



# GREEN BAY STRIKERS 2022 COACHES NEWSLETTER

## THANK YOU!

The Green Bay Strikers Soccer Club would like to thank all the coaches in advance for their time and dedication in making this soccer season a success. Thank you for helping our young players to grow in self-esteem, sportsmanship, and understanding of the game of soccer. Your coaching helps them to develop as team players and above all to have fun.

### Email [info@gbstrikers.org](mailto:info@gbstrikers.org) for:

- \* Trouble contacting a player
- \* Players who quit
- \* Interpreter needs
- \* Injury to a player or coach
- \* Field issues

## DIVISION COORDINATORS

Contact division coordinators for issues with parents, players or other coaches.

### THESE PHONE NUMBERS ARE FOR COACH USE ONLY, PLEASE DO NOT SHARE:

U6 (4 ½ -5)	Kris Scolare	920-819-5672
U8 Boys	Andrea Maloney	920-327-8186
U8 Girls	Donn Bramer	920-676-0769
U10 Boys	Drew Schmidt	530-845-1768
U10 Girls	Scott DeBaker	920-621-0819
U12 Boys	Lisa Schultz	920-461-1319
U12 Girls	Lisa Schultz	920-461-1319
U15 Boys	Tom Matuszak	920-655-4852
U15 Girls	Drew Schmidt	530-845-1768
U19 Boys	Tom Matuszak	920-655-4852
U19Girls	Chelsea Nicholson	608-575-6369

## WEBSITE – [www.gbstrikers.org](http://www.gbstrikers.org)

You can view your team directory and schedules under the “Team Directory” tab. Please visit the “Coaches” tab for electronic copies of Coach resource information.

## TWO-DEEP LEADERSHIP

SAY requires no less than two adults per team (unrelated) to be present at all team functions such as games, practices, tournaments, etc. NO exceptions! This policy provides protection for our players and volunteers. If you are a husband/wife, brother/sister or other related coaching team, please talk with the parents on your team to ensure one other adult is available to help for each event. This also applies to all teams if one of the coaches can't be at a practice or game.

## PRACTICE FIELDS

Reservations are required for practices that are held on soccer fields. **Do not contact the Green Bay or Bellevue Parks department directly.** All field reservations will be for half of the field and all times are 1-hour time slots – 5:30, 6:30 or 7:30pm. To reserve a field, email [fields@gbstrikers.com](mailto:fields@gbstrikers.com). Green spaces are available outside of fields with no reservation needed. See the Coaches tab on the website for details.

## GAME DURATION

These are the correct game durations set by our county organization. **These times may differ from the rulebook.** Please confirm these times with the referees prior to the start of each game.

- U6 (ages 4 ½ -5) 10-minute quarters
- U8 (ages 6-7) 10-minute quarters
- U10 (ages 8-9) 15-minute quarters
- U12 (ages 10-11) 15-minute quarters
- U15 (ages 12-14) 30-minute halves
- U19 (ages 15-18) 40-minute halves

\*\* U6-U12 change sides at quarters

\*\* U15-U19 change sides at halves

## NETS

The nets on the fields will be put up before the start of the season and will remain up for the duration of the season. Please email to report any damage to the nets so we can fix them on a timely basis.

## PICTURES

Sign-up forms for pictures are provided with your information packet. These forms have the time and date for your team to have their group and individual pictures taken. Our photographer is on a very tight schedule so please be ready at your assigned time. The pictures will be given out by the Division Coordinators. For most divisions this will be at the Soccerfest. If your pictures are not taken due to adverse weather conditions, make-up dates will be arranged separately. Bramer Photography will provide a free 5x7 to each coach-see the coupon in your packet for details.

## PLAYER RATINGS

Ratings are vital for ensuring that next year's team draft yields evenly distributed skills. Please discuss each player's rating with your co-coach. Please watch your email for information on how to send in your ratings this season.

## EQUIPMENT RETURN

**U6, U15, and U19** teams will be arranged by your Division Coordinator. **U8-U12** teams turn in after your last game at Soccerfest. Return the following items to your Division Coordinator:

- BOTH SOCCER BALLS
- MESH BALL BAG

## SOCCER FESTIVAL

Our annual U8-U12 Soccer Festival will be held at Wilder Park on Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17, 2022. The festival gives the teams a chance to experience a tournament type atmosphere. Concessions will be available.

## U6 (4 ½ - 5) YEAR OLDS

It is the coaches' responsibility to begin the game on time. If a game does start late, it must be stopped when it is time for the next game to start, even if your game is not done. Only one coach from each team is on the field and does not hinder play. The second coach can work only along the sidelines. NO ONE is allowed behind the goal or goal line.

## U15 & U19 TEAMS

- Makeup games will be held July 5, 6, 7 and July 25-28, 2022.
- Scores for U15-U19 teams will be submitted by the referees.
- The Division Coordinators will keep track of red and yellow cards. Any team that has more than an average of one per game (12 max) will not be allowed to participate in The Tony Litt Tournament.

## TONY LITT TOURNAMENT – U15 & U19 TEAMS

This tournament is part of the official Bay-Lakes league season. It will be held on Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31, 2022 at Southwest Park in De Pere (not at Southwest High School). This tournament is based on ranking for the season. Just because your team isn't one of the top teams doesn't mean you aren't making the tournament. **Always plan to play that weekend.**

## SAFESPORT TRAINING

On March 6, 2017 a bill was introduced to amend the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990. The Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act of 2017 was signed into law on February 14, 2018. This law must be adhered to by all SAY Soccer members. All members are required to report suspected child abuse. **Per SAY, all Coaches must complete the online SafeSport training yearly. The training includes sexual misconduct awareness, emotional and physical misconduct and mandatory reporting.** This training will not only protect your players, it will help to protect you as a Coach. Please see your email for instruction on how to complete this required training.

## CONCUSSIONS

**Per SAY, all Coaches must complete online Concussion training every three years.** You, as a coach, are not liable in regards to determining/treating a concussion. The intent of this training is to make everyone aware of concussions and the health risks connected to them. If you have a player exhibiting any signs of a concussion, remove the player from the practice/game immediately and have the player be seen by a medical professional. They cannot play again until you have a doctor's note clearing the player of injury and allowing them to return to the field of play. **A return to play form must be completed for ANY note of possible concussion. Injury report and return to play forms can be found on the Coaches tab of the website or by emailing [info@gbstrikers.org](mailto:info@gbstrikers.org).**

## WEATHER POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

**A Weather Committee is in place to centralize the cancellation of games due to weather for U6-U12 teams. U15 & U19 divisions are governed under Bay-Lake's policy.** Weather reports and radar data will be used to monitor severe weather such as lightning and heat. **The decision to cancel games will be made by 3pm on game day. Announcements will be made through the Strikers website and Facebook page. IF YOU DO NOT SEE A CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENT REPORT TO THE FIELD AS SCHEDULED. Referees may still cancel games locally due to any weather or field conditions.**

There will be NO delays for U6-U12 divisions due to weather. If severe weather is observed, the remainder of the game is **cancelled**. Later games will be played if the weather has passed. Players and families must leave the field and seek shelter immediately. **The complete weather policy for all age groups is available at [gbstrikers.com](http://gbstrikers.com).**

## CONDUCT

We are committed to quality soccer. We take any violations of the Soccer Sportsmanship Commitment, signed at registration by coaches and parents, seriously. If numerous complaints or red cards are received concerning a coach, parent or player, that individual will be placed on probation for the remainder of the season and the entire next season. Further complaints or red cards will result in that individual being dismissed from the league. There will be zero tolerance policy for behaviors that violate the Soccer Sportsmanship Commitment.

### Please remember to:

- ALWAYS talk positively to your players.
- NEVER allow profanity from coaches, players or parents.
- NEVER harass the referees.
- ALWAYS show good sportsmanship before, during, and after each game.

## NO DOGS

Please remind players and parents that dogs are not allowed at any of the soccer fields, whether the games are at a city park or any school district property. **The police will be called and violations may result in citations.** The only dogs that are allowed are service dogs and they must have the proper credentials displayed.

## COACHES MEETING & DINNER

In appreciation, we are having our annual Coaches Meeting and dinner at The Woods on Wednesday, August 3, 2022. Doors will open with a cash bar at 5:30pm and a complimentary dinner will be served at 6:30pm for each Coach and a guest.

## FEEDBACK

We at the Green Bay Strikers, want you, your players, and parents to have the best soccer experience possible. To do that, we need your help to let us know about any problems or concerns that come up during the season. In addition to providing information, we also need your input on solutions to any problems. If you wish to bring up issues involving coaches, parents, players or referees please contact your Division Coordinator.

## REFEREE FEEDBACK FORM

Please tell the Strikers Board how the referees are performing this season. This form is for coaches to give positive feedback, comment on issues that happened during the game, and provide points of emphasis for additional/continuing training for the referees. To submit an online Referee Feedback Form, go to [www.gbstrikers.org](http://www.gbstrikers.org), Coaches tab and click "Referee Feedback Form".

## HELP WANTED

We are always seeking new volunteers to help continue the Strikers tradition. The Strikers Board of Directors meets monthly to conduct business, usually the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. The Board of Directors are nominated and elected at our Coaches Dinner held in August. Please contact [info@gbstrikers.org](mailto:info@gbstrikers.org) if interested.

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