



Oshkosh Youth
Soccer Club

OYSC Newsletter

The Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club is a non-profit, recreational youth sports program, operating in the Winnebago County, Wisconsin area since 1979. For more information regarding OYSC, contact us at 920-232-OYSC(6972).



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Important Dates for 2019 Soccer Season:

**Registration Deadline
November 1, 2018**

**Season Begins
May 6, 2019**

**U16 Girls Season
Begins
June 5, 2019**

**U16 Boys & U19 Coed
Season Begins
June 6, 2019**

**Soccer Saturday
July 12 & 13, 2019**



A Letter From Our President

Hello OYSC Soccer Families,

It has been a great season with just a few games re-scheduled due to weather. Thank you to all the coaches, players, parents, referees, and our league administrator for your contributions to make this a successful season. This was the 40th season for our club, thank you to everyone for making OYSC successful year after year.

There are approximately 1000 players in the OYSC family this season. The OYSC board and our volunteers understand the amount of time and commitment required for making OYSC successful. We know that there will be bumps in the road throughout the season, so we ask that you please remember we are all volunteers with full time jobs and families. We promise to do our best to provide the best soccer experience for the players that we can. The board spends many hours preparing for the season, running the season, and then preparing for the future. The board thanks you for your understanding and cooperation with the OYSC program.

Soccer Saturday is soon approaching. Please help us by donating some of your time with concessions, set-up, and clean-up. Each year the tournament takes on a bigger look and with an event this big, there is a sizable amount of work that needs to be done. All coaches will be asking parents to volunteer to help at Soccer Saturday, so please find some time to help in any way you can.

Take time on Soccer Saturday to thank the coaches, the referees, sponsors, Soccer Saturday volunteers, and OYSC board members for the hard work that they have put in.

Online registration starts July 15th. The OYSC Board is proud to provide all participants, regardless of skill set, the opportunity to have weekly games and practices, participate in a year-end tournament, receive a jersey, and make new friends.

Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club and Water Cities Soccer Club have continued their partnership to provide the community with a complete soccer experience. Jointly, the clubs can provide a path of growth from Recreational to "Academy" league, and Select Soccer. There will be a place for all to play, and to us this is what is most important. We share many of the same values, and we believe through our combined efforts we can provide more to the local soccer community. While the clubs will remain technically separate entities, we work together on many fronts to provide affordable quality Recreational, Select and Special Needs Soccer programs for the community.

The board is again looking for new board members. If you are interested, please contact OYSC.

Again, I want to thank everyone for making this year a success. Thank you for everyone's support and let's keep OYSC running strong. Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Dave Edwards

Dave Edwards
President



What You Need To Know For Soccer Saturday

Nearly 4,000 kids and adults will visit the Winnebago County Park for the Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club's Annual Soccer Saturday event. Here are a few things you will want to know:

- **Registration:** Registration for the 2019 season will **NOT** take place this year on Soccer Saturday.
- **Awards:** Awards for the League (the regular season), and the Soccer Saturday tournament will be given out at the Awards Tent beginning shortly before noon.
- **Parking:** Parking closest to your field of choice will be at a premium. Plan to come early, or wear comfortable walking shoes.
- **Food & Drinks:** Vendors will be providing food, as we don't have access to electricity or water on site this year.
- **Tents:** Team tents have become a tradition. The tent area is directly south of the Awards Tent and concession area. Tents can be set up on Saturday morning (not Friday). Picnic tables may not be moved into individual tent(s).
- **Garbage:** Trash cans are located near every field and throughout the park. Help keep our park looking nice. **If you see discarded trash, kindly pick it up (even if it isn't yours!).**
- **Spectator Lines:** Please honor the safety rule of staying behind the white spectator lines adjacent to the field of play sidelines.
- **No Pets:** Pets are prohibited in Winnebago County Park, except in the dog park. Please do NOT bring your pets to the games.
- **No Smoking:** No smoking on or near fields of play. If you need to light up, leave.
- **No Swearing:** Bad language will not be tolerated. Improper language includes ethnic, racial or sexual remarks directed at any player, fan, or official.
- **No Alcohol:** No alcoholic beverages will be tolerated!
- **Health & Safety:** An OYSC priority! The event can make for a long, hot day. Bring water, sunscreen, and a hat or umbrella. Feel free to bring a picnic basket or cooler.
- **Behavior:** Coaches have the authority to request that unruly spectators, disrespectful of the rules, or exhibiting unsportsmanlike behavior, leave the area.
- **Speed & Crosswalks:** Please, please, please drive extra slowly through the park! Do not cross roadways from between fenders. Park only in designated areas.
- **Volunteers.** Everyone involved in helping with this event, the vendors, first aid staff, referees and coaches are doing his or her best to make this event enjoyable for the kids playing, as well as the spectators who have come out to support them. If you get a chance, take a second and thank a volunteer. It'll surely bring a smile, and make a hectic day all the more worthwhile. Better yet, BE a volunteer!
- **Have Fun:** This day is meant to be fun for the whole family. Take the time to watch and support the children of your neighbors and friends.

Don't get too hung up in the competition. Take the opportunity to appreciate other aspects of the game, such as, the camaraderie of team spirit, having accomplished a new skill, having made a new friend, or simply having spent the summer trying something new, "just for fun".

Soccer Saturday Volunteers Needed

Volunteers make Soccer Saturday happen. As a non-profit recreational youth program, the Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club depends on volunteers to help with selling drinks, registration, setup, clean-up, parking, and hundreds of other things that need doing. Every little bit helps; even if you can give just an hour! Volunteers are needed in all areas, especially in the drink area on Friday night and Saturday, and to help clean-up on Saturday. Each team will be assigned a time to provide parent volunteers to help out. Every coach will be asking the parents for volunteers. If you can spare an hour it would REALLY be appreciated. Please call us at 920-232-OYSC(6972) to volunteer ahead of time, or stop by the drink tent when you have some free time to help out.



Coaches Equipment Hand-In

Coaches are asked to return their team equipment on Friday & Saturday of Soccer Saturday. We would like ALL teams that play on Friday to return your bags on Friday evening between 6:00-7:30 PM. For teams that don't play on Friday, please return your bag on Saturday between 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM, PRIOR to your first game. Equipment is to be turned in on the east side of the gravel path along Field #1, near the food truck and beverage sales. **It is IMPERATIVE that all equipment is returned during the designated times.** Remember, we don't have our shelter this year for storage, so timing is essential!

All equipment that was issued and signed for, by the coach on the equipment card, should be turned in on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Any equipment that is not returned will be charged to the coach.

Please bring a T-shirt for your goalie to wear during Soccer Saturday.

Please DO NOT deflate soccer balls and kindly clean up equipment and duffle bags before handing in. First Aid Kits must be handed in, but keep the band-aids. Professional first aid will be available on-site. Equipment will be checked off equipment card as it is returned.

When equipment is handed in, coaches will receive a packet of 2018 OYSC patches, one for each player. Patches are a collectable gift given to the players to commemorate participation. I.D. cards are to be given to your players as a souvenir after games are completed.

Equipment Hand-In:

Time:

Friday, July 13th
6:00 – 7:30 PM

OR

Saturday, July 14th
8:00 – 11:30 AM

Location:

East side of the gravel path next to field #1.

Changes for the 2019 Season

The Board has analyzed the cost of providing a quality soccer experience for our players. In doing so, it has been determined that our registration fees for the 2019 season will remain the same. Our late fees will remain at \$20.00 for any registration received after Nov. 1, 2018. With three years of online registration under our belts, we will **NOT** be accepting registrations on Soccer Saturday as we have done in the past. We determined that trying to do the online registration at Soccer Saturday was not worthwhile, as last year we registered under 50 people in a six hour period. It is much easier for everyone to register in the comfort of their own home.

Registering on time gives us a more accurate idea of the number of roster spaces needed. By registering the majority of players before the number of teams is set, we assure that as many players as possible get to play without paying for jerseys that go unused. In 2018, we had very low numbers registered by the deadline and again had to put many children on a waiting list, with the majority of them never getting on a team. We hate to see this happen, so PLEASE get your children registered by the Nov. 1, 2018 deadline.

We are committed to be an economical opportunity for young people, while maintaining the quality you expect. The hundreds of hours of volunteer labor provided by our coaches throughout the season and other members, especially on Soccer Saturday, are critical to our ability to keep our costs low. Please step-up to help by emailing Leslie at oysc@new.rr.com.

We hope to continue to provide an enjoyable, recreational soccer experience for all of our players from U-6 to U-19. Thank you for all of your support and for sharing your children.

Thank You to our 2018 Referees; Please Join our Awesome Crew in 2019!

OYSC would like to say THANK YOU to all of the 100, 200, and 300 Level Referee/Mentors, a special THANK YOU to all of the second year, 400 Level Refs, and a big THANK YOU to the new first year referees. Without an excellent group of dedicated referees like these, OYSC would not exist today. Each year, OYSC needs to recruit 20 or more referees to replace those who have retired, moved off to college, or left the area for work related reasons. It is especially hard to replace those who have been with us for five or more seasons because that is about the average amount of time it takes to move from our 500 (Entry Level) to our 100 (Senior Level).

If you would like to join the crew, earn some good money, and learn more about Soccer than you ever imagined, please contact our League Administrator at oysc@new.rr.com.

Please note: To referee for OYSC in 2019, you must be 14 years of age prior to the first game you officiate and take an 8 hour online course and a one day (Saturday) training class.





Businesses Support 1,000+ Players in 2018

Please join the Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club in recognizing and thanking the following area businesses, organizations and individuals. These are the people who have financially contributed to our program this summer. Their commitment toward providing the youth of our community a safe, healthy and fun soccer program is worthy of our appreciation, and your business.

Anonymous
 4imprint, Inc. (2)
 Accu-Com
 All Seasons Wireframes
 Anthony’s Mohawks
 Art City Wraps
 Bank First National
 Becket’s
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 Blue Frog Property Management
 Brian’s Automotive LLC (2)
 Bright Orthodontics, LLC (3)
 Capital Credit Union
 Chiemsee Castle Daycare & Preschool
 Choice Bank
 Christianos
 Complete Yard Maintenance (2)
 Culver’s
 DC Dynamics
 D.R. Hansen Plumbing
 Dairy Queen on Murdock (2)

Dairy Queen on Taft (2)
 Dental Associates, LTD
 Empty Sewer & Drain LLC
 Family Values Hair Salon (2)
 Fletcher Chiropractic
 Fox Valley Savings Bank
 Glacier Dental (3)
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 Wesenberg Family
 Wesner Auto Body
 West Pointe Bank
 West Side Tire & Auto
 Winnebago Liquid Waste
 Winnebago Oral Surgery

Remember!

If you are interested in sponsoring a team for our 41st season in 2019, contact Allyce Edwards at info@oysc.org.



Oshkosh Elks Lodge # 292 is Sponsoring their 23rd Annual Soccer “Shoot”

When: Soccer Saturday!! Saturday, July 14th. 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM . Come find us whenever you have free time in-between games.

Where: We’ll be on field #4 within County Park.

What: The Elks is a non-profit organization with a lodge here in Oshkosh. As part of our commitment to youth activities we sponsor this event to promote healthy, fun activities for children and families. Young soccer players can test their skills and win trophies, attend an awards banquet and advance to state competition. There is no cost to participate and it only takes a few minutes to do.

Who: Any children between the ages of 5 to 13. You do not need to be on a soccer team to participate. A parent or guardian must be present.

Why: Show off your shooting ability, win trophies and show your coach you should be the star striker, and not just playing centerback every game :)

Other: Awards for Top 3 Finishers in each age division. More details to be announced closer to Soccer Saturday. You can register at the event, or pre-register by emailing me with the child’s name and date of birth. I will email you back the registration form at that time. Contact me with any questions. Thank you,

Randy Campbell – email: randyc113@att.net

Interested in Becoming a Referee?

Without referees, OYSC does not operate. If you enjoy being outside and working with soccer players, consider becoming a referee. To ref for OYSC in 2019, you must be 14 years old prior to your first assigned game. You will take an 8 hour online training class and an 8 hour classroom training class to be certified as a USSF Level 8 official. In addition, the OYSC referee corps has training sessions before the season begins. If you are interested, ask an official or go to www.wisref.org between Nov. 2018 - Jan. 2019 to sign-up for a New Referee Course. Please contact OYSC after you have passed the course to get on our ref list.

First Aid for Soccer Saturday

Fox Valley Physical Therapy is proud to be affiliated with the Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club. They will have a Licensed Athletic Trainer present at the Soccer Saturday tournament. The first aid tent will be located between field #2 and #4. Medical personnel provide first aid and evaluate the injury; advising visitation to appropriate medical personnel as indicated. We look forward to a safe and successful Soccer Saturday. Should the need arise please, do not hesitate to contact a member of the **Fox Valley Physical Therapy Team** for comprehensive medical care and a safe, speedy return to competition.

More Friends of Oshkosh Youth Soccer...

In addition to our team sponsors, there are a number of others helping to support our program in other ways. Many thanks to the following:

- DICK's Sporting Goods
- Fox Valley Physical Therapy
- KerberRose CPA's
- Winnebago County Parks
- City of Oshkosh Parks
- Play It Again Sports
- Pepsi
- Fox Valley Technical College
- Oshkosh Area School District
- Oswald Photography
- Rammer Fence
- Serv-Ice

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO KNOW ABOUT SOCCER SATURDAY:

Don't get too "hung up" in the competition. Take the time and opportunity to appreciate other aspects of the game, such as, the camaraderie of team spirit, having accomplished a new skill, made a new friend, or simply having spent these last few months trying something new, "just for fun". On behalf of OYSC, have fun at Soccer Saturday, and we hope to see you again next year!

Soccer Saturday Team Tents

For all you early risers, the park will be open at approximately 6:30 AM on Saturday morning. You will be allowed to put up team tents at that time, under the condition that when you finish assembling your tent, you come to the big tent to help the board set-up for the day. The County has given us permission to allow non-board members early admission, only under the stipulation that they are also there to help set-up for the day.

Fred Werner Scholarship for High School Graduates

OYSC is proud to offer the Fred Werner Scholarship to a high school student graduating during the 2017-2018 school year. This scholarship is dedicated to Fred Werner, a long time OYSC coach, board member, and volunteer. The scholarship application is available on the OYSC website at oshkoshyouthsoccer.org. The \$250 scholarship will be awarded on Soccer Saturday. Applicants will be asked to answer the 5 questions below.

- 1) How many years of OYSC soccer did you participate in?
- 2) How many years have you been involved in OYSC beyond playing (ex. referee)?
- 3) Have you provided any volunteer time to OYSC (ex. Soccer Saturday volunteer)?
If so, in what capacity?
- 4) How has OYSC impacted your life?
- 5) Please list 3 references (ex. coach, employer, teacher).

All applications must be received no later than July 11, 2018. We wish all applicants the best in their future endeavors.



ONLINE Registration for the 2019 Season – Deadline Nov. 1, 2018

The Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club

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Dawn Lewis, Allyce Zimmer,
Tim Alvarez and Richard Montano

Jennifer Guenther -
Coach Coordinator

Leslie Burns -
*League Administrator,
Sponsor Coordinator
and Ref Coordinator*

Registration for the 2019 season will again be ONLINE!!! This has allowed us to keep our deadline as Nov. 1, 2018.

We hope this makes registration for everyone less stressful, as it can be done from home!! No more running to pick-up registration forms and mailing in pictures!! All of it will be done through our online registration service. **Registration will no longer be available on Soccer Saturday!**

Complete registration will still require completion of the registration form, signed by a parent, guardian, or player if over 18 years of age, the registration fee, and a photo of the player. All of which will be done online. Registering prior to the November 1st deadline will guarantee a spot on a 2019 team and avoid a late fee.

Division placement is based on date of birth. Team make up is organized by geographic area, the boundaries of which change from year-to-year, based on the number of registrations per area in an age group, received prior to the November 1st registration deadline.

Do not anticipate having the same team members, coach, or sponsor from one year to the next.

Players are not registered until the registration process is completed online, the fee is paid, and a picture of the player is provided. OYSC reserves the right to require presentation of a birth certificate and/or verification of legal address in the event there is any question about the age or address of the player. **Using an incorrect date of birth or an address that is not yours, will result in the forfeiture of registration fees, as well as participation in the organization.**

Registrations received after the November 1st deadline are subject to team placement based on availability and will be charged an additional \$20.00 late fee per child.

Please register early, this is the only way a player can be guaranteed a spot on a team, as the process of organizing players into teams begins as early as November 1st (registration deadline).

If It Storms On Soccer Saturday, Here's What We'll Do....

While we may have had lots of rainy weather this season, we have only had one rainout on Soccer Saturday, in 2005 as you may remember. So, here's the plan if we should get some bad weather...

If play is to be halted, you will be notified by the refs or a board member. Players and spectators are to go to the shelter of their cars and wait. Play will remain stopped until the storm passes, for up to an hour if need be. The length of time is at the discretion of the board of directors.

- If play is to resume, we will notify everyone of the "all clear", with play to continue. If play cannot resume, we will notify you as well. If games are suspended, we will try to resume play, at the point of stoppage, at the next of these times: 8:00 AM Saturday, if play was suspended Friday night; Noon Saturday, if play was suspended in the morning; or Noon Sunday, if play was suspended Saturday afternoon. When you return to the Park, check the schedule board for any additional changes. **Note to Coaches:** If the "all clear" is announced, and the games are to resume, you will need to meet by the "Awards Tent" for instructions on how the tournament will be completed.

NEW - U16 Boys Start in June

The U16 Boys will be starting their season in June in 2019 rather than in May, as in the past. We have had many boys in this division that are unable to attend games in May due to high school sports. We are trying to make this age group more appealing by starting later to avoid any school conflicts.

The boys will start on June 6th and play two days a week, the same as the U16 Girls and U19 Coed teams. The boys will play on Mondays and Thursdays. They will not have a game on July 4th. The make-up game will be scheduled for Sun., June 30th. Please make note of this date.

We hope everyone is happy with this change and we have more boys playing!



Soccer Saturday U6 Game Schedule

Because U-6 is non-competitive, we have established the U-6 schedule for Soccer Saturday, July 14th now. Games will be played on County Park Fields #5C and #5D. We hope that these players and their families will participate in all the Soccer Saturday activities. We would also appreciate help from available parents in our concession stand or other places on the grounds. We need help on Thursday evening to setup, Friday evening, and all day Saturday during games, and Saturday after the last game to clean-up. For more information about what help is needed, please email oysc@new.rr.com to volunteer, or ask at the drink tent.

Field/Location: County Park #5C

| Home Team | Time | Visitor Team |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| 4imprint #4 | 9:50 AM | Bank First National |
| Player's Pizza | 10:15 AM | Jacobson Auto Sales |
| The Zombie Crew | 10:45 PM | Glacier Dental Green |
| Capital Credit Union | 11:15 AM | D.R. Hansen Plumbing |
| Hanneman & Dustrude Dental | 12:30 PM | Bright Orthodontics |
| Blue Frog Property Mgmt. | 1:00 PM | Art City Wraps |
| Turn Key Auto Sales | 1:25 PM | Murdock Dairy Queen |
| Wesner Auto Body | 1:55 PM | Oshkosh Zoological Society |

Field/Location: County Park #5D

| Home Team | Time | Visitor Team |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Bright Orthodontics | 9:50 AM | Blue Frog Property Management |
| Art City Wraps | 10:15 AM | Turn Key Auto Sales |
| Oshkosh Zoological Society | 10:45 AM | Hanneman & Dustrude Dental Divas |
| Murdock Dairy Queen | 11:15 AM | Wesner Auto Body |
| Glacier Dental Green | 12:30 PM | 4imprint #4 |
| Bank First National | 1:00 PM | Player's Pizza |
| Jacobson Auto Sales | 1:25 PM | Capital Credit Union |
| D.R. Hansen Plumbing | 1:55 PM | The Zombie Crew |

All games will be 20 minutes long with a switch of sides in the middle. The home team will begin with the ball defending the east goal.

Shootout Rules

When a tie has taken place, a shootout round determines the winner. In a shootout both teams designate five (5) players to take a free kick at the goal, with the opposing team's goalie defending the goal. Defending team may change goalie. Teams will alternate kicks, but all will shoot unless one team achieves an insurmountable lead. If the teams are tied after ten shooters, five different shooters will be designated by each team, but the shootout will end in the event that, after any pair of shooters, one team scores and the other does not. If the teams are still tied after 20 shooters, five more will be designated, may include players already used. If still tied after 30 shooters, an additional group of five, not including shooters 11-15 will be selected. This procedure will be repeated until a winner is determined.

Soccer Saturday Game Rules

All cheering will be positive and encouraging. There will be NO coaching from the parents' sidelines or the end lines.

U-6 games will be 20 minutes
 U-8 & U-10 games will be 25 minutes
 U-12 games, 30 minutes
 U-14 games will be 35 minutes
 U-16 Boys will be 25 minutes
 U-16 Girls and U-19 Coed, 40 minutes

Top team in the bracket will kick off to begin the game, and defend the North or East Goal. (For U-6, the "Home" team will defend East goal.)

Referees will halt play halfway through for teams to reverse directions. Play will resume immediately with a midfield kickoff. There is NOT a halftime break.

Except for U6 teams, in which there are no win/lose designations, teams winning their first match will advance to the Winner's bracket, and teams losing their first match will enter the Consolation bracket. Teams losing their match in the second round of play, or in any round thereafter, are eliminated from the tournament.

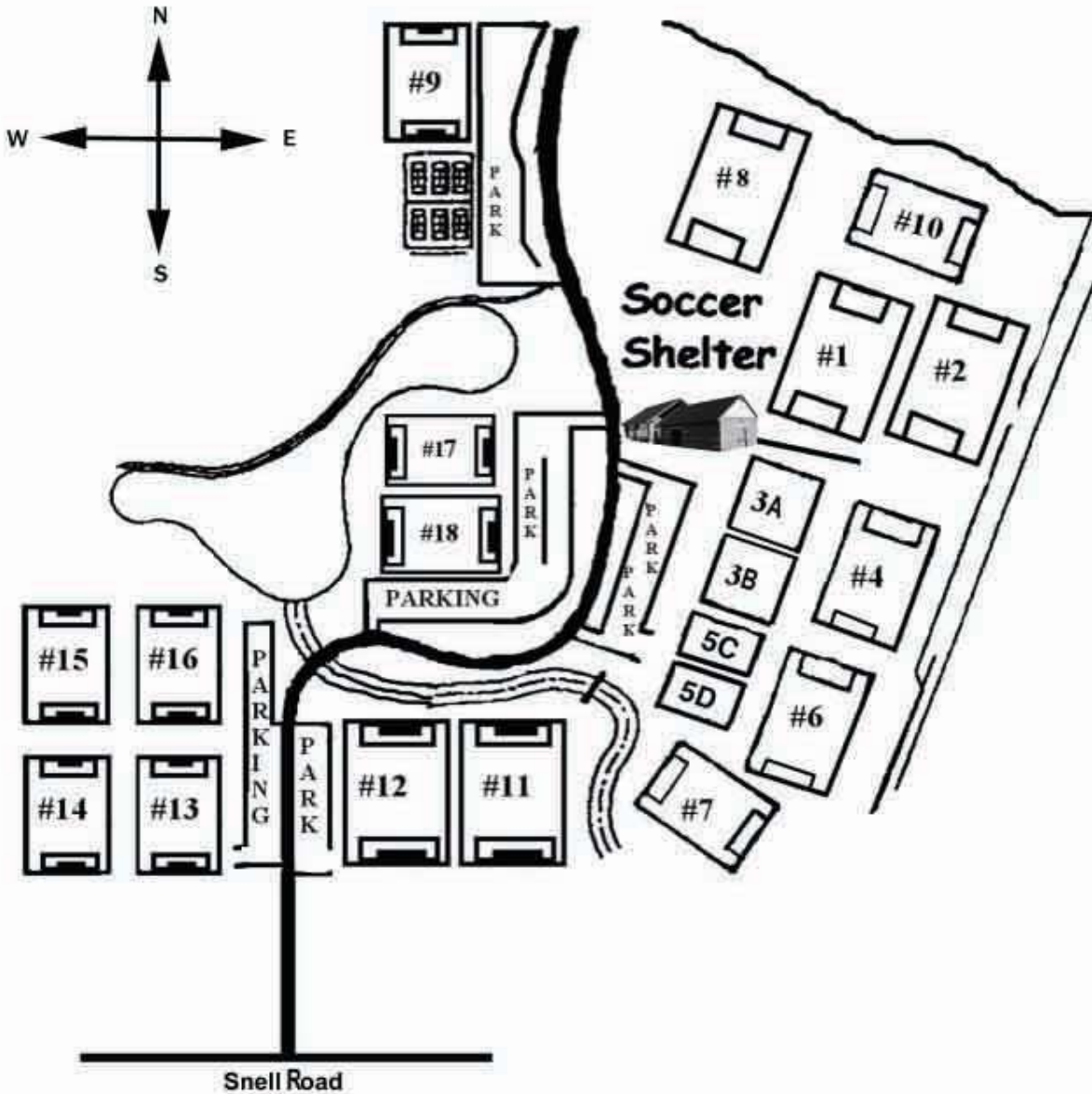
FIFA Laws of the Game and OYSC rules will be in effect, with the exception that either team, waiting at the center line, may sub on any throw-in or goal kick, with the referee's permission. Tie games, with the exception of Consolation final and Championship games, will be decided by a "Shootout". Consolation final and Championship games that are tied at the end of regulation time will have a five minute sudden victory period before resorting to a shootout.

Winnebago County Park

Directions to Winnebago County Park:

From Hwy 41, exit Hwy 76 South (Jackson St.). At Snell Road turn left (East). Winnebago County Park will be on your left, approximately ¼ mile east of Jackson St.

Winnebago County Community Park



Drive Safely

Please remember to be cautious while driving in the parking lots at all soccer fields, especially in County Park on Soccer Saturday. Children are having fun and not paying attention to their surroundings, which causes safety hazards as they tend to run between cars without looking first. We as drivers need to be aware at all times to keep all of our kids safe!



Thanks Coaches!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank every coach, both head and assistant coaches that have volunteered their time this season to coach. You have helped make this a great season for the youth and young adult soccer players. All of the coaches have done an admirable job and our children, our parents, and our Board of Directors appreciate the time and dedication you have put forth. It is your dedicated time and efforts that help make OYSC a fun and positive learning experience for the youth and young adults of Oshkosh.

I encourage every coach to volunteer their time to coach again next season. Anyone interested in coaching next year should sign up online, when registering your child(ren). Please indicate, on every child's form, if you are interested in coaching multiple teams. More information regarding online coach registration will be forthcoming. Please notify us of your interest in coaching as soon as possible.

If you have never coached before please don't let this hold you back from volunteering. We expect to offer a **Level I** coach's clinic and a **Level II** coach's clinic in the spring of next year. These clinics require a minimal amount of your time and will be extremely helpful in preparing anyone interested in coaching. Thanks again and hope to see you next season!

Jennifer Guenther
2018 Coach Coordinator

Important Notice!

Please, do not schedule a practice at County Park on the Thursday before the Soccer Saturday Tournament!

Procedure for Injuries during a Game

Injuries are scary for players, coaches and parents. Referees understand this fear. The procedure used by the official varies as players get older and more experienced. It is important to remember that there is no requirement for players who are NOT injured to sit down and, in fact, it is dangerous for them to do so before the referee stops play. After play is stopped, the players may sit to rest or go to the sideline for a drink, but should remain on the field of play.

As players get older, the referee will wait longer to stop play if the injury appears to be less serious. If play is stopped solely for an injury, the player must leave the field and play is restarted with a drop ball. To provide better options, the referee may wait until the ball leaves the field. The coach and player can then evaluate the injury and decide if the player can continue. The restart is also more controlled than a drop ball. (If one team kicks the ball out to allow treatment of an injury, it is sporting conduct for the team with the restart to return the ball to the team who kicked it out.) Have a safe Soccer Saturday.

Huge Thanks to Accu-Com!!!!

We would like everyone to give Accu-Com a BIG "thank you" for their support of our club. For the past several years, they provided the entertainment under the big "circus" tent on Soccer Saturday.

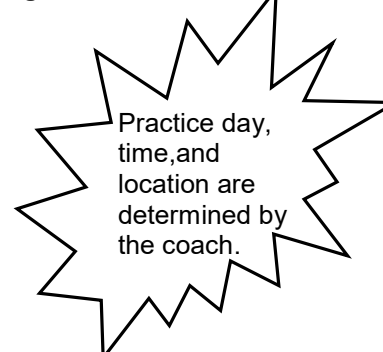
The "circus" tent has become a major focal point at the tournament. It provides a shady area to have lunch, enjoy some music, and watch the "shoot-outs" as they are taking place on the big screen TV's. Along with the tent, Accu-Com also donates the fee for the DJ, and installs the high-tech cameras and TV's. We owe them a HUGE "thank you"!! Without their continued support, we could never provide these added attractions. THANK YOU, Accu-Com, you're the GREATEST!!!!



When do I Play in 2019?

The 2019 season will run from May 6 through July 5, 2019. U16 Girls will begin on June 5 and U16 Boys & U19 Coed will begin on June 6, 2019. All teams will participate in Soccer Saturday, Fri., July 12 & Sat., July 13, 2019. **There will be NO games on July 4 or 5. U6, U16B & U19C will play their July 4 games on Sun., June 30. U8 will play their July 5 games on Sun., June 23. Please make note of these game night changes to accommodate the 4th & 5th of July.**

| Year Born | Division | Nights of Play |
|------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2013-2014 | U-6 | Thursday |
| 2011-2012 | U-8 | Friday |
| 2009-2010 | U-10 | Wednesday |
| 2007-2008 | U-12 | Monday |
| 2005-2006 | U-14 | Tuesday |
| 2003-2004 | U-16 Boys | Mon. & Thurs.* |
| 2003-2004 | U-16 Girls | Weds. & Fri.* |
| 2000, 2001, 2002 | U-19 Coed | Mon. & Thurs.* |



*U-16 Girls start June 5th and U16 Boys & U19 Coed start June 6th. They will play 2 nights each week to get all their games in before Soccer Saturday.

Sideline Etiquette for Soccer Parents

While enthusiasm and cheering can be inspiring, and it is natural to get caught up in the emotion of the game, soccer parents should take care to follow proper sideline etiquette.

🕒 Steps:

1. **Cheer, don't coach.** Avoid yelling specific instructions and issuing commands. This can be extremely confusing for a child and possibly contrary to the coach's instructions. Remember, your child will hear your voice above all others.
2. Avoid running up and down the sidelines shouting. If you want to follow the action, make sure that you don't distract the players or block the view of other spectators.
3. Keep some comments to yourself. Do not speak out to the referee or linesmen. Unless they are complimentary, do not direct comments to members of the opposition.
4. Stay away from the goals. Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club prohibits standing behind the goals. Spectators should remain behind the spectator line between the penalty area lines
5. Stand, or sit, at least 3 to 5 yards back from the sidelines (touchlines). Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club provides a spectator line as a reminder.
6. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by applauding exceptional moves by the opposition.
7. Make sure that all your comments, pre-game and post-game, are made in a positive manner, our children deserve this.

🌟 Tips:

- Practice silence. Sometimes it is more relaxing for both parents and players, and you will likely view the game differently as well.
- Ask your children if they like you to cheer. The answer may surprise you.
- Be positive, never negative. If a child loses the ball, for example, "Way to hustle," is much better than "You can get that ball."

Important Notice!

Please, do not schedule a practice at County Park on the Thursday before the Soccer Saturday Tournament!

Rules: General Safety & Uniformity

The laws of soccer emphasize safety. OYSC referees will enforce the following safety and uniformity rules:

- No earrings, pierced or otherwise. This includes the smallest of stud earrings.
- Casts of any type material are not allowed.
- Hair items are limited to rubber bands, scrunchies, or soft headbands. No barrettes or beads.
- Watches, chains or other ornaments on or in any part of the body are prohibited.
- All players must wear shin guards “inside” their socks.
- Jerseys must be tucked into shorts, must be clean, and must not be torn.
- Any open wound must be completely covered.
- Any player who starts to bleed must leave the game immediately and may not re-enter the game until bleeding has stopped and the wound is completely covered.
- Any player who has dried blood on his/her skin must leave the game and wash it off before re-entering the game. Substitutions are the same as if the player were injured.
- Any player with blood on his/her uniform (wet or dry), must leave the game immediately and clean it or change into a clean uniform. Substitutions are the same as if the player were injured.

Club Operations

Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club operates with a majority of volunteer labor. Registration begins in July due to the time required to prepare for the season. (It's also easier to remember to register right away before a shift to fall sports.)

During July, August, September, and October registrations are processed so that a jersey order can be prepared. After November 1, the registration deadline, the board meets to set the number of teams and size of teams. We have returned to using the Score jerseys, so the logo must be moved up on the jerseys to provide enough space to print our sponsor logos. The board tries to balance having as many opportunities for young people to play as possible without the unnecessary expense of purchasing jerseys that are not used. For this reason, we ask that you please register your children by the Nov. 1st deadline to avoid being put on a waiting list later.

Each player is marked on a map for each age division to facilitate team formation. Teams are formed based on the dots on the map, the boundaries of which change from year-to-year, based on the number of registrations per area in an age group for players registered prior to the deadline. By forming teams this way there is no way teams can be “stacked”, as the dots do not have names associated with them. Once the number of teams and roster sizes are established, the administrator starts assigning sponsors to the teams in preparation for jersey printing. Names of coach volunteers are forwarded to the coach coordinator. Current referees are updating their knowledge of the rules by getting recertified and prospective referees are taking Level 8 certification classes.

While processing the registrations, the League Administrator also accepts sponsorship checks, coach volunteers, and referee applications. As sponsors pay the fee and teams are completed, the administrator authorizes the printing of the jerseys. The printer must handle each jersey three times – once for the sponsor artwork, once for the number on the back, and once for the artwork on the sleeve. The printing is done by hand as each jersey must be unique.

In February, the coach coordinator sends disclosure forms to each coach volunteer. As those forms are returned, background checks are done. Coaches are assigned to teams and sent information about the Coach Roundtable, which is held in April.

Meanwhile, schedules are prepared. The software package uses the information input to develop the schedule, e.g. fields, nights of play, restrictions on field use. The schedule is then checked for accuracy and conflicts with other soccer groups. Referees are assigned manually to each game and receive their schedules in mid-April.

The League Administrator assembles the ID cards and prepares the registration information, so the coach has the contact information and medical/emergency information for each player. The first aid coordinator restocks the medical kits, schedules are printed, and balls are checked and bagged in preparation for equipment handout. In mid-April the coaches receive their rosters and equipment to prepare the teams for play to begin in early May.