

River Dell Soccer Association K-2 Grade Team Manager Guide 2022

The RiverDell Soccer Association, RDSA, thanks you for volunteering your time and support to provide the children of RiverDell with a soccer program to enable them to grow as players and teammates. This packet will help guide you through the RDSA season for Kindergarten through Second Grade.

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Contacts

Emails with questions should always be sent to the RDSA Board for K-2nd:
rdsasoccerk12@gmail.com

RDSA K-2nd Division Contacts

- Lauren Carrabs
- Lauren Thiffault

Individual contact information for Rosters & Registration, Uniforms & Equipment, and Scheduling can be found on the RDSA website:

<https://www.riverdellsoccer.org/>

RDSA Dates

The RDSA K-2nd programs runs for six sessions from Saturday starting Sept 10th – Oct 22nd. There is no soccer on Oct 15th, Columbus Day weekend.

- 4 /1/22 Registration Opens
- 6/30/22 Register by this date to be automatically entered in a raffle
- 7/29/22 Registration Closes
- 8/1/22 Team Managers Assigned
- 8/14/22 Final day for late registration with \$25 LATE FEE
- 8/23/22 Final teams formed and uniforms orders submitted by Division Contacts
- 9/10/22 Soccer Begins
- 10/22/22 Soccer Season Completed

Teams

All residents of Oradell and River Edge are eligible to participate in the RiverDell soccer program, RDSA, this includes children of our three public schools and any children who attend private schools. Teams are generally 10+ children, co-ed, and by school with some teams being combination of schools based on the number of total participants. The teams will be created by the RDSA division commissioners. Teams are created in this manner as the K-2nd program is an instructional program to help children understand fundamentals of soccer and playing on a team.

- Division commissioners will handle uniform order including team colors, shirt sizes, and short sizes to the RDSA uniform coordinator.
- Team managers will be notified of their team roster, uniform / team color, and contact information by the division commissioners.
- Shin guards are mandatory. K-2nd grade can wear cleats or sneakers.
- Shin guards will be available for sale on the RDSA online team store and mailed directly to those who purchase.

Team Managers & Coaching

The instructional K-2nd Grade RDSA program is a collaboration of parent volunteers and Kiddie Soccer. Parent volunteers / team managers are responsible for communicating to and on behalf of the team, distributing uniforms, and assisting Kiddie Soccer coaches at each practice. Kiddie Soccer is an outside organization hired by RDSA to coach each team on a weekly basis.

Team Manager Responsibility

- Communicate with parents via email including start date, end date, uniform and soccer balls (K only) distribution, field information, weekly updates and reminders including planned scrimmages.
- Distributing the uniforms to their team
- Coordinating with Kiddie Soccer coach at each practice
- Assisting on scrimmage coordination across the fields and teams
- Communicate with RDSA on issues or concerns that arise during the season
- Distribute medals at the last practice of the season

Instructional Practices and Scrimmages

K-2nd Practices will run as a 6 week session Saturdays, from Sept 10th to Oct 22nd, excluding Oct 15th for Columbus day at the Park Avenue Field in Oradell.

Second Grade	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
First Grade	10:15 AM – 11:15 AM
Kindergarten	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Below is a weekly schedule of how the practice will run. Scrimmages will be communicated by RDSA commissioners once the teams are created. Team managers will know the schedule in advance and are responsible for communicating the schedule to their team.

Team managers are responsible for assisting getting their coach and team to the correct field location each week for their scrimmage (#2 below).

There will be cones identifying each field location where teams will practice each week.

Weekly Schedule

1. Practice drills for 25 minutes
2. Set up teams 5-10 minutes to move to game field (water break)
3. Scrimmage for 10 minutes
4. Water break for 5 minutes
5. Play 10 more minutes

Game / Field Cancellation Procedures

In the event of severe weather, RDSA K-2nd division commissioners will cancel soccer for the day and send an email to all team managers, players, and notify kiddie soccer. Cancellations will not have to be communicated by the team manager however team manager is welcome to remind their team of the updated schedule.

Contacting Your Team

Once the team manager receives their team roster, they should contact their team as soon as possible via email. Below is an example mail that can be utilized as an initial introduction to their team.

Hello Players and Families,

Welcome to the RDSA Fall 2022 season. My name is (YOUR NAME) and together with Kiddie Soccer coaches we are excited to let you know we will be starting our season on (Date). Our team's is (color).

- Shin guards are required
- Must bring water for your player
- Kindergarteners will receive soccer balls and can bring them weekly
- Kiddie Soccer trainers provides equipment on a weekly basis
- Schedule (see page 5)
- Follow field markers to identify team field meeting location
- Any updates to the schedule will be communicated by the RDSA commissioners (rdsasoccerk12@gmail.com) to the team managers and players, the team manager can send a reminder to their team.
- Any questions or concerns from parents should be communicated to the team managers.

Thank you,

(Sign / team manager name)