

# THE WESTON SOCCER BULLETIN

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Soccer players and parents:

Spring has sprung and here we are at the beginning of the spring soccer season. The travel teams have been picked, the coaches assigned and individual e-mails have been sent to each team. Programs for younger players are open for registration and getting ready to go. For more information, visit [westonsoccer.com](http://westonsoccer.com).

## TIMETABLE

- Registration for Tots through Grade 2 is still open. All information is on the website. Any Academy players who missed the registration period should contact Academy Director Bob Grace at [gracerj@optonline.net](mailto:gracerj@optonline.net).
- Pre-season for U9 through U14 runs **March 19 to March 30** (schedule is on the home page). All teams get two hours per week for two weeks at the new Wilton facility at 644 Danbury Road. This pre-season training is an extension of the regular soccer program and included in the fee. Please note the soccer facility is in the back of the complex – just drive around the right side of the building to park.
- **April 1 at 1 PM**. Coaches/parents game/clinic at Morehouse Fields. All able-bodied parents are welcome to this no-judgment zone; all travel parent coaches will be asked to attend as a season-opening meet/greet.
- Spring season starts **April 2** for practices and **April 15** for games for U9 & older travel teams. Younger players should check the web site for specific dates.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Sunday, April 1, Noon**. We are looking for helpers to re-attach the goal nets up at Morehouse Fields. Just show up. Bring friends – or fans to watch you play in the 1 PM game (see above).
- Dunk tank at the **Memorial Day Fair**. Don't worry, we have added this duty to the small print on our coaches' contracts. "Volunteer" coaches will be dunked from 5 to 7 PM on Saturday. Coach Kevin has promised to be there and we're lining up other victims to join him...

## ALL PLAYERS WELCOME (at any age)

There is a common misconception out there that you have to be playing since birth to participate in the Weston Soccer Program. Nothing could be further from the truth. We actively encourage "lapsed" players and first-timers of any age to join us on the field. We have all-comers pick-up games, clinics and even private coaching sessions for anyone who wants to enjoy the sport. So please pass the word around and have any interested parties contact Andy Bill at [thunderpub@aol.com](mailto:thunderpub@aol.com).

## SPRING BREAK CAMP

RNunes is running a five-day Spring Break Soccer Camp at Morehouse Field (#5) during the week of April vacation (**April 16-20**, 9 AM–12 PM). All players from 3-14 years are very welcome. Price ranges from \$85 to \$145, depending on the age of the participant. For more information, please see the attached flyer. For registration, go to the RNunes homepage: <http://www.rnunesacademy.com>.

## HIGH-SCHOOL FRIENDLIES

Everyone knows about the highly competitive teams at the high-school level. But this spring, any high school-aged player who wants to play has the opportunity to train and get in a few friendly games. A registration program is currently open for the boys. Any interested girls should contact Chris Lum at [chrislumct@gmail.com](mailto:chrislumct@gmail.com).

## RE-U.S.E

Do you have any gently used or unwanted soccer equipment lying around the garage? Why not put it to U.S.E by donating it to children who really need it. A local Weston charity, U.S.E. makes the equipment available to the Weston community. Collection bins will be in all schools starting this **Wednesday March 14th**. For more information, contact Hillary Mandell at [hmandell@gmail.com](mailto:hmandell@gmail.com).

## IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS

- Weston Soccer Club wants an open dialogue with its participants. If you have any issue -- good or bad -- that can't be addressed with your coach,

we encourage you to submit them in writing to your team manger. He/she will then table them at board meetings and reply directly to the submitters. Where appropriate some issues will be addressed in future editions of the Bulletin. For younger players (Grade 1 and younger) who do not have a team coach and manager, please send your concerns to Chris Myers at [cgmyers03@aol.com](mailto:cgmyers03@aol.com).

- We are looking for all soccer news suitable for the Weston Forum? If you have something to share (a great photo, a winning team, etc) please send it to [thunderpub@aol.com](mailto:thunderpub@aol.com) and we will submit to the paper as well as post on the website.
- Look out for upcoming Tweets under the Twitter handle: @WestonSoccerCT.