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2018 GISC Summer Recreational Soccer League Newsletter

The Grand Island Soccer Club “Recreational” league & programs provide basic instruction and is intended to be a “FUN” experience for the kids; promoting fair play, good sportsmanship and teamwork for the youth (ages 5 – 15) of Grand Island. Note that a “Travel” league is offered for a more competitive environment – GISC team try-outs are held annually (late summer).

U5, U6, U7 – Micro Soccer

July thru August

*Mostly Saturday sessions

(Potential occasional weekdays (TBA))

U8 - U12

July thru August

*Saturday games

(Potential weekdays (TBA))

U15

July thru August

*Saturday or Sunday games (TBA)

(Potential weekdays (TBA))

AGE GROUP

U5-Micro Soccer

U6-Micro Soccer

U7-Micro Soccer

U8

U9

U10

U12

U15

BORN ON OR AFTER But

January 1, 2013

January 1, 2012

January 1, 2011

January 1, 2010

January 1, 2009

January 1, 2008

January 1, 2006

January 1, 2003

BORN BEFORE OR ON

December 31, 2013

December 31, 2012

December 31, 2011

December 31, 2010

December 31, 2009

December 31, 2008

December 31, 2007

December 31, 2005

**See the GISC Recreational Soccer (2018) age matrix on the GISC web-site if any questions.*

REGISTRATION:

WHEN: 4/1/18 – 4/30/18 On-time registration

5/1/18 – 5/14/18 Late registration

NO REGISTRATIONS TYPICALLY ACCEPTED AFTER 5/14/18.

HOW: ONLINE (preferred) at www.gisoccerclub.org. Click the orange “Login & Register” link to the online registration site (SI Play), then the orange/red “Login/Register” button. Returning families should login to their existing account. New families should create an account. Ideally, pay by credit card.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES: Birth certificates (where applicable) to be submitted for all first-time GISC players or they will not be allowed to play. Birth certificates should be mailed to P.O. Box 457, GI, NY 14072 or emailed to registrar@gisoccerclub.org.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: NOTE -- There will be a late fee for registrations after April 30th. Note - Registrations will not be accepted after May 14th. These deadlines are essential in order to coordinate all logistics & moving parts in prep for the 2018 Recreational Summer Programs/Leagues. Typically a few hundred players, dozens of teams, as well as coordinating referees, field/park availability and fields, etc. (all done re: GISC Club volunteers).

NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS GIVEN AFTER THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED & PROCESSED.

For **Reg.** questions, contact GISC Registrar at registrar@gisoccerclub.org

AGE GROUPS: Teams are in divisions by birth date. No one can play in a younger age group. Additionally, it is recommended that players remain with their appropriate age group. U7 players (Micro Soccer Program) who wish to “play up” in U8 should contact the U7 age group coordinator to discuss the pros and cons. “Playing up” two or more age groups is strongly discouraged and will be permitted only on a case by case basis.

U5, U6 & U7 MICRO SOCCER PROGRAM: All players play the entire time and benefit from more “touches” on the ball. There are no formal teams re: this program, since players typically rotate through the drills and several small-sided games with the help of facilitators. See detailed information available on the GISC club website.

GISC WEBSITE: Visit our website at www.gisoccerclub.org for more information and for FAQ's. Field maps and schedules will be posted at the start of the season.

NOTIFICATION: U5, U6, and U7 players will receive an email from the age group coordinator just prior to the start of play, explaining the program in further detail with specifics regarding the schedule. U8-U15 players will receive an email from the registrar in early June with their team assignment. Practices for U8 – U15 will begin in mid-June, at the coach's discretion.

SPECIFIC TEAM REQUESTS:

U5, U6, & U7: Requests are not taken. Players are grouped together differently during each session.

U8 – U15: Our goal is to form balanced teams through the draft process. Requests will not be taken, except in the case of siblings playing in the same age group. Please communicate any extenuating circumstances directly to the age group coordinator. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

EQUIPMENT: Each player will receive a team shirt, shorts and socks. Every child must wear shin guards at games and practices. Sneakers or soccer shoes are needed. All players need to bring a soccer ball (see size chart below) and water to games and practices. Customized Grand Island Soccer Club balls are available. (some exceptions re: U5/U6/U7 program)

U5, U6, U7 Micro Soccer - ball included

U8 thru U12 - Size 4 predominately

U15 - Size 5

COACHES, U5/U6/U7 FACILITATORS, & ASSISTANT COACHES: As a volunteer organization, we need U5/U6/U7 facilitators, as well as coaches for the balance of the house age-groups. This is a great way to be involved in your child's activities. No experience necessary. Coach volunteers will be contacted immediately after registration. To get involved, please register yourself when completing your child's online registration. All adults (age 18 and over) must provide a valid e-mail address and submit to a background check before coaching. Youth coaches are welcome, with adult supervision.

VOLUNTEERS: We welcome all volunteers. We always need extra hands to help with various tasks. If you are interested in the administration of the Club, come to any Board Meeting held on the second Monday or Tuesday of the month. Refer to the website to confirm meeting date, time, and location. The future of the Grand Island Soccer Club depends on our volunteers. To get involved, register yourself when completing your child's online registration or check the boxes on page 2 of the paper application.

STANDINGS, TROPHIES, ETC.: End of the year parties, trophies, etc. are up to each individual team & should be organized by the parents. GISC does not provide trophies or awards (may be exceptions, re: the U5/U6/U7 age groups). Meant to be a “FUN” program, & we do not keep standings. Please let your coach know if you are willing to help.

TRAVEL PLAYERS: Registered Grand Island Soccer Club Travel players who wish to play House must send in an application indicating the House age group they wish to play in, along with the respective fee. Travel players are encouraged to play “up” an age group. (per the next older age group/as applicable)

If you have general questions about the Grand Island Soccer Club's Recreational Leagues (U8 – U15), go to www.gisoccerclub.org (FAQ's & other), OR contact the Recreational Program Coordinators (see web site)

If you have questions re: U5/U6/U7 Micro Program, go to www.gisoccerclub.org OR please contact the GISC resource(s) listed: mrudney@hotmail.com and/or huttonr2@gmail.com



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