



GREEN BAY STRIKERS

2010 Newsletter

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ABOUT THE GREEN BAY STRIKERS

The Green Bay Strikers is the recreational youth soccer club for most of Green Bay's East Side. We provide the opportunity for boys and girls ages 5 to 18 to play soccer for fun. Last year over 1,500 children participated in our program. Our focus is building teamwork and self-esteem, having fun through positive approaches to coaching and **guaranteed playing time regardless of skill level**. The Green Bay Strikers is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization affiliated with SAY (Soccer Association for Youth). SAY is a national non-profit organization founded in 1967 in Cincinnati, Ohio. We are also part of the area group of Bay-Lakes SAY. Bay-Lakes is comprised of seven area clubs that had over 6,000 children playing on over 400 teams last year. Every year, teams from all of these clubs join together in the older age groups to play in countywide competition.

REGISTRATION

Registration for all players, coaches and referees will be held:

Gandrud Chevrolet Nissan Inc

919 Auto Plaza Drive

Thursday, January 21, 2010 5:30 - 8pm

Saturday, January 23, 2010 11am - 1pm

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 5:30 - 8pm

FEES

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| U-6 & U-8 (ages 5 -7) | \$40.00 |
| U-10 & U-12 (ages 8-11) | \$45.00 |
| U-14 & up (ages 12-18) | \$50.00 |

- Your child's age is determined as of July 31, 2010.
- **NEW PLAYERS MUST BRING A BIRTH OR BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE TO VERIFY THEIR AGE.**
- No mail in or on-line registration.
- Coaching credit is available. See "Coaching" on page 2.
- All checks should be made payable to: "Green Bay Strikers".
- All NSF charges will be collected.
- Since equipment, coach and referee staffing and player rosters are based on registration in January you are guaranteed a place on a team if you register in January.
- Waiting lists and full rosters were common in 2009.
- No refunds.

LATE/ WAITING LIST REGISTRATION

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Tuesday, February 2, 2010 5:30 - 7:30pm

- \$10.00 late fee per player.
- This late fee covers special equipment orders and roster changes.
- There is no guarantee that a place on a team will be available for players registering late. The registration fee (minus the \$10.00 late fee) will be refunded if your child is not placed on a team.

EQUIPMENT

- **Shin guards** - All players will be required to wear shin guards. All shin guards must be completely covered by knee socks
- **Shirts** - Team shirts will be provided and must be worn at all games.
- **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. 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.

COACHING

Coaching your child and his/her team is fun and rewarding! Coaching gives you the opportunity to teach skills, teamwork and sportsmanship and reap 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 of the child's registration fee whose 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 a support group with plenty of help and experience ready to assist. 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, 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. (Limit 2 coaches per team).

- **Two Deep Leadership**

In June 2002, we sent a letter to all of our coaches concerning "two-deep leadership". We have always suggested that all of our coaches make it a part of how they interact with their team. In 2003, SAY National made it mandatory. To those who aren't familiar with this policy, it simply means that we need to have two adults (over 18) with the children at all times. This includes games, practices, parties etc. It also requires that the two adults are not related. For those of you who are husband and wife or other related coaching teams, this can mean going over your schedule with the parents on your team to find someone who can be at each practice or game to help supervise. This also holds true for other coaching teams if one of the coaches can't be at a particular game or practice.

- **Screening**

Most youth sports programs have instituted a screening process for volunteers. While our state does not currently have laws requiring this procedure, SAY National as well as The Green Bay Strikers want to be proactive. We understand that this process may make some people uneasy but SAY National has come up with a program that is the least intrusive of those that were reviewed.

Coaches are asked to fill out an additional form when they register. It simply asks for a previous address (if you have lived at you current address less than 5 years) and a yes/no question concerning any possible criminal history or history of violence. It also includes a standard disclaimer verifying the truthfulness of the information given. Only our Volunteer Screener will review these forms. Any "yes" answers will automatically be forwarded to Choice Point (our volunteer screening agency). We are aware that this is a very sensitive issue. But, as always, our primary concern is the protection of our players as well as our coaches.

- **Training**

In 1994, our club voluntarily required formal training to improve the quality and consistency of our coaching. The response has been overwhelmingly positive! SAY National now requires coaches' training. All first year coaches MUST participate in formal training. All other coaches MUST participate in training every other year. Annual training is encouraged! We are excited about our training program that includes one hour of general information and two hours of age specific breakout sessions. This enables any coach to take any of the sessions and get all of the information they need. This year, we will also introduce a new training program for experienced coaches. More details at registration! Pre-registration is a must! Space is limited! Please mark your calendars now! All sessions will be held at the Edison Middle School gym.

- **U-8 and U-10 Coaches**

When coaching U-8 (6-7 year olds) teams, one coach from each team is allowed on the field to help instruct the players. Things change when you move up to U-10 (8-9 year olds) where you have referees and are not allowed on the field. To ease this transition, we will allow one coach from each U-10 team to be on the field for the first three weeks of the season. All coaches must stay between the 18-yard lines and remain neutral on infractions.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

If you want to make a difference and be involved, we need your talents. A lot of work goes into making this league a reality for the children and your help is needed. You can become an elected member of the Board at our general meeting in August and/or become an honorary member by volunteering your time to help the Board Members in any area you choose. In either capacity, you will have input in the decisions made by the Board and can become a part of one of the best youth organizations in the state! Contact any Board Member at registration or call: **The Answer Line 490-7266.**



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 practices after the season starts since the games are played 1-2 times a week. This may be different in the 12+ age groups. Practices are held Monday – Thursday only. No weekend practices.

CARPOOLING

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.

GAME SCHEDULES

Teams for boys, ages 5-13 and girls, ages 5-14 play on a rotating basis Monday through Thursday. Therefore, you don't always play on the same night each week. This less rigid schedule lets a child try several activities during the summer. Older teams usually play on certain nights of the week.

COACH'S EQUIPMENT HANDOUT

The soccer rosters and equipment will be handed out to the coaches on April 24, 2010. Please call The Answer Line at 490-7266 if you haven't heard from your coach by May 3, 2010.



COACH'S TRAINING DATES

Tuesday, April 6, 2010
6:30 – 9:30pm
Saturday, April 10, 2010
9am – 12pm
Wednesday, April 14, 2010
6:30 – 9:30pm
Thursday, April 22, 2010
6:30 – 9:30pm

REFEREES

The Green Bay Strikers are looking for people age 13 through adults to officiate games during the 2010 season. The pay range is from \$12.00 to \$16.00 per game for games involving 8-11 year old boys and girls and 12-14 girls. The pay range for experienced referees at games involving older age groups is from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per game. There are certain age, experience and transportation requirements necessary in order to referee the older games.

Two games are scheduled most evenings.

All referees must attend training every year. **New referees and referees with less than two years of experience, are required to attend one morning AND one afternoon training session.** Referees who want to attend the experienced referee sessions must have two years of experience. All of the referee sessions will be at Goodwill 1301 Brosig Street. If you are interested in being a referee, please apply in person at registration or online @ gbstrikers.org.



REFEREE TRAINING DATES

NEW REFEREES:

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Saturday, April 17, 2010

Saturday, April 24, 2010

2nd Year Referees

Saturday March 20, 2010

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Saturday, May 1, 2010

All sessions are 9am-1pm and 1:30-5:30pm

EXPERIENCED REFEREES:

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Experienced sessions are 1:30-5:30pm

ANSWER LINE

Please call The Answer Line at 490-7266 if you have any comments, questions or concerns. We want to hear from you! Please don't wait until the end of the soccer season. We may be able to help! If requested, all calls and contacts will be kept confidential. The Green Bay Strikers are dedicated to ensuring that each and every soccer participant has a safe and enjoyable soccer season.



SOCCER CAMP

Everyone enjoyed last year's camp so much that we will offer another camp this year. Scott Haywood and his staff from Back of the Net Academy will again be the instructors. This camp is for all ages and will be June 15-18, 2009 at Wilder Park. More information will be available at registration or call: The Answer Line 490-7266.

NOISEMAKERS

In order for everyone involved to have the best soccer experience possible, we are asking everyone to refrain from using any artificial noisemakers when cheering for their team. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARKING/PETS

We ask that parents and players respect the rules concerning pets and no parking zones at the parks where we play.

Parking: Many people have been parking in the no parking zones particularly around Wilder and Eisenhower parks. Be warned that the police will patrol the area and will issue tickets where necessary.

Pets: Per city ordinance, no dogs are allowed in the parks.



SPORTSMANSHIP

Our number one priority is for the children to have fun while learning the game of soccer. Through family involvement, we hope to foster team spirit, sportsmanship, social development and a positive self-image. We want all players of all backgrounds, ages and abilities to have an equal opportunity to participate, excel and enjoy the game.

We appreciate that the vast majority of our coaches and parents "keep

it in perspective". However, we have had a few incidents where people let their competitiveness get the best of them and have lost their cool. We need your help to continue our tradition of respect and good sportsmanship. At registration, all parents, coaches and players will be required to sign a Soccer Sportsmanship Commitment contract to signify their commitment to these goals.

Remember:

- Parents and coaches must be a good example to their players by showing respect and good sportsmanship toward their own team as well as the opposing team. Children are aware of how adults handle winning and losing.
- Encourage your child to be gracious in victory. Encourage them to turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement.
- Cheering should always concentrate on the positive. Laugh, talk and have fun with everyone from both teams. Remember, opponents are necessary friends. Without them your child could not participate. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team. Be supporters of all of the children! Think about how any comments you make would affect your own child if they were directed to him/her.
- Any coach, parent or player who violates the spirit of our program by degrading any other coach, player, parent or referee, using foul language, or otherwise depriving others from enjoying the game, will be suspended and/or expelled from the program. The League's Division Coordinators will have the authority to take the appropriate action.

SOCCERFEST

The purpose of the Soccerfest is to give all players a chance to experience the fun and excitement of a tournament regardless of ability or record. Both Soccerfests will be held at Wilder Park again this year. The Soccerfest is great fun for the participants and has a special atmosphere of excitement and camaraderie for parents, families and friends. The Soccerfest consists of at least two games where participation and sportsmanship are emphasized. Last year's dunk tank at the July Soccerfest was a definite hit! The hot weather got everyone "pumped up to get dunked"! It will be available again in 2009. Dunk your coach, your teammates or even yourself! Ask how!

SOCCERFEST DATES

Saturday, June 19, 2010

U-8 (ages 6-7)

Sat. – Sun., July 17-18, 2010

U-10 (ages 8-9)

U-12 (ages 10-11)

U-14 Boys (ages 12-13)

U-15 Girls (ages 12-14)

WEATHER/GAME CANCELLATION

Games can be postponed and/or cancelled due to weather. The decision to cancel a game for ages 8–18 is made **at the field at game time by the referee.** In the case of 5-7 year olds where there no referees, the coaches will decide **at the field at game time** whether the game should be cancelled. Cancelled games for ages 12+ will be re-scheduled. All others will not.





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| <u>Ages</u> | <u>Start/End Date *</u> | <u>Fields *</u> | <u>Game Times</u> | <u>Ball Sizes</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| U-6 Coed (age 5) | Week of May 17/June 14 | Preble Park | 5:30, 6:30pm | # 3 |
| U-8 Boys or Girls (ages 6-7) | Week of May 17/June 14 | East River- Emilie/ McAuliffe | 5:15, 6:15, 7:15pm | # 3 |
| U-10 Boys or Girls (ages 8-9) | Week of May 17/July 12 | Wilder/Danz/ Van Beaver | 5:30, 7:00pm | # 4 |
| U-12 Boys or Girls (ages 10-11) | Week of May 17/July 12 | Wilder/DeBroux/ McAuliffe/Baird | 5:30, 7:00pm | # 4 |
| U-14 Boys (ages 12-13) | Week of June 7/July 19 | Various | 5:30, 7:00pm | # 5 |
| U-15 Girls (ages 12-14) | Week of May 31/July 19 | Wilder/Kennedy/ Eisenhower | 5:30, 7:00pm | # 5 |
| U-16 Boys (ages 14-15) | Week of June 7/July 19 | Various | 5:30, 7:00pm | # 5 |
| U-19 Boys (ages 16-18) | Week of June 7/July 19 | Various | 5:30, 7:00, 8:30pm | # 5 |
| U-19 Girls (ages 15-18) | Week of June 7/July 19 | Various | 5:30, 7:00pm | # 5 |

The Tony Litt County Tournament is tentatively scheduled for July31 – August 1, 2010.

* Start/End dates and Fields are subject to change.