

Kennebunkport, Arundel, and Kennebunk Soccer Revolution program - Handbook

A warm welcome to all players, parents, coaches, volunteers and supporters of Kennebunkport, Arundel, and Kennebunk Soccer Revolution program (KAK Soccer Revolution). Our program brings together three towns to offer soccer to children from kindergarten to 6th grade. Our aim is to offer a fun soccer experience for all and aid individuals to develop their soccer skills. We wish to promote an enjoyable and positive environment for all players, parents, coaches, volunteers, officials, and supporters. Good luck this season and we thank you for participating, supporting us and helping us to improve our program. Welcome to KAK Soccer Revolution!

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Introduction

This handbook endeavors to provide essential information about our program to all of our stakeholders. The program continues to evolve and by its nature it will change. Updates will be posted regularly to your towns' website (www.kennebunkportrec.com, www.arundelrec.com, & www.kennebunkrec.com)

Our Philosophy

The welfare of the child comes first. Children must be treated as children, not as small adults. Children are given a fair chance to compete and a fair chance of winning. The coach is at liberty to stretch and challenge the abilities of the child in a fun environment. Reasonable demands can be made of the children, for example, punctuality and standards of behavior. Participation at all times must be encouraged with an emphasis on skill development, athleticism, and development of the whole child socially as well as in a sporting context. Competition is encouraged but not to the detriment of the above. A win at all costs attitude is to be discouraged.

Codes of Conduct

Kennebunkport Parks & Recreation, Arundel Parks & Recreation, and Kennebunk Parks & Recreation values the role of sport and recreation programs and its contribution to overall human development by providing good quality recreation opportunities in a safe and positive environment. Our codes of conduct set minimum standards of best practice for everyone associated with the program. We must all aim to improve standards and protect the welfare and well being of everyone involved in our program, in particular children and those who are vulnerable. Ultimately, we must actively pursue our goals, realizing the importance of our own, and our fellow participant's commitment to uphold ethical duties and social responsibilities to others.

Coaches

- Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the game.
- Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
- Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by the towns' parks & recreation department.
- Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.

- Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance.
- Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
- Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, and program co-ordinators) in the best interest of the player.
- Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport and never condone violations of the laws of the game, behavior contrary to the spirit of laws of the game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
- Coaches must consistently display high standards of behavior and appearance.
- Coaches must not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

Players

Obligations towards the game: A player should:

- Set a positive example for others, particularly younger players and supporters.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship, and time-wasting.
- Always have regard to the best interests of the game.

Respect for the laws of the game and competition rules: A player should:

- Know and abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.

Respect toward the game officials: A player should:

- Accept the decision of the game official without protest.
- Show due respect towards game officials.

Respect towards the team officials: A player should:

- Abide by the instructions of their coach and team officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code.
- Show due respect towards the team officials of the opposition.

Parents and Spectators

Ensure that parents/spectators within our program are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own. Parents/Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in soccer. Children play soccer because they first and foremost enjoy the game – its fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at soccer within the program it is important to reinforce the message to parents/spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying soccer
- A sense of personal achievement

- Self-esteem
- Assist to improve the child's skills and techniques

A parent's/spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players
- Officials
- Coaches
- Spectators

Ensure that parents/spectators within our club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own. Encourage parents/spectators to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team
- Avoid coaching the child during the game
- Not to shout and scream
- Respect the referee's decision
- Give attention to each of the children involved in soccer not just the most talented
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in soccer

Our Programs

KAK Soccer Revolution– Grades K-4

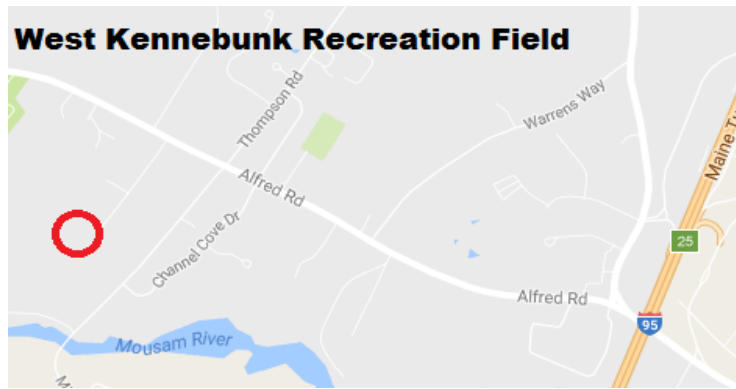
KAK Soccer Revolution gives players an opportunity to learn the FUNdamentals of soccer in a friendly and encouraging environment. This program includes one practice and one game each week. Coaching for this program is taken by volunteer coaches, who work hard to meet the needs of all our players.

KAK Travel Soccer Revolution– Grades 5-6

KAK Travel provides the opportunity to represent your community in games and round-robin tournaments with other rec-level teams in southern Maine. Coaching for the program is given by volunteer coaches and has support program staff to meet the coaching needs of the players. Registrations received before May 31st will include a ticket to see the New England Revolution vs New York City game at Gillette Stadium on Sunday, Oct 15th with your child's name entered into a drawing for an on-field experience at the game. This aims to give our players the opportunity to watch a professional soccer game and see the region's best professional players in action.

Where is Practice?

Practices will be held once a week at Park Street Field in Kennebunk (Parson's Field in Kennebunk), West Kennebunk Recreation Field, Consolidated Field in Kennebunkport (Parson's Field in Kennebunkport), or Gilliam Field in Arundel. Each player's coach will decide the day, time and locations of practice. If you have any questions about practice please contact the coach of player's team, or contact your towns' park & recreation department.



Where Games are Played?

All games for KAK Soccer Revolution – Grades K-4 are played at Consolidated Field in Kennebunkport (Parson's Field in Kennebunkport). Grades 5-6 travel will play their home games West Kennebunk Recreation Field.

Weather Cancellations

Please check your town's recreation department's website to keep up to date with weather cancellations.