

WEST GEAUGA RECREATION COUNCIL
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2008 RECREATIONAL SOCCER

To Parents:

The West Geauga Recreation Council believes our number one priority is “kids having fun” in a safe and supervised environment. In addition to providing a healthy recreational activity, our goals are to teach the rules and techniques of the game as well as promote good sportsmanship. The element of competition is used to add to the fun of the sport.

As parents, you can help us reach these goals in two ways. One, by volunteering as coaches and/or assistants; two, by supporting our coaches and officials, who are dedicated people giving fully of their time, enabling your children to participate in this program. Everyone likes to win, but Rec Council and our coaches believe it is more important that each child play in every game and have fun doing so.

As in the past, we would like a parent volunteer from each team, every game, to act as a line judge. Coaches and referees will gladly show you what you need to do. Also, in an effort to reduce obstructions, we would like coaches and players to be on the opposite sides of the fields from spectators.

The continued growth of our soccer program provides a yearly challenge to recruit coaches, referees and sponsors. This year and next are no exceptions. If you, your company or anyone else you know might be interested in any one of these areas, please contact Tony and Melissa Zakelj at 727-4589. We wish to say a special thank you to all those who have given of themselves to make this a successful season!

Annual Soccer Tournament

The annual soccer tournament will be held on Saturday, September 27th. All WGRC soccer teams will play in this one-day event. In the older age groups, recreational teams from surrounding communities will be invited to participate. The tournament is a chance to showcase our youth to the community. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Referees

Most of our referees are current or former WGRC recreational soccer league players from our community. All of our referees are certified through an 8-hour classroom clinic. We are honored to provide the opportunity for these special youths to enhance their leadership skills and maturity. Words of encouragement are always welcome.

Playing Fields

We work hard to keep our playing fields in good condition. The traditional post game drinks and snacks are a special treat for our younger leagues, but can present a trash problem. We ask the coaches to help police the trash pickup situation. Snack parents are asked to bring a garbage bag on their snack day.

Safety Equipment

Our league rules have been developed to keep our children safe. That being said, Soccer can be a fast moving activity and accidents may happen. Shin guards need to be worn by all players. We recommend mouth guards for everyone and athletic protective cups for all the boys.

We welcome your constructive comments or suggestions about our program, or if you have any questions, please write WGRC, P. O. Box 393, Chesterland, Ohio 44026 or visit our website at www.wgrcsite.com.

Thank you,

West Geauga Recreation Soccer Committee
Tony and Melissa Zakelj, Chairs