

WIN A PIZZA PARTY FOR YOUR TEAM!

On Saturday, September 26th, GCSA will be having picture day at Hamilton Park for team and individual pictures. Each player is asked to bring canned food items when they come to have their picture made. The team that brings the most cans will win a pizza party!! All canned items will be donated to the Graves County Need Line.



HEY PARENTS!

GCSA is looking for new board members to help us improve our association. We know that there are ways that we can improve and we know that there are programs that could be added. All we need is for you to get involved. Being a board member doesn't take much time and it is very rewarding. Review the list of vacancies below and find a position right for you. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Director of Public Relations –

- Correspondence with schools
- Advertising
- Promotion of tournaments and other events

Director of Programs –

- Newsletter
- Picture Day
- Programs for Events

Hispanic Volunteer

- Communicator/Liason between GCSA & Hispanic players and parents.

Thanks,

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I'm 3, what about me?

We have something for you too! It's called Kindersoccer and it's FUN. Kindersoccer is a great tool for boys and girls to learn social interaction, get exercise, and experience the great game of soccer. Actual 3v3 games are played on Saturday mornings.

For more information, please contact Melissa Haley at 270-705-0037 or email melissaahaley@att.net



All Kids In Scholarship Program

We are committed to making sure any child in the Mayfield and Graves County area who wants to play soccer may do so regardless of family income.

There will be scholarship applications available at all registrations along with requirements necessary to qualify. In order to receive financial assistance certain criteria must be met. All applications submitted must be approved by the GCSA board. If your child or any child you know would like to play soccer, but due to financial hardship is unable to do so, please let us know by filling out the application at registration and applying for the scholarship.

Scholarships will only be available at onsite registrations. Any player registering after August 22nd will not be eligible for scholarship assistance. Parents/Guardians of scholarship recipients may be asked to volunteer at Hamilton Park during the season.

Do You Have Outgrown Uniforms, Shin Guards Or Cleats???

If you have any outgrown cleats, shin guards or uniforms that your child no longer wears, and would like to donate them to our All Kids In program, GCSA will pass those along to a child who qualifies for "All Kids In" assistance. Boxes will be set up at all registrations for you to drop your extra items in. Thank you for helping us help kids!!

Thank a Referee

One person vital to the game of soccer is the referee. His/Her job many times is tough because of the criticism that they receive from coaches, parents and players. Please, as games begin this season, show our referees the respect they deserve. And most of all, tell them THANKS when the game is over.

I Have A Question, Who Do I Contact???

Do you have questions or concerns, but do not know whom to contact? Here is a list of contacts for your particular need:



Registration questions Lisa Dobrose
247-3242 dobrose@bellsouth.net

Uniforms questions Brandy Bryson
247-9192 Brandyb3275@yahoo.com

Scholarship questions Dana Wilson
247-9874 dwilson@mewsbb.net

Want to coach a team?
Shane Byrd 705-7736
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Catherine Price 804-9134
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Want to Volunteer?
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Kindersoccer questions
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10 Suggestions on How to Build Sportsmanship in Your Child

1. Unless you're coaching your child's team, you need to remember that you're the parent. Shout words of encouragement, not directions, from the sidelines (There is a difference!).
2. If you are your kid's coach, don't expect too much out of your own child. Don't be harder on him or her than on anyone else on the team, but don't play favorites either.
3. Keep your comments positive. Don't bad-mouth coaches, players, or game officials. If you have a serious concern about the way that games or practices are being conducted, or if you're upset about other parents' behavior, discuss it privately with your child's coach or with a league official.
4. When you're talking to your child after a competition, it's important not to dwell on who won or lost. Instead, you might ask your child, "How did you feel you did during the game?"
5. If your child mentions that he or she didn't do well at a particular skill, offer to work on these skills with your child before the next game.
6. Applaud good plays no matter who makes them.
7. Set a good example with your courteous behavior toward the parents of kids on the other team. Congratulate them when their kids win.
8. Remember that it's your child, not you, who is playing. Don't push your child into a sport because it's what you enjoyed. As your child gets older, let your child choose the sport he or she wants to play, and let him or her decide the level of commitment he or she wants to make to it.
9. Keep your perspective. It's just a game. Even if your child's team loses every game of the season it's unlikely to ruin his or her life or chances of success.
10. Look for examples of good sportsmanship in professional athletes and point them out to your kid. Talk about the bad examples, too, and why they upset you.

Finally, don't forget to have fun! Even if your child isn't the star, enjoy the game while you're thinking of all the benefits your child is gaining – new skills, new friends, and attitudes that can help him or her all through life. For best results, parents should memorize and use the following:

Before the Match

1. I love you
2. Good luck
3. Have fun

After the Match

1. I love you
2. It was great seeing you play
3. What would you like to eat?

Where Do My Fees Go?

Many ask each season why fees for playing soccer are so high. Others ask where do you spend all of the money collected for fees. Here is a brief breakdown of where your fees go.

1. Referees—GCSA works hard to provide certified referees for EVERY game played at Hamilton Park
2. KYSA dues—GCSA has to pay fees for every player of every age to our governing body (KYSA). These fees help provide coaching education and materials along with other aids that help our association function. ALSO did you know that within these fees you have secondary insurance that help defer medical expenses that you might incur should your young player get hurt while playing soccer?
3. Field Equipment—GCSA has thousands of dollars worth of equipment as well as 3 buildings that MUST be kept in shape and up to date.
4. Liability and comprehensive insurance—The equipment and property must be protected from fire, theft and vandals.
5. Field Maintenance Staff—There are over 25 acres of soccer fields that have to be mowed and maintained weekly so that your child has a safe place to play.
6. Supplies—Small things add up. Think about who pays for paint to mark the lines on the fields, toilet tissue, paper towels, fuel for equipment, nets for goals, benches, rock for the parking lot, and the list can go on and on.

Hopefully you can see that your fees aren't wasted. YOUR association, YOUR park truly is one of the best around.

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