

# Kenmore Soccer News

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## Kenmore Soccer Teams Plan International Tours for 2021

The 2020-2021 season may see at least seven Kenmore Soccer teams embark on international soccer tours to Europe. This follows on the very successful trips taken to Portugal in 2019 by two of our teams.

All of the trips will combine professional training, competitive matches with youth teams, tours of Academy facilities and stadiums, as well as attendance at premier-level matches in the host country. Of course, there will be some sight-seeing, but the participating players will have soccer activities virtually every day.



The teams (with their current age designations listed) that are planning to tour, as well as their destinations are:

- Kenmore Spurs 11U Boys—Glasgow, Scotland with Celtic FC
- Kenmore Niagara 12U Boys—Lisbon, Portugal with Sporting Lisbon
- Kenmore Niagara 13U Girls—Lisbon, Portugal with Sporting Lisbon
- Kenmore Niagara 13U Boys—Lisbon, Portugal with Sporting Lisbon
- Kenmore Spurs 13U Boys—Glasgow, Scotland with Celtic FC
- Kenmore Niagara 16U Girls—Lisbon, Portugal with Sporting Lisbon
- Kenmore Niagara 17U Girls—Madrid, Spain with Real Madrid, or Bologna, Italy with Bologna

Kenmore Soccer Celtic FC Camp Scheduled  
for July 20th-24th

**On-Line Registration Now Open**



Kenmore Soccer is pleased to once again welcome the staff of the Celtic FC Academy in Glasgow, Scotland to serve as instructors for our Summer Camp. The high level and professionalism they bring is unsurpassed in our area.

Camp will operate during the week of July 20th-24th from 9:00am-3:30pm each day, and will be held at Kenney Field. Players born from 2002-2013 are eligible to participate.

Last summer's camp drew 85 participants, and feedback from campers and the Celtic FC staff was extremely positive. Additional Celtic FC staff will join us this season, as we anticipate that the camp will grow.

Registration is now open on-line through [www.kenmoresoccer.com](http://www.kenmoresoccer.com). When you log into your account you will click on the "new program available" icon, and then select the Celtic FC camp. Fully paid registrations submitted by April 1st will receive a discounted rate of \$150/camper. All other registrations will be at \$175.

The Celtic FC camp is just one of the many benefits that Kenmore Soccer receives through our partnership with Celtic FC, the fourth largest soccer club in the world. Other benefits are team trips to their Academy in Scotland, their annual Elite Camp in Albany for higher-level players, access to their extensive coaching curriculum, and monthly Internet coaching sessions with their staff.

Sign up now for the most outstanding soccer experience offered in this area. We look forward to another exciting summer camp.

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## Macron Fan Wear Now Available Through On-Line Ordering

Macron has created an on-line store for parents who want to order fan wear.

You can order fan wear at <https://macronstore.tuosystems.com/stores/kenmorespirit>. The following items are currently available, but we can add additional items as requested.



Note that uniforms must still be ordered via the separate link that is issued from Macron to parents after the player has been fitted.

## Will You Donate Gently Used Uniforms?

Evans Christian, pastor of the Kenmore Alliance Church and father of a player on our 15U Kenmore Blue Devils, will be leading a mission trip to Africa this summer. As part of the trip, they will be engaging youth in soccer activities.

In preparation for the trip, they are seeking gently used uniforms that they can give to the children, many of whom have never had a soccer kit, let alone a real soccer ball. If you are willing to donate the old Joma kit, or even another kit that no longer fits, we will begin collecting them on March 3rd and March 10th at Edison Elementary School between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. Other dates will be announced in the April newsletter.

Our advance thanks for putting your gently used uniforms to good use.

"At age 13, I went to my dad to complain about a situation (changing defensive positions) where I didn't think I was being treated fairly by a coach. My dad listened very closely to the whole story and then looked at me and told me something that stuck with me for the rest of my life... He simply smiled and said, "Work harder", and walked away. Lesson learned. Stop whining and get to work. Instead of rescuing, excusing and enabling our kids by blaming others and fighting battles for them, or going immediately to the AD, principal and school board to demand the coach be fired... think about teaching our kids the simple wisdom of taking responsibility for their own situation."

- Proactive coaching

### *Trivia Question*

(answer on page 9)

In the 27 seasons that the English Premier League has existed, only two teams outside of the "top six" (Arsenal, Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United, and Tottenham) have won the title. Can you name them and the year that they won?

## Kenmore Spurs 13 and Under Boys Roll Through President's Day Tournament

The Kenmore Spurs 13 and Under team continues to dominate their age group in the western New York area, and expanded their accomplishments by capturing the 14 and Under age group in the Sportsplex President's Day Tournament. Playing up an age group, the boys went undefeated in preliminary round-robin play.

The championship game was a 6-1 rout of Delaware United, a team from the Thruway League, and showed the Spurs continuing domination of the teams in that league.



## Kenmore Spurs 11 and Under Boys Thrash GPS 12 Boys in President's Day Tournament Final



The Kenmore Spurs 11 and Under Boys made it a double on the day at the Sportsplex President's Day Tournament. After a win and three ties in the preliminary games, they faced the GPS 12 and Under boys in the final, a Thruway League team a full year older than the Spurs. Undaunted, the Spurs rolled to a 5-1 win. Congratulations boys!!!

# Hey, Sports Parents, Use the PEACE Method to Curb Your Rage

Uncontrolled aggression is ruining the sports experience for everyone.

by inCourage Sports, Patch Contributor

Last weekend, two fathers were arrested following a fight at a high school hockey game in Connecticut. Unfortunately, their story isn't unique.

- A basketball referee was assaulted at a girls elementary school game in Ohio.
- A violent confrontation at a youth football game in Washington had a referee literally running for his life as parents aggressively chased him off the field and to his car.
- Ugly episodes involving female athletes and physical altercations took place at high school basketball games in New Jersey.
- Spectators swarmed onto the field after a rumor spread about an active shooter at a soccer tournament in California.
- A bench-clearing brawl spread throughout the startled crowd and sparked multiple violent skirmishes at a Kansas State University basketball game against University of Kansas.

While the age groups, genders, sports, and levels of competition may vary, there is one common theme here. Uncontrolled aggression is ruining the sports experience for everyone.

Parents need to immediately stop the propensity to assault and incite disorderly conduct at youth sporting events. Instead of reverting to profanities and even violence, parents need to practice the PEACE method:

## **Patience**

Parents must understand that mistakes will be made during an athletic contest. It is a part of the learning experience for everyone. No one is infallible! Young athletes and officials don't need the added stress of constant yelling and verbal abuse. Therefore, it is imperative to demonstrate patience and reserve judgment.

## **Effort**

Parents should applaud the efforts of their children as well as the efforts of the adults involved in youth sports. Recognize that everyone—from the young athletes to the officials to the staff running the event site—are all doing their best.

## **Appreciation**

Before a parent says something derogatory about a play or call they should take a quick inventory of their own behaviors. How would you feel if you were on the receiving end of your actions or words? Put yourself in the shoes of the players on both teams as well as the adults supporting them. Many of the adults involved are volunteering their time to provide your child with a positive experience.

## **Calm**

Parents need to learn one important lesson: never embarrass your child at a sporting event! A golden rule of being a sports parent is never drawing more attention to yourself than your child. Don't be that parent who is not in control of their emotions and is living vicariously through their child. Screaming at an official and constant harassment is a poor reflection on your child. An out of control parent adds more stress to the youth sports experience for everyone. A calm and reserved approach will benefit your child.

## **Enthusiasm**

Parents should thoroughly enjoy their child's youth sports experience! They should cheer loudly, laugh, have fun, and smile. Parents should set the emotional temperature for the sporting event: a tone of high energy and enthusiasm with respect. It's ok to boo a bad call, be frustrated, and lament missed opportunities if it is in the spirit of friendly competition without malicious intent.

Be passionate and respectful! Focus your energy and spirit into cheering for your child's team. They need all your attention, love, support, and passion!

## Reminders

- ⇒ Order your Macron uniforms kits via the e-mail link that is 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 schools are closed due to weather or any other emergency, training is automatically cancelled for that date.
- ⇒ We are guests in the school facilities. Our use is restricted to the gymnasiums, and everything must be put back the way you found it.
- ⇒ 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.

## KidsPlay.....Spring Registration Starts Soon



Looking for an instructional/recreational soccer program for younger children? There are several in our area that are good, but also a few that are just about money. How can you tell what is best?

- Do they have trained instructors, or are they twisting the arm of parents to become a coach, even if they have minimal to no experience?
- Is it a structured program that combines training with fun small-sided games, or is it just about playing, and the training sessions are nothing more than scrimmages?
- Are the sessions held at set times, and is the length of the session short enough to keep the young players interest?
- Are the fees reasonable, or does it seem that you are supporting some other program through your payments?

When you are comfortable with the answers to these questions, we hope you have considered KidsPlay, a program that has the endorsement of Kenmore Soccer. While there are other good programs in the area, we know that KidsPlay has the focus and structure that not only helps kids learn skills, but also good sportsmanship and fair play.

Check out KidsPlay at [www.kidsplaywny.com](http://www.kidsplaywny.com).

## Kenmore Soccer Joins the Social Media World

Kenmore Soccer has joined the social media experience by creating sites within Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. Links to the first two platforms are on the left hand side of our web site landing page, while we are still working on linkage to the Facebook 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 already have a number of followers on these sites, and you might notice that it includes Celtic FC who posted information on our upcoming Celtic FC Summer Camp. There are also photos from the recent Buffalo State Futsal Tournament, featuring a number of our Kenmore Soccer teams.

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

## Follow Us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook!!!



## Answer to Trivia Question

(from page 4)

- Leicester City in 2016
- Blackburn Rovers in 1995

## 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.



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## Fund Raising

The Kenmore Soccer Club is registered with the New York State Attorney General 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.