice	Monday, April 23, 2007 5:30:00 PM	6:45:00 PM	VSA soccer complex
WYRD Meeting	Tuesday, April 24, 2007 7:00:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	Waukee Community Center
Friday Night Clinics	Friday, April 27, 2007 5:30:00 PM	6:30:00 PM	VSA soccer complex
VSA Developmental Program practice	Monday, April 30, 2007 5:30:00 PM	6:45:00 PM	VSA soccer complex
Vision Soccer Academy of Waukee Board Meeting	Tuesday, May 01, 2007 7:00:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	Waukee Community Center
Friday Night Clinics	Friday, May 04, 2007 5:30:00 PM	6:30:00 PM	VSA soccer complex
VSA Developmental Program practice	Monday, May 07, 2007 5:30:00 PM	6:45:00 PM	VSA soccer complex
Friday Night Clinics	Friday, May 11, 2007 5:30:00 PM	6:30:00 PM	VSA soccer complex
VSA Developmental Program practice	Monday, May 14, 2007 5:30:00 PM	6:45:00 PM	VSA soccer complex
Friday Night Clinics	Friday, May 18, 2007 5:30:00 PM	6:30:00 PM	VSA soccer complex
VSA Developmental Program practice	Monday, May 21, 2007 5:30:00 PM	6:45:00 PM	VSA soccer complex
WYRD meeting	Tuesday, May 29, 2007 7:00:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	Waukee Community Center

A Look Into The Future

The number below the year represents the projected number of recreational players wearing a Vision Soccer Academy of Waukee uniform during the fall season.

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
829	881	936	977	1020	1056	1093	1128	1163

Simply stated, our club is growing. We are a non-profit organization that depends on volunteers to handle most aspects of an individual's soccer experience, but we still could use more help.

Please lend your expertise or hobby skill set to better our club and enhance the experience for our players, coaches, and referees. Your time commitment will directly impact our club's stakeholders by making our club better.

Please contact our club today at info@visionsocceracademy.com to make a difference. Thank you!