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KICKERS YOUTH SOCCER

KICKERS KIDS SOCCER (July 31, 2004-U4 and older): Thursdays & Saturdays

NEW! – K.K.S. SATURDAY ONLY (July 31, 2004-U4 to August 1, 2002-U5): Saturdays

KICKERS TEAMS SOCCER (July 31, 2001-U7 and older): Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

ATTENTION all Kids ages 3-10!!! Fall soccer is here again! Do you want to learn how to play soccer? Do you already know how? The Kickers program is designed for kids of all levels and of all ages.

Kickers Teams the Challenge: We will continue the “Challenge” in the fall of 2007, by holding new individual skill challenges as well as the two started in the fall of 2006. Our first two challenges were stop watch dribble and radar gun shooting. The challenge will again be open for age groups U7 (7/31/01) and older. The Challenge is to improve individual skills from the beginning of the season to the end and from season to season. Our addition challenge skills will be ball juggling and “field moves”. The Ball juggling challenge will be the number of consecutive soccer touches before the ball hits the ground. A “move” is the skill a player performs to re-direct the ball on the field to go around an opponent. The field move challenge is a ten point grade for the proper execution, speed, and accuracy of the “move” skill.

Technique: Learning to play soccer should be fun. It should be a positive experience and enjoyable for the kids as well as the parents. We take a non competitive view of soccer at these ages. Competition and sportsmanship comes with respect for the game, the team, the coach, and the opponent. Individual soccer skills are taught and developed on Thursdays. Ages U7 and older can sign up for team skills and the Challenge II which includes Tuesdays. Basic soccer skills are fun!

Kickers Kids Ages 5 and younger: Thursday is individual skills day designed to show the kids proper technique and apply it to challenging and fun situations. Saturday is game day where the Kickers directors encourage the kids to simply participate and run with the ball. The director helps the parents get involved and helps align teams based on individual development levels. Parents bring your athletic shoes! **New this fall!** Only have time for one day of skills and games? Sign up for Saturdays only where we get in 15 minutes of skills, warm-up and play games afterwards!

Kickers Kids Ages U6 and older: Thursday is individual skills day designed to show the kids proper technique through fun, skill challenging stations. Each station is manned by a skilled player/coach demonstrating proper ball striking techniques and skills. Kids will be assigned a team and travel through the stations. Teams will then play games on Saturday with a coordinator who helps the teams through the game. **Teams:** Tuesday is team skills day. Team skills begin at U7 years old (7/31/01 and older) where kids begin to grasp a better concept of passing and positions. This additional skills day is needed to develop throw-ins, corner kicks, penalty kicks, free kicks and goalkeeping. *An important element to being a part of a team is that the player inform the coach/staff when you are not able to be at a practice or at a Saturday game.* Thursday the teams still run skill stations with the coach. Coerver skills (shielding, moves, juggling, ball touch, passing) are introduced in this program.

Inter-League: At ages U9 (7/31/99) and older, game times are longer and teams play inter-league away games in the surrounding Northwest metro cities. Home games are at the Kickers field.

Coaches: The Denver Kickers staff is men and women who have played at very high levels of soccer. Coaches are youth certified (licensed) or seeking certification and our adult team players help demonstrate the skill sessions. The Kickers U23 Men’s team was the 2003 and 2004 National Amateur Champions!

Our Field: All practices and home games are held at the Denver Kickers Sport Club in Golden.

“COERVER” information can be found on the Kickers website. www.denverkickers.com
and at coervercolorado.com

Inter-League (U11-U9) & Teams (U8-U7) organizational meeting for parents and players SUNDAY AUGUST 5 at 4:30 pm.

Challenge Fun Skills SUNDAY AUGUST 5 at 5:00 pm.

Bring your tennis (turf) shoes and cleats

2007 FALL SESSION: (weather make-up dates are in October)

KICKERS INTER-LEAGUE TEAMS: U9, U10 & U11 boys and girls

August 14 thru November 1, **Tuesdays and Thursdays** 5:00pm-6:30pm

September 8 to November 3, **Saturdays** - as scheduled

<8/1/98-7/31/99 – U9> <8/1/97-7/31/98 – U10> <8/1/96-7/31/97 – U11>

Age Group	U9	U10& U11	Early Discount	Late Fee
Kickers Member	\$70	\$80	subtract \$10	add \$15
Non-Members	\$100	\$110	subtract \$10	add \$15

Early Discount Registration is June 3rd - Registration is due June 23.

1. Registration & Orientation: August 5th – 4:30 pm at the Denver Kickers Sport Club

KICKERS TEAMS: *U7 & U8 boys and girls

August 28 thru October 11, **Tuesdays and Thursdays** 5:30pm-6:30pm

September 8 to October 13, **Saturdays** – 9:30 am

<8/1/00-7/31/01–U7> <8/1/99-7/31/00–U8> <8/1/98-7/31/99–U9>

Age Group	U7	U8-U9	Early Discount	Late Fee
Kickers Member	\$60	\$70	subtract \$10	add \$10
Non-Members	\$80	\$90	subtract \$10	add \$10

Early Discount Registration is June 3rd - Registration is due August 5.

1. Registration & Orientation: August 5th – 4:30 pm at the Denver Kickers Sport Club

*U7 – The U7 teams session is dependant on volunteer coaches that sign up.

KICKERS KIDS: September 6 to October 11 (18) - **Thursdays** 5:30pm-6:30pm

Saturdays- 9:30am-10:30am ages <8/1/03-7/31/04-U4> <8/1/02-7/31/03-U5>

K.K.S. Saturdays Only (\$35) - 9:15am-10:30am ages <8/1/03-7/31/04-U4> <8/1/02-7/31/03-U5>

Saturdays- 9:30am-10:30am age <8/1/01-7/31/02–U6>

Saturdays- 10:00am-11:00am ages <8/1/00-7/31/01–U7> <8/1/99-7/31/00–U8> <8/1/98-7/31/99–U9>

Age Group	U4-U5	U6-U7-U8-U9	Early Discount
Kickers Member	\$40	\$50	subtract \$10
Non-Members	\$60	\$70	subtract \$10

Early Discount Registration is August 5th - Registration is due August 25.

1. Registration & Orientation: August 5th – 4:30pm at the Denver Kickers Sport Club

2. Registration & Orientation: August 25th – 10:00am at the Denver Kickers Sport Club

Commonly asked questions

What is the difference between Kickers Kids and Kickers Teams Program? The Kickers soccer program is based on the kids and their needs and it changes as the kids grow older. The Kickers Kids (ages U4, U5 and U6) is a 6 week program where the focus is a fun (Saturday) and fun skills (Thursday) program emphasizing the basic skills needed to play soccer by just letting the kids be kids with a soccer ball. The Kickers Teams (ages U7 and older) is a minimum 8 week program where the focus is a fun (Saturday), team skills (Tuesday) and individual skills (Thursday) program emphasizing the basic skills needed to play team soccer, which is the next developmental step in youth soccer.

What is inter-league and why is it for U9 and older? The state soccer association (CYS) has chosen the U9 age as the time when games against other soccer clubs are part of a league, with home games and away games. At the younger ages soccer clubs usually play games within their own club. However smaller soccer clubs can create their own leagues with neighboring soccer clubs.

Who is my coach? Until you are a U9 player, you have many coaches teaching in the academy style soccer program. You learn from the coaches and the players. Even at U9 when a coach is assigned, we still use our skilled players to demonstrate soccer skills.

Is it important to play games against other teams? This is quite the tricky question. Yes, Saturday games are important. When do we play other teams is the question.

Philosophy:

The Kickers have played adult National Amateur Soccer for 44 years with 7 national amateur titles. We understand the need to develop soccer skills and good soccer habits at an early age. We understand that games are important application of those skills and that soccer needs to be an enjoyable experience.

Age appropriate:

You learn from playing with and playing against your team and with and against those players in your club. Since inter-league happens at U9, why limit the kids before that age? When do they really understand the team concept? When do the parents work with the player on being there on time and letting the coach know you can not make it?

Game day before inter-league (before U9):

There are no substitutions! Let each kid play until they run out of energy. They learn the structure as they go. We schedule tournament games and practice games called scrimmages with other clubs. Learn the game first hand by parents watching and kids playing using the skills learned. We do not have to drive miles and worry about who will make it and who will not to find a game. When we need the interpretation of the referee we will ask for one and do it on our home field.

Kids want to play games and they have a difficult time with the word “practice”. Parents want to watch their kids play games and have a difficult time with “sideline coaching”. We do not want kids to become conditioned to playing the game to please the parent, but instead we want the kids to listen to the coach.

Develop the parent and player’s love of the sport of soccer by showing them the beauty of the game. If the player enjoys the sport, the parent should understand and learn the basics of the sport. This will provide both the parent and player the best atmosphere for being successful at soccer. At an early age play the game.

Teach the parent and player the skills but have fun doing it. Put the team together when the child’s natural ability to be a team player exists. Play games for fun. When the players have the knowledge and skills to play as a team then take them on the road and show those skills to others!

[OUR MISSION:](#) Promote and organize the life-long game of soccer in the state of Colorado in order to provide healthy lifestyles for all ages, educate coaches and youth players, involve and teach parents, and develop players.