

IDA GROVE KIWANIS
SPRING 2023 SOCCER PROGRAM INFORMATION (keep for your records)

Registration: \$40.00 per player, maximum of \$100.00 per family. If a parent volunteers to help as a coach, the fees are \$25 per player coached (if selected by soccer committee to coach), with each additional child(ren) not being coached at \$40 and a maximum of \$80 per family. The registration fee also includes an after-game treat/item for each player. Please **make checks payable to: Ida Grove Kiwanis Soccer Program.** Please attach your check to the registration form. No cash please. **Late registrations, after February 17th is \$45.00 per player.** Because each team has their own unique jersey color and sponsor, it is critical that registrations are received by the due date. Please make an effort to turn them in as soon as possible!!!

Please complete **the registration** form, sign it, and return the form with your check to OABCIG Ida Grove Elementary, OABCIG Odebolt Elementary or Middle School or Ida Grove High School buildings, Boerner & Goldsmith Law Firm or Ida Family Chiropractic in Ida Grove, The Lohff Schumann Memorial Community Rec Center in Holstein (required for Holstein/Galva players) or mail to Kiwanis Soccer - PO Box 143, Ida Grove, IA 51445, by **February 17th**. Players will not be placed on a team until the completed form and registration fee have been received. Late registrations may not be accepted.

Eligible players are those who are in grades pre-K-12 this spring or have reached age 4 by 4/1/2023.

All teams will be co-ed. Practices may begin the week of March 20th. All games will be scheduled for Saturdays and unless otherwise notified, will be played in Ida Grove. Games are tentatively scheduled to start April 1st (six total Saturday game days - no soccer April 8th due to Easter). Coaches will contact parents the second full week in March to arrange practices. Typically, teams practice once or twice per week.

Soccer shirts: Each player will receive a shirt (cost included in registration fee). Players will be allowed to keep their soccer shirts at the end of the season. It is important that you select the correct shirt size on the registration form. Additional shirts or team sweatshirts for players and supporters/fans are also available for an additional charge (see attached order form). Matching sweatshirts purchased for players may be worn during games. As of this printing, games will start April 1st, so it may still be a bit cold.

Shin guards are required to be worn by each player during practice and games for safety reasons (\$4-\$8 purchased locally or online). **Soccer cleats** may be purchased (recommended) at your local shoe store and worn in lieu of tennis shoes to improve your performance during the game and to avoid slippage when playing on wet field surfaces (your choice). Baseball or Football cleats are not permitted. Players should bring a **soccer ball and water bottle** to each practice, with their name written on them.

Volunteers: This program is run entirely by volunteers. Please consider volunteering. A reduced registration fee is available for children of volunteers. We need at least two coaches/helpers for each team. No experience is required. We will have a soccer 101 training clinic available before practices begin. The clinic is great for referees, coaches and interested spectators. Information regarding the location and time of the clinic and coaches meeting/team distribution will be sent via email upon receipt of all registrations. Volunteers make this program possible, please consider supporting the program as a volunteer.

Field and Team Size: 4-5 and 6-7 aged teams will consist of approximately eight players per team. Four or five will play at a time, on a smaller field. This will allow each child a greater opportunity to touch the ball during games and learn soccer skills. 8-9, 10-11 aged teams will play on a medium sized field with a goalie (7 v 7) and the two older aged leagues will play on the large field with goalies (11 v 11). Final team, age distribution and field sizes will be determined based on receipt of all registrations.

Equipment Recycling / Exchange Program: If your children previously played soccer and have outgrown their old equipment, please consider donating it. Items may be dropped off at Boerner & Goldsmith Law Firm in Ida Grove or the Holstein Rec Center. This share program helps families in the community reduce the cost of participating. If you are looking for shoes or shin guards, please contact Peter Goldsmith at 712-364-2421. If leaving a message, please provide your name, phone number and shoe sizes or quantity of shin guards needed. The only requirement for receiving this equipment is that you donate it back at the end of the season or once outgrown, for another child to use the following year. This is the seventh year of this program and supplies have grown, but may be limited.

More Information/Copies of Registration Forms: www.facebook.com/IdaGroveKiwanis

Email ldagrovesoccer@gmail.com with any questions. Our goal is to respond within 24 hours of all inquiries.