

Middle School Girls' Soccer Spring 2012

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All practices & home competitions are played at Grace Christian - 668 Buck Jones Rd. Raleigh 27606

All participants must have a physical prior to tryouts. Coach Greg must have written evidence from a certified physician.

Two days of tryouts with 1st day possibly beginning as soon as February 9th (subject to results of MS girls' basketball tournament). If the last MS girls' basketball game is on February 6th then the first day of tryouts will be February 9th. Tryouts will start promptly at 3:45 p.m. and will conclude by 5:15 p.m. Check Grace Christian website for special announcements, changes in tryout schedule.

Tryouts are closed to all parents, siblings, spectators not directly trying out for the team.

Final team selection will be announced within 48 hours of last day of tryouts.

A formal meeting with parents and players selected will be scheduled during 1st week of regular team practice (week of February 13th).

Quality soccer attire (appropriate fitting) required for tryouts and practices. This includes quality soccer shorts, soccer shoes, t-shirts, soccer socks, shin guards. Highly recommend "straps" to hold shoe strings in place and "hair bands/pony tail holders".

We practice and play with "Size 5" balls so practice at home with "Size 5" balls.

Players are responsible for their transportation to and from practices.

Physical conditioning will be very important. Be prepared to practice hard with focus on conditioning.

Please let me know during tryouts if you envision schedule conflicts due to other activities. This includes "travel soccer", dance, girl scouts, etc.

Parent volunteers will be needed to assist with transportation, refreshments, etc.

We will compete hard with a strategy to win and develop each player's soccer skills. At the same time we will represent Grace Christian in a Christ-like manner and demonstrate sportsmanship to each other and our competition. We will have devotions and prayer time where players will be assigned times to lead.

Feel free to contact me directly should you have questions.

Coach Greg background information: Spouse, Suzanne, Registered Nurse in Cary. Two sons, Drew (14) and Tyler (9). Both are students at Wake Christian Academy. Both have been involved in school and travel soccer since 5 years old. I have coached both boys and girls U6 – U12 with the last few seasons being U10 – U12 girls in the Fuquay Varina Athletic Association (FVAA). I have also coached basketball, football and baseball. Family is members of Midway Baptist Church in Raleigh. Suzanne teaches 2nd grade Life Group at Midway. We both serve on the Missions committee and have taken missions trip to Panama, Costa Rica and Belize. I am the owner of Pierce Investments, LLC www.pierceinvestmentsllc.com after working in banking for 16 years. I am on the Board of Directors for the Raleigh Sports Club. We reside in Holly Springs.

I look forward to an exciting 2012 Spring Season Thank you for the opportunity to be associated with you, your family and Grace Christian School!