

What should my child wear to class?

Participants should wear comfortable clothes and athletic shoes (no outdoor cleats). Shinguards are not needed until Micro Classes and Skills Institute classes. Lil' Kicker or Skills Institute jerseys are given to first-time customers for free, and can thereafter be purchased at a low cost. Outfitting your child in Lil' Kickers garb is a fun way to make your child feel part of a team. Kids naturally appreciate looking like older uniformed kids and role models.

Trial Classes:

All first time trial classes are free of charge for customers NEW to the Lil' Kickers program. Customers may only do trials in classes that have space available. You must call or email to set up a free trial class.

Registration:

Spaces in classes are not guaranteed without payment. Partway through the season, we will hold a priority registration for current customers to re-register for their current classes. At that time, should you desire to change classes for the next session, you may ask to be put on a wait-list and will be contacted just before registration opens up to the public, to let you know whether we were able to register you for your preferred class.

Can we pay as we go during the session?

The session needs to be paid in full at the time of registration to reserve your child's spot. Please note that we offer open enrollment, we do prorate class fees.

How long are your sessions?

We offer four sessions a year (fall, winter, spring, summer) that break down into approximately 10-13 week cycles.

Can I drop my child off for class?

No, classes are 50 minutes and require a parent or guardian to be on-site at all times.

Can I join a class in the middle of a session?

Yes! We offer open enrollment so that you can join anytime and have your class fees prorated. This means that you pay only for the remaining number of classes and not the full session fee.

What if I can't make it to one of my classes?

We understand life can get busy and you might have to miss a class. With our easy make-up class policy, you may schedule a make-up class online. Make-up classes are based on availability and must be made within the current session. We will do our very best to accommodate your requests. If you have multiple children, please schedule a make-up class for each child individually.

Can we come on any day?

No, in order to maintain class ratios and consistency within the program, we schedule children for specific times and days. When registering, be sure to first determine which day best suits your schedule. Of course, there may be an occasion when a make-up class is needed. In that situation, you can schedule a make-up class for any day in which class space is available. If your schedule changes during the session and you need to switch days, we will try to accommodate your needs to the best of our ability. However, changes cannot be guaranteed and are based on space availability.

What kind of instructors do you have?

All Lil' Kickers coaches are carefully screened to ensure we provide quality, child-centered, high energy instruction. Each coach goes through a rigorous training process, which includes child development training.

Why don't they play more soccer in this program?

While many soccer programs are busy using traditional soccer skill drills to drive home the fundamentals of soccer, we approach coaching from a child-centered perspective. Because of this perspective, we know that our main goal is to make learning fun for kids. We do this by putting instruction into a context children understand, using special techniques designed around how kids naturally learn. Lil' Kickers teaches your child the fundamentals of soccer, but focuses on developing the whole child. Our program helps develop social, emotional, and cognitive skills that result in our Lil Kickers becoming well-balanced and conscientious individuals on and off the soccer field.

What is the difference between Lil' Kickers and Skills Institute?

Lil' Kickers is a child development soccer program that teaches basic skills through fun, creative, and energetic games. Skills Institute also encourages age-appropriate child development and focuses on teaching more technical and tactical skills through various fast-paced, challenging and structured drills.

Why does the Skills Institute class cost more?

A higher level of specialized technical instruction is provided in Skills Institute classes, and the value of this instruction is priced accordingly.

What is your policy for allowing children with special needs into your program?

Children with special needs are welcomed in our program as long as we are equipped to assist them accordingly. Please contact our Lil' Kickers Coordinator for more information.