



2018 KC East Lions High School and Junior High Soccer

The KC East Lions program offers opportunities for home school students to compete against local public and private high school teams in many sports. The Lions soccer team continues to grow and has become a premier faith-based team in Kansas City. Our home field for games and training is centrally located at the “40 Acres and a Mule” facility at 7620 E. 79th Street in Kansas City, MO. We hope you find this guide helpful to learn about the Lions and plan for the upcoming season. In addition to home school students, the Lions also provide opportunities for students of small private schools that do not offer high school athletics.

If you are a prospective player, we’d love to know of your interest and are happy to answer any questions about our program. Please contact: Steve Ward (Soccer Director) at 816-866-3966 or wardmailbox@gmail.com.

2018 Key Dates (Preliminary):

June: Summer training begins (Two evenings a week).

July 23rd: Full practice schedule begins.

August 9-11: KC Kickoff Classic preseason tournament.

August 17-18: Beat the Heat tournament (St. Louis).

August 20th: Regular season begins.

October 27th: End of season.



Kansas State Rankings

#	School
14	Dodge City
15	Central (Andover)
16	Sumner Academy (Kansas City)
17	Haysville Campus (Wichita)
18	Tonganoxie
19	Kansas City East Christian Academy (Kansas City)
20	West (Shawnee Mission)
21	Harmon (Kansas City)
22	Central (Salina)
23	Blue Valley (Stillwell)
24	Wichita HomeSchool (Wichita)

2017 Recap at-a-glance:

- Varsity record: 24-7-1.
- 1st of four teams in KC Kickoff Challenge
- 1st of ten teams in the Beat the Heat Tournament
- 1st of seven teams in Christian Fellowship Tournament
- 3rd of twelve teams at NCHSC Soccer Nationals
- MaxPreps* Kansas State High School Ranking #19

Check us out online to find out more about our soccer team or the other sports offered through the KC East Lions!

<http://www.kceastlions.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/kc.east.soccer/>

*MaxPreps.com ranking Dec. 2017 (KC East is ranked as a Kansas school since it is approved through the KSHSAA program).



The Lions Head Coach is Nathan EuDaly. Coach Nate played with the Lions through his Junior High and High School years before playing for Blue River Community College and the University of Saint Mary. Upon graduating with a major in Sports Management and a minor in Coaching he attended Sporting KC's open tryouts two consecutive years, making the final 30 both times. Nate's true passion is coaching and mentoring young athletes, not just in the game of soccer but in their personal lives as well.

What can you expect from the Lions?

A Quality High School Soccer Program:

Home school athletes sometimes feel that they may miss out on the opportunities that public and private high schools offer for their soccer development. The KC East Lions team answers that concern! Our momentum keeps building and our state rank keeps improving (#19 overall as of the end of 2017). Kansas City is exploding with two wonderful things: home educators and great soccer players! We invite you to join us and investigate what we can offer you.

Values of Home Educators:

Our sons will learn the value of teamwork and an appreciation of the diversity in our backgrounds, ages, and skills. We will work together and we will pray together. We will go through adversity together. We will respect one another and see the glory of God shine in the abilities and gifts that He has given to each of us. In addition, we respect your family's time. We do not have any team activities on Sundays or Wednesdays and we work hard to accommodate your family's priorities.

Experiences beyond a Soccer Team:

These young men - through the Lions - have a place to belong and will establish friendships that will last far beyond the season. Families bond with other families as we enjoy watching these athletes grow into men before our eyes. Memories are made and we often break bread together (or burritos). The KC East Lions program also offers other sports to be involved with throughout the year including track & field, cross country, football, basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball.



Preparation for College, Work, and Life:

The Lions provide life-lessons and build discipline and character. If you are pursuing a college education in the coming years, playing with the Lions gives you experience helpful for college admissions (extra-curricular involvement, Varsity letters, and service opportunities). If you are considering playing soccer in college, the Lions provides a high school team with visibility to college recruits, MaxPreps statistics and promotion, and plenty of training opportunities. As demonstrated by Coach Nate's story above, the Lions offer a great opportunity to prepare for the next level.



A Diversity of Opportunities

Varsity

Coming off a 24-7-1 record last season with three tournament championships and a 3rd place finish at Nationals, the Lion's look to return in top form again in 2018. Our Varsity program provides a competitive environment suitable for players that are skilled at soccer. Many of our players are in the highest divisions of local club teams. Our schedule will feature games against local private and public high schools and other Christian programs. We have approximately 30 game opportunities in local matches and tournaments throughout Missouri. It is more soccer games than typical high schools and fosters the loyalty, friendship, and team values that many club teams fail to provide for high school students.

Junior Varsity

The Lions also offer a Junior Varsity team for athletes that enjoy soccer but may not yet be at a Varsity level of play. We seek to provide around 8-12 matches for the JV team against local Christian schools. While the number of games is similar to many recreational programs, our JV players will train with our Varsity players and have opportunities for call-ups to dress for Varsity games as their skill level increases. Our Varsity players invest their time building up our younger players. It is an invaluable opportunity and a blessing for the home school community in Kansas City!

Junior High

Several of the Christian private schools that we play are looking for Middle School (7th-9th grade) games. These games allow us to combine some of our younger Junior Varsity players with Junior High students that would like to begin their time with the Lions. We have about 6-8 of these games each year providing some wonderful opportunities for the next generation of Lions to gain experience and have fun. Junior High players are invited to all practices including preseason training sessions. We offer a discounted rate for these players. In addition, Junior High participants are eligible to play for the Lions alongside of other teams on which they may play (club or rec). Please contact us for more information!

What does it take to get started?

Please email our Soccer Director Steve Ward at wardmailbox@gmail.com and let him know you are interested. He will get you the most up-to-date information and the sooner he knows of your interest, the better we can plan for your involvement!



The Lions Experience

