

Thank you for participating in our soccer program! We look forward to a great season, and hope your children have fun learning the game of soccer through our dedicated volunteer coaches.

**POINTS OF INTEREST.....**

**DIVISIONS:** PEE-WEE(ages 4 & 5 size 3 ball) INTERMEDIATE(ages 6 &7 size 4 ball) JUNIOR(ages 8-10 size 4 ball) MINOR(ages 11-13 size 5 ball) MAJORS(ages 14-16 size 5 ball)

**REGISTRATION:** We try to accommodate our players by allowing them to pick certain practice times that work for them. We cannot and do not guarantee that your child will play for a specific coach or with their old teams. MINOR & MAJOR divisions are drafted and only the coach, assistant coach and team parent's children are guaranteed placement on the team. All other positions in these divisions will be drafted by the league. Team assignments will be provided after August 5<sup>th</sup>. You will be contacted by the park office when this information is ready. PEE-WEE, INTERMEDIATE & JUNIOR teams will fill on a first come first served basis. Coaches will reach out prior to the start of the season as a courtesy reminder.

**UNIFORM:** Team jersey and socks are provided by the league. Our jerseys are a DRI-fit material and tend to run long and thin. If in doubt, please size up as we don't have the ability to exchange/modify sizes once our order is placed. All children must wear shin guards, cleats are not required but highly recommended. They may wear tennis shoes. Either are accepted by the league. No metal cleats. Soccer cleats do not have a front cleat, be sure to check for this if you are purchasing shoes – this is for each child's safety. Our referees will be checking for shin guards and proper shoes at the start of each game. Shin guards must be worn under socks. Soccer shirts must be worn over all other layers during games. Black pants or shorts are preferred by our coaches.

**SEASON DATES:** Fall season will begin practicing the week of August 16th. Games will be played Saturdays August 28<sup>th</sup>- October 9th. This is a tentative schedule and may be modified. Team rosters and game schedules will be handed out on the first day of practice. Coaches will receive their team rosters at the coaches meeting at the end of March and are instructed to contact you as soon as possible with a quick introductory message. If contact has not been made with coach by August 11th, you may contact the park office for assistance.

**PRACTICES:** All practices are at Freedom Park (17105 Cline Ave. Lowell, IN) and are one hour long for all divisions except for PEE-WEE division which practice for 45 minutes. All teams will practice twice weekly. This is an instructional league, practice during the week teaches your child teamwork and the skills they need for Saturday games. Attendance at practice is for the safety and fairness to everyone. Make sure to send your players with drinks, sunscreen, bug spray, shin guards and appropriate clothing to practice in. Please notify the coach if your child is unable to attend practice or games. **Parents are asked to stay for a brief 15-minute meeting at the beginning of their first practice.** Uniforms, rosters, and game schedules are typically handed out in this meeting. Most coaches will practice in the rain and the cold, please ask your coach about their specific cancellation policies. **Your coach will be the contact person when in question of practice cancellations.** We do ask our coaches to contact teams 30 minutes prior if practice is going to be cancelled. Sometimes, this isn't always an easy call so please be patient in wondering if practice is cancelled or not.

**GAMES:** Games will be played on Saturdays between the hours of 8 am and 12 noon at Freedom Park. Game schedules are handed out at first practice. Game cancellation will be announced through the Remind App. Codes have changed since last season! Re-subscribe!!! Our code for Fall 2021 is @phasty21. We will post game cancellations on Lowell Parks Soccer League Facebook page, too. Remember we will play soccer in the cold and the rain. If games are cancelled, we will try to make those games up during a weekday practice time. We will try our best to get 6 games into our season, however 6 games are not guaranteed in all divisions. The MINORS & MAJORS division will be the only divisions that will have mandatory make up games in our league as they play for standings.

**LEAGUE COMMUNICATION WILL HAPPEN ON THE REMIND APP.  
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER FOR THIS APP. THE  
CLASS CODES CHANGE EACH SEASON SO PLEASE SUBSCRIBE  
NOW! TEXT @phasty21 to 81010**

**FACEBOOK: FOLLOW US ON LOWELL PARKS SOCCER LEAGUE**

**WEBSITE: [WWW.LOWELL.NET](http://WWW.LOWELL.NET) PARKS-SOCCER LEAGUE**

**Information about concussions and sudden cardiac arrest and division rules are posted on our website [www.lowell.net](http://www.lowell.net) under Parks Department Soccer. Please take a moment to review this information.**

**SOCCER LEAGUE POLICIES & RULES:**

- All spectators must sit on the **sidelines** not on the **end lines** by the goals
- Please refrain from smoking/or using electronic smoking devices on fields
- Dogs are not allowed in the park. Please do not put us in the position to have to remind you, it is posted at the park entrance! We are required to uphold this ordinance, please leave Sparky at home!
- Respect will be shown to the referee; he/she has complete control of games
- Coaching concerns should be reported to the League Director immediately
- Special considerations will be made for players who may not be able to play in their specified age division. The league director reserves the right to place players up or down a division.
- Thank you for your understanding in this matter! Motorized vehicles (with the exception of park vehicles) are not permitted on the soccer fields

**COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

Please play at your own risk. Lowell Parks has developed guidelines and policies to help ensure the safest way to play during a pandemic. We appreciate your understanding while we navigate through this next season

- It is the parent's responsibility to check players for signs of fever/illness before arriving to practice/games
- It is the responsibility of the parent to report COVID exposure/illness to the league director
- Any player having COVID exposure/illness will follow the CDC guidelines pertaining to quarantine and isolation procedures
- Social distancing guidelines will remain in effect until further notice
- Player benches, bleachers will not be available for this season. Please bring a towel (not portable benches) for your players to sit comfortably on game days
- Players are required to have a clearly marked water bottle at practice/games
- Game day snacks will be up to each coach/ parents own discretion.
- End of season team celebrations will be allowed the opportunity to pass out prepackaged snacks/treats \*per coach discretion

**REFUND POLICY:** If the pandemic prevents us from starting our season, the parks department will refund your registration fees minus the cost of uniforms and equipment. Players will receive their uniforms and a partial refund. There will be no refunds issued after the start of the season for any reason.

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US**

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