

The Niagara Storm Football Club is pleased to announce the expansion of their football program at both ends of the age spectrum. The Storm will be adding a Varsity program in the 2010 season for players born in 1991,92,93. The Storm will also add a Pee wee (Formerly Atom) team for players born 2000, 99, 98 and younger.

In its inaugural year the Niagara Storm Football Club has fielded peewee and junior varsity teams, with plans to field a Varsity and Atom program soon. We have had a great deal of inquiries from players who wanted to play but were either too old for the JV team or too young for the Bantam (Formerly Pee wee) program.

Fryer said talking with some of the member clubs we saw a need for an Atom program where the kids will compete in a fair play environment while focusing on fundamentals in compliance with the "Long Term Athlete Development" model as set out by the Ontario Football Alliance and Football Canada.

The Storm executive feel that the new teams will have little impact on either the Niagara Region Minor football Association or the Niagara Spears of the Varsity Football League (OVFL). Niagara Minor Football operates a house league program in the Niagara Peninsula.

Trivieri mentioned they approached the president of the Niagara Minor Football to discuss entering an Atom team in the NRMFA but the idea was rejected. We will keep the door open if the NRMFA have a change of heart and are willing to consider expansion in West Niagara.

We already have some of the most qualified coaches, and have had several enquiries from coaches who want to coach in our program. Applications are still being accepted now for athletes, coaches and volunteers who are interested in joining our program.

The first in person registration date is set for Saturday November 28th. Football Specific Clinics will take place in February and indoor training for the 2010 season will begin in March.