



Storm football club adds varsity, atom teams

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The Niagara Storm Football Club is on the grow.

The Grimsby-based football club recently announced the expansion of its football program at both ends of the age spectrum. The Storm will be adding a Varsity football program in the 2010 season for players born between 1991 and 1993. The Varsity club will be playing in the South Central Ontario Football League. The Storm will also add an Atom team for the upcoming season, for players born in 2000, 1999, 1998 and younger. Full details regarding the Atom program are being finalized.

In its inaugural year the Niagara Storm Football Club fielded a Peewee and Junior Varsity teams, with short-term plans to field the Varsity and Atom programs. The Storm 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 Peewee program, so they have decided to go ahead with the move for their second year.

Director of Operations Todd Fryer said the Storm executive feels 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). The teams will allow more opportunity for local football players to play the sport, and help further develop the talented players in the Niagara and Hamilton area. Director of Administration Frank Trivieri says they approached the Niagara Region Minor Football Association, which operates a house league program in Niagara, about entering an Atom team in the league but the idea was dismissed. The Storm will keep the door open if the NRMFA have a change of heart and are willing to consider expansion in West Niagara.

The Storm operates in West Niagara but is recruiting from the entire Niagara Peninsula, as well as east Hamilton.

The first in-person registration date is set for Saturday, Nov. 28. Football specific clinics will take place in February and indoor training for the 2010 season will begin in March.

For more information on the Niagara Storm and its programs, visit www.niagarastorm.com.