

Fall 2018 Blizzard Club Update

Indoor Registration Open!

Registration for the indoor season is open and spots are filling up. Please visit our website at www.blizzardsoccer.com to join our Club! Registration is expected to September 30th, with tryouts scheduled to start early October.

The Orange Way, our new Technical Program

Blizzard is pleased to present our new Technical Program, The Orange Way. Blizzard operates on a building block approach to player development. Players will follow an initial path heavily focused on technique and skill development and as competency increases tactical elements are introduced. See our website for full details on our philosophy, player development rationale and the methods that we use to deliver the **Orange Way of Playing**.

Join Our Roots Program (U4 to U8s) for Little Blizzards!

We are pleased to introduce our new Roots Program for players (U4 to U8), created by our Foundation Phase Technical Director, Craig Angus. For the indoor season our Roots Program will encompass a mix of the following:

- Technical training sessions
- Small-sided game days (U5-U8s only)
- Tri-Club Jamboree Festivals (U5-U8s only)
- Sessions are mixed boys and girls
- All activities all linked to a planned rationale of developing the individual player and are based on technique and skill development in line with the Belgium FA's Grassroots Model.



All sessions are led by educated staff coaches with players having the option to participate in both fall and winter sessions or pick just one to allow flexibility with other activities. All sessions are held on turf on Blizzard Field 4 at the Calgary West Soccer Center.

We encourage you to register ASAP as space is limited and filling up quickly. The U7/U8 program is already Full (waiting list only); there is limited space for U5/U6s. Craig has also developed a U4 program that runs during the day at the Calgary West Soccer Centre! Sign your little ones up so they can begin their life long love of the game!

Be Loud, Be Proud, Be **Orange!**

Blizzard at Provincials!

Congratulations to all our teams competing at Provincials in August. We are proud of all of you! Our medal results are as follows:

Tier 1

- GU17 SC01 Silver
- GU13 SC05 Silver
- GU15 SC03 Bronze

Tier2

- GU15 SC04 Gold
- GU17 SC02 Silver

Tier 3

- GU15 Alliance 04 Gold

Also, congrats to our BU15 SC04 Boys who qualified for U15 Provincials as a year-younger team. The future is bright for this group!

Blizzard Women's Teams Update

Major League

Our Blizzard Women's Alberta Major League team had a great inaugural season. With a record of 5 wins, 7 losses, 1 tie, the team made provincials but unfortunately were eliminated in the quarter final by Calgary Callies. We are very pleased to use our Women's team as a development tool for so many of our young players. 15 of 16 provincial rostered players were current Blizzard youth or Blizzard youth alumni and we were the youngest team in the league so we have a lot to look forward to. Great job Team!

Premier

Our Women's Premier team placed 2nd in the league with 11 wins, 2 losses, 1 tie. We also achieved bronze at provincials. Once again, we are pleased to use our premier team as a development tool for our young players with 15 of the 16 players rostered at provincials current Blizzard youth or Blizzard youth alumni.

Indoor

For the indoor season we will include three 8v8 teams playing in CWSA (Calgary Women's Soccer Association). We are also looking forward to getting our SC02 and SC03 girls involved this season.

Alumni Shout Out!

A big congratulations to two of our alumni girls, Skye Gordon and Chase O'Brien, who are now joint captains of SAIT Trojans. Way to go girls, we are proud of you!

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The Blizzard Traveling Jersey! Where Did Your Orange Go!

Congrats to Maya Wadhwa and her dad Sanjay who took their Blizzard Journey to Paris! Maya is the proud recipient of a Kicks gift card.



Blizzard Alum, Once Orange, Always Orange!

We had an unusual request over the summer from one of our former player's girlfriend, Holly. Could we replace her boyfriend's twelve-year-old ripped Blizzard shirt with a new one? He was obsessed with the shirt wearing it most evenings and to fitness, much to her dismay! Her boyfriend was a former player of Alan's, Lars Houston who now lives in the UK!

Alan quickly sent a delivery of a new shirt over to Lars who was thrilled when he opened the box!

From Lars: ***"No word of a lie, I'm sat here as we speak wearing the top. I can't believe The Blizzards have been going for over 50 years, remarkable and long may it continue. Made some great memories playing for the club and tell all my mates over in the UK about my time with The Blizzards. "***