



# WELCOME TO GBSL 2023



This season will be the 55<sup>th</sup> year of GBSL in the Lehigh Valley – we are glad your family has chosen to join us. The 2023 season begins **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>** and runs nine consecutive Sundays ending on **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. All practices/games take place near the Stabler Arena on **Lehigh University's Goodman Campus**.

If you have any questions in regard to the league, please speak to any of our league commissioners or officers at the fields on Sundays. You can also find info through LVU at [www.lehighvalleyunited.com/gbsl](http://www.lehighvalleyunited.com/gbsl) and at [www.gbslyouthsoccer.com](http://www.gbslyouthsoccer.com) our original website, or stay in touch and get quick replies at [www.facebook.com/soccerGBSL](https://www.facebook.com/soccerGBSL) or via [gbslsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:gbslsoccer@gmail.com) our league e-mail address.

**Team Assignment** – Your division and team assignment appear in the subject of the email that contained this Welcome Letter attachment. The first digit is your division and the last two digits are your team number. For example, if the number 206 appears, you are on Team 6 in Division 2; if the number 404 appears, you are on Team 4 in Division 4. We have enclosed a schedule for Divisions 2, 4 and 5, and a map of the fields. This season we've combined Divisions 2 and 3 into one Division 2 for ages 7 and 8. **DO NOT FORGET YOUR DIVISION & TEAM NUMBER.**

**Division 1** – All Division 1 players (ages 5 and 6) and their parents should report to the Division 1 area noted on the enclosed map on **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, by 2:15 PM**. There must be at least one parent or guardian at the field for each Division 1 child during each session. Flags will be set up with team numbers on them to show the specific meeting area for each team. A field/game schedule for Division 1 is included in this letter. All Division 1 sessions will begin at 2:15 PM for 45 minutes of practice, followed by games that run from 3 to 3:45 PM.

**Divisions 2 thru 5** – Each player should report to the field assigned for your team's game on **August 27<sup>th</sup> by 2:00 PM**. Sessions run until 4:00 PM. You can determine the field assignment from the enclosed schedule. For example, if you are on Team 3 or Team 4 in Division 2, you would report to Field 18 on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for the game between those two teams; if you are on Team 2 or Team 1 in Division 4, you would report to Field 8, etc. The dates are listed on top of the schedule. A map is included on the last page of this mailer.

**Equipment** – GBSL supplies a team jersey for every player. **The jersey is not to be taken home, but is to be left with the coach or team parent each week.** Please have your child dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Each player **must** wear shin guards in order to play. We recommend soccer socks to cover the shin guard. **No shin guards – no play.** We also recommend each child bring his or her own soccer ball. Size 3 balls are recommended for Divisions 1 and 2; size 4 for Divisions 4; and size 5 balls for Division 5.

**Jewelry** – For safety, no jewelry of any kind is to be worn during any GBSL practice or game session. Any jewelry that cannot be removed must be covered with tape or a Band-Aid. There are no exceptions to this rule.

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**Water** – We strongly recommend each player bring a water bottle (**or two during the hot, early weeks**). Players will be given frequent water breaks, and while coaches may have extra water available, they are NOT expected to provide extra water or cups for players.

**Free beverage** – At the end of each session, all players can return to the information desk area in front of the league trailer for a free bottled beverage. There will be no poured sodas this year.

**Parking** - Please park in the parking areas noted on the enclosed map. Parking is NOT ALLOWED on Goodman Drive or on Mountain Drive.

**Pick-up – Parents:** Please, make sure to be at the pickup area by 4 pm to get your child. GBSL volunteers are not permitted to take your child home. The pick-up area is located near the information area. A portion of the parking lot will be blocked off to car traffic. Please be aware of children and soccer balls.

**Cancellations or early dismissals** – If a session is canceled due to bad weather, we will attempt to notify the coaches Sunday morning. We will also post a message on the GBSL website. Please be aware of changing weather conditions as we may end a session early if the weather worsens. Canceled sessions will not be rescheduled.

**Soccer games** – All players are expected to play every game, with equal participation by all players. Division 1 will play 4 v 4 games; Division 2 will play 7 v 7 or 8 v 8 games; Division 4 will play 8 v 8 or 9 v 9 games and Division 5 will play 11 v 11. The small-sided soccer is intended to encourage players to run and space themselves properly on the field. **GBSL does not permit slide tackling, or other dangerous play, at any level of competition.**

**Volunteers** – We have had a strong response to our call for volunteers this year. However, we can always use additional help. If you are interested, please contact any of these individuals at the fields or leave a message on the hotline, at [gbslsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:gbslsoccer@gmail.com), or on our Facebook page.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The GBSL does not sanction or allow any games, practices, team meetings, etc. outside of our Sunday afternoon timeframe.

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# 2023 GBSL Event Schedule

Opening Day: ..... August 27<sup>th</sup>

Photo Day: .....September 17<sup>th</sup>

Soccer Day Festival.....October 8<sup>th</sup>

Coaches Game: .....TBD

Last Session of Season: ..... October 22<sup>nd</sup>

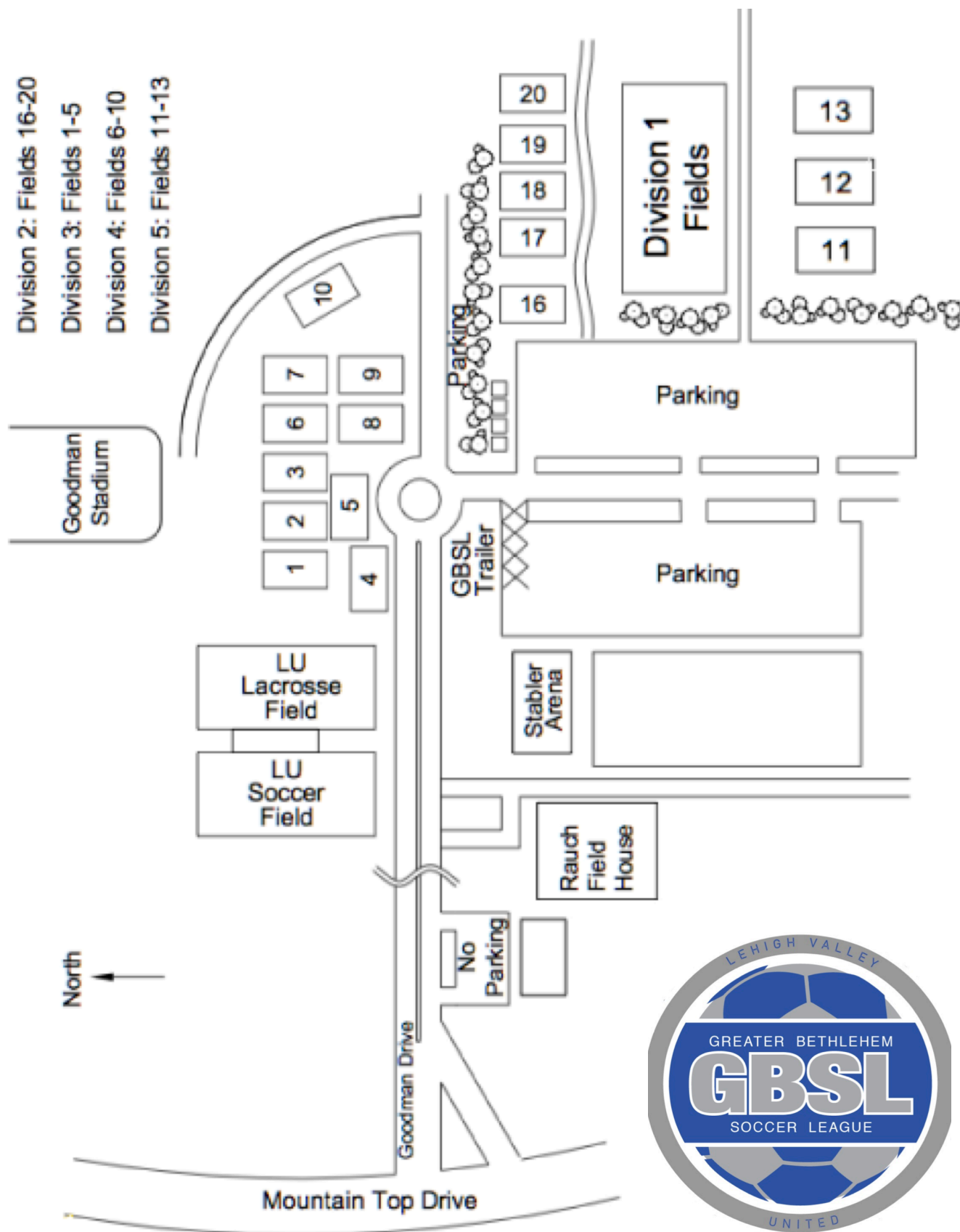
## Divisions 2/3, 4 + 5 – 2023 Game Schedule & Fields

	Field#	8/27	9/3	9/10	9/17	9/24	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/22
DIV 2	16	1-2	2-4	1-4	1-2	2-4	1-4	1-2	2-4	1-4
	18	3-4	1-3	2-3	3-4	1-3	2-3	3-4	1-3	2-3
DIV 4	8	1-2	2-4	1-4	1-2	2-4	1-4	1-2	2-4	1-4
	9	3-4	1-3	2-3	3-4	1-3	2-3	3-4	1-3	2-3
DIV 5	11	1-2	2-4	1-4	1-2	2-4	1-4	1-2	2-4	1-4
	12	3-4	1-3	2-3	3-4	1-3	2-3	3-4	1-3	2-3

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# Division 1 - 2023 Game Schedule & Fields

Teams report to their assigned fields below for practice from 2:15 to 3 pm.  
At 3 pm, coaches split teams in half for two games played until 3:45 pm.

	Field #	8/27 2:15-3:45pm	9/3 2:15-3:45pm	9/10 2:15-3:45pm	9/17 2:15-3:45pm	9/24 2:15-3:45pm	10/1 2:15-3:45pm	10/8 2:15-3:45pm	10/15 2:15-3:45pm	10/22 2:15-3:45pm
<b>D I V I S I O N  #1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>103</b>
	<b>A</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>104</b>
	<b>B</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>102</b>

