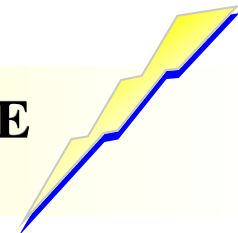




ARIZONA SOCCER CLUB

# AZSC THUNDER PRIDE

... THIS IS HOW WE ROLL!



Your Recreational & Competitive Soccer News Connection

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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- Nov 30, Dec 1 & 2 - Kohl's Christmas Angel Tournament
- Dec 7-9—San Tan Classic Tournament
- Dec 17— New Thunder Absence/Tardiness Policy Begins
- Dec 17 & 18 Parent Meetings for Player Evaluation
- Dec 18 AZSC Thunder Holiday Canned Food Drive Ends
- Dec 19 Coach's Evaluation Forms Due & Registration date for Winter Soccer Camp
- Dec 20—COOKIE DOUGH READY FOR PARENT PICK UP AT FIELD 5-8pm
- Dec 21-23 Winter Soccer Camp
- Dec 21 - Jan1—No Practice Happy Holidays!
- Jan 2—Regular Practices start back up
- Jan '08 — Lightning Academy Begins the week of the 7th
- Jan 11—Mar 7—Friday Night Clinics
- Jan 12 -VYSL games resume
- Jan 14 & 15— 2nd Fitness Assessments
- Jan 18-20—Ft. Lowell Tournament, Tucson

## KOHL'S CHRISTMAS ANGEL TOURNAMENT



U11 Girls Gold take 2nd Place



U8 Boys take 1st Place

Despite a partial tournament rainout, the Kohl's Christmas Angel Tournament continued through a variety of shootouts and short games. After Saturday's cancelled games, the rain finally subsided, the sun came out and Sunday was fabulous! But, it was then that the real storm began! Our AZSC Thunder rolled in and did an awesome job in representing our club well. Here are photos submitted by parents, along with our final standings:



- U8 Boys — 1st Place
- U9 Boys—2nd Place
- U10 Boys—3rd Place (Tied for 2nd, lost tie breaker)
- U13 Boys—4th Place



- U9 Girls—2nd Place
- U10 Girls—2nd Place
- U11 Girls—2nd Place
- U13 Girls—1st Place



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**Team Merchandising Available**

Ready to show some Team Spirit and Thunder Pride for your Team?

Beginning this week AZSC Logo merchandise will be available for order/purchase. From Thunder Blankets, to T-Shirts, Hoodies, Beanies, Baseball caps and more.

Check out our order table that will be set up on the practice fields later this week or ask your Team Manager for more details.

**THUNDER RUMBLINGS: WHAT'S NEW**

**Friday Night Clinics**

In Recreational Soccer and looking for an introduction into the competitive soccer environment? If you haven't experienced the technical and tactical training provided in competitive soccer, then this is the perfect place to start!

If you are already a Thunder player and want to continue polishing your soccer skills, this is for you, too!

- Starts in January 11—March 7, 2008 — Practice once per week (9 total sessions)
- U5 - U8 from 5:00 to 6:00PM; U9 - U12 from 6:00 to 7:00PM
- Cost: \$20 (Includes services and Practice T-shirt)

Our coaching staff bring impressive credentials, expertise and passion to the game.

**Lightning Academy**



Calling all Soccer players. . . The Lightning Academy (formerly known as the Thunder Academy) returns in January! Registration is \$110 and includes your academy training kit: (T-Shirt, Shorts, Socks and medal). Begins the week of January 7th!

## WHAT'S NEW PART 2: NEW POLICIES AND TRAINING SCHEDULES

The Thunder Program keeps moving forward! In order to improve the program a few policies started in December 2007, read on!



### New Thunder Absence & Tardiness Policy

- Effective Monday, December 17, 2007
- Violation of the policies will affect play time for individuals and increased penalties for chronic abuse of the policies.
- New requirement – The **Coach** is to be notified (not the Team Manager) if a player will be late or absence from team functions including practices, scrimmages, games and/or tournaments.

### Thunder pro staff phone numbers:

Alex Fonseca - 480-246-7311  
Mike Duhaney - 480-323-8827  
Benny Sanchez - 480-241-0516  
Joy Grosskreutz - 480-710-2026  
Jorge Galdamez - 602-463-5775

### New Practice Schedules

New schedules are in place for 3x a week practices. The Friday sessions will start in January. Goal Keeper Training continues during regular practice times (overlaps).

If you need copies of the Policy and/or the Training Schedules please see your team manager or coach.

## CALLING ALL PARENTS . . . "COME JOIN THE PAC!"

The Parent Activities Connection (PAC) is alive and thriving with many exciting features coming to our AZSC families!

**Next Meeting:**  
**Wed., 1/2/08 at 6:30pm, Crossroads Park ramada.**

If you're interested in joining or learning about the PAC contact us at: [pac@arizonasoccerclub.com](mailto:pac@arizonasoccerclub.com) or call Lisa at (480) 734-1670.

**We're looking for Thunder Banquet volunteers soon!**  
Hope to see you on January 2nd!

## AZSC Thunder Holiday Canned Food Drive Don't miss the donation drive, ending 12/18/07

AZSC has partnered with the United Food Bank to help out our Community! Bring all non-perishable items to crossroads field 2 or option 2, drop off at AZSC Office at 425 W. Guadalupe Rd, Ste 117, Gilbert, 85296.



**Cash Prizes for the Winning Team,  
1st and 2nd Place!**

Let's band together and show the kids what Thunder Pride is all about, helping others!

## THUNDER COACH HIGHLIGHT: CHRIS REHFUSS

Meet Chris Rehfuss—our Goal Keeper Training Coach!

Have you seen his credentials? . . .

- USSF "C" LICENSE
- Mesa Community College – Coach Staff
- Mesquite High School—Coach Staff
- Master Degree in Mathematics
- US National Futsal Team Player
- Major Soccer League, Columbus Crew former player
- Major Indoor Soccer League, Cleveland Crunch former player
- Ohio State University former player

Coach Chris joined our elite group of former professional players who now proudly represent the AZSC Coaching Staff. The AZSC club realizes the value of strong goalkeepers and their significance to the game, as players progress in age and skill. Chris has what it takes to bring out the best in our league and we look forward to enjoying much success under his guidance and leadership!



## D.O.C. COACHES' CORNER: ALEX FONSECA, DIRECTOR OF COACHING & SOCCER

As part 2, continued from the November Newsletter, the Thunder Academy U13—U16 program emphasis the development of individual players in four key components of soccer:

1. Technical – soccer skills
2. Tactical – decision making
3. Physical – fitness and conditioning
4. Psychological – mental and emotional

**Developmental Ages U13 to U16:** In this age group, we focus our Thunder players on complete mastery of all techniques under various levels of pressure. Also, positional techniques within the system of play become important. Tactics in individual and small group situations become the building blocks for the Thunder style of play. This is the age group where our players are utilizing all of the tools they developed during the early years of the Thunder program. This allows our players to compete at a very high level. Our key component focus for this age group is as follows:

**TECHNICAL**– Repetition of perfect technique at full speed, then under pressures; other techniques emphasized are coordination with ball, dribbling/faking, shooting/passing/receiving, ball control tackling, heading, shielding/turning and goal keeping.

**TACTICAL**– Individual 1 v 1, small group, offensive and defensive team shape.

**PHYSICAL**– Endurance, speed, strength, agility and nutrition.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL** - Enjoyment through competition, motivation, discipline and team spirit.

If you have any feedback for Thunder Pride publications, or would be interested in submitting photos or short stories for the club, please contact us at: [pac@arizonasoccerclub.com](mailto:pac@arizonasoccerclub.com). Stories may be subject to editing, due to space limitations. Thank you!