

PARK TWP. RECREATION
LITTLE KICKERS RULES AND INFORMATION

Parents or a responsible adult must be present for games and practices.

LOCATION: Wendt Park off Lilac and James, west of 144th St. Soccer fields are off Lilac Street. Overflow parking is off of James St.

*Coaches and assistant coaches should arrive approximately 15 minutes early to greet team members, get equipment and set up.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

***Athletic shoes are required.**

***Soccer shoes are NOT mandatory, but are allowed. NO CLEATS.** We don't want participants to feel they need to purchase soccer shoes. Tie on athletic shoes will work fine as well.

*Shin guards are **MANDATORY** and must be worn during all games and practices. Long pants or shorts with long socks over guards are recommended.

*Water bottle with players name.

*The league will provide uniform t-shirts.

BALLS

Game balls will be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. Players must bring their own practice ball with their name on it. A #3 soccer ball is the recommended size at this age. No particular brand is necessary.

PRACTICE

Practice starts promptly at 5:30 pm each week for 30 minutes on your designated night-either Monday or Tuesday. Additional team practices will **not** be allowed. Parents are encouraged to practice skills at home with their children.

GAMES

Games will be played right after practice with approximate 6:00 pm start times. Each game will last about 30 minutes.

Games will be divided into four six minute quarters with 1 minute between quarters and a 4 minute half time. Clock will run continuously.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

The game is played with three players on the field from each team. This number may be modified (playing w/ 2 if short players) on game day with mutual agreement by the respective coaches.

COACHES

There will be at least two coaches per team. One coach will be stationed on the playing field during the game and the other on the sideline keeping track of the team members who aren't in the game as well as making sure that all players receive equal playing time.

The coaches are expected to be at all practices and games or find a team substitute.

OFFICIALS

Coaches also serve as game officials and provide instruction to players during practice, but provide minimum instruction during the game. One coach will serve as referee for that particular game. Only one coach per team will be on the playing field during games.

PARENTS, SPECTATORS AND SIBLINGS

Parents and spectators must remain behind the sidelines during practice and games. Loud yelling of directions from side lines, confuses and distracts young players. No dogs are allowed near the soccer playing fields. Snacks are discouraged for the players as many have allergies and distract from the game. Verbal rewards should be given frequently by the coaches and positive cheering from the side lines is welcome.

SCORING

No score or standings will be kept. Coaches on the playing field will consider the age and experience of the player when calling fouls or letting the game play on. Safety is always the highest priority in our league.

GOALKEEPER AND PLAYER POSITIONS

No goalkeeper during games or practices in the Little Kickers League. Coaches **may not** allow players to remain near either goal as a permanent defender or forward. Players should be encouraged to pass the ball and spread out on the playing field and be involved in play at both ends of the field.

SUBSTITUTING

Teams may substitute anytime during the game. The clock will not stop for substitutions. Each player should receive an equivalent amount of playing time unless special circumstances arise. There will be no timeouts.

WEATHER POLICY

On game days if it is raining, teams **MUST** show up at their scheduled game time and field unless otherwise notified by their coach. The coach will determine whether a game will or will not be played due to weather or playing field conditions. Games will not be started or continue to be played if a thunderstorm warning or a tornado warning has been issued by the National Weather Service or lightning is seen in the area.

REMEMBER

It takes years to develop good players and coaches. Everyone is doing his or her best and learning at different paces.

Park Township Parks and Recreation Little Kickers philosophy is “everyone plays, everyone wins”. We strive to enhance every child’s personal growth, development, sports-skills, fundamentals, fair play, sportsmanship, values, and sense of teamwork and physical fitness. On top of it all...HAVE FUN!

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