



Newsletter

March 20, 2007.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Both Junior Varsity and Varsity teams will be practicing indoors at SportsPlex through the end of April. Most indoor practices will be held on Tuesday and Friday nights, however some changes are anticipated. More convenient times (possibly an hour earlier on Tuesday nights and moving from Friday to Sunday night) are in the works. Continue to check the website daily for updates. On the subject of the website, we are aware that the server was down for a few days this past weekend and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

DATE	JUNIOR	VARSITY	DATE	JUNIOR	VARSITY
Tue March 20	8:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 11:00	Fri April 13	8:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:30
Fri March 23	8:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:30	Tue April 17	8:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 11:00
Tue March 27	8:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 11:00	Thu April 19	8:30 - 10:30	---
Fri March 30	8:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:30	Fri April 20	---	8:30 - 10:30
Tue April 3	8:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 11:00	Tue April 24	8:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 11:00
Tue April 10	8:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 11:00	Thu April 26	TBA	TBA

Given our limited indoor time, it is imperative that players be dressed and ready to take the field at least 10 minutes prior to the posted practice start time. Attendance will be taken at every practice. Players are responsible for checking in with their respective General Manager (Mr. Fortier for Junior Varsity, Mr. Phillips for Varsity, or their designates) prior to each practice. Players with injuries are expected to attend and observe practices, and must check in with the team's athletic therapist every practice. Players unable to attend practice for any reason or who will be late must notify their Head Coach (or designate) as soon as known. Please ensure that players bring sufficient water to all practices, and please wear turf or running shoes on the SportsPlex field.

It is hoped that practices will move to an interim field in early May, prior to moving to West Park in St. Catharines in mid-May (or, pending weather, as soon as we receive clearance from the City). Once outdoors, practices for both teams will run Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday from 6:00 - 9:00pm. These dates/times will also be subject to change, as needed.

STATS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Two statisticians are needed for each team to record stats for every home and away game. Volunteers receive training, a free golf shirt and a guaranteed best view of the game! Please see Mark Fortier (Junior) or Grant Phillips (Varsity) if interested, as an optional training session is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th.

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SPEARS MERCHANDISE

The Niagara Spears have struck a very special merchandise deal with our friends at Riddell. Players, families and fans can now order Spears T-shirts, sweats, hoodies, wind shirts, practice shirts and other clothing at:

<http://website.riddell.com/plugin/quickload.aspx?siteID=308&pwd=spears> (or simply click the link on the Spears website!). However, this site will only be accepting orders until March 31st (all sales in Canadian funds). Pending response, the site may be opened again later in the season. A percentage of all sales will come back to the Spears program. Questions may be directed to Brian Day at 1-800-275-5338, ext. 1161, or bday@riddellsales.com.



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2007 SCHEDULE

The tentative schedule below is provided to assist players and their families with planning their spring and summer. However, it is preliminary only and may be subject to change. Updates will be provided as they become available.

#	Date	JUNIOR	Time	Date	VARSITY	Time
1	---	BYE	---	Sat. May 19	HALTON	2:00
2	Sat. May 26	HAMILTON	12:00	Sat. May 26	GUELPH	4:00
3	Sat. June 2	@ Wentworth	TBA	---	BYE	---
4	Sun. June 10	CHATHAM	3:00	Sat. June 9	@ Brampton	2:00
5	Sat. June 16	@ Twin Cities	TBA	Sat. June 16	@ Sarnia	TBA
6	Sat. June 23	HALTON	12:00	Sat. June 23	WENTWORTH	4:00
7	Sun. July 1	BRAMPTON	3:00	Sat. June 30	@ Etobicoke	TBA
8	Sat. July 7	@ Brantford	7:00	Sat. July 7	HAMILTON	12:00
9	---	BYE	---	---	BYE	---
10	Sat. July 21	@ London	TBA	Sat. July 21	@ Brantford	TBA
11	Sat. July 28	Wild Card				
12	Sat. August 4	Quarter-Finals				
13	Sat. August 11	Semi-Finals				
14	Sat. August 18	Championship				

Thanks for being part of the 2007 Niagara Spears Football Club, and please contact your G.M. with any questions or concerns.

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Varsity Governor/GM	Grant Phillips	905-346-3085	289-241-1863	Phillips@niagaraspears.com