

**DERRY SOCCER CLUB
HAWKS RECREATIONAL SOCCER PROGRAM**

FACT SHEET

- The Derry Hawks are the in-town recreational program of the Derry Soccer Club. We stress soccer fundamentals, good sportsmanship, and fun.
- The Hawks program is open to the youth of Derry and surrounding communities who are ages 5 through 13.
- The teams are all co-ed and organized into 5 age groups determined by the players age on July 31st, prior to the fall season:

U-6, for players 4 to 5 years of age

U-8, for players 6 to 7 years of age

U-10, for players 8 to 9 years of age

U-12, for players 10 to 11 years of age

U-14, for players 12 to 13 years of age

- We play a two-season schedule: 10 games in the fall and 5 to 6 games the following spring. Players who register in the fall are automatically registered for the following spring season.
- Team practice is scheduled one evening per week for 1 hour.
- All games are scheduled for Saturday during mornings and early afternoon and played on Derry soccer fields.
- All players must be registered with the Derry Soccer Club to play in the in-town recreational program. A parent or guardian must complete and sign a registration form for each player to be registered and submit it with the required registration fee to the Derry Soccer Club.
- Players must provide their own uniforms. The uniforms consist of a red shirt (home team) and a white shirt (visiting team), soccer shorts or sweat pants (preferably black), shin guards (mandatory), socks (preferably black) long enough to cover the shin guards, and acceptable shoes. Sneakers or cleated soccer shoes are acceptable. Cleated baseball or football shoes are not acceptable and cannot be worn during play.
- If desired, reversible colored soccer jerseys can be ordered through the Derry Soccer Club. Information for ordering uniforms is contained on the registration form.
- Teams will be created and players assigned to rosters following the registration deadline. Every attempt will be made to balance teams with respect to gender, age, experience, and ability.
- Maximum team rosters will be established so as to allow each player to play at least one half of each game.
- Requests for assignment of a player to a specific team or coach will be honored when possible.
- Players will be contacted by their coach prior to the start of the season and informed of game and practice schedules and other team matters.