



BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT 2024 SUMMER SOCCER PROGRAM

GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- ◆ The Summer Soccer Program meets twice a week, with each age group meeting for an hour each night. **The team rosters will be posted at the site on the first day of soccer.** Team shirts and game schedules will be distributed on June 12 & 13. Starting June 17 & 18, coaches will teach fundamentals for the first 10-15 minutes with the remaining time used for games. Although games are played, win-loss records are not kept and coaches are instructed to play each participant equally. Coaches provide all of the officiating during the games. Participants receive participation ribbons at the completion of the program.

GOALS OF PROGRAM

- ◆ To teach fundamentals of soccer
- ◆ Equal participation
- ◆ Development of skills
- ◆ Fun
- ◆ Safety of participant

AGE GROUPS SERVED

- ◆ This program is offered to participants in Grades K-9 (grade entering this fall).
- ◆ Teams are coed and are split up by the following grades:
 - ◆ K-1 2-3 4-6 7-9

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

- ◆ This is an eight-week program beginning June 5 and concluding on July 27.
- ◆ **No soccer on July 3rd and 4th.**
- ◆ Cottonwood participants meet on Mondays and Wednesdays for one hour.
- ◆ Horizon participants meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour.
- ◆ Grades K-3 meet from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm; Grades 4-9 meet 7:45 pm-8:45pm
- ◆ Grades 7-9 at Cottonwood only; minimum of 42 players registered needed for 7-9 grade group at Cottonwood.

LOCATION OF PROGRAM/ORGANIZATION OF FIELDS

- ◆ Participants register to play at the Cottonwood Park Soccer Complex or Horizon Middle School, depending on where you live: play at Cottonwood if you live south of Divide Ave and at Horizon if you live north of Divide Avenue.
- ◆ Micro fields (60 x 90) are used for grades K-1 participants.
- ◆ 150 x 270 fields and 205 x 315 fields are used for grades 2-6 participants.
- ◆ 205 x 315 fields are used for grades 7-9 participants

TEAM INFORMATION

- ◆ Teams will be balanced equally, based on registration numbers, whenever possible.
- ◆ Teammate requests are taken into consideration, but are not guaranteed. **Submit teammate requests to the park office (400 E. Front Ave.) by May 20; any requests submitted after May 20 will not be accepted.** Teammate request forms can be found on the www.bisparks.org website.

STAFFING

- ◆ This program is directed by Jeremy Dykstra, Facility Specialist with BPRD.
- ◆ There is a Site Supervisor at each location.

- ◆ Coaches
 - ◆ Hiring begins in late April, until all positions are filled.
 - ◆ **IF YOU WANT TO COACH, PLEASE SUBMIT A COMPLETED JOB APPLICATION ASAP. WE NEED YOU!**
 - ◆ Coaches receive a Coach's Manual and guidelines regarding program goals at a pre-season meeting.
 - ◆ Each coach is issued a Park District shirt to wear while coaching.

EQUIPMENT

- ◆ **Participants are required to purchase and wear shin guards.**
- ◆ Players must provide their own sunscreen and water bottles. THESE ITEMS ARE STRONGLY SUGGESTED!
- ◆ **NO JEWELRY** during practices or games.
- ◆ Soccer balls in various sizes (3, 4, 5) are provided as appropriate for the age group.
- ◆ Cones, nets and first aid supplies are provided.

PHOTOGRAPHS

- ◆ Photographs are taken of each team and of every participant by **Voigt Photography, 701-252-4357**. You will have the opportunity to purchase photos.
 - ◆ **PICTURE DAY at Cottonwood is June 17.**
 - ◆ **PICTURE DAY at Horizon is June 18.**
 - ◆ Order forms will be handed out with schedules and shirts.

CANCELLATIONS

“Like” the BPRD Facebook page or visit www.bisparks.org. There are no make-up dates; the program will meet on specific days outlined above, in activity guide, and online.

PARENT COACH NEEDED:

We need you to coach your child's soccer team.

- ◆ You will have the option of being a paid coach or a volunteer coach.
- ◆ If you are interested, please contact Jeremy Dykstra at 222-6641 and/or submit an application, which can be found at www.bisparks.org or BPRD office (400 E. Front Ave.)

SMOKING

- ◆ We ask that parents and spectators to please **refrain from smoking** at the soccer fields and on the sidelines. **Greatly appreciated!**