

# Club Parent Guide for Soccer – Fall 2024

**NOTE: All players MUST have a current 2024-25 Club membership, signed release forms and all fees paid prior to participating in the Fall 2024 Soccer League.**

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

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

## 🌐 Picture Day - September 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades** @ Lewiston Boys & Girls Club (1021 Burrell Ave.)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>-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. Parent/family insurance is primary.
- 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)
- Any schedule changes/cancellations will be communicated via text alerts/emails.

## 🌐 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](http://www.PowerOfTheClub.org) or contact Kacie Hewitt at 208-746-2301 (ext. 216) or at [khewitt@poweroftheclub.org](mailto:khewitt@poweroftheclub.org).

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