



# *Parents' Information*

<http://buffalosoccer.org>

Welcome to Buffalo Soccer Club, where soccer is fun for boys and girls ages 4 through 17! Whether you're new to BSC or you've been involved before, please take a moment to read the following information. Please check our website - <http://buffalosoccer.org> for updates throughout the season.

### About BSC

Buffalo Soccer Club is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization providing the children in the city of Buffalo and surrounding communities the opportunity to play affordable recreational soccer.

### BSC Schedules

Player Clinics are provided at no charge to club members and are scheduled in May. These dates change from year to year. Please check the website at <http://buffalosoccer.org> for the specific dates. The soccer season typically starts during the third week in May and the season concludes in late July with the exception of the Tournament for U8 through U17 teams. Practices are scheduled by the coaches. Games will be scheduled and posted on the BSC website at <http://buffalosoccer.org>. Typically, make up games are scheduled on Saturdays (with coaches' discretion). There may be an occasional Thursday game scheduled while school is still in session to avoid later games during school season.

### Players' Clinics

Players' clinics will be held in May. Please check the BSC website for specific dates and times.

### Coaches/Volunteers

***Without coaches we can't have teams!!*** If you are interested in coaching or helping in any capacity – please let us know! We offer many learning opportunities for parents to get involved in coaching soccer for their children!

### Important Rules and Required Equipment

Shin guards covered by long socks are the only required equipment. **Every player must wear appropriate shin guards in order to play.** No jewelry may be worn by any player during the games. ***Please refrain from having your child(ren)'s ear(s) pierced during the season. Earrings are NOT permitted on the field for any reason!*** Medical bracelets are the only exception and they must be taped. It is recommended that each child have their own ball. Soccer balls vary in sizes. Following is the breakdown of appropriate sizes per division: Size 3 – U6; Size 4 – U8 and U10; and Size 5 – U13-U17.

### Teams

We form our teams with fairness and integrity! Our unique sports program generates team rosters based on certain criteria. Coaches' sons/daughters are placed on his/her parent's team. Once teams are set, we will not make adjustments. It is impossible for the club to accommodate every special request; therefore, no special arrangement of teams is permitted. Please Don't Ask!

### Picture Day

Picture dates will be scheduled in June. As our photographers have 1000 children to get through the system, please note that this can be a very hectic night. Your cooperation, patience and guidance would be greatly appreciated. Your team's specific schedule will be distributed with the jerseys. Please plan to arrive 15

minutes prior to scheduled time. Please be sure to be on time for your scheduled photos and complete your picture form before arriving to the field. Late players may not be included in the team picture. Pictures are scheduled at Bentfield Mills Field, with the Civic Center as a rain backup. (If the whether is questionable, the pictures will be taken at the Buffalo Civic Center (Ice Arena.) U6 and U8 Pictures will be taken at the Buffalo High School. U10, U13 and U17 pictures will be at the main fields behind the U8 fields. You will have the opportunity to order individual, team and even buddy photos.

### Tournament

Teams in U8 through U17 are entered into an end-of-the-season tournament. The tournament schedules will be posted on our website - <http://buffalosoccer.org>. Schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather. Tournament seating is determined by league standing. Players and families alike really look forward to this fun weekend of play!

### First Aid

All fields will be equipped with basic first aid kits. Teams shall bring plastic bags and ice to games. This task could be assigned to parents.

### Team Managers

If you are interested in helping the team as a manager please let your coach know. Team managers can help coaches with a variety of things, such as creating treat schedules, phone trees, practice schedules and communication. Many coaches would appreciate help in these or other areas.

### Treats

It has been customary that players bring snacks and drinks for each game. Generally, a snack/drink schedule will be provided to the parents by the coach or team manager.

### Practices

Practice schedules are determined by volunteer coaches. Field availability is first come first served for practices. There are many fields around town that can be used for practices.

### Weather / Game Cancellations

**Severe Weather Warnings:** Any Severe Weather Warnings issued by the National Weather Service for Wright County after 4:00 pm will cancel all games during the time of the warning.

**Heat Index:** If the heat index is above 92 degrees all Buffalo Soccer Club games will be canceled! The first Website used to determine Heat Index will be:

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=45.159&lon=-93.843>

<http://weather.noaa.gov/weather/current/KCFE.html>

This determination will be made a Buffalo Soccer Club representative and our web site will be updated with this information at **5:00 pm**.

Buffalo Soccer Club website is: <http://buffalosoccer.org>.

**Other weather conditions:** If lightning is present, games will be canceled. Games cannot resume until ½ hour after the last sighting of lightning. **All games stopped after completion of the first half is considered a complete game. These games will not resume after a delay. All Players, coaches, referees, and spectators must leave the playing fields, compliance is mandatory.** Passing thunderstorms may affect only one game. If games are canceled due to lightning or thunderstorms, the coach will notify team members. If you coach does not tell you the process, please be sure to ask your coach.

### Game Location:

Games are played at Bentfield Mills Park located at the corner of CR 134 (Calder Rd) and CR 34. See map enclosed. The U10 through U17 fields are located on the North end of the park. The U6 and U8 fields are located at Buffalo High School.

### Refund Policy:

Please use the Refund form located on the <http://buffalosoccer.org> website under the Registration Heading – Refund dropdown.

Fill out the required information, save the PDF and either email it to the email address listed on the form, or after saving the form, print the form and mail it to the address listed on the PDF.

Buffalo Soccer Club refund policy is located in the bottom of the PDF document.

### Our Website

For more information please visit our website at <http://buffalosoccer.org>.

# Civic Center - Bentfield Mills

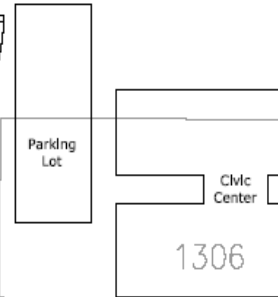
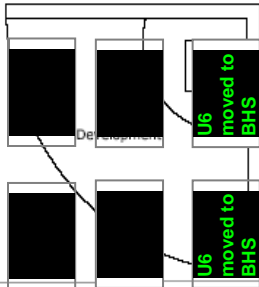
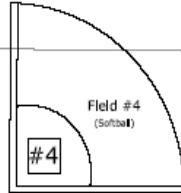
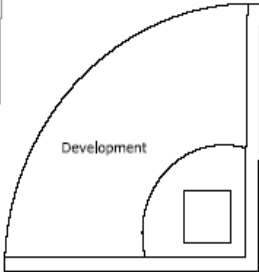
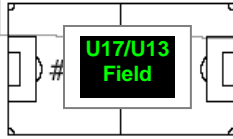
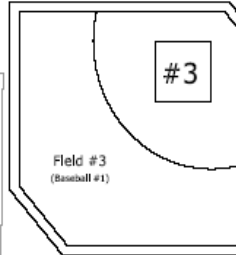
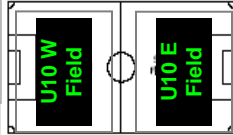
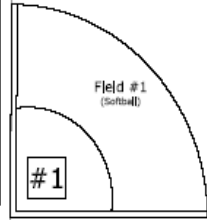
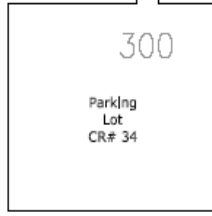
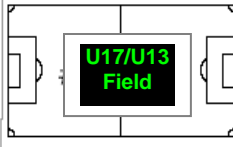
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