

## Glen Lake U12 Boys – GTSL Leelanau (Travel Recreational)

Draft

<b>Season:</b>	Fall 2010/Spring 2011
<b>Soccer Club Affiliation</b>	Grand Traverse Soccer League – Leelanau County <a href="http://www.gtsoccerleague.org">http://www.gtsoccerleague.org</a>
<b>League Participation</b>	Northern Michigan Soccer Association (NMSA) <a href="http://www.northernmichigansoccer.com">http://www.northernmichigansoccer.com</a>

### Coaches

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Team Manager:	To be determined.

### Target Ages

The U-12 team is targeted to players born between August 1, 1998 and July 31, 2000.

### Target Players

The team is targeted to players looking for a more robust soccer experience than can be offered in the County's recreational league. The team is for players seeking to improve their soccer skills, play alongside teammates who share their desire to develop as a team, and play more competitive games.

### Team Selection

The team will be formed on a first-come first-serve basis. Sign-up will begin on June 9, 2010 via the GTSL web site.

### Coach Philosophy and Season Intentions

- The players will be evaluated on an individual basis to determine the best way to motivate and teach. The players will be expected to work at the highest level at all times during practice and games.
- Development of foot skills will be a high priority.
- Team spirit will be stressed at all times...we win and lose as a team. Also, the players will learn to trust/believe in the other players on the team; therefore have more confidence in their own skills.

- Help players develop the soccer skills and love of the game required to compete in a more competitive environment. The focus will be on improving mastery of the ball and fostering creative, constructive decision making on the field. Players will hopefully gain the enthusiasm for the game that will push them to practice skills at home. The importance of supporting the team with 100% effort, being good teammates, displaying good sportsmanship will be stressed at all times.
- Regarding parents – parental enthusiasm is encouraged, while coaching from the sidelines is discouraged.
- Regarding club – parents & players need to remember that we represent Leelanau soccer (home & away) and GTSL. All should show respect for other clubs, referees, coaches, & other families.

## **SEASON OUTLINE**

### **Practices**

Fall practice will begin in late August. During the season, two 90 minute practices will be held each week. Practices will be held at Myles Kimmerly Park.

### **League Games**

We will play 8 to 10 games in the Northern Michigan Soccer Association (NMSA). Because increased travel will be required, the team will typically play a double header (two-games) on a Saturday or Sunday. We will strive to keep travel to a reasonable level, including holding at least one double header at Myles Kimmerly. Travel to away games should not exceed 90 miles from Kimmerly Park, and could include locations such as Leland, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Charlevoix, and Petoskey.

A similar schedule will be played in the Spring.

### **Tournaments**

The team will participate in at least one tournament in both the Fall and Spring seasons. Possible tournaments include the TBAYS *Autumn Classic* (September 18 -19) and tournaments in Petoskey or Gaylord. Fees for the tournament are included in the budget.

### **Off Season Training**

Players are encouraged to continue to refine their skills and conditioning during the off season (including playing other sports). Team activities may also be included, such as:

- Team building/conditioning activities -- starting late August. Dune Tag, water activities, and other fun activities may be held.
- Soccer in the Sand tournament, Traverse City, August 7 (*optional*).
- Winter/Spring indoor league (*optional*) – the team will identify opportunities to participate in indoor soccer/Futsal leagues.

**Costs**

Costs are estimated to be approximately \$175 per player per year (includes both fall and spring season). Tournament fees (included) will not be collected until the team registers for the event. Costs include:

- GTSL Registration (e.g. administration, insurance)
- NMSA league registration
- Field rentals/facilities fees
- Coaches and referee expenses (coaches are volunteers)
- Two tournaments

Costs do not include:

- Transportation and meals to/from games and tournaments
- Uniforms (team may elect to use existing glen lake jerseys)
- Optional events such as Winter league play, Soccer in the Sand tournament

**Fundraising**

The team will investigate fund raising activities.