



# Opeongo Minor Soccer Newsletter

Our Website: <http://opeongominorsoccer.net>

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## Welcome to Meet the Coach

## Soccer season is finally here!



*Soccer Games will be starting Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30 pm at Opeongo High School  
Travel teams will start practices the first week of May on the main field of O.H.S.*

### House League: Mini-soccer

U6 play on Monday night  
U8 play on Thursday night  
U11 play on Tuesday

### Travel Teams: Full field

U12 B – Wednesdays  
U14 B/U14 G – Mondays  
U18 Girls – Tuesdays  
U18 boys – Thursdays

### Home Field Location

(Opeongo High School)  
(Opeongo HS Field)  
(Eganville Legion Field)  
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Hi, everyone! Welcome back after a long snowy winter. I think we are all about ready to get back on the field. A special welcome to those joining us for the first time here at OMS. There are a few changes for 2009, and I think the season will be a lot of fun, especially with the extra Saturday competition in the older divisions! Please check your team schedule and consult your coaches/conveners for information on end of season play and award presentations.

### NEW FOR 2009

This past winter a core group of volunteers worked hard to create a new league in the valley. The league is called the Valley United Soccer League and Opeongo Minor Soccer is proud to be a member. The current teams that belong to the league are the U10 select boys team and all of the club's youth recreational teams (U12 and above). The benefit of belonging to the league is that the soccer experience and playing rules will be uniform across the valley for all members of the league. **As a result, there is one important change to soccer field etiquette we need to share with all coaches and parents/spectators. Beginning this year, the league asks that the two competing soccer teams at a match set up on the same side of the field on opposite sides of the centre line. Players/coaches are to stay on their designated side of the centre line. All parents/spectators are asked to enjoy the game from the opposite side of the field. Only coaches, team officials and players will be permitted in the bench area.**

If you have any ideas, comments or you can help out, please don't hesitate to contact the executive team. Our club e-mail address is [info@opeongominorsoccer.net](mailto:info@opeongominorsoccer.net). We look forward to an exciting season, learning and playing the best game in the world! Check the website over the summer for schedules and news/information!!!!

*Websites to look up for more information about soccer:*

Ontario Soccer Association: [www.ontariosoccer.ca](http://www.ontariosoccer.ca).

Soccer Northeastern Ontario: [www.soccer-northeastern.com](http://www.soccer-northeastern.com)

Opeongo Minor Soccer Club: <http://opeongominorsoccer.net>

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Our philosophy is for the children to develop soccer skills, a love of soccer and to have fun!

### **Recreational Soccer Equipment**

*Players please remember to bring/wear:* black soccer shorts and socks, team jersey, shin pads, soccer shoes/cleats and of course a soccer ball. For Under 6 Division use size 3, Under 8, size 3 or 4, Under 10/11 and Under 12 use a size 4 and for older divisions a size 5 is required. Each child needs a ball to participate fully in the practices. Water bottles are essential and are not to be shared. The bugs will be out soon so remember a good bug repellent. Please do not wear jewelry or hats while playing soccer.

### **Parent's Responsibilities**

Children are not to be left unattended at any time. Parents/Guardians are needed in case of injury, to accompany children to the bathroom, etc. House league parents will all be equipment helpers, (setting up goals before practice and returning equipment to the trailer at the end of practice). Your child's coach may have a sign-up sheet so that each parent takes a turn or two. Soccer practice starts at 6:30 pm sharp. If you've signed up to set-up equipment please arrive extra early. In the hotter days to come, we all want a break but please don't forget your commitment to your child's soccer team. The conveners for Opeongo Minor Soccer attempted to balance the teams, but the teams become unbalanced if players do not show up. \*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER the referee is always right, even when, in your opinion, he or she is wrong. Talk to Mark or Mike or Andrea for clarification of rules after games are played. We don't need any verbal disputes on the field, and we're lucky to have so many young people come forward to help out our club with refereeing. Remember we want to encourage sportsmanship and set good examples for all the children.

### **Player's Responsibilities**

- Have Fun and Play Fair
- Appreciate your coaches
- Learn the soccer skills
- The referee is always right, even if you think otherwise.
- Wear proper equipment: black shorts and black socks, cleats and jersey.
- Help put away equipment.
- Be on time.
- Remember to bring a water bottle,

We are on school board property at Opeongo High School, as well as when using the soccer fields at St Joseph's High School in Renfrew. We appreciate being able to use these soccer fields and would like to continue for many years to come. Please set a good example and do not litter. We have been reminded that there is absolutely no smoking allowed on school property. Please do not smoke in vehicles, which are parked on school property.

### **No Dogs Please**

Please leave all of your 4-legged pets at home. We don't want any accidents! Some kids are afraid of dogs.