

To all Athletes, Volunteers, and Coaches, it is that time of year again when we are getting ready for soccer season, so I would like to welcome you to the 2024 Howard County Special Olympics Soccer season.

Practices on Wednesday evenings (beginning August 21 through October 23 based on daylight) 6:00 pm-7:30 pm at Cedar Lane Park East Field #8 off Route 108. Field #8 is behind the parking lot.' No Saturday practices will be held on non-league days, only on league Saturday's

Address:

Cedar Lane Park East Field #8
10745 Route 108
Columbia, MD 21044

Preliminary Schedule:

Sat	09/14/24	League Play- (8 am-1 pm) Cedar Lane Park East
Sat	09/21/24	League Play- (8 am-1 pm) Cedar Lane Park East
Sat	09/28/24	League Play- (8 am-1 pm) Cedar Lane Park East
Sat	10/05/24	League Play- (8 am-1 pm) Cedar Lane Park East
Sun	10/13/24	Regional Qualifier (All must attend) (TBD, 8am to 4pm)
Sat	10/19/24	League Play- (8 am-1 pm) Cedar Lane Park East
Sun	10/26/23	SOMD Soccer Tournament- Crown Sports Center Fruitland, MD

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All Schedule dates:

Wednesday	6:00-7:30	8/21/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Wednesday	6:00-7:30	8/28/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Wednesday	6:00-7:30	9/04/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Wednesday	6:00-7:30	9/11/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Saturday	7:00-1:00	9/14/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Wednesday	6:00-7:30	9/18/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Saturday	7:00-1:00	9/21/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Wednesday	6:00-7:30	9/25/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Saturday	7:00-1:00	9/28/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Wednesday	6:00-7:30	10/2/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Saturday	No practice	10/12/2024	State Qualifier on Sunday (All must attend to go to state games)
Wednesday	6:00-7:30	10/9/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Saturday	7:00-1:00	10/12/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Wednesday	6:00-7:30	10/16/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Saturday	7:00-1:00	10/19/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Wednesday	6:00-7:30	10/23/2024	Cedar Lane Park, Field 8
Saturday	No practice	10/26/2024	
Sunday	State Games	10/29/2024	

SOHO Athlete Arrival/Pickup Policy

The policies for Arrival/Pick-up of Athletes and Transportation pertain to and affect us all.

As a result, below is a reminder of these important policies, specifically as they relate to our practices. We are all responsible to adhere to these policies.

Points of Contact for athletes living outside of their family home, please make sure this information is distributed beforehand to anyone that may be dropping off or picking up an athlete.

Arrival/Pick-up of Athletes:

-Be sure that athletes are dropped off at practice on time.

- Practice begins promptly at **(6:00)** (early dark day 5:30)
- If your athlete needs time to prepare (e.g., change shoes, set up chair, etc.) be sure that athlete is ready to go at the practice start time.
- Athletes arriving late disrupt the practice and late arrival should be avoided.

-Parents or chaperones (anyone dropping off an athlete) must escort their athlete into the practice location, check-in with the Coordinator or Site Lead, and must leave a contact phone number if they are not staying for the practice/competition.

- The Coordinator/Site Lead can then contact the parent/chaperone in the event that practices ends early or if there is an issue with the athlete. This will also prevent athletes from being dropped off at practice locations when the practice has been moved or cancelled.
- Coordinator – (*Shirley Duhaney*)

-Parents/chaperones must return 15 minutes prior to the end of practice.

- Practice officially ends at **(7:30)**. This means that parents/chaperones must be at the practice site by (7:15). (When it starts getting dark early practice will end at 7pm)
- Occasionally, practice could end early, and someone needs to be there to pick up athletes.
- **It is NOT the job/responsibility of the Coordinator or Site Lead to call the Parent/Chaperone at the end of practice.**

-Because outdoor practices are subject to unpredictable weather, parents/chaperones must stay on site if the weather is questionable.

-Although contact information is provided in the online registration, the person responsible for the drop off/pick up of athletes sometimes changes from week to week and as a result, the parent/chaperone must check-in with the Coordinator/Site Lead and complete the sign out sheet made available.