

OHYA

Little Kickers Program

- Our ***Little Kicker*** program is for players who are 4 or 5 years old. If the player turns 6 in late summer or early fall and you feel they can play at the Passer level, you may want to consider playing them up to that level. This is totally optional.
- Teams for this program are co-ed.
- In order to keep it simple, Little Kickers practices and games occur on the same day back to back. Each week - teams will practice for about **25-30** minutes and then play a game with another team for about **25-30** minutes.
- As in past years, we will be an **8 week** season.
- The location will be the soccer fields behind **J.F. Dulles Elementary**, on Bridgetown Rd.
- Each player will be assigned to a team with a team number and team shirt color. This information will be sent to you in an email.
- Unlike our other soccer programs, parents may request that their Little Kicker player be placed on a team with a friend or a specific coach. OHYA will make an effort to accommodate all requests, when possible and when reasonable. However, this is not always possible due to some balancing of number of boys/girls and mix of upper/lower age players.
- All players will receive their colored tee-shirt for their team on the first day. Each player should wear that shirt or a shirt of the same color each week to help players find the right location when they arrive. If you need to miss the first day, your coach will have your shirt when you attend the next time.
- On the first day, we will have a brief discussion about how the program will work. We will then introduce the coaches and they will give out t-shirts to their players. The coaches will have a practice session with their players and then all teams will play a game.
- Due to the team sizes and players ages, the normal "Passers" size fields (first level of the Regular SAY program) will be split in half and smaller goals will be used. Orange lines (and some of the white lines from the Passer fields) will outline the sides of this field and the white lines from

the Passers field sides will be the end lines where the goals will be placed.

- All players must wear shin guards to cover their legs for protection. These can be purchased at most department and sporting goods stores. After the first night, no player should be allowed to participate without shin guards. Players should also bring a water bottle or sports drink. Balls and cones will be provided for each team. However, if a player wants to bring their own ball (size 3), please make sure their name is clearly marked on the ball.
- There is no post season tournaments at this level.
- See the ***Timeline by Program*** document for a list of the major events and when they will occur.