

WESTAMPTON INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE – 2018-2019

Welcome back to this, our 26th season of Westampton Indoor Soccer! You will see a lot of changes this season, the biggest being the new online registration system. We think this system will help us moving forward, but we still have some technical difficulties to resolve. Please be patient with us as we learn the system and continue to understand the benefits it provides. This system will enable us to communicate to everyone in the program in a timely manner and notify you of any cancellations that may occur during the season. Please let us know if anything in your account should be adjusted, changed, or corrected via e-mail at tmitzelman@westampton.com. Make sure you have opt-in to receive general e-mail notifications, so you will definitely receive all e-mails we send that do not necessarily have to do with a cancellation. Please ensure that everyone in the household is a member. The league is not able to communicate in the system with a coach if he or she is not a member.

This year, our registration numbers are down slightly, but we still have 44 teams within the league. Games are played on Saturdays from 9:00 am through 5:00 pm (sometimes later depending on gym availability) at the Burlington County Special Services School; Westampton Middle School, located on Rancocas Road (next to the Westampton Municipal Building); and Holbein Middle School, located in Mt. Holly (on Levis Drive). Directions are available on our website. Please arrive 5 to 10 minutes before game time so coaches can set rosters, prepare players, and start the games on time. For games scheduled at Holbein, please use the doors on the side of the building to enter and exit. These doors take you right outside the gym entrance. The school would prefer we do not walk through the halls as they are cleaned on Friday nights. Please do not enter the gym doors to avoid interrupting games. At the Special Services School, we are only using 2 gyms this year: The Main gym, located in the back of the main building, and the Transition gym (Jr/Sr gym), which is the separate back building. Park only in designated parking areas. The school may conduct other functions on Saturdays, and busses will not be able to maneuver around illegally parked cars. Cars will be towed without warning if necessary, so please follow parking rules/regulations. At Westampton Middle School, use the Main gym entrance, and never enter directly into the gym through the outside doors. We are so fortunate to have these schools available to us, and your help to maintain these facilities is necessary and appreciated. Water bottles are permitted in the gyms, but please try to avoid spills.

Information table – Located outside the Main gym of the Burlington County Special Services School. Team standings and lost-and-found items will be on display. We will not always physically have someone at the table, but league officials will be traveling between gyms during game day. On December 15th, the same type of indoor soccer balls we use in the league will be available for purchase, so if you are interested in picking 1 or 2 up for the holidays, stop by the table. The indoor ball sells for \$8.00 each and comes in a variety of colors.

Team pictures – To be taken on January 19, 2019. Coaches will have picture information to hand out by January 5th. Players should arrive and have pictures taken with the teams, even if they are not purchasing pictures, out of consideration for those who do plan on buying pictures

as well as for the sponsors who will be receiving team pictures. This will be the first year that the picture packet you choose to purchase will be mailed directly to your home address.

Weather-related cancellations – We now have the ability to send one e-mail blast to the entire league, so that will be how we communicate any cancellations this year. If games are canceled, follow the next week's game schedule. Make-up games will be scheduled for Sundays with at least 1 week's notice if schools are available.

End-of-season pizza party – To be held on February 16, 2019, after the last regular-season game.

Playoffs – Midget, Junior, Major, and Senior division playoffs will start on February 23, 2019. Consolation and final games will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019. See page 6 for PLAYOFF SCHEDULE. All teams this season make the playoffs.

Extra games – To be scheduled starting January 5, 2019, for some teams in the Midget and Junior divisions against St. Paul School. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to play some friendly games using our rules. However, these games will not count in the standings. Some teams will play 2 games the week they are scheduled. Regularly scheduled games will be played first and the game vs St. Paul will be played second following a 1-hour break. See league schedule for details.

Next season's indoor soccer registration – With the new system in place, you will receive information in September regarding registration dates and times now that you have a registered household account. The system automatically updates information and will inform you of programs that everyone in your household qualifies to participate in.

Other league notes – We continue to struggle finding coaches to volunteer, especially in the younger divisions. Our indoor soccer program is recreational, and teams are balanced through assessments by league officials to provide fair competition. No experience is necessary; only a desire to see kids have fun! Please consider helping us next season (or even the rest of this season) by signing up to be a coach or assistant coach. We understand everyone's time is valuable, but the coaches are an integral part of making this program successful. The league would like to thank all of the coaches for their cooperation and commitment. We will continue to monitor our code-of-conduct policy. If you experience inappropriate behavior, please notify us so we can address the situation in a timely matter. Please remember that we offer our programs to anyone who wishes to participate. You do not have to live in Westampton township to participate. Please let your neighbors know our programs are available!