



U5 and U6 Players and Parents -

Welcome to the 2019 spring soccer season! The Kiel Soccer Club U5-U6 (Kindergarten) program is the foundation for the youth and high school programs, emphasizing “games with balls” to introduce the fundamentals of the game. We look forward to helping your child develop his/her beginning soccer skills, learn about good sportsmanship and being a team player, and most importantly – *have fun!*

Opening Day

Our season will kick off with our Opening Day on Saturday, April 6th at 11:00 am (watch your email for location). We'll have a brief Parent Meeting – for those who are new to the sport, we'll give you a quick overview and answer any questions you may have. Then we'll introduce the coaches, and your child will have the opportunity to pick up their team t-shirt and meet their teammates.

Coaches: Please plan to stay for our brief “Coach the Coach” session immediately following this meeting.

Schedule

We will practice/scrimmage on Saturdays from 11:30 - 12:30, beginning April 13th. Please see the attached schedule or visit the [U5-U6 program page @kielsoccer.com](http://kielsoccer.com) for week-by-week locations and additional details.

What To Wear & Bring to Practices

Players will be required to wear their team t-shirt as well as shoes, socks, and shin guards every week. (You can purchase shin guards at Fleet Farm, WalMart, or any sporting goods store.) If your player does not have soccer shoes, tennis shoes will work at this level of play. Be sure your child brings a water bottle each week. Soccer balls will be provided by KSC.

What To Expect

At this entry level into the sport, our goals are to help introduce basic skills and to have the kids learn while playing. Teams will be small (typically 8-10 kids) to allow for as much hands-on learning as possible. We will begin practice each week with a warm-up and then move into a series of fun, fundamental skill drills. As the weeks progress, we'll introduce short “scrimmages” between teams, as well.

Parent Coaches Needed!

We are seeking a few more parent coaches to help with practices each week. Please know that you DO NOT need to have any real soccer knowledge to coach in our program - we are a training ground for both future players AND future coaches! Our practices are set up with drill stations – each station is simple to oversee, and aligned to the parent's level of soccer knowledge. Plus, we have our “Coach the Coach” session on Opening Day to give you all the basics. It's a fun, no-pressure way to learn soccer along with your child! If you are interested in coaching, please [message me](#).

Last but not least...IMPORTANT: Seroogy's Fundraiser!

The Club's main fundraiser for the year takes place every spring. This year, we are once again selling delicious candies and coffee just in time for Easter! Each soccer family is asked to sell \$100 worth of merchandise, or can choose to opt out and write a \$50 tax-deductible check directly to the Club instead.

If you have older siblings playing, you should have already received your packet at the March 11th Parent Meeting. However, if you ONLY have a child playing U5-U6, you have two options to participate:

- 1) Visit the [Fundraiser page @kielsoccer.com](http://kielsoccer.com) to find links to order forms and everything you need. **All orders are due THIS FRIDAY March 29th.**
- 2) Opt out by making a tax-deductible \$25 donation.

By participating in this fundraiser, you help the Club continue to keep registration fees low and pay our ongoing operating fees (field maintenance, referee fees, etc.) throughout the year. Thanks, in advance, for your support!

If you have any questions or concerns prior to Opening Day, please feel free to contact me. We are looking forward to a great spring soccer season!

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