



LAWTON PREDATORS FC

Predators FC Spring 2019 Newsletter

May 2019

Welcome to Predators FC

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide the Lawton Soccer Community with the opportunity to see our Spring 2019 soccer season and offer their players as much information as possible about up-coming events.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Predators FC Team is to provide gender specific soccer players the opportunity to play instructional and competitive soccer at the highest level commensurate with their ability, potential and interest. We Hope to offer MORE than the "typical" recreational soccer program. We are looking for kids and families that have a SERIOUS desire to learn soccer and to someday go onto the next level of play. We hope that time spent practicing, conditioning and touching the ball will lead to lifelong passion for the game.

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UPCOMING ELECTIONS

The Lawton Predators FC will be holding elections during the month of May 2019. If you are interested in running for a board position contact Angela at secretary@predatorssoccer.com attach a short soccer biograph deadline for submissions is 15 May 2019.

The following positions are up for election:

President
Secretary
Fan Wear Coordinator
Director of Coaching

Midwest City Tournament Finalists

12 and Under Boys take Silver at Midwest City



8 and Under Girls win Midwest City Silver Bracket Gold



12 and Under Girls take Gold at Lawton Spring Fling



Soccer Referee Responsibilities

1. Watch over the game, enforce the Laws of the Game and fair play.
2. Player safety! Insure all players are protected during play
3. Pay attention to the surrounding environment and ensure that the conditions are acceptable for play this includes the field of play and the weather.

Visit our website at www.predatorssoccer.com for fall 2019 soccer registration information.



Women's World Cup Starts 7 June

Message from the Predators President

Congratulations to all the Lawton Predators FC teams that attended the Midwest City Tournament last month. The 8 and Under Girls team took gold and the 12 and Under Boys took Silver great job all. This month our teams hit the road to attend more tournaments the OSA Target United Cup in Midwest City OK 4-5 May and the Spring Twister in South Lakes OK 18-19 May. Thank you Coaches and Team Managers for all you do!!

PREDATORS WHERE DREAMS BEGIN

Passback Program

Predators FC is proud to be a part of the U.S. Soccer Foundation Passback program. Collections will be taken during soccer camp and at the beginning and end of each soccer season by your team



manager. Passback collection may consist of new and/or gently used soccer equipment.

- Gently used refers to any equipment that is not ruined, torn, or excessively dirty – really anything that could be used again.
- Equipment we accept: jerseys, shorts, shin guards, goalie jerseys, goalie pants/shorts, goalie gloves, socks, cleats, soccer balls, and bags.
- The Foundation prefers jersey sets; however, non—matching logos, numbers, or names are acceptable.
- Balls do not have to be deflated. Cleats, socks, shin guards, and goalie gloves are only accepted in pairs.
- Location to be determined.



Congratulations to the Lady Eagles CITY SOCCER CHAMPS!

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Fort Sill Access Information:

All drivers without a Military ID or Government CAC card must have a Ft Sill Gate pass to enter post. This includes all drivers 16 years and older, occupants no longer require a Post Pass if the driver presents a Military or CAC ID. All our practice fields are on post so please plan ahead prior to practice starting. The form and FAQ can be downloaded from our website.

All registration and uniform fees must be paid Online. Without paid fees your player may not participate in Predators activities.

PREDATORS FC FALL 2019 REGISTRATIONS OPEN 1 JUNE FOR RETURNING PLAYERS, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 16 JUN.

SOCCER SIGN UPS

****REGISTRATION AND/OR UNIFORM SCHOLARSHIPS****

BOY AND GIRL TEAMS BORN BETWEEN 2001-2014

****MULTI-FAMILY \$10.00 DISCOUNT ****

****MILITARY \$10.00 DISCOUNT****(Contact Registrar)

****ONLINE REGISTRATIONS****

****GENDER PURE TEAMS****

****FREE CLUB T-SHIRTS****

****TOURNAMENTS****

Club Calendar 2019

Practice location - Ft. Sill Prichard Field.

SPRING TOURNAMENT DATES

4-5 May: OSA Target Cup
Midwest City

10-12 May: OKC Festival De Futbol

18-19 May: Spring Twister South Lakes

1 June: Fall season registrations open for returning players, 16 June is open to the public.

JULY OR AUG: Grassroots Coaching Clinic and Pre-season Soccer Camp

To our Military and Police Officers thank you for all you do to protect our country and local communities.

Coaching Assignments Spring 2019

U8 Co-Ed: Nina Deen

U8 Girls: Nina Deen

U10 Girls Travel: Darrell Greenfield

U10 Boys Travel: Armando Mendoza

U12 Girls: Travel: Sadou Diallo and

Amber Smith

U12 Boys Travel: Tony Mendoza and

Nick Sargent

U19 Girls Travel: Robert (Paul)

Swatzell and James Taylor



Predators Coffee Mug \$10.00

Sign up for text messages from Predators FC: send text keyword 'fallseason2019leagues11710' to 84483. Message and data rates may apply.

Tournament Pictures



Predators FC Store

We've tried to make purchasing your uniforms, hoodies, t-shirts as easy as possible - www.predatorssoccer.com.

Uniforms will be delivered to the field by the team manager. Please have your uniform ordered when you register.

There are no returns on custom orders. This includes any item with a Predators FC logo on it. Please verify your size before ordering. The size chart is very accurate. Measure twice—Order once.



More Tournament Pictures



“Should Players Be Required To 'Take A Knee' When A Fellow Competitor Gets Injured?

Perhaps you've seen this happen when you've watched football games featuring pro, college, high school or even youth teams. I know I've seen it happen during my son's high school games. A player goes down with injury, the kind that has him lying down on the field for an uncomfortably long time. As doctors, trainers and coaches look after him, and/or wait for the paramedics to arrive, players on each team go to the sideline, take off their helmets and get down on one knee until the injured player leaves the field. It's not a written rule that players do this, and I couldn't tell you when this started. But it's become so ingrained in the sport that when that protocol is breached, people get. Coaches were not made available to explain that policy. Liberty's coaches told the newspaper they took no offense to Frontier's players standing.

Taking a knee as a sign of respect for an injured player isn't just something for football. It happens in field hockey, soccer and other sports. I can see why it's done. It's a sign of respect and concern when someone is hurt, but more than that putting players in that position means they're not moving, chattering, or doing anything else than could look disrespectful. It also sends a signal to the stands that the injury is serious, and everyone should be concerned.

However, I'm not sure it's right for fans to get upset if a coach or team chooses not to take a knee, as long as they are still acting respectfully” Bob Cook “Forbes”

Last year while coaching an 8 and under game (with no referees) a player from the opposing team was fouled and fell to the ground the player had a minor injury and was taken off the field treatment. The opposing coach immediately started yelling “EVERYBODY TAKE A KNEE” obviously her team took a knee but my team did not and here is why, I've taught my players that taking a knee in soccer is dangerous. We're asking players to place their heads and faces in a dangerous location possibly in front of a player who did not hear a whistle or instructions from a coach and continues to play kicking the ball into the face of a player or even worse kicking a player in the face and mouth. What I have taught my players is to not take a knee but to display their sportmanship after the injured player is up and moving to the touchline this is how we show our respect for injured players. I'm all about good sportsmanship but not for placing players in danger. Mando



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"Scarfs Up"



New Soccer Law Changes Effective 1 June 2019

Free kicks: No attacking players in the wall: Rule change prohibits attacking players from being in the wall during free kicks.

Substitutions: Players must leave the pitch (field) at nearest point. Players who are being taken off and replaced must now leave the pitch by the nearest point on the touchline.

Yellow and Red Cards for Coaches: The Referee will now have the authority to show the Coach a yellow or red card, in the same way they do with players.

Penalty kicks: Goalkeepers must have at least one foot on line: Allowing the goalkeeper to have only one foot touching the goal line (or, if jumping, in line with the goal line) when the penalty kick is taken is a more practical approach as it is easier to identify if both feet are not on the line.

Handling: Accidental offenses deemed direct free kicks: The changes will mean that there will be no goal allowed in cases where the ball accidentally strikes a player's hand before crossing over the line. Similarly, if a player has accidentally handled the ball and created an advantage or subsequently scores, the player will be penalized with a direct free kick.

Drop ball no longer competitive: The dropped ball is no more, well at least as we know it. If play is stopped inside the penalty area (Large Box) the ball will simply be dropped for the goalkeeper to pick up and put in play. If play is stopped outside the penalty area the ball will be dropped for a player from the team that last touched the ball. In all cases, players will have to be at least four and a half yards away from the ball.

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