



## Welcome to the Fifth Season of Bidwell Junior High School Soccer!

Your student has expressed an interest in participating in this school-sponsored sport. Please look over this information thoroughly. There is no signup fee for the program, but there is some cost for basic gear that is required to play. Students must also bring a permission slip signed by their parent or legal guardian in order to participate. You can download a copy of the [Permission Form Here](#) and submit it to us at:

[soccer.stone.futbol@gmail.com](mailto:soccer.stone.futbol@gmail.com)

### Timeline:

- The program runs from March 2nd to May 13th (Mon/Wed) for girls and from March 3rd to May 14th (Tues/Thurs) for boys.
- SPRING BREAK (March 16th - 20th) - NO SOCCER
- Girls will practice on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 5:00pm with games held at 3:30pm or 4:45pm throughout the season.
- Boys will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00pm to 5:00pm with games held at 3:30pm or 4:45pm throughout the season.
- Full game schedule TBD, expect it by the first week of April.
- Tournament: May 4 - May 14.

### DRIVERS:

- Drivers are required to sign up to be volunteers in order to drive students (other than their own) to events off campus. This includes taking kids to and from soccer games. The process is easy and took me about twenty minutes to complete plus a phone call from the District Nurse. IF you have already done so for any other Chico Unified school/sport than you are cleared to drive. This process only needs to be done once per driver.

### Team Evaluation and Development:

- **Starting March 3rd/4th** - This will be a two week mini-camp to help Bidwell students get into the swing of Jr High soccer along with giving the coaches some time to see who comes out. Students will be broken up based on skill, run through drills to help them learn more about soccer and play games/scrimmages with their classmates of all skill groups. We encourage all students who want to play to come out so they can meet coaches prior to tryouts and get a feel for the program.
- **March 24th - Tryouts**. We will be evaluating students and breaking them into teams for the season. There will be 3 teams for each boys and girls with one A team, one B and one C team for each group.

### Team Sizes

- **A team** will be **16** players deep. 17 IF and ONLY if there is a second goalie.
- **B/C teams** will have **16-18** players each.
- With this in mind, there is a chance we will have to cut students at the end of tryouts. I will remind players at the beginning of tryouts that this is a possibility. To provide some insight into how we will be evaluating players, just because someone is new, does not mean they will be cut. We are looking for students who want to be there, not just because their friends are there. Encourage your

student to come out and show the coaches that they are there to learn the sport, try their hardest and be part of the team. Students who come out just to mess around with their friends will be asked to leave.

**Equipment:**

- Chico Unified will provide team Jerseys, fields, goals and nets, soccer balls, coaches and referees.
- Players will be **required** to bring **shin guards**. Not having a pair will result in them having to sit out that practice/game.
- Cleats are highly recommended but not required, as are knee length, black socks and black shorts.

**Permission Slip:** [Download a copy here.](#) You can either print it and send a copy in with your child, or email it directly to me at the below address. Your child must have a signed copy submitted to the school prior to their participation. Those who do not have one turned in will not be permitted to participate.

**\*\*\*\*Bidwell Coaches will be using TeamSnap to communicate with parents.**

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