



ERHS Booster Club-Girls Soccer

Pre-Season Welcome Letter

August 5th, 2019



ELK RIVER GIRLS SOCCER PLAYERS AND PARENTS,

The 2019 Season is now underway!

This letter is to provide everyone with some important information to get you off to a good start. Watch for follow up messages as we progress into the season. We do our best to keep everyone informed, however we are limited to contact information from prior years. If you know of anyone interested in playing ERHS soccer, please send/forward this letter to them. Remember that middle school students are eligible to try out for ERHS soccer so please SPREAD THE WORD!

ERHS BOOSTER CLUB-GIRLS SOCCER WEBSITE

- The Booster club website will be your primary source of information.
- Everything you need can be found here:

www.elkrivergirlssoccer.org

FALL SPORTS MEETING *(Do not miss this meeting!)*

- Tuesday August 6th, 2019 from 6:00PM – 8:30PM at ERHS (Little Theater)
- This meeting is for all **Players** trying out and their **Parents/Guardians**.
- Attend the Coaches meeting at 7:00PM.
- Registration is online again this year however feel free to turn in any necessary forms/fees and get any questions answered during the meeting. We recommend filling out your Booster Club Registration prior to coming to the meeting so you can avoid the longer lines.
- Receive information regarding the 2019 fundraisers (Gold Cards will be handed out after the coaches meeting, for those yet to receive them). This year we will also be selling raffle tickets. Each player will be responsible for selling 20 raffle tickets at \$10 a piece.
- Turn in your Booster Club volunteer check for \$200.00 *(this is a per family max)*
- Talk with Geared Up Sports regarding any warm-up order questions.

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- **Gold Card Blitz Night**

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- Wednesday 8/21/19
 - Final night for players to sell remaining coupon cards. All ERHS Girls Soccer players will be placed into small teams (or form their own) to go out to sell.
 - **Your money will be collected by coaches on Blitz Night.** Keep collected money in your envelope, and keep your worksheet updated, it must be accurate when turned in. If for some reason you cannot make Blitz Night contact a Booster Club Representative (contacts listed below).
 - Parent/drivers may be needed for this event.
- o **Raffle**
- August 21st thru September 20th
 - Each player will be expected to sell 20 raffle tickets at \$10.00 each. Raffle tickets are much easier to sell since you can sell them to anyone. The following prizes will be rewarded; **\$1500.00 (1), \$500.00 (3), \$100.00 (5), \$50.00 (10).**
 - **A deposit of \$200 dollars will be required from each player to cover the cost of the raffle tickets. Your check can be HELD until the end of the raffle on September 20th.** All funds recovered from the sell of your tickets will be your reimbursement for your \$200 dollar deposit.
 - The drawing will be held on Sept. 26th during the home game vs Maple Grove at the concession stand.
 - Players will receive \$5 per winning ticket sold and can earn \$4 per ticket sold over 20 up to \$125.

FEE INFORMATION

- **ERHS Booster Club-Girls Soccer Registration**
 - o Go to the ERHS Booster Club-Girls Soccer website listed above.
 - o The ERHS Booster Club-Girls Soccer fees are separate from the ISD 728 Registration fees and are used to fund various necessary team expenses, end of season banquet, uniforms, coaches' salaries, additional gear, meals, and other team activities.
 - o Starting August 5th, 2019 you can register with the Booster Club at www.elkrivergirlssoccer.org.
 - o There are two fees for the Booster Club.
 - \$125.00 non-refundable Booster Club Fee. This fee will be collected during the Booster Club Online registration process.

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- \$200.00 **refundable** Volunteer Fee per family. This fee helps ensure volunteer coverage and helps keep our season running smooth with adequate volunteers. This fee will be paid via check at the Fall Sports Meeting on August 6th.
 - Please make check payable to ERHS Booster Club-Girls Soccer
 - If you don't wish to volunteer, you can choose to donate your volunteer fee during the registration process.
 - For those that fulfill their volunteer requirements, your checks will be returned at the Season Banquet.
 - The Volunteer page on our website will explain the details.
- This year we have 2 options of payment. You can pay with a check or credit card (plus 3% fee). This includes the \$200 volunteer hold.

ISD 728 Registration

- Is online again this year, the links can be found at the website above and will take you directly to the **ISD 728 ONLINE ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITY REGISTRATION** page.
- You must have a Parent Portal account in order to access the system.
- Grade 9 (and under) - \$180
- Grades 10-12 - \$230
- Fees will be collected during the online registration process using the ISD 728 RevTrak Online Payment System.
- **Geared Up Sports Apparel (Warm-Ups)**
 - Each year team warm-ups are made available for ordering.
 - You are not required to order warm-ups, however late in the season it gets quite cold and the girls like to stay warm and look the same. We are also offering compression tops for sale as well which must be black).
 - Geared Up Sports will be handling all of these orders. There is an apparel link on our website that will take you directly to their site where they will handle the transactions.
 - Geared Up Sports will also be on-site at the Fall Sports Meeting to answer any questions.

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- o **IMPORTANT NOTE:** There are NO refunds or returns on apparel orders. If your daughter does not make one of the teams, apparel cannot be returned.

IMPORTANT DATES

- The Calendar on our website will be your only source for important dates! You are responsible for checking the calendar regularly as dates and times are always subject to change! **See the calendar for more details.**
- o **Captain's Practice**
 - These are optional and not required and are run by your 2018 Varsity Captains.
 - For those of you just coming into High School or are still in Middle School, if you don't know anyone, then you should not miss these practices! This is your opportunity to meet other players that love the sport too. When you get to tryouts, you will then see some familiar faces! Meet at the tared parking lot between Salk and Vandenberg on these dates:
 - Monday - August 5th - (8:00AM - 9:30AM)
 - Wednesday - August 7th - (8:00AM - 9:30AM)
 - Friday August 9th - (8:00AM - 9:30AM)
- o **Tryouts**
 - August 12th through August 16th.
 - 7:45AM to 11:30 AM
 - Meet down between Salk and Vandenberg.
 - **IMPORTANT NOTE:** All 4 team rosters will be limited to 18 players this year.
- o **Scrimmages**
 - Both scrimmages this year are JV/Varsity only.
 - August 17th at Delano High School.
- o **Parent Day** ***Lady Elks vs Coon Rapids***
 - Tuesday September 10th at 7pm A day to recognize the important people in the lives of our student athletes.
- o **Faculty Night** ***Lady Elks vs Anoka***
 - Monday September 12th at 5pm
 - A game where the girls can invite their favorite teacher/faculty member to be recognized by the team.
- o **Senior Night** ***Lady Elks vs. Centennial***
 - Thursday October 3th at 7PM

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- A day to recognize our class of 2019 senior players. Senior recognition and activities will follow the game.
- o ***Banquet***
 - Sunday October 27th
 - A celebration at the end of the season for all players and parents. Awards, speeches, photos, dinner, and more at The Rockwood's Banquet Center.
 - Invitations and more info to come.

PARENT/PLAYER TO-DO LIST

___ Check out www.elkrivergirlssoccer.org

___ Complete Sports Physical (due every 3 years). **This must be completed and on file at ERHS before a player can step on the field.** Make sure that is current **BEFORE** tryouts!

___ Complete the ISD 728 Online Registration. This must be completed before tryouts!

___ Complete the ERHS Booster Club-Girls Soccer online registration. The Booster Club will be your primary source for information throughout the season. \$125.00 will be charged to your credit card during this process to cover your Booster Club fee.

___ Sign up for your Dibs (volunteer shift) on the website. You can also do this at the Fall Sports Meeting.

___ Attend the Fall Sports Meeting.

___ Turn in your \$200.00 refundable volunteer check made payable to **ERHS Booster Club-Girls Soccer.**

___ Attend the Coaches meeting.

___ Receive your Gold Cards & information packet for selling.

___ Ask any further questions you might have. (*Geared Up Sports to be on-site.*)

___ Spread the word to those who may be interested in ERHS Girls Soccer.

BOOSTER CLUB OVERVIEW

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This organization is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as specified in Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The specific primary purposes of this corporation include:

1. Supporting and promoting interest in the girls' soccer program of Elk River High School, Elk River, Minnesota;
2. Supporting and developing amateur student athletes through the development and implementation of programs to further such purposes;
3. Providing support and coordination activities with the coaching and administrative staff with respect to the girls' soccer program at Elk River High School;
4. Soliciting funds and accepting gifts and contributions to put to productive use all such funds to further develop the girls' soccer program at Elk River High School, Elk River, Minnesota.

The Booster Club is made up of Volunteers; If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of the ERHS Booster Club-Girls Soccer Board members. More information about the Booster Club can be found on our website on the "Boosters" page!

- President – Troy Ives – president@elkrivergirlssoccer.org
- Vice President – Brad Johnson – vicepresident@elkrivergirlssoccer.org
- Treasurer – Jordan Lingman – treasurer@elkrivergirlssoccer.org
- Secretary – Jamie Reimann – secretary@elkrivergirlssoccer.org
- Director of Communications – Brandon Maier – communications@elkrivergirlssoccer.org
- Volunteer Coordinator – Shawna Kolles – volunteer@elkrivergirlssoccer.org
- Fundraising Coordinator – Trent Walz – fundraising@elkrivergirlssoccer.org
- Concessions Coordinator – Bryan & Jenny Bernardson

We meet the 3rd Monday of every month. Our schedule can be found on the website.

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**WHERE
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**DOES
MONEY**

EXPENSES

GIFTS - (Senior Night, Parent Night, Banquet Night)

FOOD - (Blitz Night, Captains Practices, Away Games [all teams], Youth Night, Service Day, Senior Night)

APPAREL - (Uniforms, Try Out Shirts, Motto Shirts, Sectional Shirts, Ball Kid Shirts, JV Backpacks, Varsity Coats, Team Benches)

OFFICE SUPPLIES - (Signage, Copy/Print, Supplies, Posters)

OBLIGATIONS - (Coaches Salaries, Shared Gold Card Expenses)

ENTERTAINMENT - (Banquet)

SUBSCRIPTIONS - (SportsEngine [*website*], Dues/Memberships)

MISCELLANEOUS - (Bank Fees, Goodie Bags)

*** Please note; In (2016) the booster club was only able to cover \$5 per plate for the banquet. We did not make enough during fundraising to cover those banquet expenses. Our 2019 goal is to once again cover the banquet meals for all parents and players. Please help us to achieve that goal!*

INCOME

GOLD CARD

BOOSTER CLUB FEES

RAFFLE TICKETS

CONCESSION STAND

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2020 OBLIGATIONS

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** Roughly \$7,000 dollars for next season to kick off! Needed for ongoing expenses that come after the season ends and obligations that occur before fundraising can begin in 2020.*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Booster Club fees are non-refundable. What if my daughter doesn't make one of the teams?

A: Booster fees are non-refundable assuming your daughter makes a team. If she does not, your fees will be refunded.

Q: Are Booster fees per player or per family?

A: Volunteer Checks are \$200 per family. The Booster Club Fee is \$125 per player.

2019 TEAM MOTTO

"Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you"

Arnold Palmer

THANK YOU!

We want to thank you for your continued support and look forward to a great 2019 ERHS Girls soccer season!!!

The ERHS Booster Club-Girls Soccer Board Members!