

WELCOME TO CUTTERS ACADEMY - ELLETTSVILLE!

Thank you for registering your child(ren) in Cutters Academy - Ellettsville. We are very excited about the upcoming spring season and wish you and your child(ren) a wonderful soccer experience.

The following is important information regarding the upcoming season. Please read at least the **bold-faced parts in red** as these contain the most pertinent information.

Groups Your child(ren) will be placed in a particular group depending on their school grade. There are three groups: Grades K-1, Grades 2-3, and Grades 4-6. Please note the breakdown of the groups may change depending on the age composition of the registrants. (Due to limited enrollment of 13 and 14 year olds in past seasons, the program is now only for children ages 5 - 12. Cutters Academy - Karst continues to serve 13 and 14 year olds.)

Location All practices and games will be held at the Edgewood High School soccer fields located next to the elementary schools.

Practices All groups will practice on Monday nights from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. The first practice of the season is March 31; the last practice of the season is May 12.

Games All groups will play games on Wednesday nights from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. The first game of the season is April 2; the last game of the season is May 14. Teams will be formed from within each group and games played between teams in the same group. The team rosters will change week to week. Participation medals will be awarded to all players upon conclusion of the last game.

Coaching/Training A staff of current or former players with coaching experience will lead practices and games.

Apparel It is an absolute requirement that each player wears shin guards during practices and games. Soccer shoes (turf shoes or cleats) are optional. These items can be purchased at any sporting goods store (e.g. MC Sports, Dick's) and at most department stores (e.g. Target, Wal*Mart). (Please note that metal cleats and baseball and football cleats are not allowed. Baseball and football cleats have a toe cleat that is not permissible in soccer. If you have baseball or football cleats and wish to avoid a second shoe purchase, you may cut off the toe cleat. Please link to <http://www.soccer-for-parents.com/soccer-cleats.html> for additional information about soccer shoes.) It is important that players arrive at practices and games dressed to play and dressed appropriately. On some days a T-shirt and shorts is fine; on other days it may be necessary to wear sweat pants, a sweatshirt, a hat, etc. Keep in mind that it is easy to take off layers, but impossible to put them on if you do not have them!

Equipment Players are to bring their own soccer ball to practices. Please have them bring the appropriate size ball for their age group. (The U6s and U8s play with a Size 3, the U10s and U12s play with a Size 4, and the U14s play with a Size 5.) The soccer ball should be inflated and have a name written on it in permanent marker.

Water **Players are required to bring their own water bottle.** It unnecessarily delays practices and limits the amount that can be accomplished if players without a water bottle have to run to and from the drinking fountain on a regular basis.

T-shirts **T-shirts will be handed out during the first practice of the season.**

Photographs **Team and individual photographs will be taken at some point during the season at the normal practice or game time.** You will be given notice in advance as to the scheduled date for photographs.

Inclement Weather **In case of inclement weather please call the Monroe County Soccer Hotline at 349-2126.** Cancelled practices and games will be re-scheduled for dates and times after the scheduled end of the season.

Again, thank you for registering your child(ren) in Cutters Academy - Ellettsville. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions/concerns. **We can be reached by phone at 333-8010 or by e-mail at cutters_soccer@yahoo.com.**

Additional information about parenting the youth athlete can be found at <http://www.responsiblesports.com>

SEE YOU THIS SPRING!