



## Welcome to Oilfields Minor Soccer 2019

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### U4 Mixed League

- The season is late April/early May (weather pending) to third week of June.
- Children born in 2016/2015 are eligible and **parent attendance is required at all practices/games.**
- Practice/games are played in Black Diamond by the Water Tower.
- Two practice/games per week: Wednesday 6:00pm-6:45pm & Saturday 9:15am – 10:00am
- Snack/Water break (each child brings their own) between skills and mini game each session.
- Small sided soccer, 3-4 players per side (3v3 or 4v4). No goal keepers. Size 3 ball.
- Registration fee includes a team jersey, team photo and medal/trophy.
- Appropriate running shoes are required (shin pads recommended).
- Wind-Up party to be held at end of season.
- Opportunity to take part in Black Diamond Parade.

### Expectations at the U4 Level

- *The following skills will be developed at the U4 age group:*
- Teach them which direction to go to score or defend their net
- How to stop the ball
- Introduce how to pass and shoot the ball
- A coach from each team will be on the field coaching/directing the players
- Parents provide encouragement from the sidelines-they may come on the field with their child if necessary but **ONLY** children may have contact with the ball.
- Parents can space themselves around the playing field and if the ball is headed out of bounds they can gently redirect it back in to play.
- 2, 15-minute halves with a 10-minute water/snack break between
- Short shifts of approx. 2 minutes - at the coaches' discretion.
- Each team can be split into 2 shifts (usually based on age and temperament of players). Coaches discuss with other team beforehand how they are dividing their shifts.
- No score keeping
- Lots of positive encouragement and just have fun!



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### U6 Mixed League

- The season is late April/early May (weather pending) to third week of June.
- Children born in 2014/2013 are eligible.
- Practice/games are played in Black Diamond by the Water Tower.
- Two practice/games per week: Tuesday 6:00pm-7:00pm & Saturday 10:15am-11:15am.
- Snack/Water break (each child brings their own) between skills and mini game each session.
- Small sided soccer, 3-4 players per side (3v3 or 4v4). No goal keepers. Size 3 ball.
- Registration fee includes a team jersey, team photo and medal/trophy.
- Appropriate running shoes are required (shin pads recommended).
- Sportsmanship rules apply.
- Wind-Up party to be held at end of season.
- Opportunity to take part in Black Diamond Parade.

### Expectations at the U6 Level

- *The following skills will be developed at the U6 age group:*
- Teach them which way to go – how to move with the ball, how to dribble the ball
- Teach how to stop the ball using bottom, inside and outside of the foot
- Teach how to pass with inside and outside of foot
- Introduce how to shoot the ball
- A coach from each team will be on the field coaching/directing the players
- Parents provide encouragement from the sidelines-they may come on the field with their child if necessary but **ONLY** children may have contact with the ball.
- 2, 15-20-minute halves with a 10-minute water/snack break between
- Short shifts of approximately 2 minutes - at the coaches' discretion.
- Each team can be split into 2 shifts (usually based on age and temperament of players). Coaches discuss with other team beforehand how they are dividing their shifts.
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### U8 Mixed League

- The season is late April/early May (weather pending) to third week of June 2019.
- Children born 2012/2011 are eligible.
- Practice/games are played in Black Diamond by the Water Tower.
- Two practice/games per week: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm & Saturday 11:30am-12:30pm.
- Snack/Water break (each child brings their own) between skills and mini game each session.
- Small sided soccer, 5-6 players per side (5v5 or 6v6). Keepers optional. Size 3 ball.
- Registration fee includes a team jersey, team photo and medal/trophy.
- Shin pads, and appropriate running shoes are required (soccer cleats recommended).
- Sportsmanship rules apply.
- Wind-up party to be held at end of season.
- Opportunity to take part in Black Diamond Parade.

### Expectations at the U8 Level

- *The following skills will be developed at the U8 age group:*
- Teach how to dribble the ball
- Teach how to stop the ball using the bottom, inside and outside of the foot.
- Teach how to pass using the inside and outside of the foot.
- Introduce how to shoot the ball and a proper throw in technique
- Teach the basic rules of the game
- Introduction to offside rule
- A coach from each team will be on the field both coaching/directing and refereeing the players.
- 2, 20-minute halves with a 10-minute break for water and snack.
- Run 2-3-minute shifts with both teams changing at the same time.
- Recommend 4-6 vs. 4-6 plus goalies however depending on team size, teams may be split into 2 shifts with equal number of players on each team. Discuss with other coach before the game to decide format.
- Coaches designate a goalie and rotate to give opportunity to all players that wish to try.
- To start play each team gets the kick off for one of the halves.
- No hands except for the goalie.
- Ball out of bounds - throw in - player opposite the team who last touched the ball makes a 2 handed throw in, overhead with feet flat on ground. Players from opposing team move back at least 5 yards.
- Corner kick – if the defending player last touches the ball that passes over the goal line, an offending player takes the corner kick. The opposing players must be 5 yards away.
- Free kick is given for handling, pushing, shoving, tripping etc. The opposing players must be 5 yards away. A goal may not be scored directly from a free kick. The ball must be passed to another player first.
- Goal kick – ball must be out of the penalty area and touched by a teammate before a goal can be scored.
- Parents may encourage from the sidelines but, leave the “coaching” and “refereeing” up to the coaches.



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### U9 Mixed League

- The season is the end of April to the third week of June 2019. Practices may commence earlier
- Children born 2010/2009 are eligible.
- **TRAVEL IS REQUIRED.** (Including Vulcan, Nanton, Red Deer Lake, High River, Millarville, & Okotoks) Home games/practices are played at C. Ian McLaren in Black Diamond.
- 1 game per week and 1 optional practice at the discretion of coach/team. Tuesday evenings each week (excluding optional practice & any rescheduling).
- Game Kick-off generally at 7:00pm (refer to team schedule). Game length: 2 x 25-minute halves.
- Seven players per side (7v7) with a designated keeper. Size 4 ball.
- Registration fee includes team jersey (deposit required), team photo, and medal/trophy.
- **Shin pads and appropriate soccer shoes (cleats) are required.**
- Wind-up party to be held at end of season.
- Opportunity to take part in Black Diamond Parade.
- Part of High Country League and follows The High Country League Code of Conduct.

### Expectations at the U9 Level

- *The following Skills will be developed at the U9 age group:*
- Teach how to dribble the ball (changes of speed and direction)
- Teach how to stop the ball (bottom, inside and outside of the foot)
- Teach how to pass with inside and outside of foot - introduce how to shoot the ball and a proper throw-in
- Teach 1-4 Feint moves to lose a defender (will be taught at coaches' clinic)
- Introduce the "proper technique" for how to head a soccer ball
- Teach how to shield a ball
- Introduce how to cross a soccer ball
- Introduce how to properly defend
- Continue to teach the basic rules of the game
- Introduction to offside rule, which includes "cherry picking" (i.e. hanging out at the goal waiting for the ball)
- Offside will be called
- Throw-ins – if it is done wrong, explain what needs to be corrected and do it again
- Corner/goal kicks – referee (or coach) explains it to the player
- Referees will be provided – coaches may also be on the field to help instruct players in the case where there is no outside referee, one coach from each team is on the field refereeing/coaching/directing players
- Parents encourage from the sidelines – leave the coaching/directing to the coaches and referees



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### U11 Mixed League

- The season is end of April to third week of June 2019. Practices may commence earlier.
- Children born 2009/2008 are eligible.
- **TRAVEL IS REQUIRED.** (Including Vulcan, Nanton, Red Deer Lake, High River, Millarville & Okotoks) Home games/practices are played in Turner Valley, field behind former town office.
- 1 game per week and 1 optional practice at the discretion of coach/team. Wednesday evenings each week (excluding optional practice & any rescheduling).
- Game kick-off generally at 7:00pm (refer to team schedule). Game length: 2 x 30-minute halves.
- Seven players per side (7v7) with a designated keeper. Size 4 ball.
- Registration fee includes team jersey (deposit required) & team photo.
- **Shin pads and appropriate soccer shoes (cleats) are required.**
- Wind-up party to be held at end of season.
- Opportunity to take part in Black Diamond Parade.
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### Expectations at the U11 age Group

- Continue techniques for dribbling (speeds and direction); ball stopping (bottom, inside and outside of the foot); passing with inside and outside of foot
- Continue development of shooting the ball and a proper throw-in
- Teach positions
- Work on the "proper technique" for how to head a soccer ball
- Teach how to shield a ball
- Continue how to cross a soccer ball
- Continue working on how to properly defend and transitioning between offense and defense
- Introduce positioning for corner kicks (both offense and defense)
- Introduce proper goal kicks
- Continue basic rules of the game
- Teach 1-4 Feint moves to lose a defender (will be taught at coaches' clinic)
- Introduction to offside rule, which includes "cherry picking" (i.e. hanging out at the goal waiting for the ball)
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### U13 Mixed League

- The season is end of April to the third week of June 2019. Practices may commence earlier.
- Children born 2007/2006 are eligible.
- **TRAVEL IS REQUIRED.** (Including Vulcan, Nanton, High River, Red Deer Lake, & Millarville) Home games/practices are played in Black Diamond at Oilfields High School.
- 1 game per week and 1 optional practice at the discretion of coach/team. Thursday evenings each week (excluding optional practice & any rescheduling)
- Game kick-off generally at 7:00pm (refer to team schedule). Game length: 2 x 40 minute halves.
- Eight players per side (8v8) with a designated keeper. Size 5 ball.
- Registration fee includes team jersey (deposit required) & team photo.
- **Shin pads and appropriate soccer shoes(cleats) are required.**
- Wind-up party to be held at end of season.
- Opportunity to take part in Black Diamond Parade.
- Part of the High Country League and follows The High Country League Code of Conduct

### Expectation at the U13 age group

- Continue techniques for dribbling (speeds and direction); ball stopping (bottom, inside and outside of the foot); passing with inside and outside of foot
- Continue development of shooting the ball and a proper throw-in
- Teach positions
- Work on the "proper technique" for how to head a soccer ball
- Teach how to shield a ball
- Continue how to cross a soccer ball
- Continue working on how to properly defend and transitioning between offense and defense
- Introduce positioning for corner kicks (both offense and defense)
- Introduce proper goal kicks
- Continue basic rules of the game
- Teach 1-4 Feint moves to lose a defender (will be taught at coaches' clinic)
- Introduction to offside rule, which includes "cherry picking" (i.e. hanging out at the goal waiting for the ball)
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### U15/U17 Mixed League

- The season is end of April to the third week of June 2019. Practices may commence earlier.
- Children born 2005-2002 are eligible.
- **TRAVEL IS REQUIRED.** (Including Vulcan, Nanton, High River, Red Deer Lake, & Millarville) Home games/practices are played in Black Diamond at Oilfields High School.
- 1 game per week and 1 optional practice at the discretion of coach/team. Monday or Friday evenings each week (excluding optional practice & any rescheduling).
- Game kick-off generally at 7:00pm (refer to team schedule). Game length: 2 x 45 minute halves.
- Eight players per side (8v8) with a designated keeper. Size 5 ball.
- Registration fee includes team Jersey (deposit required) & team photo.
- **Shin pads and appropriate soccer shoes (cleats) are required.**
- Wind-up party to be held at end of season.
- Opportunity to take part in Black Diamond Parade.
- Part of the High Country League and follows The High Country Code of Conduct.

### Expectation at the U15/U17 Age group

- Continue techniques for dribbling (speeds and direction); ball stopping (bottom, inside and outside of the foot); passing with inside and outside of foot
- Continue development of shooting the ball and a proper throw-in
- Teach positions
- Work on the "proper technique" for how to head a soccer ball
- Teach how to shield a ball
- Continue how to cross a soccer ball
- Continue working on how to properly defend and transitioning between offense and defense
- Introduce positioning for corner kicks (both offense and defense)
- Introduce proper goal kicks
- Continue basic rules of the game
- Teach 1-4 Feint moves to lose a defender (will be taught at coaches' clinic)
- Introduction to offside rule, which includes "cherry picking" (i.e. hanging out at the goal waiting for the ball)
- Parents encourage from the sidelines – leave the coaching/directing to the coaches and referees