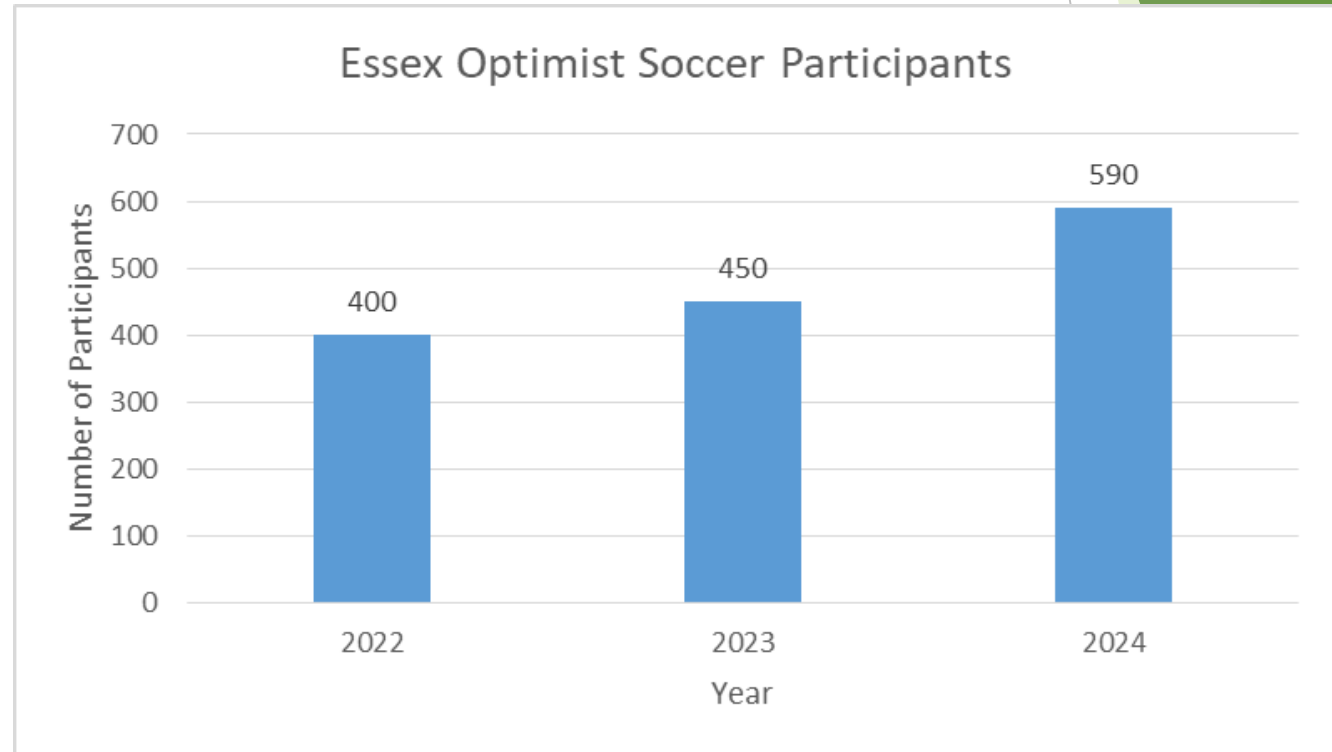


Essex Optimist Recreation Soccer League (EORSL)



Number of Participants the last 3 years.

- We have clearly increased from 400 in 2022 to 590 in 2024.
- We want to offer to as many families as possible
- Approx. we would have over 300 families at the fields on Saturdays which would not only include the participants but also their parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and more.



Other Participants at the Fields

- ▶ Over 30 Adult league has approx. 100 participants
- ▶ Essex Sun County Travel teams has 130 participants
- ▶ Essex Optimist Soccer League (house league) employs approx. 50 refs which get paid more than minimum wage. Most are teenagers ranging from 10 years old to 18 years old.
- ▶ Essex Travel Soccer employs approx. 25 refs. Again making over minimum wage and mostly teenagers.
- ▶ We had a new program this year that offered soccer skills to 3 year olds. We ended up with 40 participants and we had to close registration. For \$20 they got a shirt, ball, medal and 6 weeks of skills.

Affordable Sport for Families

Cost for participants

(All include at least 12 games and a practice each week, jersey, soccer socks and shorts)

- ▶ U5/U7 - \$60.00 (also includes a soccer ball)
- ▶ U9/U11 - \$70.00
- ▶ U13/U18 - \$80.00

Future Soccer Fields and Baseball Diamonds

- ▶ MANY CONCERNS
- ▶ Grass needs to grow in order for us to be able to use them. This is the main priority right now.
- ▶ Right now we are relying on nature. We need a water source to help with the growth of the grass.

Other Amenities needed at the facility!

- ▶ Need water source.
- ▶ Need Electricity (Safety, lighting, trailer, etc.)
- ▶ Need Sewers for future building
- ▶ Parking (new area is bigger but there won't be the overflow parking that many people use now)
- ▶ Building with bathrooms, concession and storage for soccer and baseball (separate)



A NEED not a Want!

- ▶ This needs to happen now.
- ▶ We were supposed to be playing on those fields 2024 season that just passed.
- ▶ Once you get the money for Hanlan to expand through our existing fields, we need an available location for soccer so you can act quickly on government grants. Making this a need not a want.

Do these look ready to you?

- ▶ We need to put money to not only grow the grass, but to make sure we do this right!



Future Opportunities

- ▶ We can offer more house league opportunities to more participants as we have to cap our registration each year due to lack of fields.
- ▶ We can host tournaments for Sun County Travel. Right now Kingsville and Leamington host a tournament each at their facilities during the year.
- ▶ Might be able to start a Club team which is higher soccer league.
- ▶ More opportunity for soccer or baseball skill camps.

Funding

- ▶ Funds Available from EORSL
- ▶ Fundraisers we are doing this fall, spring and summer.
 - A1 Fundraiser
 - Raffle with Registration
 - Fundraiser Dinner with Silent Auction