



Parent Information

Welcome to the Wilmot District Soccer Club 2017 House League season

1. Introduction:

This is a community house league, and as such the fundamental goal is to provide healthy exercise for kids while they enjoy themselves. Besides continuing with learning the skills and rules of soccer, **our main objective is for the kids to have fun** while learning other life skills such as team play and interaction with others.

2. Objective:

It is expected that players will be played at all positions at some point during the season, and no individual statistics will be kept.

3. Game/Practice Nights:

- ⚽ Please ensure that your player is at the field on time preferably 10-15 minutes early.
- ⚽ We recognize that due to holidays and other commitments, perfect attendance cannot be expected for everyone. If you know that your child cannot attend a practice or game, it is important that your coach is notified of this in advance.

4. Player registration fees cover a number of expenses that the Club incurs on behalf of each player. The bulk of the registration fee covers Ontario Soccer Association and Wilmot District Soccer Club expenses and insurance. (Examples: 3 piece uniform incl. socks, shorts & jersey, field rental, insurance, referee fees, team photos, tournament expenses, medals, trophies, first aid supplies and other related team equipment).

5. Referees:

U8-U16 games will be officiated by referees. Generally, the referees will be young people who may be refereeing games for the first time this summer. **Under no circumstances will any heckling or challenging of the referee be tolerated**, regardless of how poor a call on the field has been perceived.

6. Your Conduct at Games:

- ⚽ You must expect that you may be asked to help out, as linesman, during games.
- ⚽ During a game, and also practice, be respectful and supportive of all players on the other team. It will be considered unsportsmanlike to cheer poor plays of the other team.
- ⚽ Do not coach your child during practice or game, unless requested to do so by the coach. At home, however, support and encourage your child to the best of your ability.

7. What Your Child Should/Should Not Bring:

- ⚽ Shin guards and soccer shoes are required to be worn. Hats are not allowed except for the goalie if required.
- ⚽ Jewelry, of any sort may not be worn by players.
- ⚽ Please ensure that your child brings his/her own **reusable bottle of water** every night.

8. Your Participation:

- ⚽ While the coaches will be running the practices, parents are strongly encouraged to become involved to help out as requested by the coach.
- ⚽ Always remember that the coaches are volunteers, and that without them this season would not be possible. We hope that your child will continue to enjoy the game of soccer and will be playing again next year, and if so we would ask that you consider involving yourself as a coach so that next season will be successful as well.
- ⚽ U4 and U6 level players - parents must be providing supervision for their child during practices and games. i.e. if your child leaves the field; it will be your responsibility to re-direct your child back to the practice/game.

9. Respect for Coach:

If you have any criticisms of the coaching style employed by your child's coach please make a careful and detailed note of these criticisms, and then store that note away until next year for you to review in order that you don't do the same thing when you are coaching. If you have a concern about something substantive, e.g. a legitimate concern that a child may be facing some harm, please immediately communicate that concern directly to the coach and/or to the undersigned.

10. Snacks:

Snacks are an important part of the soccer experience at this level. Each parent will be expected to bring snacks 1 or 2 times during the season. There will be a sign up sheet circulated. Please remember that soccer is a physically demanding activity and the children should be offered snacks fitting for an athlete. Fruit and juices, or fruit juiced- based frozen snack are encouraged; **junk food, including sugary foods such as ice cream and cookies, are discouraged. Please be mindful of any allergies on the team – your coach will communicate this with you if it is a concern for a teammate.**

11. Festivals/Tournaments:

In the event of inclement weather, the “rain date” will be determined **if possible.**

U6 & U8 - June 10th

U10 - June 17th

U10 year end with Rural League – July 22nd (in Wellesley)

U12, U14 & U16 (Rural League) = August 12th

(Preliminary games may be played during the week prior)

12. Weather/Cancellations:

Soccer will only be cancelled prior to the start time if the Township of Wilmot closes the fields.

For the list of field closures, please visit the Township of Wilmot website: [Township of Wilmot Field Closures](#)

Soccer is an outdoor game and will continue regardless of weather conditions. Do not assume that a night will be cancelled because of rain. Only in the event of extreme weather, e.g. thunder and lightning, downpours, or extreme heat, will a night be cancelled. Due to the sometimes-unpredictable nature of summer storms, the decision to cancel a night may be made at 6:30 or even during the midst of the practice or game.

Lightning Policy (Ontario Soccer Association): [SWRSA Lightning Policy](#)

WILMOT SOCCER Practice/Game CANCELLATION Policy and Procedures: [WDSC Cancellation Policy](#)

13. Team/Individual Photographs:

Team photographs will be taken this year. Each child will receive a team photo. Additional photo’s will be available, but the additional photo’s will be payable (by you) to the photographer.

Photo Nights: ALL photos will be taken indoors at the Wilmot Recreation Complex in Arena #1

May 24th 5-9pm
All Age Groups

14. NEW* Smoking Legislation: Wilmot Soccer supports this initiative

Effective January 1, 2015, it is illegal to:

- Smoke within 20 metres of children's playgrounds
- Smoke on sporting areas, spectator areas adjacent to sporting areas and within a 20 metre perimeter of the sporting areas and adjacent spectator areas



If there are concerns that arise that require attention, please first contact your coach and then, if required, the Convener for your league. Convener contact info can be obtained through your coach and/or found on the website.

U4-U10: *Your child's coach will contact you in May, prior to Uniform Pick Up Night*

U12, U14 and U16 - with more than 1 team: *After observation of the players, 2 members of the executive will construct equally balanced teams. Your child's coach(es) will be introduced to you after the teams are formed.*

Please fill in your coach's name and contact information below:

Coach(es):	<input type="text"/>	Contact Information:	<input type="text"/>
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Let's have a great season,

Sincerely,

Raj, Pieter, Kyle, Nancy, Roger, Kris, Katy and Amie
The Wilmot District Soccer Club Executive