



# Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp



Welcome to the Westport Parks and Recreation's **Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp**. Our experienced international staff study the game at all levels and will help players improve their core techniques and become more confident on the ball. With programs for each age, the curriculum includes a variety of foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, freestyle soccer, small-sided games and coached scrimmages. World Cup style games are held each day where campers compete for their adopted country and are encouraged to learn about different customs and cultures, and our core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship and leadership.

**First Kicks:** Ages 3-4. This innovative program, created by childcare specialists, introduces children to the very basic skills of soccer in a fun, progressive and caring manner. First Kicks activities will include running, turning, stopping, jumping, kicking, throwing and catching. Each day we will aim to help improve balance, agility, coordination, social skills and cognitive ability. Your child's confidence and enthusiasm for the game will grow during our fun soccer challenges! Parental involvement is welcome!

**Mini Soccer:** Ages 5-6. Young players will be provided with a wide variety of individual and small group practices which will help them develop the fundamental technical aspects of the game. These will include but not limited to dribbling, turning, stopping, passing and shooting. The practices are coached in a positive and upbeat way and feature lots of fun and games and competitions that kids love. The enthusiasm and passion for the game that we will be fostering will be combined with educating our young players on the basics about playing with others, good sportsmanship and sharing.

**Half Day Player Development:** Ages 7-14. This is our most popular camp program for Challenger Sports and will feature individual skill development, core techniques, one on one skills, freestyle soccer, small sided games and our Camp World Cup. The Half Day Camp is suitable for all skill levels and the campers will be separated by age. Campers will also spend time learning about Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Sportsmanship and Leadership.

## General Program Information

The Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp is available to both boys and girls ages 3 through 14. Each participant receives a t-shirt and ball for participation in the program.

**Session 1: July 15 – 19**

**Long Lots Lower Field**

**Monday – Friday**

**9:00 – 10:00am**

**First Kicks**

**10:00 – 11:30am**

**Mini Soccer**

**9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Half Day**

## Rain Days

This program is an outdoor program and does not have any indoor facilities. Inclement weather will cause the program to be cancelled and will not be rescheduled. To keep up to date on rain cancellations, please call the Parks and Recreation cancellation line at **(203) 341-5074**.

## Equipment

Attire for the camp should be shorts or sweatpants, T-shirt or sweatshirt and sneakers and socks. Cleats are recommended instead of sneakers but are optional and not mandatory. Water bottle required.

## Drop Off and Pick Up

Please make sure you drop off and pick up your child at **Wakeman Field "C"**. Staff will be available fifteen minutes before your scheduled start time to receive the children. The program will begin promptly. If you drop your child off after the scheduled start time, you must walk them into the field and find a coach to leave him/her with. Please park your car and walk to the field to pick up your child. Late pick-ups will not be tolerated and could result in your child being suspended from the program. Please obey all traffic and parking regulations to avoid being ticketed.

## What to Bring to Camp

- Snacks and plenty of drinks
- Sunscreen and hat to protect the participant from the sun
- Cleats if you have them

## General Rules

- All participants are expected to respect each other and all staff. Discipline problems will not be tolerated and are grounds for immediate dismissal with no refund.
- At the end of each day, please be sure to pick up all personal belongings. There is no lost and found.

The Westport Parks and Recreation Department wants this to be an enjoyable experience for all participants. Please take the time to read this information with your child before they attend camp.