

KinderKicker's Introductory E-mail – Fall 2010

Welcome to the fall 2010 Pittsfield Soccer Club Kinderkickers Program!

Our program is scheduled to kick off with the first session on Saturday, September 11, at 11:00 am. **Sessions will be held each Saturday thereafter through October 30. Our Pittsfield location will be announced prior to the start of our program.** There will be no session on Saturday, October 9, due to the Columbus Day weekend.

We will have a check-in station set up on the first two Saturday sessions; so please stop by to get your child's jersey. If you did not include payment with your original registration, please be prepared to pay in full at check in.

On occasion, inclement weather may force us to cancel our sessions. If so, you should expect an e-mail from us as the program coordinators. Since the trainers are unavailable at times other than what we have scheduled, it is unlikely that we will be able to reschedule cancelled sessions.

To participate safely in the practices sessions, your child should wear appropriate gear. **Shin guards are required; and no child will be permitted to play without them.** The risk of an extremely painful kick to the shin is very real with this sport; so shin guards are a priority. Soccer cleats are also recommended, but your child may wear sneakers if he/she prefers. Each child should also bring a water bottle (or other appropriate drink) to each session as well.

We know that some of you are brand new to the Kinderkickers program, if not soccer entirely. With that in mind, we would like to fill you in with a little more information about what to expect from the program.

Kinderkickers is intended to be an educational program, with the primary goal being to help your child develop his or her basic soccer skills while still having a fun, enjoyable experience. There are no coaches, no formal teams, and no formal soccer games. All practice sessions are run entirely by the professional trainers from Soccer Domain Academy. The one-hour practice sessions consist of various soccer-oriented games designed to teach fundamental skills such as dribbling, ball control, turning, etc.

Parents are welcomed to help their children on the field if desired. The trainers are usually pretty good at keeping the kids focused and active; but hey, we're talking about three, four and five year olds. The trainers will appreciate any help you are willing to give.

Finally, e-mail is our primary method for communication, especially regarding program changes, cancellations, etc., so please be sure to check your inbox regularly.

We look forward to an enjoyable season; and we'll see you on September 11 at 11:00. If, in the meantime, you have any unanswered questions about the program, please send us a note or give us a call.

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