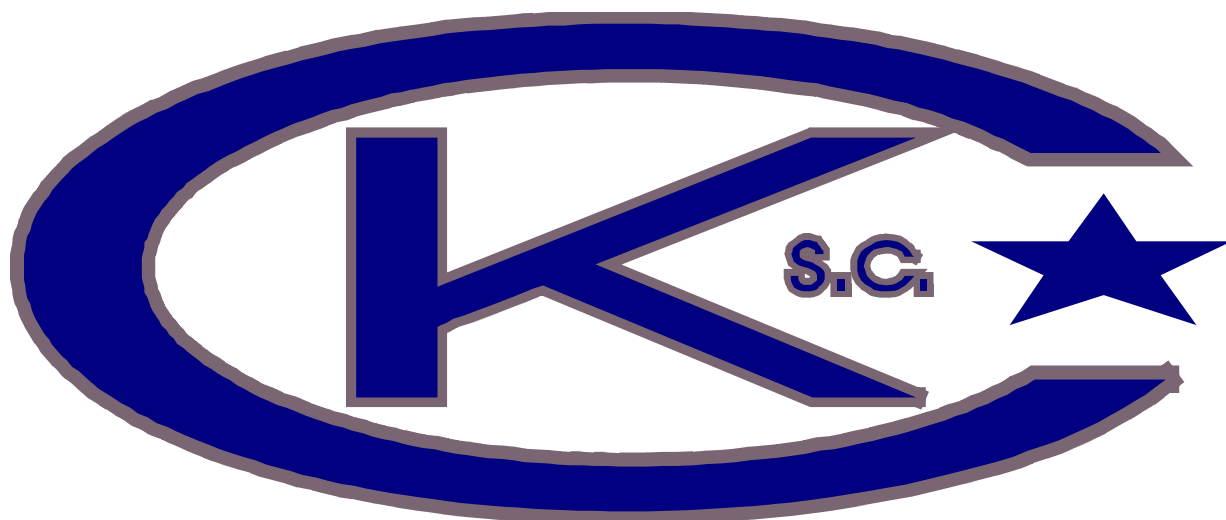


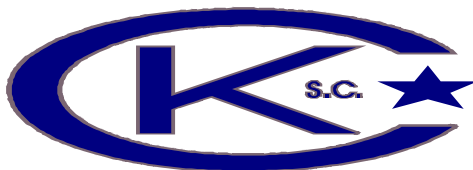
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# Cleveland Kickers



## Coaching Staff

*The Cleveland Kickers coaching staff is committed to player and team development. Our club philosophy of putting individual skills and team concept first will bring out character, discipline, and self-confidence that will benefit each player on and off the field.*

Director of Coaching and Player Development

### **Thom Clark**

one of the most successful youth Premier coaches in North East Ohio. Clark's teams have won over 25 major tournaments including three state championships and three National titles. A former North Ridgeville High School Coach and Men's Soccer Coach at Baldwin Wallace College. He led BW to four consecutive winning seasons including school record for wins in 1999 and again in 2001. He holds coaching records for all-time wins in school history at both North Ridgeville H.S. and Baldwin Wallace College. Clark is currently the Women's Soccer Coach at Oberlin College. NSCAA National Coach.

Girls Staff Coach

### **George Ebenger**

George brings Varsity Soccer coaching experience with him from Olmsted Falls High School. George was captain at Baldwin-Wallace College where he played four years for the Yellow Jackets. George brings a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm as one of the bright young coaches in the greater Cleveland area. George is also owner of local soccer supply store Frontline Soccer Shop in North Olmsted, Ohio.

Boys Staff Coach

### **Pete Angelokostopoulos**

Pete is a Baldwin-Wallace College and Rocky River High School standout player. Pete brings immense skill and intensity to his teams. Pete is an up and coming coach in greater Cleveland and we are fortunate to have him make his name with the Kickers.

Staff Coach

### **Erika Kleinholz**

Current Michigan Jaguars WPDL (Professional Women's Soccer) team. Former Division I Captain at University of Michigan. Led Wolverines to four NCAA appearances and as Elite 8 finish in 2002. All-Ohio Player at Elyria Catholic HS where she holds numerous scoring records. 6-time ODP State Team Player and 2-time ODP Regional player.

# Cleveland Kickers Soccer Club

## Commonly asked questions

**Why Premier Soccer Development?** Premier soccer is for the more serious and dedicated soccer player. Recreational and Travel soccer usually is not as serious and offers parent coaching. Premier soccer offers professional coaching with stronger athletes and stronger competition. Players usually begin Premier soccer at age 9 or 10.

**Why Cleveland Kickers?** There are many premier soccer clubs in Northeast Ohio. We are dedicated to individual player not high club fees. We will be the best value of all clubs in Northeast Ohio. Guaranteed! Why pay top dollar for a club name when it is the coaching that really matters.

**What About Quality?** Our coaching staff has coached premier soccer for the past 10 years. We have coached with all the major clubs. You are getting the same quality as the larger clubs but at a much lower cost. Please Call for reference in your area.

**What is the difference between Cleveland Kickers and other clubs?** What we offer at Cleveland Kickers is flexibility. Most clubs require 100% participation all of the time. We will have player pools. Train weekly and commit to the games you can. The other main difference is cost. No other club in Northeast Ohio can compete with our fees. If you are unsure about the time, money and commitment of playing premier soccer, we will be the perfect answer!

**What is a player pool?** A player pool is a group of players who train together. Ohio North ODP (Olympic Developmental Program) uses player pools to develop players and give them options in determining teams for state, regional and national competition.

**What type of player are you looking for?** All players are welcome. We encourage players who are interested in premier soccer to try us. We also welcome current premier players who are unsure about the flexibility of their current club.

**What ages are you looking for?** Currently we are accepting Girls ages 9-14 and Boys ages 9-12, younger and older players will be accepted at discretion of coaching staff.

**What about Cost?** Cleveland Kickers charges a nominal \$25.00 month training fee. All members are required to purchase of Cleveland Kickers T-shirt (\$10.00). Game Rostered players purchase T-shirt/short and socks (\$40.00). The only additional costs will be game and league fees for those participating in leagues.

**What League Will I play in?** Cleveland Kickers play in the Lake Erie Youth Premier Soccer League. The L.E.Y.P.S.L. is the premier youth soccer league in Northeast Ohio producing the most Ohio North State Champion teams.

**Where Will I Play/Practice and How Often?** Our home field will be at Edwards Middle School in Brunswick. We will train once a week (6:30-8:00pm) with optional training and goalkeeping sessions on Friday (time TBA). My experience has proven three or more sessions per week can easily lead to burnout. Many players choose to play both travel and club soccer. some also include another sport. We want to ensure productive training without burnout. Players are welcome to train as much as they would like with older age groups but at the coaches discretion.

**How about games?** We will play games against local premier clubs every Saturday between 9:00am and 3:00pm. Teams will be chosen on availability and skill level from player pool.

**How do I Get More Information or a tryout?** Call Thom Clark at (440) 452-5759, (330) 273-0451 or go to [www.clevelandkickers.com](http://www.clevelandkickers.com)



## **Cleveland Kickers Soccer Club** Field Directions



### **Brunswick Edwards Middle School** Brunswick, Ohio

From I 480 east or west

Take 480 to 71 south. Go to rt 303 brunswick exit. Head West (303) about 3 miles to pearl road (rt 42). Take left on pearl (south). About 500 feet on left will be visintainer middle school. Field will be behind school on right.

From 71 north or south

Take 71 to rt 303 brunswick exit. Head West (303) about 3 miles to pearl road (rt 42). Take left on pearl (south). About 500 feet on left will be visintainer middle school. Field will be behind school on right.

From the Turnpike

Exit off the turnpike to I-71 south (Columbus). Stay on 71 for about 6 miles to rt 303 brunswick exit. Head west (303) about 3 miles to pearl road (rt 42). Take left on pearl (south). About 500 feet on left will be visintainer middle school. Field will be behind school on right.

*The Cleveland Kickers Soccer Club is about developing confident, competitive, and tactically intelligent soccer players. You will learn the game of soccer from technical skill development to tactical and mental awareness on the field. Our teaching approach will be on and off the field as we will stress school, family and soccer in that order. Our club members will learn and appreciate the value of team and cooperation through sports and hope to bring out the very best in each player. We are confident that the Cleveland Kickers will be an experience you will remember and appreciate long after you graduate our program.*

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## ***Premier Soccer Training Rewards***

- > Excellent Professional Training
- > Top caliber competition locally, nationally and internationally.
- > Forming friendships with players in neighboring communities
- > Gaining skills, knowledge and a passion for the game of soccer to carry on through high school, college and beyond.



## ***What Your Child Will Gain From Cleveland Kickers***

All the above plus...

- > Technical skill to build confidence with the ball dribbling, passing and shooting
- > Tactical Awareness to gain knowledge of strategy and understanding of positions and how they relate to the overall function of the team
- > Tactical Skill to understand the rules and how the game is played
- > Self Discipline and behavior management in training, games, school and at home
- > Motivation to work hard for themselves and teammates
- > Competitive drive to set a goal and meet the challenge
- > Cooperation in working together as a team to achieve a common goal