

Club Parent Guide for Soccer – Fall 2023

NOTE: All players MUST have a current 2023-24 Club membership, a COVID-19 release form and all fees paid prior to participating in the Fall 2023 Soccer League.

🏆 Athlete's 1st, Winning 2nd

- We promote participation, sportsmanship, character development and FUN!

📷 Picture Day - September 9th at the Lewiston Orchards Club

- Coaches will inform parents of team picture time. Go to <https://www.ridingers.com/> to order photos online, or use the form provided by coach, or onsite at Picture Day.

👕 Uniform Requirements

- All players must wear their BGCLCV issued T-shirt or team uniform to all games.
- Footwear: Tennis Shoes or Cleats (no metal cleats or toe cleats)
- Illegal Equipment: Hard objects, casts, jewelry, zippers, bracelets, etc.
- Shin Guards are required and should be worn **under** socks.
- We cannot predict future COVID-19 protocols. We will be flexible and follow state & local health guidelines & mandates for athletic participation. We will keep you informed if necessary.

📍 Game Locations

- **K, 1st, and 2nd Grades @ Lewiston Boys & Girls Club (1021 Burrell Ave.)**
- **3rd – 8th-Grades @ Clarkston Club fields**
 - ***PLEASE sit/stand in the spectator areas (across the field from coach/team sidelines)***

🏥 Medical Insurance Information

- BGCLCV insurance is secondary and covers after parent/guardian insurance
- Any injury requiring medical attention must be reported to the Athletic Director within 24 hours.

📅 Updated Schedule, Standings and Other Pertinent Information

- Visit <http://www.poweroftheclub.org/athletics> for info (check the coaches' corner link)
- Sign up for email/text alerts at <http://my.textcaster.com/asa/2998>

👤 Referees and Monitors

- Referees have a hard and thankless job! Please show them respect as you cheer on your kids/teams! Let players play, coaches coach, referees officiate...and fans enjoy the games.

🏈 Rules (Soccer has a variety of rules that are different than other sports)

- Please stay at least 10 feet from the field of play/sidelines. The ball isn't "out" until the entire ball crosses the line. We will follow US Soccer standards when developing our playing rules.
- Advantage Rule: The referee may decide there is an "advantage" when a foul occurs. This means that they may not necessarily call each infraction; depending on the circumstances and instruct the players to "play on." Example: not stopping the game if a whistle would take away a scoring opportunity/advantage for the team that is fouled.

🌩 Foul Weather Procedures & Cancellations

- We will play in most weather conditions (except lightning). Notification of cancellations or stoppage of play will be provided by the field monitors/officials. We will also use Facebook and our text/email alert system to notify teams/parents of any cancellations or schedule changes.

👤 Conduct

- We all have the responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in athletics. Unsporting acts by players/coaches/fans won't be tolerated.

Code of Conduct

The Athletic Code of Conduct is a commitment to represent self, the Boys & Girls Club, family, and community in the most positive manner at all times. Our athletics are at their best when the focus is on the kids playing the games.

As a parent/guardian with the Boys & Girls Club, I pledge to abide by the Code of Conduct;

- I will comply with the spirit and intent of the Boys & Girls Club athletic programs and policies.
- I will be aware that I have a tremendous influence, for good or bad, and I will treat referees and opponents with respect & dignity at all times.
- I will respect and support contest referees in everything I say and do whether I agree or disagree with their judgment.
- I will not use abusive language and will never verbally belittle players, coaches, or officials at any time.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating sportsmanship to all players.
- I will remember that I am a youth parent and that the game is for the children, not for the adults.
- I will refrain from the use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol when at the Boys & Girls Club.
- I will have a positive attitude at all times when involved with the Boys & Girls Club Athletic programs.

What can I do to help out?

- Volunteer to be a COACH. We are always in need of more coaches in our sports programs.
- If you don't want to be the head coach, then offer to be an assistant.
- **Note** – all coach/assistant coaches MUST pass a background check to work with our Club kids.

What experts say about children and competition – Success means giving your best effort

- The 6 most important words to tell your player after the game are **"I love to watch you play."**
- Children should feel confident that they'll be supported, no matter the outcome (win, lose or tie).
- Too much pressure to win can have a negative effect; which could cause them to quit playing sports.
- It helps to manage your child's expectations so they view losing as a lesson and not as failure.
- Research has shown that children are more interested in playing the game than in winning.
- Winning is great but at this stage/level; it's not "everything!"

Get the most from watching your child play – Be a Good Spectator

- Cheer good effort and avoid unsporting acts/language.
- Be positive and supportive of all the players. Acknowledge good/fair play by BOTH teams!
- Allow the coach to do their job without interference
- Don't criticize or dwell on mistakes or weaknesses (this undermines confidence & inhibits growth)
- To increase your appreciation and understanding of the sport, visit the [Coaches' Corner link](#) on our website.
- Please remain outside the field of play and within the designated spectator areas across from teams.

For more information, please visit our website at www.PowerOfTheClub.org or contact Scott McClure at 208-746-2301 (ext. 212) or at smcclure@poweroftheclub.org.

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