

## Kilgour Soccer: An Overview

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Kilgour participates in both the fall and spring soccer seasons as a district in [Soccer Association Youth \(SAY\)](#), a national organization dedicated to recreational soccer.

Registration is conducted online via [Blue Sombrero](#). If you are a new user, create an account by clicking on the tab marked "Register."

For this Spring 2019 Season, we are instituting the following payment structure, so please register early and save!!!

\$40 Early Bird Registration ends Sunday, January 27th

\$45 Regular Registration ends Sunday, February 3rd

\$55 Late Registration ends Sunday, February 10th

After February 10th, your child will be placed on a waiting list and we will see if we can assign her / him to a team from another school who may need players.

For any Child playing in the Kickers division (6th Grade) this spring, 12 year olds, registration will be completed via Walnut Hills. Players do not have to be going to Walnut in the Fall to play this Spring. Please contact us for Kicker registration. Kicker registration ends February 8th.

KSB provides scholarship opportunities to Kilgour students so every child has the ability to participate in a sports program. Please contact the sport coordinator or see the school office for scholarship information.

[Register Now!](#)

## Kilgour Soccer Parents' Guide

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### Seasons and Practices

The spring season runs from late March to late May with games beginning the weekend of March 30th (It is highly possible Kilgour teams will have their first game on Sunday March 31st) Practices generally begin 2-4 weeks before the first games of the season. Player registration occurs in January/February for the spring season. Games will be played on Saturdays AND Sundays.

### League

Kilgour plays in the SAY Soccer program under the Cincinnati SAY East organization. SAY soccer is a **recreational league** that emphasizes equal playing time, fun, and a positive environment. It is not a select or competitive soccer program – any child is welcome to play, regardless of ability. You can find more information about SAY East at [www.sayeast.org](http://www.sayeast.org). SAY's [web site](#) has information on its season calendars, mission, rules and regulations, coaching information and volunteer forms.

### Weather

Practices may be cancelled at the discretion of your coach. Games are rarely cancelled, but if the weather looks bad, you

should call the SAY East Field Hot-Line at **513-369-8036** to find out if your game is still on. All games and practices are automatically suspended for at least 30 minutes if lightning is seen or thunder is heard.

## Fees

Kilgour currently uses Blue Sombrero for soccer registration. The fees are noted on Blue Sombrero. Fees should be paid online when you complete registration. This makes it significantly easier on our parent volunteers. If you absolutely have to pay via check, please contact the soccer coordinator.

## Uniforms

A few seasons ago, Kilgour switched to its current all blue uniform. The soccer uniform consists of an all blue jersey with gold numbers, blue shorts and gold socks. Players must wear these uniform items for each game. Please be sure to order your uniform(s) during registration if you have not previously done so. Our uniform coordinator will distribute uniforms prior to the start of the season.

## Volunteer Coaches

If you're interested in becoming a coach or assistant coach, please add your information when you register your child(ren) on the [Blue Sombrero website](#). If you have questions about coaching, please feel free to send an email to either the girls' soccer coordinator, Chris Coy at [kilgourgirlssoccer@gmail.com](mailto:kilgourgirlssoccer@gmail.com), or the boys' soccer coordinator, Patrick Byrne at [kilgourboysoccer@gmail.com](mailto:kilgourboysoccer@gmail.com).

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Some of the rules of SAY East deserve particular attention.

1. **No Blowouts.** Any team that wins by more than 5 goals is subject to penalty for a "blowout."
2. **Parent Behavior.** SAY expects parents and coaches to behave appropriately, particularly with regard to yelling at referees and maintaining positive encouragement. Kilgour did not have a single incident with regard to parent behavior or blowouts last fall, and we hope that continues this spring.
3. **No Cancellations.** SAY has a no cancellation policy because of the difficulty of scheduling referees, fields, and hundreds of teams. Cancelling a game is a last resort and is only granted in rare circumstances. If you cannot make a game for whatever reason, be sure to let the coach know as soon as possible.
4. **Divisions.** SAY soccer has three divisions in which Kilgour participates: Passers, Wings, and Strikers. Please note that which division your child plays in is determined by your child's age as of July 31 in the current year, not your child's grade. Passers are ages 6-7 and play 6v6, Wings are ages 8-9 and play 8v8, Strikers are ages 10-11 and play 9v9 in the spring.
5. **Kickers.** Spring Only - Your child will play in the Kickers division with Walnut Hills if they are 12 years old. Walnut's spring kickers' teams are composed of Walnut's 7th graders and 6th graders who come from elementary schools. Players do not have to be going to Walnut in the fall to play this spring. Please contact us for registration for Kickers registration.
6. **Coaches.** We encourage all interested **parents to volunteer** to coach a team or serve as an assistant coach. No soccer knowledge or experience is required. If you would like to coach, please sign up as a "Volunteer" when registering your child and specify whether you would like to be a head coach or an assistant coach.
7. **Teams.** Teams are **assigned randomly** by our online registration system. We do not move children from team to team based on

friendship, car pool arrangements, skill level, or similar concerns.

8. **Games.** Games are played on the weekend, both on Saturday and Sunday. The Spring season will begin the weekend of March 30th (It is highly possible Kilgour teams will have their first game on Sunday March 31st) and end at the end of May. Your coach will communicate your game schedule once it is finalized. You can also find it on the SAY East website once published.
9. **Practices.** Once registration is complete (see below), your child will be assigned to a team. The coach will be a Kilgour parent, and the coach selects the dates and times for practices. Once teams are formed and the practice fields/schedule determined, your coach will let you know the dates and times for practices. Typically, practices are twice per week for one hour. Practices are usually held at Armleder Park, Linwood Field, or Kilgour (for the younger kids). Practices will begin in March (typically 2-4 weeks prior to the beginning of the season).
10. **Weather.** Practices may be cancelled at the discretion of your coach. Games are rarely cancelled, but if the weather looks bad, you should call the SAY East Field Hotline at 513-369-8036 to find out if your game is still on. All games and practices are automatically suspended for at least 30 minutes if lightning is seen or thunder is seen.
11. **Equipment.** Your child will need shin guards, a bottle of water, and cleats for all games and practices. Your child will also need to bring a ball to each practice. Passers use a Size 3 ball and Wings and Strikers use a Size 4 ball.
12. **No jewelry**, including earrings, is allowed during games.
13. **Registration.** It is critical that all registrations are completed on time, as the registration numbers determine team assignments, practice field allocations, game schedules, and pretty much everything else. **THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO TO HELP KILGOUR SOCCER IS TO REGISTER ON TIME.**

## Questions

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Soccer Coordinator parent volunteers.

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