

New Player Welcome Packet



GRANVILLE KEEPERS SOCCER CLUB

A Level Above!

Section 1: Welcome Letter

Dear New Player and Family,

Welcome to the Granville Keepers Soccer Club family! We are thrilled to have you join us as we continue to build a community of athletes who are committed to growth both on and off the field. At GKSC, we believe in fostering an environment where every player has the opportunity to develop their skills, build meaningful relationships, and embrace the values that make soccer the world's most beloved sport.

Our mission is simple but powerful: to provide high-quality coaching, accessible programs, and memorable experiences that help players achieve their full potential. Whether your child is just beginning their soccer journey or is already a seasoned player, we are here to support and guide them every step of the way. Our coaches and staff are dedicated to creating an atmosphere that emphasizes teamwork, discipline, and a love for the game.

As a club, we also value the importance of character, sportsmanship, and community. When you wear the Granville Keepers jersey, you represent not only your team but also our shared commitment to respect, perseverance, and inclusivity. Together, we aim to set a standard of excellence that reflects our slogan: *A Level Above!*

This packet is designed to equip you with all the information you need to get started and stay connected. Inside, you'll find details about our club's structure, communication tools, and opportunities for involvement. We encourage you to dive in and make the most of the resources and support available to you.

Thank you for choosing Granville Keepers Soccer Club. We look forward to seeing you on the pitch and watching your player grow into a confident, skilled athlete. Here's to a fantastic season filled with growth, teamwork, and success!

Best regards,



Nick Garner
President/Coach



Torren Trahan
Vice-President/Coach

Section 2: Club Overview

2.1 Who We Are

Granville Keepers Soccer Club was founded in 2024 with a vision to create an affordable, high-quality soccer program that is accessible to youth players of all backgrounds. We are more than a soccer club—we are a community built on the foundation of growth, teamwork, and excellence. Our goal is to provide every player with the opportunity to improve their skills, build character, and develop a lifelong love for soccer.

Our club believes that soccer is more than just a sport; it's a tool for fostering discipline, perseverance, and personal growth. With experienced coaching, a structured environment, and a focus on positive values, GKSC offers a platform for players to grow into confident athletes and exceptional individuals.

2.2 What We Offer

Weekly Practices and Seasonal Tournaments*: Our structured training sessions focus on skills development, strategy, and conditioning. We also participate in competitive tournaments* throughout the year to give players valuable match experience.

Access to Developmental Clinics: These specialized sessions provide players with opportunities to sharpen their skills and elevate their game.

A Supportive Community: At GKSC, we pride ourselves on fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment where players and families can connect, support one another, and celebrate successes together.

2.3 Our Values

We emphasize respect, teamwork, and dedication, both on and off the field. Our commitment to sportsmanship and integrity ensures that every player has the opportunity to grow in a positive and encouraging atmosphere. At GKSC, players, families, coaches, and all other volunteers are dedicated to exemplifying the highest standards of behavior and teamwork on the practice field, in competition, and within the community.

By joining the Granville Keepers Soccer Club, you're now part of a community that shares your passion for soccer and your commitment to being A Level Above!

2.4 What Your Dues Fund

We believe it's important for all our members to understand how their contributions directly support the success of Granville Keepers Soccer Club. Your dues are not just an investment in your player's development but also in the club's ability to provide a high-quality, safe, and inclusive soccer experience for all members.

These funds ensure that we can cover the essential costs of operating the club and maintaining the resources necessary for player growth, team development, and participation in competitive events. This includes:

- Tournament registrations*
- US Club Soccer registrations*
- Practice field rentals
- Coaching certifications/trainings
- Background checks
- Jersey costs*
- Equipment (balls, goals, cones, etc.)
- Liability insurance (required by most organizations to utilize their facilities)
- Administrative fees (club app, payment processing, bookkeeping, business registration, etc.)

For more details, visit our website under *Registration | Fees and Information*.

Section 3: Next Steps

3.1 Install PlayMetrics on Your Mobile Device

Stay up-to-date with practice schedules, game details, and team/club communications.

- Download the PlayMetrics app from your device's app store.
- Sign-in using the account you created during player registration. If you need assistance, please let us know!
- Make sure to keep your contact information (email address, phone number, and physical address) updated in PlayMetrics.

Additional information can be found on our website
(<https://www.granvillekeepers.org/index.php/club-app/>)

3.2 Get Connected!

Visit our website for club updates, player resources, photos, and more!

<https://granvillekeepers.org>

Follow us on social media to stay in the loop:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/granvillekeepers>
- Instagram: @granvillekeepers

We send various communications via email. Please make sure your email address is correct in PlayMetrics. Communications include monthly newsletters, invoices, club updates, etc.

Section 4: Player Resources

4.1 Uniforms*

Your uniform kit includes:

- One each personalized red and blue jerseys
- Matching shorts and socks
- GKSC bag

Replacements: A \$100 replacement fee applies for lost or damaged items outside of sanctioned events. Any items damaged as part of sanctioned events will be replaced by the club at no cost to the participant.

Section 5: Player/Parent/Coach Expectations

5.1 Attendance/Participation

Consistent attendance at club activities is vital for building team cohesion, improving performance, and ensuring success. Players are expected to arrive at practices, games, etc. on time, and be prepared to participate fully in all activities. Parents are encouraged to support their child's attendance and communicate with the coach or team manager if conflicts arise.

It is our desire that all players be able to participate in every club activity; however, funding is essential to make this possible. The costs associated with field rentals, equipment, tournament registrations, and other operating expenses mean that players with an outstanding balance exceeding 30 days will be unable to participate in club activities. Families facing financial challenges are encouraged to reach out to club executives to discuss potential assistance.

5.2 Conduct

Our club thrives on mutual respect, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Expectations for conduct are as follows:

Players: Show respect to teammates, opponents, referees, and coaches. Display good sportsmanship, regardless of the game's outcome, and uphold the values of the Granville Keepers Soccer Club both on and off the field.

Parents: Be positive role models by encouraging players, cheering respectfully, and avoiding negative or confrontational behavior during games. Remember that your attitude sets the tone for your child and the entire team.

Coaches: Lead by example, fostering a supportive and respectful environment for players and families. Coaches are expected to provide constructive feedback, promote teamwork, and ensure that every player has the opportunity to grow and learn.

5.3 Volunteer Opportunities

We encourage all families to get involved with the club. Volunteer participation not only strengthens our community but also helps the club run smoothly and efficiently. Roles include:

Head/Assistant Coaching: Help develop players by leading practices, mentoring athletes, and fostering a positive team environment.

Providing Snacks: Support players with snacks and hydration during practices and tournaments.

Tournament and Clinic Assistance: Help with setup, organization, and logistics to ensure events run seamlessly.

Fundraisers and Events: Support the club by volunteering your time during fundraising activities, such as bake sales, car washes, or family day events.

Game Day Roles: Assist with collecting game stats, updating scores in TeamLinkt, and submitting your photos to our website. Occasionally, there may be a need for assistance transporting players to/from the field.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please let us know. By working together, we can ensure a positive experience for all players and families while building a club culture that is truly A Level Above!

Section 6: Monthly Newsletter

Keepers Corner is your one-stop source for all things Granville Keepers Soccer Club! It's packed with news, highlights, and updates to keep you informed and connected throughout the season.

6.1 What You'll Find in *Keepers Corner*

Club Announcements: Stay updated on tournaments, meetings, and other important news.

'My Brother's Keeper' Devotional: A meaningful, short devotional designed to inspire players, families, and coaches with lessons on teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

Game Recaps & Achievements: Relive the highlights of our most recent matches and celebrate the accomplishments of our teams and players.

Upcoming Events & Important Dates: Never miss a fundraiser, clinic, or club event. There's also a section dedicated to our players with upcoming birthdays in each edition!

Section 7: Feedback

Your feedback is valuable to us. Please visit

<https://www.granvillekeepers.org/index.php/feedback-submission/> to share your thoughts and help us grow. You can also send an email to info@granvillekeepers.org or call/text 919-283-1424.

Section 8: Sponsorships

We are always looking for partners and sponsorship opportunities to assist with keeping costs as low as possible for our players and their families. If you or someone you know is interested in being a club sponsor, please let us know!

Section 9: Contact Information

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