



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to BGC Kawarthas Outdoor Soccer Program for the 2023 season. Please review the following information below for important updates and information regarding the **Pre-JK to Grades 2** program details, child program attire, weather cancellation policy and weekly field schedules.

**Pre-JK (Born in 2019)** weekly session will consist of a 45-minute program, 6:30-7:15 pm, that provides the perfect introduction to soccer! At this early stage, the main objective for our staff is to get the children active and comfortable with the ball, rather than competitive game play. Fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping, and twisting will be developed and improved, in addition to basic soccer skills such as starting and stopping, changing directions, and kicking the ball. If possible, we encourage parent participation on the field in this program.

**Grades JK-SK** weekly session will consist of a 45-minute program, 6:30-7:15 pm, that includes ice breakers/warm-up games, dynamic activities focusing on physical and ball literacy, and game play. This age group largely focuses on developing and improving fundamental movement skills and basic soccer skills. Through fun and imaginative games, children will be challenged to improve their ability to start and stop, change directions, dribble, pass, and shoot with the ball.

**Grades 1-2** weekly session will consist of a 60-minute program, 6:30-7:30 pm, that includes ice breakers/warm-up games, dynamic activities that focus on skill development and equal game play. At this level, staff focus on individual player development through creative games targeting agility, balance, speed and coordination. Additionally, activities will be designed to improve skills such as passing, shooting and ball control.

**For more information, please visit the Ontario Soccer Association website at [www.ontariosoccer.net](http://www.ontariosoccer.net).**

Registration includes shirt, shorts, socks, ball, and participation medal provided by Tim Hortons. We encourage and recommend all children come dressed each week in shorts, team shirt, running shoes (cleats and shin guards are optional) and bring a water bottle. Please bring the soccer ball we provide the first night of program to each of the following weeks.

**Weather Cancellation** – In the case of inclement weather such as hard rain and thunderstorms, a decision will be made at **5:30 pm** regarding program cancellations and will be communicated on Twitter & Facebook. If cancellation occurs, the club will attempt to make up cancellations based on scheduling and field availability.

If you have any questions about our outdoor soccer program please contact Trevor Tompkins, Coordinator Sports Programs at (705) 324-4493 ext. 217 or [ttompkins@bgckawarthas.com](mailto:ttompkins@bgckawarthas.com).

