

2010 Eastside Family YMCA



We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

Commonly Asked Soccer Questions

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING?

AGE	CLEATS	DRESS	WATER BOTTLE	SHIN GUARDS	BALL
4-5	Recommended, but not required	Dress comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	Recommended	Yes	Recommended Size 3
6-7	Recommended, but not required	Dress comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	Recommended	Yes	Recommended Size 4
Ages 8 and up	Highly recommended	Dress comfortably (shorts, t-shirt),	Recommended	Yes	Recommended Size 4 for 8/9's Size 5 for ages 10 and up

COST?

- Member \$54.00
- Non-Member \$84.00

WHAT IS PROVIDED IN MY REGISTRATION FEE?

- Your child will be provided with a team jersey and an end of year trophy. The YMCA is committed to providing the highest quality program for you and your family. Staff is provided to oversee all operations of the practices and games. Referees are trained in rules and regulations of soccer. Fields are maintained and kept in safe and presentable conditions.

HOW OR WHERE DO YOU FIND COACHES AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS?

Coaches/Assistant Coaches

The YMCA is always looking for volunteers to help coach our teams. Our primary source of coaches is found in the parents of child's team. This helps build a stronger community within the team. Coaches are provided with support from YMCA staff and are given resources including supplies, training, sports clinics, and having YMCA staff present during practices. Please contact Cameron McDowell would like more information regarding a coach or assistant coach position.

Team Parents

Team Parents are always helpful. In the YMCA, a team parent helps:

- a. Establish and maintain communication with the sports director to help pass along information to the rest of the parents and coach.
- b. Schedule a drink/snack schedule for each practice and game. Ask each parent to choose a day to help with this. Most parents are willing but you may encounter some that are financially unable.

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING/SCREENING DOES THE YMCA CONDUCT?

All volunteers and employees are subject to a criminal background check. Employees are trained on First Aid, CPR and AED, Child Abuse Prevention, Blood Born Pathogens and the YMCA Code of Conduct (enclosed for your review). Coaches also review drills, skill development and character development, including the four core values of: honesty, respect, responsibility, and caring.

WHEN SHOULD I HEAR FROM THE COACH?

Coaches are expected to review their rosters and contact their players by March 22. Please contact the YMCA if you have not heard from your coach by this date.

WHAT ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER AND CANCELLATIOINS?

A. Practices

The Sports Director will call practices under severe weather (lighting, thunder storms, tornado watch), ongoing hard rain, snow/ice, fields unplayable, and/or any possible weather threats. **Otherwise, any other weather conditions such as small rain showers will be at the discretion of the coach. This is for all ages. Please get a contact list of the Head Coach, Asst Coach, and Team Parent to see if practice is called off. The Sport Director will only cancel practice if it is thundering and lighting.**

B. Games

The Sports Director will call games at the earliest time possible. The Sports Director will call or email all coaches as soon as a decision is made. **This decision will be made by 4:45 for weekdays and 8 am on Saturdays.** After this time all decisions will be made on the field and information will be given to the Member Services desk at the YMCA.

WHEN WILL PRACTICES BEGIN?

AGES	PRACTICE DAYS	DURATION	TIMES
4-5	Mon/Tues/Thurs	45-60 minutes	Beginning times will be 5:30 or 6:00
6-7	TBA	60 minutes	Beginning times will be 5:30/6:30
8-9 boys	TBA	60 minutes	Beginning times will be 5:30/6:30
8-9 girls	TBA	60 minutes	Beginning times will be 5:30/6:30
10 + age groups	TBA	60 minutes	Times vary (5:30 - 7:30)

Practices will begin the week of March 22. .

WHEN WILL THE GAMES BE PLAYED?

Age 4-5's- will play and practice on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. Make-up games will be on Saturdays. Games will begin on April 21. Seven games will be scheduled. A minimum of 6 games will be played, and **make up games may be made up during the week.**

Ages 6 and up- will have 7 games scheduled. Games will begin on April 18. Most of the games will be played on Saturdays, but depending on participation games may be played during the week. A minimum of 6 games will be played, and make up games may be made up during the week. **Please visit us at www.ymcagreenville.org and go to the Eastside YMCA Branch, then click on Eastside YMCA Sports for practice schedules and game schedules.**

HOW CAN I GET A REFUND/ CREDIT?

DATE	REFUND/CREDIT
Any time from January 22 until March 14	A full refund will be issued.
From March 15 until April 10	Refunds will not be issued. A credit for another YMCA program will be issued minus the cost of jersey and trophy cost. Player is still entitled to these items.
After April 10th	Refunds or Credits will not be issued.

WHEN WILL WE GET SCHEDULES?

Schedules will be ready March 29 or sooner. They will be issued to your coach. Please contact your coach to get your schedules.

WHEN WILL GAMES BEGIN?

Games will begin on April 10th

WILL ALL THE GAMES BE AT THE EASTSIDE YMCA?

For age groups 4-5 and 6-7, yes. Age groups 8+ may travel to other YMCA of Greenville locations based upon the number of teams participating.

WHO DO WE CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

Please direct all questions and concerns to Cameron McDowell. He can be reached at 864-292-2790x21 or email mcdowell@ymcagreenville.org.

