

Kenmore Soccer News

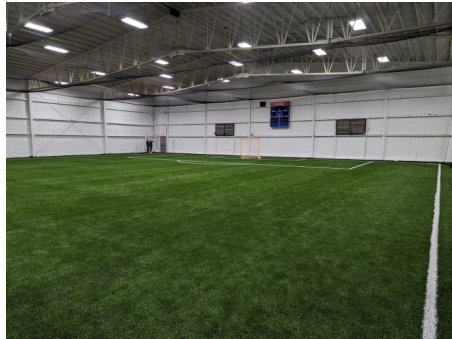
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Lincoln Fieldhouse Opens

Kenmore Soccer to Operate Indoor Travel Team League in 2024-2025



The Town of Tonawanda has completed the conversion of the former Lincoln Park Ice Arena to a new indoor turf field. The facility is lined for soccer, but will be used for various other sports including baseball, football, and lacrosse.

Kenmore Soccer has reached agreement with the Town to operate an indoor league for the 9/10/11/12 age groups on weekends, with two sessions—one from October-December 2024 (8 games), and one from January-April 2025 (12 games).

There are three major differences between the league we will operate and those being run by commercial indoor facilities:

- Team entry will be restricted to clubs that are members of the Buffalo/WNY Junior Soccer League. This means that the “pay to play” clubs who recruit players by offering them an alleged “higher level” of play, will not be allowed to compete against the teams they recruited from.
- Costs will be up to \$200 less per team than the current indoor leagues.
- Games will not be scheduled at 7:00am for young players.

Kenmore Soccer is currently working with our neighboring clubs to secure early interest and commitments.

The new facility has new A1 state of the art turf, inlaid lines, and new 7 by 21 goalposts. Concessions will be strictly vending machines, and there is plentiful parking on either side of the Fieldhouse. There will be Town employees on-site at all times to manage the facility, but Kenmore Soccer will manage the soccer program.

We are excited by this opportunity, and thankful to the Town for creating this state of the art facility for our youth players.

Winter Break Soccer Camp at MilSher



When: Monday 2/19/24 through Friday 2/23/24 from 9:00am-3:00pm

Birthyears: 2009 through 2014

Cost: \$135 - Register through www.kenmoresoccer.com

Register Now

or Save the Week

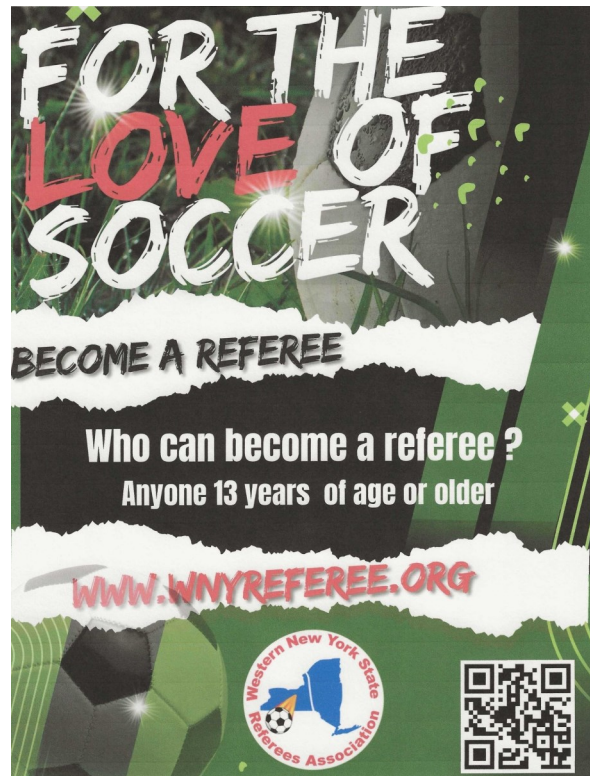
2024 Celtic FC Summer Camp July 15-19 — Kenney Field



Our Celtic FC Summer Camp, led by professional staff from Celtic FC in Glasgow, Scotland, will be held during the week of July 15-19, 2024 at Kenney Field. Nearly 100 campers participated in the 2023 camp.

Registration is now open via the Kenmore Soccer web site. Register early, as we must limit the number of participants.

If you delay, please save the date and hope there is still room later for the best soccer camp in the western New York area.



Kenmore Bandits 9U Boys Participate in Pinewood Derby

Vito Leto, Zach Palermo, and Tyler Lawton from the Kenmore Bandits 9U Boys team recently participated in their Cub Scout Pack's Pinewood Derby competition. While we want to maximize our players' soccer skills, we always encourage other activities that help make better-rounded individuals. Win or lose, we know they had fun building the cars.



Quotes to Remember

"At the end of the day, its just a game. If you make every game a life and death proposition, you're going to have problems. For one thing, you'll be dead a lot."

Dean Smith, former coach University of North Carolina

SOCCER TOURNAMENT
SUNDAY APRIL 14TH.
7 ON 7
MURCHIE FAMILY FIELDHOUSE
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO



U8 B/G
U9 B/G
U10 B/G
U11 B/G
U12 B/G
MENS / LADIES

4 TEAM DIVISIONS 3 / 40 MINUTE GAMES
FREE PARKING REF FEE INCLUDED
\$7 FAN FEE

FOR REGISTRATION INFO CONTACT:
KEN VOGHT - (716) 308-6463
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Trivia Question

(answer on page 8)

What player holds the record for most consecutive games in the English Premier League without scoring a goal?

Stingers Win Mite Division in MilSher Winter A Session



Congratulations to the Stingers, champions for the Winter A Mite Division with a 7-1-0 record.

In Memoriam—Clarence Boatman

Many of you knew Clarence Boatman, the long-time Junior Varsity and Varsity Girls coach at Kenmore West High School, who also coached numerous girls' teams with Kenmore Soccer before his retirement several years ago.

Clarence was the ideal example of someone who was involved in soccer for the kids, and beyond that took a genuine interest in promoting their academic achievements. He often stayed after school on his own time to tutor and mentor kids that were struggling, even in subjects that were not in his specific curriculum. After retirement, he returned to Kenmore West as a timekeeper, and served as a substitute teacher almost everyday until illness began to slow him down.

Clarence passed away on January 24th following a lengthy illness. He will be missed by everyone with whom he interacted - an absolute gentleman and gentle soul. Our condolences to his family, and our thanks for the positive role he played in the lives of our area youth.

How Do I Get Recruited for College Soccer?

We are fast approaching the time of year that high school juniors who aspire to play college soccer begin to think about the recruiting process. Let's start by dispelling the myth that only those who play for supposed high-level travel programs will be recruited and/or get scholarship offers. College coaches are paid to win games....they will recruit any player who they think fits their system and style of play, and who will help them win.

Here are the things to consider when selecting a college, in this order:

1. Academics — do they have my major, and is the degree credible?
2. Geography — do I want to go away to college, and if so, is there a distance limit?
3. Cost — can I afford to go to a specific school without taking on a huge debt?
4. Soccer — might I be able to play there?

Remember, soccer is the final factor in selecting a college.

Once you have your pool of possible colleges, and if you are convinced you want to play soccer there, check the current roster and team record. How many players are already rostered and returning who play your position? How many freshman actually played? How many total minutes did freshman play? In other words, what are my chances of making the team and actually getting to play in my first or second year?

Once I have eliminated any colleges based on a review of rosters and records, you need to connect with the coach. There are NCAA rules that control how they connect with you, but there are no rules on you connecting with them. E-Mail is fine, but follow it up with a personal letter that tells them:

- Academic connection—why the academics at their school are a fit for you.
- Why this school—i.e. the major is good for me, my parents graduated from there, etc.
- Your current academic accomplishments—GPA, awards, etc. A coach wants to know that you will be admitted to the school and are likely to be academically eligible and not flunk out.
- Soccer accomplishments—club and high school, but club is more important.
- Your playing position(s) - don't embellish, but ability to play more than one position is a plus.
- Soccer recognition—awards, captaincy, etc.

If you have video to share, attach it

Plan a visit and let the coach know when you are coming.

If the coach is working at a summer camp, consider attending — it gives them a chance to see you, but also gives you a chance to see their coaching style and whether or not it fits you.

If money is offered, prioritize Academic money over Sports money. Most importantly, remember it is what you are still paying, not what is offered. A \$2400 sports scholarship at a \$54,000 school is no great bargain versus no scholarship at a \$35,000 school.

Finally, remember that playing a college sport requires you to have outstanding time management skills. You are going to college to get a degree that will lead to a meaningful job. In order to happen, you need to balance your classroom responsibilities with your soccer responsibilities. You may be playing road games at distant locations that require you to miss classes. Can you stay focused and always realize that soccer will likely not be your career?

Kenmore Soccer is in the Social Media World

Kenmore Soccer has joined the social media experience by creating sites within Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. Links to all of the platforms are on the left hand side of our web site landing page.

Teams (or parents for that matter), can post information on these sites by following these instructions:

Instagram:

If someone posts a picture to their account and wants to tag Kenmore Soccer or include us in a comment, tag our account by using @kenmoresoccerclub

Twitter:

Anyone can tweet to the Kenmore Soccer page or include us in a post by tagging us using @KenmoreSoccer

Facebook:

Anyone can post to the wall on the Kenmore page, write a comment on posts, or post a picture/video to the page.

If someone wants to tag Kenmore Soccer Club in a post or picture, they need to type @kenmoresoccerclub

All other photos/videos can be sent to kenmoresoccerclub@gmail.com.

We have a number of followers on these sites, and you might notice that it includes Celtic FC who has posted information. Most importantly, we have uploaded video of several individual training sessions.

Submissions Anyone ????????????

We want this to be your newsletter. We also want you to be a part of the Club web site. So, we are looking for your ongoing input—articles, pictures, match highlights, team and player recognition, etc. Each team should consider having a designee that can channel information to the Club for inclusion in the newsletter or web site.

Send your submissions to us at kenmoresoccerinc@gmail.com. Pictures are welcome, but should be in a jpg or gif format.

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Answer to Trivia Question

(from page 4)

Kenny Cunningham played 335 games in the English Premier League and never scored a goal. In addition to that, he played 165 games in other levels of English football, as well as 72 other games for the Irish National Team, and never scored a goal in any of those matches as well.



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Fund Raising

The Kenmore Soccer Club is registered to conduct fund-raising, as is required by law, but each activity needs to be approved by our Board of Directors.

If your team wants to conduct any fund-raising, just e-mail us at doc@kenmoresoccer.com with the details of what you propose, and the eventual use of the funds raised. We will get back to you promptly.