

# Kenmore Soccer News

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## Free Futsal Begins on Saturday 1/9 Registration Ends on 1/3

Futsal is the world's indoor soccer activity, and is just beginning to grow in the United States. Played on a hard surface with a padded ball that restricts the ability of the ball to bounce, Futsal emphasizes passing and movement without the ball. Played professionally throughout South America and Asia, it is the sport that began the soccer careers of Lionel Messi, Pele, and the late Diego Maradona.

Kenmore Soccer will operate a free Futsal program on Saturdays at the Epic Center. It will run on Saturday mornings between 10:00am and 1:00pm, starting January 9th and ending March 27th. Our target audience is players born between 2009 and 2013. Registration is open through Monday January 3rd, using your existing account on the club web site. However, the Futsal program is open to everyone, and we encourage you to market this opportunity to anyone you know who has a child born in the above years.

Parents who are interested in the free Futsal program, but are not currently members of Kenmore Soccer, will need to follow the instructions under the Join Kenmore Soccer link on the web site, in order to set up an account to register their child.

## Indoor Training Schedules Posted for January-March

- The Team Training and Academy schedules for January-March 2021 have been posted to the club web site at [www.kenmoresoccer.com](http://www.kenmoresoccer.com), and can be accessed via links on the Teams and Schedules page.
- Due to COVID-19 and the resultant impact on school districts, all school facilities have been closed to outside usage this year. As a result, Kenmore Soccer has rented turf field space at the Epic Center in Williamsville, and created schedules that result in a training activity for every player on a weekly basis.
- We encourage parents to print the schedule for their child's team, as the training times vary on alternating weeks. While we recognize this may lead to confusion, it is the only way we can accommodate every team and player.
- The indoor schedules conclude at the end of March, at which time we will post outdoor schedules. There will be a break over the Easter/Spring recess period, following which we will begin outdoor activities. The outdoor schedules will be posted in early April.
- As always, our thanks to our parents and coaches as we navigate this unusual period.

Here are the 2021 playing dates for the Buffalo/WNY  
Junior Soccer League

8/10/20

**2021 B&WNYJSL PLAYING DATES**

**FINAL**

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
<b>MAY</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
	9	10 B11/12 (1)	11 G11/12 (1)	12	13	14 U10 (1)	15	
	16	17 B11/12 (2)	18 G11/12 (2)	19 U10 (2)	20 B11/12(3)	21 Holiday	22	
	23	24 Holiday	25 B13/14 (1) G11/12 (3)	26 U17 (1) U19 (1)	27 U15 (1) U16 (1)	28 U10 (3)	29	
	30	31 B11/12 (4) G13/14 (1)	1 B13/14 (2) G11/12 (4)	2 U17 (2) U19 (2)	3 U15 (2) U16 (2)	4 U10 (4)	5	
<b>JUNE</b>	6	7 B11/12 (5) G13/14 (2)	8 B13/14 (3) G11/12 (5)	9 U17 (3) U19 (3)	10 U15 (3) U16 (3)	11 U10 (5)	12 Odenbach	
	13	14 B11/12 (6) G13/14 (3)	15 B13/14 (4) G11/12 (6)	16 U17 (4) U19 (4)	17 U15 (4) U16 (4)	18 U10 (6)	19	
	20	21 B11/12 (7) G13/14 (4)	22 B13/14 (5) G11/12 (7)	23 U17 (5) U19 (5)	24 U15 (5) U16 (5)	25 U10 (7)	26	
	27	28 B11/12 (8) G13/14 (5)	29 B13/14 (6) G11/12 (8)	30 U17 (6) U19 (6)	1 U15 (6) U16 (6)	2 U10 (8)	3 Holiday	
	4	5 Holiday	6 B13/14(7) G11/12 (9)	7 U17 (7) U19 (7)	8 U15 (7) U16 (7)	9 U10 (9)	10	
<b>JULY</b>	11	12 B11/12 (9) G13/14 (6)	13 B13/14 (8) G11/12 (10)	14 U17 (8) U19 (8)	15 U15 (8) U16 (8)	16 U10 (10)	17	
	18	19 B11/12 (10) G13/14 (7)	20 B13/14 (9) G11/12 (11)	21 U17 (9) U19 (9)	22 U15 (9) U16 (9)	23 U10 (11) G13/14(8)	24	
	25	26 B11/12 (11) G13/14 (9)	27 B13/14 (10)	28 U17 (10) U19 (10)	29 U15 (10) U16 (10)	30	31	
	<b>AUG</b>	1	2 G13/14 (10)	3 B13/14 (11)	4 U17 (11)	5 U15 (11) U16 (11)	6 G13/14 (11)	7
					4 U19 (11)			

**NOTE:** Week #11 is for Divisions that have a bye week due to an uneven number of teams in the Division

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## Reminders

- ⇒ If you need to be fitted for a Macron uniform kit, please e-mail Ken Voght at [voght@msn.com](mailto:voght@msn.com). If you have been fitted, but have not placed your order as of yet, use the e-mail link that was issued following player fittings. Everything is done on-line, and shipping is direct to you.
- ⇒ Follow the on-line team schedules for training, but remember that your coach may make late changes that may not be reflected in the on-line schedule.
- ⇒ If the weather causes the Epic Center to close, we will issue an e-mail alert. However, history tells us that they rarely close.
- ⇒ Although we pay significant rent for use of the Epic Center, we are still guests and must follow all of their current COVID-19 protocols. We appreciate the cooperation of all of our players and parents to date.
- ⇒ We offer Open Futsal, Academy, and Advanced Academy programs, which are at no additional cost to our travel players. We encourage you to take advantage of these added opportunities. Schedules are linked through the Teams and Schedules page of the club web site.

## Goalkeepers Wanted.....Specialized Training Continues

Kenmore Soccer is looking for individuals who are current goalkeepers looking for a change, or for players interested in becoming a goalkeeper. We offer specialized training and playing opportunities, and all you need is a desire to play the position and a willingness to work hard (and a set of gloves!).

Our Goalkeeping Academy is held every Saturday from 7:00-8:00pm on Field 2 at the Epic Center, with our Goalkeeping Coach Giovanni Cambareri. There is no added cost for these sessions, or for any of our Academy sessions for players.

We have spots in many age groups, so if you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please let us know - e-mail at [voght@msn.com](mailto:voght@msn.com), or telephone Operations Manager Ken Voght at 837-1627.

## Trivia Question

(answer on page 7)

What is the oldest stadium that still hosts international matches?

## Six Life Lessons Your Child Can Learn from Soccer

1. **Teamwork** - Soccer requires a great deal of teamwork. Each player has a different, important role to play: the defenders stop their opponents from scoring, the midfielders back up the defenders, spread play and serve as a link to the attackers, whose main role is to score goals. Trusting teammates to do their jobs is of the utmost importance to success. One person does not make a team, and the different skills and experiences of the players – both individually and working together – help to build confidence in each other. Being able to function as part of a successful team is one of the most important lessons any child can learn. They may not always work as part of a larger group, but being able to relate to, trust and communicate with others will serve them well.
2. **Discipline**—At any level of play, soccer requires discipline. A player’s self-control must extend beyond the physical requirement of passing accurately, controlling the ball and working for good field position. Hostile opponents, rough tackles, a biased referee... there are hundreds of emotional challenges in every game, and a player’s emotional control can be the difference between winning and losing. The physical aspect also gets tougher at more serious levels of play. Each player’s every move in practice and in matches is recorded on film and analyzed by coaches. Implementing changes for improvement demands that players show a great deal of self-awareness and the discipline to continually monitor their movement and position on the field. On top of this, attaining higher professional levels requires discipline off the pitch. Strict behavior rules and curfews are regularly implemented by coaching staff. Obeying them without complaint helps players become more disciplined and can easily be the difference between success and failure at the highest professional levels. Children with strong, healthy self-discipline almost always do better in life, whether that means earning more, achieving more or being happier. Soccer teaches this essential skill without resorting to cruel or brutal methods.
3. **Hard work**—Alongside teamwork, soccer teaches that the only sure path to success is through hard work. This is especially true at local league and professional levels, where players frequently have to work very hard – and often in unfriendly conditions – in order to reach the goals set by their trainers and coaches. Players also learn that, in order to be successful in the game, they have to go the extra mile. Where their teammates may practice for an hour, the best players will practice for three or four. Top players like [Lionel Messi](#), [Cristiano Ronaldo](#) and [Xavi](#) are known to practice longer than their teammates. This has helped them get to the level at which they play, and to maintain their success. Soccer not only teaches children that hard work is required to achieve results, but that hard work does not necessarily guarantee success. It’s a tough lesson to learn, but even though children who work hard may not always achieve more than those who do not, they are generally more satisfied with what they achieve.
4. **Setting Goals**—There are a lot of things soccer players do that can be measured. And where there is measurement, there is a sure chance of improvement. Setting goals helps achieve that improvement. For example, an attacker can set goals to increase running speed, to improve ball control or to score a certain number of goals in a season. A defender can set goals to reduce their number of rough tackles, increase their jumping height for handling corner kicks or work on improving stamina. A midfielder could work to increase the number of passes and their accuracy while a goalkeeper always tries to reduce the number of goals they let in. Humans have a strong need to grow and improve. Soccer helps children get started on the right foot with good goal-setting habits, based not on fantasy but on things that can be measured.
5. **Perseverance**—Soccer provides an enormous number of challenges that test and help build perseverance. Losing a big game, being cut from the first team, missing or conceding a goal that costs the game – all these and many other challenges constantly pick at a player’s confidence and tempt him or her to quit. The physical side of the game also demands perseverance, both physical and mental. Unless a player is substituted during play, they will be on the field and active for 45 minutes without any breaks. And after the half-time whistle, they’ll have another 45 minutes to cope with. Players may not be running the whole time they are on the pitch, but they still have to be active, aware and ready to respond to changes in play at any time. Soccer is an excellent tool for building mental and physical stamina in children. They don’t have to play full 90-minute games, of course, but encouraging them to be active and aware throughout the entire match builds physical and mental muscles that will serve them well.
6. **Healthy Competition**—Like all good sports, soccer provides an avenue for healthy competition. It’s true that winning matches is much nicer, but players learn not to react badly, regardless of the outcome. As they say, “it’s the taking part that counts”. This can be a tough lesson to teach, as professional soccer players do not always show sportsmanlike conduct even if they win. Soccer has a reputation as an extremely competitive sport, so it is important to reinforce the times when players act in a sporting fashion or shake hands after a match. With its long history as both a pastime and a professional sport, soccer is much more than just a simple game. If the positive lessons it teaches are taken to heart, children can get much more out of soccer than just a bit of exercise.

## **We still have some Kenmore Soccer Masks and Gaiters available for sale!**

**Adjustable over the ear Kenmore Soccer Club Mask: \$10.00 each**



**Kenmore Soccer Club Neck Gaiter: \$10.00 each** - Two sizes available: S/M or L/XL



### **How to Order:**

Option 1: Venmo your order details and payment information to **@Dianna-Scott-2**

Option 2: Email [kenmoremaskorder@gmail.com](mailto:kenmoremaskorder@gmail.com) with your order details and then a cash payment will be required upon delivery

When you decide which option you would like to use to purchase your masks and/or gaiters please include the following when submitting your order:

- Child's Name
- Team Name/Coach Name
- Quantity of each product you choose to purchase
- If ordering gaiters please make sure to specify which size (S/M or L/XL)
- Best contact information (cell and/or email)

These have already arrived and are available now. Orders will be dropped off at team practices.

If you have any questions, please email [kenmoremaskorder@gmail.com](mailto:kenmoremaskorder@gmail.com).

**Let's continue to keep our players and families healthy and safe!**

## Kenmore Soccer is in the Social Media World

Kenmore Soccer has joined the social media experience by creating sites within Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. Links to the all of the platforms are on the left hand side of our web site landing page.

Teams (or parents for that matter), can post information on these sites by following these instructions:

### Instagram:

If someone posts a picture to their account and wants to tag Kenmore Soccer or include us in a comment, tag our account by using @kenmoresoccerclub

### Twitter:

Anyone can tweet to the Kenmore Soccer page or include us in a post by tagging us using @KenmoreSoccer

### Facebook:

Anyone can post to the wall on the Kenmore page, write a comment on posts, or post a picture/video to the page.

If someone wants to tag Kenmore Soccer Club in a post or picture, they need to type @kenmoresoccerclub

All other photos/videos can be sent to [kenmoresoccerclub@gmail.com](mailto:kenmoresoccerclub@gmail.com).

We have a number of followers on these sites, and you might notice that it includes Celtic FC who has posted information. There are also photos from the Buffalo State Futsal Tournaments, featuring a number of our Kenmore Soccer teams. Most importantly, we have uploaded video of several individual training sessions.

Join in by following Kenmore Soccer, and by submitting information to post and share with the world!

## Submissions Anyone ??????????????

We want this to be your newsletter. We also want you to be a part of the Club web site. So, we are looking for your ongoing input—articles, pictures, match highlights, team and player recognition, etc. Each team should consider having a designee that can channel information to the Club for inclusion in the newsletter or web site.

Send your submissions to us at [doc@kenmoresoccer.com](mailto:doc@kenmoresoccer.com). Pictures are welcome, but should be in a jpg or gif format.

## Answer to Trivia Question

(from page 3)

The Racecourse Ground is the world's oldest stadium that still hosts international soccer matches. Located in Wrexham, Wales, it was built in 1807 and hosted its first international match in 1877.



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## Fund Raising

The Kenmore Soccer Club is registered to conduct fund-raising, as is required by law, but each activity needs to be approved by our Board of Directors.

If your team wants to conduct any fund-raising, just e-mail us at [doc@kenmoresoccer.com](mailto:doc@kenmoresoccer.com) with the details of what you propose, and the eventual use of the funds raised. We will get back to you promptly.