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Dear Biddeford Recreation Soccer Families:

Soccer season starts later this month and we can't wait for fall sports! We are sharing this informational update with reminders to make sure everyone is prepared for the season and ensure the best experience for your child!

Rosters: You will receive an email from Biddeford Recreation letting you know what team your child is on and instructions on how to access their schedules. Many variables are considered when determining teams to keep them balanced, and we thank you in advance for understanding that we are unable to take teammate requests or accommodate switching now that teams have been finalized.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Division Schedule: Season Dates are September 19th, 2026 through October 31st, 2026. No soccer on Saturday, October 10th.

- **Pre-K** meets Saturdays at St. Louis field at 9:00am.
- **Kindergarten** meets Saturdays at St. Louis field at 10:00am.

Grades 1-6 Practice Info: starts the last week of August, dates noted below. Teams must have a volunteer coach in place to start the season. To accommodate school open house schedules and families who are on vacation, the first practices of the season are treated like pre-season – it is ok to miss these sessions or arrive late if needed!

Practice schedules are as follows and are also available online under Team Info:

Girls Grades 1-6 division Info: *first practice will be Thursday, August 27th.*

- Girls Grades 1-4: Tuesday's and Thursday's 5:30-6:30PM, St. Louis Field
- Girls Grades 5-6: Tuesday's and Thursday's 5:30-6:45PM, Martel Field at Rotary Park

Boys Grades 1-6 division Info: *first practice will be Wednesday, August 26th (6:30pm start this day only)*

- Boys Grades 1-4: Monday's and Wednesday's 5:30-6:30PM, St. Louis Field
- Boys Grades 5-6: Monday's and Wednesday's 5:30-6:45PM, Martel Field at Rotary Park

Games for Grades 1-6 Divisions: games will be held on Saturdays starting September 19th. We will add those schedules to your child's roster under Team Info following the regional community meeting, typically held at the end of August.

Fall Sports Picture Day: all 1st – 6th divisions will participate in Picture Day on Saturday, September 12th at St. Louis Field. Pre-K & Kindergarten Picture Day will be Saturday, October 17th. Players will receive their team t-shirts, have photos taken by Joe McKenney Photography, and participate in a fun day of practices and games. Please look for separate updates later this month about Picture Day with the team schedules and photo ordering information.

Equipment Needed: Shin Guards are required. Cleats are recommended for PreK-4th grade divisions and required for Grades 5&6 divisions.

Volunteer Coaches: Our youth sports program rely on team volunteers and if you are available to volunteer as a coach this season, please includes this during your child's registration. Teams in Grades 1-6 must have a coach in place to start the season. If you did not initially sign up and would like to help, please contact Biddeford Recreation Sports Coordinator Mike Fecteau at mike.fecteau@biddefordmaine.org. We will provide a coaches handbook and can supply practice plans. Thank you for supporting our programs!

Cancellations: practices and games may be impacted by weather throughout the season. Weekday practice cancellations are typically determined by 3:00PM and weekend cancellations are typically determined that morning. Updates are posted as an alert at www.biddefordrec.com. Whenever possible, we may also email or text schedule changes, so please make sure your contact information is current in your Biddeford Recreation household account online. Facebook will not be used to post schedule updates this season.

Questions? Please email Biddeford Recreation Sports Coordinator Mike Fecteau at mike.fecteau@biddefordmaine.org or Tyler Stewart at tyler.stewart@biddefordmaine.org

Thank you for taking the time to read through this! We look forward to a great soccer season and will see you all on the fields this fall!

Sincerely,

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