



Youth Soccer 2025 Summer Season

To Parents of Soccer Participants:

Thank you for allowing your child to play soccer this summer. We look forward to meeting you, the parents, and our team. We are extremely excited about helping your child expand his/her understanding of the game of soccer! As their coach, our first emphasis will be on fundamentals. We will work with your child to further develop their fundamental skills and hopefully we will have a lot of FUN learning together.

We would ask that each child is respectful. Respectful to us, fellow players, opponents, officials, and those they come in contact with throughout the season. We believe it is important to develop an early understanding of sportsmanship and teamwork. Our focus is to teach your child how to develop their skills and have fun playing the game of soccer. I hope that you also share this philosophy and will discuss and emphasize these concepts with your child throughout the season.

Practice and Game Schedule

We will practice for the full hour during the first two weeks of **team practices**; see the practice schedule for field location. Shirts and picture order forms will be handed out on June 9 & 10. The practice and game schedules will be available on the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District website at <u>www.bisparks.org</u> by Friday, June 13. Starting June 16 & 17, we will practice for the first 15 minutes with a practice/warm-up activity, which will be followed by games of two 20-minute halves and review.

Cancellations

The decision to cancel is never an easy one. We will do the best we can to conduct our programs each day. **For all evening programs: No decision will be made until at least 4pm.** Please check the <u>www.bisparks.org</u> website's orange ALERT bar for updates. You may also "Follow" the BPRD Facebook page as weather notifications are posted there. Due to the short summer session, we are unable to offer makeups because of weather cancellations.

Coach Information

Head Coach:

Assistant Coach: We are in need of parent volunteers to be an Assistant Coach for your child's team. If you would be willing to do this, please let me, the coach, know ASAP.

We are looking forward to a great season, and we thank you for allowing us to coach your child.

Sincerely,

Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Staff