

# GREEN BAY STRIKERS SOCCER 2023 REGISTRATION NEWSLETTER



EAST GREEN BAY SOCCER PLAYERS, COACHES AND REFEREES  
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**ABOUT US** - The Green Bay Strikers Soccer Club is a non-profit, volunteer-run recreational youth soccer club for the East side of Green Bay. We provide the opportunity for boys and girls, ages 4 1/2 to 18 years of age, to play soccer for fun. On average, about 1100 children participate in our program each summer. Our program's focus is the building of teamwork and self-esteem, having fun through positive approaches to coaching and guaranteed playing time, regardless of skill level.

The Green Bay Strikers and several other Green Bay area clubs are part of Bay-Lakes SAY, playing throughout the Brown County area. Nationally, we are affiliated with SAY (Soccer Association for Youth). SAY is a national non-profit soccer organization founded in 1967 to provide all children the opportunity to have fun, develop athletic skills and build self-esteem through the sport of soccer. All teams are randomly selected to create balanced teams with no try-outs or cuts.

**SPORTSMANSHIP** - Our number one priority is for children to have fun while learning the game of soccer. Through family involvement, we hope to foster team spirit, sportsmanship, social development and a positive self-image. We want players of all backgrounds, ages and abilities to have an equal opportunity to participate, excel and enjoy the game. We need your help to continue our tradition of respect and good sportsmanship.

- Parents and coaches must be a good example to their players by showing respect and good sportsmanship toward their own team as well as the opposing team. Children are aware of how adults handle winning and losing.
- Encourage your child to be gracious in victory. Encourage them to turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement.
- Cheering should always concentrate on the positive. Remember, opponents are necessary friends - without them your child could not participate. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Any coach, parent or player who violates the spirit of our program by degrading any other coach, player, parent or referee, using foul language or otherwise depriving others from enjoying the game, will be suspended, put on probation and/or expelled from the program. Please contact us if you see this behavior so we can take the appropriate action.

**TEAM SELECTION** - Teams are selected using a blind draft, based on the player's age and previous year's ability rating. This makes the teams evenly divided and adds to the enjoyment of the game for all. Coaches' children and siblings are automatically placed on the same team.

Requests to move into an older division or to place siblings on the same team must be submitted in writing to [info@gbstrikers.org](mailto:info@gbstrikers.org).

**\*\*Requests to assign friends to the same team will not be honored.\*\* We place the children of coaches on the same team. Sign up to coach with a friend and your players will be placed together on one team.**

**COACHING** - Without parent volunteers, Green Bay Strikers soccer could not exist. Coaching gives you the opportunity to teach skills, teamwork and sportsmanship while reaping the benefits of personal enjoyment and appreciation from your players. No experience or knowledge of soccer is needed! Full training, equipment and support will be provided by the Green Bay Strikers at no cost to you. All Coaches are required by SAY to complete concussion and SafeSport online training courses. There is no fee for these courses. **In addition to the benefits you'll receive from coaching, all Coaches registering before March 1 will receive a \$20 registration fee discount.**

Registration for coaches is online through the Green Bay Strikers website - [www.gbstrikers.org](http://www.gbstrikers.org). Click the REGISTER link to register your player and select VOLUNTEER to access the coach registration section.

**TWO DEEP LEADERSHIP POLICY** - Two deep leadership means that we need to have two UNRELATED adults (over 18 years of age) with the players at all times. This includes games, practices, parties, etc. For those coaches who are husband/wife, father/daughter, or other related coaching teams, you will need to review your schedule with the parents of your team to ensure one other adult will be at each practice or game.

**REFEREES** – The Green Bay Strikers will accept anyone age 13 and older for referee training. Registration prior to the training is required. The pay rates for the games are \$15-20. **Green Bay Strikers Referee training is mandatory.** New Referees will need to purchase a \$45 uniform and equipment kit. This kit includes a short sleeve shirt, shorts, socks, whistle/lanyard and data wallet. Payment will be required when receiving your uniform at training. **The cost of the kit will be refunded after the completion of training and a minimum of 12 games worked.** Online registration will open January 1 at [www.gbstrikers.org](http://www.gbstrikers.org).

#### **PLAYERS REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:**

- **Jersey**-Team jerseys will be provided by the Green Bay Strikers and must be worn at all games.
- **Shin guards**-All players are required to wear shin guards.
- **Socks**-All shin guards must be completely covered by knee-high socks.
- **Shoes**-Shoes are required but soccer cleats are optional. Metal cleats are not allowed.
- **Shorts**- Athletic shorts are recommended. Any color is acceptable but shorts cannot have zippers, belt loops or pockets.
- **Jewelry**-All jewelry, including tongue studs, must be removed before the game. This is important to consider when getting any new piercings.
- **Balls**-Balls for practices and games will be provided by the Green Bay Strikers. If you want to purchase a ball for your child, these are the ball sizes for each age group:  
**U6** – size #3   **U8** - size #3   **U10** – size #4   **U12** – size #4   **U15** – size #5   **U19** – size #5

**PRACTICES** – Practices are set up by the coaches and are held 1-2 times a week before the season starts, Monday-Thursday only.

#### **SCHEDULES – NEW FOR 2023:**

**U6 ONLY** - There will be two scheduling options when registering before March 1. You will choose a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. After March 1, your player will be placed on a schedule as needed to balance out team rosters.

**U8** – Games will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**U10** – Games will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**U12** – Games will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays

**U15-U19** – Games are scheduled by Bay Lakes. Games will be held on various nights, Monday through Thursday. Schedules will be available on the website and from coaches. Watch your email and the Strikers website for schedule release announcements.

**SOCCERFEST U8-U12 Divisions** – The purpose of Soccerfest is to give U8-U12 players a chance to experience the fun and excitement of a tournament, regardless of ability. Soccerfest will be held at the end of the season and will consist of 2-3 games per team, focusing on fun and sportsmanship. Game dates and times will be included on the season schedules.

**TONY LITT TOURNAMENT – U15-U19 Divisions** – Scores are kept for the U15-U19 divisions. Teams in each of these age groups qualify for the Tony Litt Soccer Tournament by their final position in the standings. The number of teams that qualify depends on the number of teams in each division. Game dates and times are held at the end of the season and will be provided by your player's coach.

#### **WEATHER POLICY HIGHLIGHTS -**

**U6-U12 divisions, there will be no delays.** 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.

**U15 & U19 divisions are governed under Bay-Lakes policy.** Weather reports and radar data will be used to monitor severe weather such as lightning and heat. **Referees may still cancel games locally due to any weather or field conditions.**

**PARKING/PETS** - Please be aware of **NO PARKING ZONES**. City ordinances state that **NO DOGS** are allowed in the parks where we play. **VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN CITATIONS.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** - A lot of work goes into making this league a reality and your help is needed. We need input from families and coaches to make the league a success. Please contact [info@gbstrikers.org](mailto:info@gbstrikers.org) for more information.

#### **CONTACT US:**

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