

It's Tourney Time!!! Are you ready?!?!?!?

The tournament for all the 19U division starts this Saturday!!!! The WCSSF is SO grateful that Ben Davis Soccer Club is willing to host the tournaments again. They do such a wonderful job. The fields are located at the Ben Davis Soccer Club, 7550 W. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46214

A. Brackets:

Have you found out when your team plays? We hope so. **However, if you haven't, or you would like to see how the brackets are arranged, go to our website <https://www.wcssf.org/tournament/spring-dates-hosts/>.** You'll also find a field layout for the Ben Davis Soccer Club.

Results of the games will be posted on our Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/WCSSF/>). So, take a minute to 'like' our page, so you can get updates throughout the day.

B. Sportsmanship this Weekend

ALL Players, Coaches, parents and fans are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. This means different things to different people. In a nutshell, it means to treat others with the same respect that you would want for yourself. This include showing respect to other players, teams, coaches and even referees.

Because of some issues at prior tournaments, the WCSSF has put together a simple "Code of Conduct" for spectators, relatives, and fans. We would appreciate it if you could take a minute to review it and follow it this weekend. (<https://www.wcssf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Code-of-Conduct-for-Spectators.pdf>)

Some key Sportsmanship reminders, though, that I'd like to point out:

DO...

- encourage fair play.
- show respect for the game officials by not criticizing them or undermining their authority in the eyes of the players.
- display good sportsmanship as a positive example for the players.
- agree to accept the decisions of the referees, with respect and good grace.
- conduct yourself with honor and dignity.

On the other side ...

- **DO NOT** use foul language or obscene gestures at the field
- **DO NOT** criticize the opponents of the team.
- **DO NOT** engage in physical or verbal confrontation.

- **DO NOT** criticize the referee openly or directly.
- **DO NOT** confront a Referee at, during, or immediately after a game, and recognize that if you have a question or concern that you may contact your club or WCSSF at a later time.

C. Here are a few FYIs for the weekend:

#1: **Remember, Ben Davis does NOT allow smoking, pets or grills on their premises.**

#2: Ben Davis will have a concession stand open. It takes a lot of preparation to get ready for a tournament. So, we hope you will show your appreciation to the host site by visiting their concession stand.

#3: Players that wear glasses **MUST** secure them with glass straps.

#4: Parents and Fans **MUST** sit on the opposite side from the players. Please do not sit behind the goals, either.

#5: The **weather** this weekend looks “iffy”. It’s going to be warm with chance of showers as well as thunderstorms. You may bring a canopy for your family. However, please be prepared to move quickly after the game so the next set of parents can get settled.

Remember that soccer is played in the rain, although the games will be temporarily suspended for lightning and thunder. Ben Davis has a “flag system” in place and the flag is displayed near the concession stand.

- **Green Flag** means that the weather is clear and fields are open.
- **Yellow Flag** means that there is a current weather delay in place and the fields are temporarily closed. So, please remain in your car until the delay has passed.
- **Red Flag** means fields are closed/too dangerous to resume go home. Hopefully, we won’t need a red flag at all.

Below are some ideas to help families be prepared for the rain.

- Bring extra change of clothes in case of rain as well as extra shoes.
- Bring a large umbrella or a canopy to help yourself keep dry, and give your son/daughter a place to get out of the rain for a little bit.
- If a game is temporarily suspended due to lightning, **ALL** players, referees, and families will need to take cover. This may mean possibly going back to your car. For no reason -should players be allowed to stay on the field.

- If there are delays, the WCSSF will try to remember to post something on our website.
- Keep a good attitude!!! The kids LOVE playing in the rain. It's not so fun to sit in the rain and watch, but the kids will have a great time!
- Additional socks - in wet weather, replacing wet socks for dry at half-time or at a break can make a world of difference in a player's comfort.
- If your son/daughter only has one jersey, perhaps you can swap-out a soaking undershirt at halftime for a dry one.
- Replace wet gear with dry when possible.
- Keep something dry for the ride home, including dry shoes!
- Bring extra towels or blankets, to help players get dry after games.

#6: For each game, three balls will be used to help the game continue quicker: one main ball & one behind each goal. So, if a ball is shot over the goal, the goalie can quickly get the ball next to the ball and continue. This helps reduce the "down" time during the game. However, the balls still need to be retrieved. **If you or a family member would like to retrieve those balls during your game, please feel free.** Once the ball is retrieved, it can be placed up near the back of the goal. This gives our younger family members something to do! :o) Just remember, please wait until the play heads back to the other side of the field before putting the ball back so as not to distract the team.

D: Sunday Games

This season the WCSSF will continue to hold only the Championship Game for 1st or 2nd Place after the semi-final rounds.

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Thank you for participating this season! The WCSSF hopes that your family has had an excellent season and will join us for the Spring season.

The WCSSF wishes each team success in the tourney!
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