

## **Soccer games for 3,500 kids could be canned by strike**

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The Toronto Eagles Soccer Club is warning 3,500 kids -- including Mayor David Miller's own son -- could be kicked out of soccer this summer thanks to the city's plan to dump garbage beside its clubhouse in Christie Pits.

Yesterday residents were already starting to drop garbage into the outdoor rink at the park -- one of 19 temporary dump sites across the city as part of the ongoing civic workers strike. Overnight, a pest control company hired by the city had dropped rat traps around the edges of the rink.

That's a problem for the club because its clubhouse is just steps from the rink on Crawford St.

The club can't believe the city would put a garbage dump next to office space it leased to a community group.

"It's unfortunate but we are doing our best to keep things going," club general manager Joe Silva told the Sun.

Silva said the trash is keeping the club from operating registrations for its summer soccer camps. Part of the registration cash goes to help less fortunate kids play soccer, he said. If registrations drop down, that will impact those kids, Silva added.

"That's where we operate the whole program," Silva said, pointing to the building the club agreed to lease from the city for 10 years in 2003. "We're out of business (if the dump stays).

"We can't have our members come here ... nor could we stand the smell."

Even if the club manages to get the city to move the