



Dakota Mini Soccer PARENT Information



For those of you new to the soccer program, this is a "fun first" league. All games are played against other Dakota teams, there are no scores kept or practices and the coaches act as referees. Games begin with a 15 minute warm up - each child gets equal playing time which is broken into 5 minute shifts. And of course the much anticipated snack time half-way through the game!

When setting up shifts, we will go with the team that has the most runners. If a team has 14 players and the other has 12, use 7 players for each shift. It's better to have a child double shift as opposed to sit off 2 shifts in a row.

The program divides children by age and grade level. Children should play with their friends and not their siblings friends. Age advancing is not allowed in mini-soccer.

A numbered jersey is provided for your child, care for it and return it at the end of the season on the last game. Envelopes for team photos taken at the Dakota Community Club are provided by Chill Photo and are to be completed and returned to Chill Photo on the evening of your team photo.

Soccer shoes are not required at this age however shin pads are a **MUST!**

Games will only be cancelled when there is lightning or the fields are too wet to play on. Games will not be cancelled because it is raining or is on the cold side unless it is a mutual decision between the two head coaches. Cancelled games will not be rescheduled due to time and field restrictions. Bring an extra sweater and hat/mitts if need be.

- ALL snacks must be **NUT-FREE** and whenever possible preferably a "healthy" snack.
- Tim Horton's offers a free beverage to the players after the game - your child must show the "I'm thirsty" logo printed on the inside bottom of their jersey to receive the free item.

All games run from 6:30 - 7:30.

Save the date ...

FAMILY FUN EVENT

**Join our sponsor of the TimBit's Minor Soccer program
- Tim Horton's**

**Sunday, June 27th
Dakota Community Club
Players, Coaches and families**

**Come out enjoy Food, FUN and Entertainment!
Guest performer Aaron Burnett, Face painting, etc
Check with your coach in June for your complimentary ticket!**

"The goal is not to win or lose - THE FIRST GOAL IS HAVING FUN!"
Have a fun and exciting season!

