

Oak Hills Soccer - Little Kickers players

Dear Parents of Oak Hills *Little Kickers* players,

We have finalized teams & schedules for the Little Kickers program for 2018. They are now posted to the OHYA Soccer web site. Here is a link to the soccer page:

<https://www.ohyouthathletics.org/page/show/638820-soccer>

As in past years, it will be an **8 week** season. We will be starting the program this **Saturday, August 25th**. Practices and games will occur on the same day, which will always be **Saturday**. The location will be the soccer fields behind **J.F. Dulles Elementary**, on Bridgetown Road.

Each week - teams will practice for about **25-30** minutes and then play a game with another team for about **25-30** minutes. Due to the number of teams, there will need to be **three** time slots again this year. The first time slot will be **3 to 4 pm**, the second will be **4 to 5 pm**, and the third will be **5 to 6 pm**. Teams will mostly have a mix of the time slots during the 8 week season. **Because of the number of teams there will be 4 fields in use. The schedule has been posted to the OHYA web site showing teams by time slot by field.** The web site address is shown above. When you get to this page look for information on the Little Kickers program.

Each player will be assigned to a team with a team number and team shirt color. This information is also posted to our web site. All players will receive their colored tee-shirt for their team on the first day, **August 25th**. Each player should wear that shirt or a shirt of the same color each week to help players find the right location when they arrive. If you need to miss the first day, your coach will have your shirt when you attend the next time.

On the first day, we will have a brief discussion about how the program will work. We will then introduce the coaches and they will give out t-shirts to their players. The coaches will have a practice session with their players and then all teams will play a game.

Due to the team sizes and players ages, the normal "Passers" size fields (first level of the regular program) will be split in half and smaller goals will be used. Orange lines (and some of the white lines from the Passer fields) will outline the sides of this field and the white lines from the Passers field sides will be the end lines where the goals will be placed.

Start times for the first day will be the same, 3 pm, 4 pm and 5 pm depending on your team's schedule. **However, you should arrive at least 15 minutes early for the first day so we can have time for a brief discussion before we begin.** So, on the first day, if your teams start time is 3 pm, **you need to be there by 2:45 pm.** If your teams start time on the first day is 4 pm, **you need to be there by 3:45 pm.** If your teams start time on the first day is 5 pm, **you need to be there by 4:45 pm.**

As a reminder, all players must wear shin guards to cover their legs for protection. These can be purchased at most department and sporting goods stores. After the first night, no player should be allowed to participate without shin guards. Players should also bring a water bottle or sports drink. **Balls and cones will be provided for each team.** However, if a player wants to bring their own ball (size 3), please make sure their name is clearly marked on the ball.

Well, that's all for now, more information to come and I will **see you on Saturday, August 25th.**

Best Regards, Joe