



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to BGC Kawarthas Outdoor Soccer League for the 2024 season. Please review the following information below for important updates and information regarding the **Grades 3-4 & 5-8** program details, child program attire, weather cancellation policy and weekly field schedules.

**Grades 3-4 & 5-8** soccer league will consist of an 8-week league, incorporating both skill development practices and league games. Registration includes team shirt, shorts, socks and participation medal.

During practices, staff will focus on creating a fun and challenging environment to promote creative and technical skill development. At this stage, players will learn the basic strategies of game play (including positions), establish training ethics, and enhance fine motor skills. In order to retain the new skills learned, weekly repetition will be an important element in this program. At this stage of soccer, skill development may vary between players, therefore, our staff do their best to challenge each player individually, while promoting cooperation and group play. Staff will help teach players how to regulate their emotions on the field and how to transfer such frustrations into skill development and improvement. During weeks with games, staff will follow equal game play rules/regulations in order to promote a fun, cooperative, and inclusive environment for all, regardless of skill level.

For more information about Long Term Player Development and the above stages please visit the Ontario Soccer Association website at [www.ontariosoccer.net](http://www.ontariosoccer.net).

We encourage and recommend all children come dressed each week in team shirt, shorts, socks & running shoes (cleats and shin guards are optional) and bring a water bottle.

**Weather Cancellation** – In case of inclement weather such as hard rain and thunderstorms a program decision will be made at **5:30 pm** and program cancellations will be communicated on club Twitter & Facebook. The club will attempt to makeup cancellations due to weather 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).

