



2019 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 high school soccer team in Kansas City. Our practices are in the southeast metro area of Kansas City and our home games are at Legacy Park Soccer Complex in Lee's Summit. We hope you find this guide helpful to learn about the Lions and plan for the upcoming season.

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.

2019 Key Dates (Preliminary):

June 6th: First Preseason Training and Information Meetings
 June - July: Summer preseason training (Monday and Thursday evenings)
 July 22nd: Full practice schedule begins
 August 8-10: KC Kickoff Classic preseason tournament
 August 19th: Regular season begins
 October 25th: End of season



Kansas State Rankings

#	School
17	Olathe South (Olathe)
18	Central (Salina)
19	Kapaun Mt. Carmel (Wichita)
20	Maize South (Wichita)
21	East (Wichita)
22	Kansas City East Christian Academy
23	Bishop Carroll (Wichita)
24	Central (Andover)
25	Lawrence Free State (Lawrence)
26	Eisenhower (Goddard)
27	Shawnee Heights (Tecumseh)

2018 Recap at-a-glance:

- Varsity record: 24-3-2
- 1st of four teams in KC Kickoff Challenge
- 1st of ten teams in the Beat the Heat Tournament
- 1st of eight teams in Christian Fellowship Tournament
- 1st of ten teams at NCHC Soccer National Championships
- MaxPreps* Kansas State High School Ranking #22

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. 2018 (KC East is ranked as a Kansas school since it is approved through the KSHSAA program).



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! 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, our team respects 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.

Preparation for College, Work, and Life

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. The Lions offer a great opportunity to prepare for the next level.

Our Varsity Team

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 20 games in local matches plus 3-4 tournaments throughout Missouri.

Our Junior Varsity Team

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 10 matches for the JV team plus tournament opportunities.

Our Junior High Team

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.

In addition to home school students, the Lions also provide opportunities for students of small public, charter and private schools that do not offer sports (these schools must not be KSHSAA or MSHSAA members).