

BY KIMBERLY DAUM

MORESPORTS SOCCER

MORESPORTS IS A COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE THAT BEGAN IN 1999 STARTING WITH 3 NEIGHBOURHOODS IN THE INNER CITY OF VANCOUVER.

CHANTELE SEMILLA-REGAN had a few doubts when her father Greg Regan registered her in MoreSports™ soccer, but today she's excited about its upcoming jamboree.

The budding talent, who is seven-years-old, began playing soccer last year. She attended the 2006 MoreSports™ Annual Soccer Jam and remembers Vancouver Whitecaps cheering on the young players by "giving us high-fives and 'saying good job and good work.'" She scores a lot of goals and enjoys the teamwork: "I like passing because if you pass the person can maybe get a chance to score."

Chantele advises other kids, especially girls, to get involved with one of MoreSports™ programs because besides finding "a good sport for me," meeting star athletes, and making new friends getting involved builds confidence.

"At first they are going to feel a little shy but really good inside because when you play you never feel like you're going to get hurt," she says. "I just run and run and maybe get a goal. And when you get a goal or when you try hard someone will always say that you did a good job."

Greg Regan says he values the MoreSports™ soccer program. He particularly likes the companionship his daughter experiences, and the cooperation she's learning and on which she thrives. He says, "It's social for the whole family; it's a healthy family activity every Saturday morning. I can't wait to attend the 2007 jam."

The 2007 MoreSports™ World Mini Soccer Jamboree at the Empire Bowl Fields kicks off at 9am Saturday June 23rd. The cooperative efforts of many sponsors and partners make the annual event a true community festival and celebration of soccer in Vancouver.

The kids will play soccer and enjoy a carnival that includes food and drinks, games, prizes, soccer skills challenges, a bouncy castle, Vancouver Police Training Jr. Obstacle Course and face painting. They can get autographs and photographs with Vancouver Whitecaps players, photos on a Vancouver Fire Department truck, and with a Vancouver Police dog. Over 1500 kids from MoreSports™ mini soccer programs all over East Vancouver will attend.

MoreSports™ provides sport and physical activity opportunities for Vancouver's children and families, particularly from the Eastside. "It's about reducing barriers for kids who don't usually play sports because of cost, gender, cultural issues, transportation, or fear of the competitiveness in some organized sports," says Coordinator Dick Woldring. "That's how MoreSports™ focuses on inclusiveness and sustainability in action."

Chantele loves the action, and says both boys and girls play on her Kiwassa Neighbourhood Team, which makes it "really fun." And, she's been to Whitecaps Women's games and warmed up with the pros before kick off. She says that other kids should join MoreSports™ for all of those opportunities and "so they can learn how to play soccer, learn how to dribble and pass, and so that they can learn how to shoot goals."

At this year's jam Chantele aims to score a lot of goals, make a lot of passes, and have a lot of fun.

Her dad beams when he says, "It makes me proud watching her from the sidelines, and I hope that more parents will involve their kids in MoreSports™ and get all of the benefits it has. Chantele is right; it makes you feel really good inside."

To get the feeling for your family check out www.moresports.org, email Dick Woldring at dick.woldring@moresports.org, or call 604-803-8815.



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National Sport Trust Fund

BY CHARLIE CUZZETTO

Did you know that BC Soccer clubs can utilize the National Sport Trust Fund (NSTF) to support fundraising efforts?

In January 2006 Sport BC and the NSTF announced a revised process with new reporting mechanisms. The reasons for the changes were to ensure compliance with the Canada Revenue Agency and to bring uniformity across Canada.

Eligibility Requirements

- The following are the minimum eligibility requirements to be eligible for the NSTF:
- Must be current members in good standing with BC Soccer
- Appoint a person to act as the Project Administrator to liaise with the NSTF Fund Manager
- Adopt policies and procedures that support the integrity of the NSTF
- Ensure that projects demonstrate promoting sport at a national level

What projects are eligible?

Many different projects are eligible. Some examples include but are not limited to:

- Annual Giving programs
- Capital campaigns (equipment or building)
- Campaigns to support programs (e.g. Athlete, coach or referee development)

The Process

The diagram outlines the process. A brief summary is provided, however, please refer to the National Sport Trust Fund Operating Manual for more detailed information. (Please contact the BCSA to obtain your copy).

Before beginning any fundraising activities, a project application must be completed and sent to BC Soccer. Be sure to complete all parts of the applica-

tion. BC Soccer will review the project application and provide PSO approval after which the application will be forwarded to the NSTF Fund Manager. The NSTF Fund Manager will review the project. If during the process, the application does not meet the criteria of the NSTF or is incomplete in its application, the project will be returned to the club for re-submission.

Once the project is approved, qualifying donations may be received and official tax receipts will be issued. All donors must complete a Donor Declaration.

After the funds have been raised, grants for the project will be released to the club with a Grant request (Appendix E) and a project report must be completed to demonstrate that the funds have been used for the purpose that they were raised.

Resources

The National Sport Trust Fund Operating Manual is available to all members and may be downloaded from the Sport BC website www.sport.bc.ca under Quicklinks.

If you require any further information or have questions pertaining to the NSTF, please contact Moira Gookstetter, Director of Development, Sport BC at 604-737-3106 or moira.gookstetter@sport.bc.ca.

Donation Flow National Sport Trust Fund

