



GREEN BAY STRIKERS

2012 SOCCER SEASON

ABOUT THE GREEN BAY STRIKERS

The Green Bay Strikers is the recreational youth soccer club for Green Bay's East Side except Allouez.

We provide the opportunity for boys and girls ages 5 to 18 to play soccer for fun. Last year, over 1400 children played soccer in our program. The Green Bay Strikers are affiliated with the Soccer Association for Youth (SAY), a national non-profit organization aiding the growth of recreational soccer. SAY was formed to provide an organization within which children could learn and enjoy playing soccer, the world's most popular sport.

A youth program should be, as its name implies, a program for children. Everyone is guaranteed playing time regardless of skill and all teams are created by random draw. There are no physical limitations. Build, height and weight have very little effect.

EQUIPMENT

Shin guards - All players will be required to wear shin guards.

Socks - All shin guards must be completely covered by knee socks

Shirts - Team shirts will be provided and must be worn at all games.

Here are some of the most common questions:

What nights do the teams play?

Teams for boys ages 5-11 and girls ages 5-14 play on a various nights Monday through Thursday. Therefore, you don't always play on the same night each week. Older ages may play on certain nights of the week, but that is determined in April.

Are the teams' co-ed?

The U-6 (age 5) teams are co-ed. Starting with U-8 (ages 6-7) teams are split into individual male/female teams.

Are there discounts for families with multiple players?

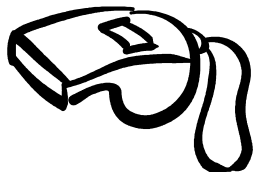
Yes, each family pays for only 3 players. The rest are free.

When will I hear from my coach?

Soccer rosters and equipment will be handed out to the coaches on April 28, 2012. Please contact us at info@gbstrikers.org if you haven't heard from your coach by **May 3, 2012**.

When are the practices?

Practices are set up by the coaches and are normally 1-2 times a week before the season starts. They don't usually have any



Shorts - Any color is acceptable but shorts can't have zippers, belt loops or pockets. Athletic shorts are recommended.

Jewelry - All jewelry, including tongue studs, must be removed before the game starts. This is important to consider when getting any new piercings. **Even if the piercing is still healing, your child will be required to remove the jewelry or he/she will not be able to play.**

Shoes - Shoes are required but soccer shoes are optional.

Balls - Sizes for each age group are listed on the back
(Some shin guards and soccer balls will be available for sale at registration.)

REFEREES

There are a limited number of referee training spots available. The Green Bay Strikers will accept those who are 13 and older for training. Registration prior to the training is required. The pay rates for the games are \$8-\$16. New referees and those with 1 year of experience **MUST** attend 1 morning and 1 afternoon training session. Referees must have at least 2 years of experience to attend an experienced training session. Referee field and classroom training is mandatory. On-field training will be conducted at Wilder Park. More information and registration is available at www.gbstrikers.org practices after the season starts since the games are played 1-2 times a week. Practices are held Monday - Thursday only. No weekend practices.

Can my child be on a friend's team?

Each year we get requests to assign multiple friends to a team so their families can carpool. Our teams are selected based on the player's age and previous year's ability rating which makes the teams evenly divided and adds to the enjoyment of the game for all. Therefore, we can't assign children to the same team unless they are siblings or the children of the coaches.

Do you have to have a birth certificate?

Yes. Baptismal certificate, passport or immunization records are also acceptable. This is only for first time registrants to ensure that they are assigned to the correct age group.

Can my son/daughter play in a different age group?

They can play in the next older age group as long as they are only one year younger than that age group but it is not encouraged. They cannot play in a younger age group.

COACHING

Coaching your child and his/her team is fun and rewarding! Coaching gives you the opportunity to teach skills, teamwork and sportsmanship while reaping the benefits of personal enjoyment and appreciation from your players. It's a great way to contribute to the community! In addition to all of the benefits you'll receive from coaching, we also offer a \$10.00 discount off the child's registration fee of the team you coach. It's our way of recognizing all of our coaches for their commitment of time and effort. We invite everyone to give coaching a try. It doesn't matter if you haven't played or coached soccer before! We have an experienced resource team to help and assist you. In addition, we have a strong, required training program that will prepare you for this important role. Our program depends on volunteers like you to be successful. If you are willing to give it a try, please be sure to sign up at registration. Sign up on your own or with a friend – your children will automatically be on the same team (Normally 2 coaches assigned per team).

PARKING/PETS

We ask that parents and players respect the city ordinances relating to pets and no parking zones at the parks where we play.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Web Site** www.gbstrikers.org
- **E-mail** info@gbstrikers.org
- **Mail** **Green Bay Strikers**
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<u>Ages</u>	<u>Season Start/End Date</u> *	<u>Fields</u> *	<u>Game Times</u>	<u>Ball Sizes</u>
U-6 Coed (age 5)	May 21/July 12	Preble Park	5:30, 6:30pm	# 3
U-8 Boys or Girls (ages 6-7)	May 21/July 15	East River- Emilie/ McAuliffe Park	5:30, 6:30pm	# 3
U-10 Boys or Girls (ages 8-9)	May 21/July 15	Wilder/Baird/ Van Beaver	5:30, 7:00pm	# 4
U-12 Boys or Girls (ages 10-11)	May 21/July 15	Willow Creek/DeBroux/ Wilder/McAuliffe Park	5:30, 7:00pm	# 4
U-14 Boys (ages 12-13)	June 4/July 29	Various	5:30, 7:00pm	# 5
U-15 Girls (ages 12-14)	June 4/July 29	Wilder/Bay Beach	5:30, 7:00pm	# 5
U-16 Boys (ages 14-15)	June 4/July 29	Various	5:30, 7:00pm	# 5
U-19 Boys (ages 16-18)	June 4/July 29	Various	5:30, 7:00, 8:30pm	# 5
U-19 Girls (ages 15-18)	June 4/July 29	Various	5:30, 7:00pm	# 5

The Soccerfest for U-8 to U-15 is scheduled for July 14th & 15th, 2012 at **Wilder Park**.
The Tony Litt County Tournament for ages 12-18 is scheduled for July 28th & 29th, 2012 at **Southwest Park in De Pere**.
* Start/End Dates and Fields are subject to change.

