



## LYME OLD LYME SOCCER CLUB PARENT INFORMATION AND ORIENTATION

On behalf of the Lyme Old Lyme Soccer Club, we would like to thank you for your interest in our soccer program. We are a group of volunteers dedicated to providing your children with an enjoyable soccer experience and the opportunity for each player to reach their own potential.

We feel it's important for all parents to have a clear understanding of the commitment involved, both from a time and financial perspective, and our expectations for our coaches, parents and volunteers.

The following information will help to give you a clear understanding of the LOLSC soccer program.

<b>Important time frames</b>	<p>Registration is <u>online</u>, opens early April and will be accepted until early May. Players not registered by the deadline will not be included in evaluations and will be placed on a wait list. In addition, a \$25 late fee will be applied to those accepted off the wait list.</p> <p>The Soccer Skills Evaluations are typically scheduled in June at Town Woods. Times and important details will be posted on the website homepage. All registered LOLSC players are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of the evaluations in order to help our volunteers with placements on fall teams. Players may attend both of the evaluation days. If attending both days, the highest evaluation score will be used in placing players on teams. LOLSC will also post more details of evaluation times on our website <a href="http://www.lolsc.com">www.lolsc.com</a> and via an additional club-wide email communication.</p> <p>Practices will generally begin the last week of August and the Fall outdoor season officially begins Labor Day weekend. The season will normally end by the second week of November.</p> <p>Most players also take part in the Winter indoor soccer league with a coach's choice of three venues: Renegade in Waterford, SportsPlex in Branford or Wide World of Indoor Sports in Montville. Session One runs November through the end of January, Session two February through the end of March.</p> <p>We also offer an outdoor Spring league. Registration is in March, practices begin at the end of April and games are scheduled in May and early June.</p>
<b>What is the time commitment?</b>	<p>For the Fall season, your child will have two 90 minute practices at Town Woods Park each week. (Once middle school soccer practice/games commence, our U14 teams usually practice once a week.)</p> <p>In addition, there will be one game per weekend unless there is a tournament or a make-up game. We play four home at Town Woods Park and four district away games each fall outdoor season.</p>

	<p>The LOLSC Board of Directors also encourages each coach and team to participate in one of the many regional fall soccer tournaments. This is, however, optional. Entry and participation is at the discretion of each coach.</p> <p>The LOLSC in conjunction with our training partner UK International Soccer also offers Soccer Development Schools and Summer Soccer camps and clinics. Specific times and dates to be announced and posted on our website and communicated via club wide email.</p>
<p><b>What are the costs involved and is there financial aid available?</b></p>	<p>The approximate fee breakdown is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fall outdoor soccer Registration - \$175.00, \$150 for each additional player per family.</li> <li>- Uniforms: \$80.00 (Not every year) Starting U10 players will have to purchase uniforms for the fall season.</li> <li>- In addition, all players are required to have shin guards, cleats and an appropriate sized soccer ball (Size 4 for U10-U12, size 5 for U14).</li> <li>- Optional Spring and Summer Clinics- approx. \$120/clinic</li> <li>- Optional tournament fees additional</li> </ul> <p>Winter indoor soccer fees are approximately \$100.00 per session depending on the venue the coach selects. Some players elect to participate in two winter indoor sessions.</p> <p>Spring soccer registration is approximately \$50.00 per player.</p> <p>Financial aid is available. Please contact any LOLSC board member and your questions will be promptly answered in complete confidence.</p>
<p><b>When are payments due?</b></p>	<p>Payments for the fall outdoor season are due at the time you register your child online.</p> <p>Past due balances must be settled prior to acceptance of the current registration. Players with an outstanding balance will not be allowed to evaluate. Please contact LOLSC if you have financial concerns as scholarships are available.</p>
<p><b>What documents are required?</b></p>	<p>In addition to the registration, player photo and medical release form (part of the online Registration form), a copy of your child's birth certificate will be required for <u>new</u> players. Photos and birth certificates can be uploaded with the online registration form.</p>

<p><b>What team will my child play for?</b></p>	<p>The teams are based on the age/birth year of your child. Please refer to the “US Soccer Birth Year and Season Matrix” under the “Documents” section of the website.</p> <p>Waivers may be submitted for review to play up with classmates.</p>
<p><b>Can my child play Premier and/or Middle School and Club Soccer?</b></p>	<p>Generally, yes. For the U14 classification, any team having a single premier player will have to play in the district classic/A division.</p>
<p><b>How are coaches selected?</b></p>	<p>Each head coach is evaluated and appointed at the discretion of the LOLSC Board of Directors. Coaches subscribe to LOLSC philosophy and policies. Coaching interest forms will be sent out with the fall player registration and are also accessible via the website. All coaches registered with the LOLSC and CJSA are required to submit to a background check and pass the online concussion training course.</p>
<p><b>How much will my child play?</b></p>	<p>Our travel soccer program is competitive and may not be for every child. The protocol for playing is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LOLSC protocol is such that whenever possible our players are granted equal playing time assuming a roster size of 12 to 16 for 7v7 and 9v9 and 16 to 20 for 11v11.</li> <li>- The effort displayed in practice and attitude can have a positive or negative impact on playing time.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How many children will be on each team?</b></p>	<p>There are guidelines that the club follows with regards to roster sizes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ideally teams playing 7v7 and 9v9 (U10 – U12 RecPlus) will have 12 to 16 players.</li> <li>- Ideally teams playing 11v11 (U14 Classic and RecPlus) will have 16 to 20 players.</li> </ul> <p>The LOLSC BOD may from time to time allow for exceptions to the above roster sizes.</p>

<p><b>How are teams classified?</b></p>	<p>The LOLSC is affiliated with SECJSA (Southeast Connecticut Junior Soccer Association). LOLSC typically fields teams in three age groups: U10, U12 and U14. In order to allow teams to compete in a level manner vs teams of their own age and skill level teams are classified into two subsets: RecPlus and Classic.</p> <p>Your child's team will play other clubs that use the same classification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LOLSC provides a professionally run and impartial evaluation package in the summer to classify each player at the appropriate and similar skill level prior to the fall outdoor soccer season.</li> <li>• All LOLSC players are expected to attend the formal player evaluations and will be placed on a team based on current evaluation.</li> <li>• Parents will not have input as to which team their child plays for. All players must remain in and play within the division at which the player evaluated in.</li> <li>• With each indoor soccer session, please be aware that team placement may be adjusted/changed from the fall outdoor team due to overall indoor roster numbers and in order to maintain an appropriate level of competitiveness. The LOLSC is committed to creating a fair, equitable and competitive soccer experience for all players and coaches.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How will we receive club/team communication during the season?</b></p>	<p>Each team head coach is responsible for all communication as it relates to his or her team and should have the assistance of a team manager or assistant coach. Please volunteer for these positions if you would like to be involved with helping the team.</p> <p>In addition, information pertinent to the LOLSC will be posted on our website <a href="http://www.lolsc.com">www.lolsc.com</a> and will be sent out via club-wide email.</p>

<p><b>What does the LOLSC expect from our parents?</b></p>	<p>The LOLSC is run entirely by volunteers. There are many things that must occur in order for your children to have the opportunity to play soccer. <b>Please consider volunteering. If interested, please contact any board member.</b></p> <p>The LOLSC &amp; SECJSA expect the highest standard of sportsmanship from all LOLSC coaches, players, parents and club officers.</p> <p>We also ask that you notify your coach if you expect regular conflicts with practice or games. Some examples include children playing premier or other sports.</p> <p>If you are asked to assist with coaching duties, you must fill out a volunteer form and return it to the LOLSC Registrar. <b>Volunteers may not assist with on-field activities without having completed the volunteer form, background check and online concussion training course.</b></p> <p>Players and parents are expected and encouraged to read the expectations listed under the “Documents” tab on our website.</p> <p>The LOLSC values the opinions of our parents and would like to hear from you. Please feel free to email any questions to your LOLSC Board of Directors (for additional info please read the “Contacts” section).</p>
<p><b>Summary of LOLSC services and training initiatives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professionally run evaluation package powered by our training partner, UK International Soccer.</li> <li>• Optional Spring development camp.</li> <li>• Professionally run summer soccer clinics/camps with UKIS.</li> <li>• 2 fall outdoor practices a week at Town Woods Park.</li> <li>• 4 home games at Town Woods Park and 4 district away games.</li> <li>• Resident UKIS trainer dedicated to our club. The UKIS trainer will work with our players and coaches during practice and games.</li> <li>• Professional coaching clinics for LOLSC coaches.</li> <li>• LOLSC/UKIS involvement at the Park and Rec level.</li> <li>• <b>A positive experience in a quality organization for you and your child.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Helpful Links</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lyme Old Lyme Soccer Club: <a href="http://www.lolsc.com">www.lolsc.com</a></li> <li>- SECJSA: <a href="http://www.SECJSA.org">http://www.SECJSA.org</a></li> <li>- Connecticut Junior Soccer Association: <a href="http://www.CJSA.org">www.CJSA.org</a></li> <li>- UK International Soccer: <a href="http://www.uksoccer.com">http://www.uksoccer.com</a></li> </ul>

<p><b>Key Contacts</b></p>	<p>Your team’s head coach will provide all team specific information and contacts once the season begins. Your coach will also be your main point of contact for all team related questions.</p> <p>Parents concerned about the treatment of their child should address their head coach directly in a professional and courteous manner. <b>Please follow the “24 hour rule.”</b> If there is not a satisfactory resolution within 24 hours, a meeting can then be set up with a LOLSC club officer. Contact information for the LOLSC Board of Directors is listed on the LOLSC web site <a href="http://www.lolsc.com">www.lolsc.com</a> or email us at <a href="mailto:lolsoccerclub@hotmail.com">lolsoccerclub@hotmail.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Registration Checklist</b></p>	<p>Registration is <b>ONLINE</b>, opens early April and closes early May. Fee is \$175 per player, \$150 for each additional player per family.</p> <p>Registration includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed registration form online</li> <li>• Coaching form (if interested in coaching)</li> <li>• Birth certificate - upload online (new players only)</li> <li>• License-size photo of player - upload online</li> </ul> <p>Please see the <a href="#">LOLSC</a> home page for June evaluation times and important details on what to wear and bring.</p>