



August 11th, 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Oak Lawn Park District's Outdoor Little Kickers Soccer League! We are excited and eager to begin the 2026 season. Our intentions for this league are for your children to learn cooperation, teamwork, and most of all to have fun. Recreation is the philosophy of the Park District. This is the majority of the kid's first experience with soccer. A goalie will not be used at this level to encourage scoring and promote positive play.

Our goals for Little Kickers are:

- To introduce kids to the basic rules of soccer
- Help kids begin to build basic soccer skills
- And, of course, run around and have some fun.

Please remember to keep in mind that this league is run and refereed by volunteer coaches, and without them this league would not be possible. No standings are kept, and in the end **EVERYONE** is a winner! Also, please remember that abusive language by parents or spectators will not be tolerated. Parents and spectators that verbally abuse players, coaches, staff, or officials will be removed from the premises.

For all of our leagues, we have a Parents Code of Ethics that parents are expected to abide by which is now located on the back of this letter. If you would like an additional copy, please see the supervisor on duty during a practice or game. The Oak Lawn Park District is dedicated to providing youth sports leagues that teach all children fundamentals and sportsmanship in a non-competitive, fun environment. We continually strive to provide a positive environment for your children.

If you have any questions, problems, or suggestions throughout the season, please call at (708) 857-2420. HAVE A GREAT SEASON!!!

Sincerely,

Brad Burke

Brad Burke, CPRP
Athletic Supervisor

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Parents Code of Conduct

The goal of the Oak Lawn Park District is to provide an enjoyable, exciting and satisfying recreational experience for children.

Our rules and regulations are intended to encourage participation and enjoyment by all. Developmental sports and recreational activities are intended to provide "successful" and "positive" experiences through fundamental skill development, social skill development, and fun. Skill, social development, and fun ultimately provide the tools for a winning focus and positive experience.

To parents and guardians of participants, we direct you to refrain from harassing, berating, insulting, or engaging in any inappropriate conduct toward staff, volunteers, and when applicable, coaches, participants, parents, guests, officials, and others IN ANY WAY. Rude and inappropriate behavior will only have a negative impact on your child's, as well as other children's overall experience. However, we urge you to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child/ward, the program or activity with the appropriate staff, coach or league supervisor in a **courteous, constructive, and respectful manner**. Let's work together to provide a positive experience for each and every participant.

To this end, the Oak Lawn Park District asks parents/guardians of participants to follow the following guidelines:

- Encourage good sportsmanship and appropriate behavior by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- Place the emotional and physical well being of your child ahead of any personal desire.
- Reinforce to your child that s/he must play and conduct him/herself in a safe and respectful manner.
- Require that your child's coach uphold the Coaches' Code of Conduct.
- Support staff, volunteers, coaches and officials working with your child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- Remember that our activities and programs are for youth - not for adults
- Do your very best to make youth programs and activities fun for your child.
- Encourage your child to treat other children, staff, volunteers, coaches, officials, and others with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, disability, religion, sexual orientation or ability.
- Inform the Oak Lawn Park District of any special need, impairment or ailment that may affect the safety of your child or others.
- Always communicate and deal with conflict in a polite, courteous, and constructive manner.

Please understand that violation of this Code or any inappropriate behavior may result in revocation of your privileges, and in rare cases, may compromise your child's ability to participate in any recreational program or activity.

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