

# Kenmore Soccer News

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## *Kenmore Soccer.....We Offer it All*

Kenmore Soccer continues to add opportunities at every level of soccer in our community.

As noted last month, we are assuming responsibility for the Town of Tonawanda's spring recreational soccer program, which will operate in April and May for ages 4-13. We are also offering free Micro Soccer for players born between 2014 and 2017. The response to date for these programs has been overwhelming, with nearly 300 players registered for the recreational program, and 78 registered for Micro Soccer which will run from mid-May through July.

At the same time, we recently completed our Futsal program for ages 8-12, and had 75 players participate. We are now in the process of implementing Futsal as an annual winter program for other ages groups, using the facilities of the Epic Center to have games versus other clubs from November 2021 - March 2022.

The schedules for our 22 teams in the Buffalo/WNY Junior Soccer League will be issued shortly, but our five teams in the National Premier League, Thruway League, and Champions Conference are already playing. Our women's teams will begin play in mid-May. We will continue to be the primary tenant at Kenney Field, Lincoln Park, and Irvington Park for our matches, with a few games at Adams Field and the Nardin Athletic Center. One change for the 2021 season is that Kenmore Soccer will be running the Kenney Field concession stand starting next month. We recently issued information on that in an e-mail, and more information is on page 2 of this newsletter.

Outdoor training schedules have been posted via links on the Teams and Schedules page, and includes Team Training, Junior Academy, Advanced Academy, and Goalkeeping Academy.

Finally, we hope that COVID will be behind us shortly and international travel can resume. In preparation for that, we have partnered with Athleta to coordinate several trips that will be open to Kenmore players/teams. We re hopeful of 2022 trips to Celtic FC in Scotland, Sporting Lisbon in Portugal, and SoccerViza's Pro Player Development Center in Costa Rica which has placed over 400 players for professional tryouts or contracts. This includes work with Trevali FC in Italy, who are specifically looking for female players. They offer a small salary, accommodations, food, and education through Turin University. They also teach Italian to foreign players.

The bottom line is that Kenmore Soccer offers everyone opportunities to go as far as their skills, commitment, and work ethic will take them, but if it's just playing for fun....we offer that as well.

[KidsPlay](#) Returns in May.....Access Registration  
Information [HERE](#)

## Interested in Coaching Young Players.....Need Community Service Hours?

We are looking for players who may need Community Service hours and/or have an interest in coaching young players.

Kenmore Soccer will be operating the Town Recreation program during April and May for age groups 4-6, 6-8, and 8-10. Nick DeMarsh will coordinate the program, which will start with clinics at Brighton Arena in April that he will lead, and then move outdoors for games during May. Games will be held one night per week and on Saturdays at Kenney Field. If two players want to pair up to coach, just let us know.

Interested players (or parents) can contact Nick at [ndemarsh@niagaraifc.com](mailto:ndemarsh@niagaraifc.com).

## Can You Help with Concessions?

Kenmore Soccer will be running the Concession Stand at Kenney Field this spring/summer. We are looking for older youth players who want to help with this. The 2021-2022 club fee will be waived for those helping operate the stand for a total of 25 hours. We will have two people per night, so you can partner up with someone if you want.

Interested players (or parents) should contact Ken Voght at [voght@msn.com](mailto:voght@msn.com).

## Kenmore Soccer Offers College Soccer Insights on April 1st Via Zoom at 7:00pm

Are you in high school and considering playing soccer at the collegiate level? Have questions? Want some insights?

If so, join us via Zoom on Thursday April 1st at 7:00pm where our staff will provide information on the process of finding the right college, as well as the recruiting process.

It will be an open discussion, allowing our youth participants and parents plenty of opportunity to ask questions.

Join via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82161303412?pwd=VUpkOWE0WUhQeFRZMGhTV1RBbGJndz09>

Meeting ID: 821 6130 3412  
Passcode: 793521

.....or directly at the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82161303412?pwd=VUpkOWE0WUhQeFRZMGhTV1RBbGJndz09>

## Minor Athlete and Parent SafeSport Training



United States Youth Soccer requires members to offer SafeSport training to youth participants and their parents. The U.S. Center for SafeSport offers this training free of charge to anyone.

This training is available without creating an account, but please note that parental consent is required for any minor athlete to complete the training.

[Link to Training](#)

## Kenmore Soccer Celtic FC Camp Scheduled for July 19th-23rd

**On-Line Registration Now Open**  
Early Bird Discount Ends on March 31st



With the anticipation that "normalcy" may return by this summer, Kenmore Soccer is planning once again to welcome the staff of the Celtic FC Academy in Glasgow, Scotland to serve as instructors for our Summer Camp. The high level and professionalism they bring is unsurpassed in our area.

Camp will operate during the week of July 19th-23rd. We will have a half-day camp from 9:00-Noon each day, and a full-day camp from 9:00am-3:30pm each day. Both will be held at Kenney Field. Players born from 2004-2013 are eligible to participate.

Registration is now on-line through [www.kenmoresoccer.com](http://www.kenmoresoccer.com). When you log into your account you will click on the "new program available" icon, and then select the Celtic FC camp. Registration is \$185/camper for the full-day session and \$100 for the half-day camp, without the early bird discount that expires on March 31st.

In the event that the Celtic FC staff is unable to travel here, our camp will still operate, using local staff at a reduced cost, and registrants will receive refunds of the difference as we did in 2020.

The Celtic FC camp is just one of the many benefits that Kenmore Soccer receives through our partnership with Celtic FC, the fourth largest soccer club in the world. Other benefits are team trips to their Academy in Scotland, their annual Elite Camp in Albany for higher-level players, access to their extensive coaching curriculum, and monthly Internet coaching sessions with their staff.

Sign up for the most outstanding soccer experience offered in this area. We look forward to another exciting summer camp.

## Kenmore Niagara 19U Player Commits to Barry University

Congratulations to Laura Cohn from the 19 and Under Kenmore Niagara International team on her commitment to Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida.

Laura joins a highly successful Division II program, which is truly international. Barry has players from not only the United States, but England, Qatar, Sweden, Ireland, and Spain. Added to that is a head coach who is originally from Zimbabwe, an assistant coach who played for the Glasgow Rangers in Scotland, and a second assistant coach who is a native of England and played for the 2011 Women's Premier League champion Sunderland AFC.



We look forward to continuing to work with Laura this summer, and wish her the best of luck on her upcoming college career.

## Trivia Question

(answer on page 8)

The United States U-23 Men's soccer team failed to qualify for this summer's Olympic games. What year was soccer added as an Olympic sport?

## Contacting Us

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## Reminders

- ⇒ If you need to be fitted for a Macron uniform kit, please contact Ken Voght via e-mail at [voght@msn.com](mailto:voght@msn.com). If you have been fitted, but have not placed your order as of yet, use the e-mail link that was issued following player fittings. Everything is done on-line, and shipping is direct to you.
- ⇒ Follow the on-line team schedules for training, but remember that your coach may make late changes that may not be reflected in the on-line schedule.
- ⇒ We offer Goalkeeping, Junior Academy, and Advanced Academy programs, which are at no additional cost to our travel players. We encourage you to take advantage of these added opportunities. Schedules are linked through the Teams and Schedules page of the club web site.

## Goalkeepers Wanted.....Specialized Training Continues

Kenmore Soccer is looking for individuals who are current goalkeepers looking for a change, or for players interested in becoming a goalkeeper. We offer specialized training and playing opportunities, and all you need is a desire to play the position and a willingness to work hard (and a set of gloves!).

Our Goalkeeping Academy will be moving outdoors on Wednesdays at Longfellow School with our Goalkeeping Coach Giovanni Cambareri. There is no added cost for these sessions, or for any of our Academy sessions for players.

We have spots in many age groups, so if you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please let us know - e-mail at [voght@msn.com](mailto:voght@msn.com), or telephone Operations Manager Ken Voght at 837-1627.

## Kenmore Soccer is in the Social Media World

Kenmore Soccer has joined the social media experience by creating sites within Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. Links to the all of the platforms are on the left hand side of our web site landing page.

Teams (or parents for that matter), can post information on these sites by following these instructions:

### Instagram:

If someone posts a picture to their account and wants to tag Kenmore Soccer or include us in a comment, tag our account by using @kenmoresoccerclub

### Twitter:

Anyone can tweet to the Kenmore Soccer page or include us in a post by tagging us using @KenmoreSoccer

### Facebook:

Anyone can post to the wall on the Kenmore page, write a comment on posts, or post a picture/video to the page.

If someone wants to tag Kenmore Soccer Club in a post or picture, they need to type @kenmoresoccerclub

All other photos/videos can be sent to [kenmoresoccerclub@gmail.com](mailto:kenmoresoccerclub@gmail.com).

We have a number of followers on these sites, and you might notice that it includes Celtic FC who has posted information. There are also photos from the Buffalo State Futsal Tournaments, featuring a number of our Kenmore Soccer teams. Most importantly, we have uploaded video of several individual training sessions.

Join in by following Kenmore Soccer, and by submitting information to post and share with the world!

## Submissions Anyone ????????????

We want this to be your newsletter. We also want you to be a part of the Club web site. So, we are looking for your ongoing input—articles, pictures, match highlights, team and player recognition, etc. Each team should consider having a designee that can channel information to the Club for inclusion in the newsletter or web site.

Send your submissions to us at [doc@kenmoresoccer.com](mailto:doc@kenmoresoccer.com). Pictures are welcome, but should be in a jpg or gif format.

*Answer to Trivia Question*  
(from page 5)

Soccer was the first team sport added to the Olympic games. Men's soccer began with the 1900 games, while Women's soccer was added in 1996.



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Fund Raising

The Kenmore Soccer Club is registered to conduct fund-raising, as is required by law, but each activity needs to be approved by our Board of Directors.

If your team wants to conduct any fund-raising, just e-mail us at [doc@kenmoresoccer.com](mailto:doc@kenmoresoccer.com) with the details of what you propose, and the eventual use of the funds raised. We will get back to you promptly.