

# Parent Guide for Soccer – Spring 2024

**NOTE: All players MUST have a current 2023-24 Club membership, current release forms on file and all fees paid prior to playing in the Spring 2024 Soccer Leagues.**

## 🌐 Athlete's 1<sup>st</sup>, Winning 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Emphasis is on participation, sportsmanship, enjoyment and developing character.

## 🌐 Picture Day – Saturday, March 9 – at the Lewiston Orchards Club

- Team uniforms can be picked up by coaches before pictures. Game schedules will be available for coaches ONLY to pick up. Parents can find schedules online at [www.poweroftheclub.org](http://www.poweroftheclub.org).

## 🌐 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)
- No Illegal Equipment: Hard objects, casts, jewelry, zippers, bracelets, etc.
- Shin Guards: Are mandatory, keeps guards in place & reduces risk of injury. NOTE – wear shin guards **under** socks (cover them up with socks).
- Face coverings/masks are optional.

## 🌐 Game Locations

- K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades @ Lewiston Boys & Girls Club (1021 Burrell Ave. in Lewiston Orchards)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>-Grades @SEL Fields (next to Normal Hill campus) & Clarkston Club fields
- **PLEASE sit/stand in spectator areas (across the field from coach/team benches/sidelines).**

## 🌐 Medical Insurance Information

- BGCLCV insurance is secondary and covers after parent/guardian insurance
- Any injury requiring medical attention must be reported to the field monitor/AD and we (Club) must have an accident/injury report on file.

## 🌐 Updated Schedule, Standings and Other Pertinent Information

- Visit [www.PowerOfTheClub.org](http://www.PowerOfTheClub.org) for info (check the coaches' corner link for rules & resources)
- Sign up for email/text alerts at <http://my.textcaster.com/asa/2998> for game-day information

## 🌐 Referees and Monitors

- Referees have a hard and thankless job! Please show them respect as you cheer on your kids/teams! If there is an issue, please notify the Athletic Director's office. Please avoid talking to the officials during or after the game...unless you are thanking them!

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

- Please sit/stand at least 6 feet from the field of play. The ball isn't considered "out" until the entire ball crosses the line. **NOTE – NEVER go onto the field unless your coach (or a referee) requests your help in aiding an injured player.**
- Advantage Rule: The referee may decide there is an "advantage" when an infringement or 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 through all weather conditions (except lightning). Notification of cancellations or stoppage of play will be provided by the Club using our text/email alerts & Facebook page.

## 🌐 Conduct

- We all have the responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in athletics!

## 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 program.**
- If you don't want to be the head coach, then offer to be an assistant.
- **Note** – any coach/assistant coach MUST submit a background check in order to coach our 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, whether they win or lose.
- 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 see 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 must not be **“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 on both teams!
- Allow the coach to do their job without negative 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 at [www.PowerOfTheClub.org](http://www.PowerOfTheClub.org).
- Please remain outside the field of play and within the designated spectator areas.
  - The spectator areas are located on the opposite side of the team sidelines

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

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