

# Welcome to the 2025-2026 Recreation Soccer League!



# Agenda

- Introductions
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- Recreation League Basics
- Weather
- Communication
- Game Day Info
- Parent Expectations
- Coaches Need
- Questions





# Introductions and Staff

- Rec League Commissioner: Irving Katz
- Rec League Coordinator: Talya Sterling
- Rec League Technical Advisor: Yasser Hussein
- SYSA Board President: Sara Schiavoni





# Goals of our Recreation Program

- To ensure that players enjoy participating and are having fun
- To encourage a level of technical competence
- To provide opportunities for young players to learn the principles of the game





# Fall Season

- Practices start week of August 11
- Games start weekend of August 23
- Season ends October 19
- Rain dates may be added on to the end of the season





# Typical 1st/2nd Grade Game

- Chaotic, some teams more so than others
- Wide range of intensity, emotion, participation, attention/processing
- Parents provide extra encouragement and VERY LIGHT coaching
  - Who should the player listen to? THEIR COACH





# Typical 3rd/4th Grade Game

- Much more organized
- Kids are more focused and have some ideas about the game
- Parents still provide extra encouragement and next-to-no coaching
  - One Voice: THE COACH





# Typical 5th/6th Grade Game

- Real soccer
- Kids are playing the team game, executing tactics
- Parents still provide extra encouragement but no more coaching





# Equipment

- A team jersey is included and yours to keep
- Soccer cleats highly recommended (sneakers OK)
  - Cleats from other sports PROHIBITED
- Shin guards are mandatory for all organized activities
- Soccer Ball (Grades 1/2 = size 3, 3/4 = 4, 5/6 = 5)
- Water bottle





# Practice

- Once a week
- Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes early (park, walk, etc)
- Bring all your equipment
- Be courteous and respectful - we are sharing the fields





# Footskills Clinics

- **Fridays at Shaker Middle School - Median Field**
- **Goalie clinic**
- **Separate session for grades 1&2 and grades 3-6**
- **Can only offer when we have staffing available**





# Games

- PLEASE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES EARLY
  - Park, walk, and WARM-UP!
- Equipment plus uniform
- Saturday and/or Sunday
- Rules on website





# Fields

- Shaker Heights Middle School - Median Field Complex





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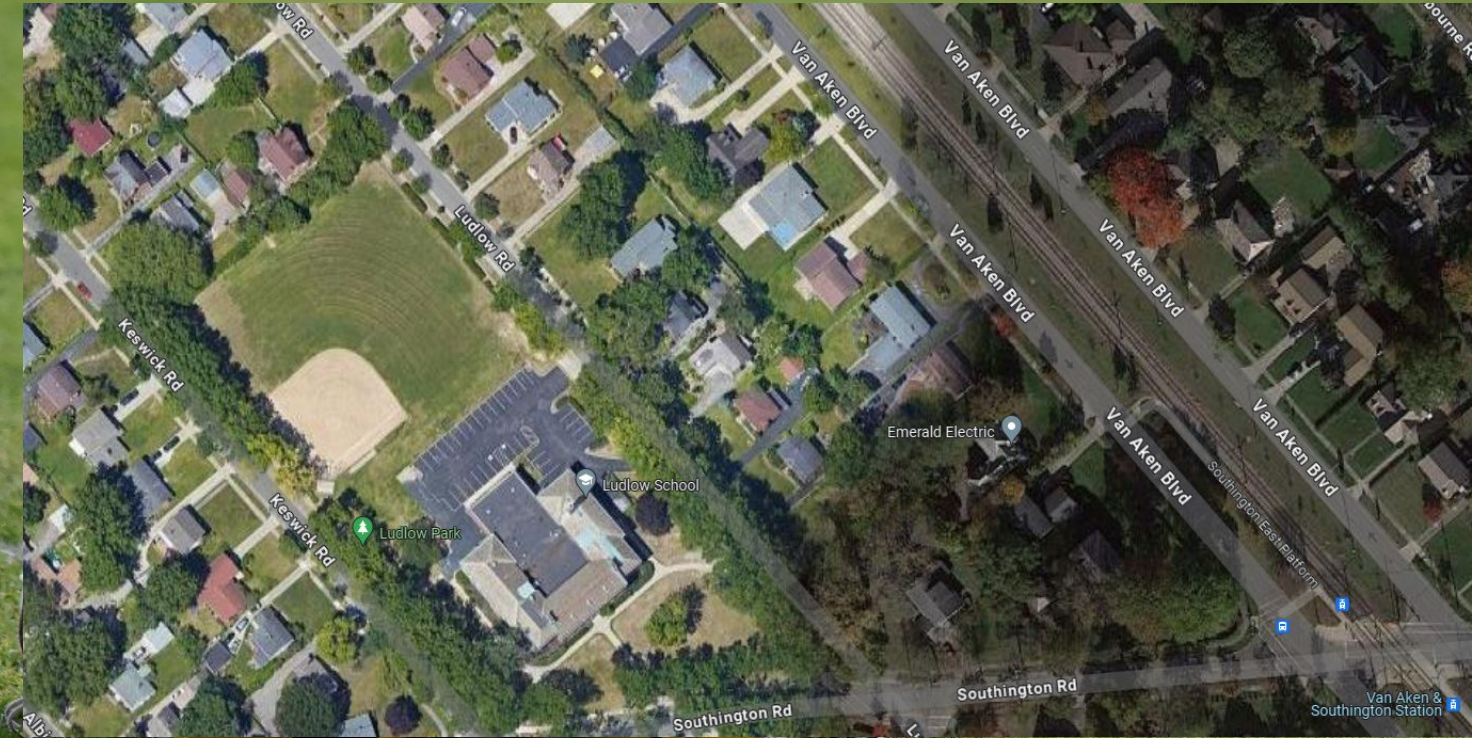
- Fairmount/Beachwood Board of Education





# Fields

- Ludlow School





# Fields

- Shelburne (Chesterton Athletic Fields)





# Weather

- Out of our control, city may make decision for us
- Thunder and/or Lightning is immediate pause for 15 minutes
- Make-up games if possible
- Practices will not be made up, but coaches can request





# LeagueApps

- Install the app “LeagueApps Play”
- Rosters and games (coaches can add practices to schedule)
- Team chat
- Team email blast





# Communications

- **Coach** - when, where
- **Commissioner** - things outside coach's control
- **Director** - I will escalate major issues that might have league-wide effect





# Communications

- [www.shakeryouthsoccer.org/rec](http://www.shakeryouthsoccer.org/rec)
- [www.beachwoodsocceracademy.org](http://www.beachwoodsocceracademy.org)
- [rec@shakeryouthsoccer.org](mailto:rec@shakeryouthsoccer.org)
- 205-282-7972 (voice & text)
- Newsletters





# Parent Expectations

- Cheer! Have fun! Model good sportsmanship on the sidelines.
- Give positive encouragement and praise
- Leave the coaching to the coaches, officiating to the referees and the playing to the players – don't confuse your child with your instructions.
- Respect the game please do not walk on the field or disrupt the game





# Student Refs

- Zero-tolerance policy against abuse of the refs
- They are learning how to ref - they are just kids
- Even the most experienced refs won't see a game the same as you
- LET IT GO!





# PLEASE VOLUNTEER

- All teams are coached by parent volunteers - YOU CAN DO IT!
- Best to have at least 2 coaches per team
- Commitment should be less than 3 hours per week
- Team Manager is a super-helpful addition to any team





# Any Questions???

