

# 2010 GOLDEN STRIP 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. Additionally, a Kick-off party will accompany the opening of the season. This event is a blast for the whole family! (More info about this event is below). 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 William Coates if you 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 Thursday, March 18. Please contact the YMCA if you have not heard from your coach by this date.

## **WHAT ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER AND CANCELLATIONS?**

### **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.

### **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. Also, please call the sports line for up to the minute weather cancellations 688-0259.

## **WHEN WILL PRACTICES BEGIN?**

AGES	PRACTICE DAYS	DURATION	TIMES
4-5	Saturdays	45-60 minutes	Beginning times will be 9:00/10:30/12:00
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 Saturdays. Games will begin on April 10. 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 10. 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.

### **WHAT IS THE KICK OFF PARTY?**

#### **A. Kick-Off Party-**

This is a tailgate party that has been a tradition at the YMCA for a number of years. It will consist of a hot dog cookout for all ages and their families. We will also have a local DJ service; here to play music, and other fun activities. It is encouraged for teams to have a banner ready to run through before their first game out on the field, like the high school football teams. If more information is needed, please call Greg Humphrey at 963-3605. This is a family event so bring family and friends.

### **WHEN IS THE KICK-OFF PARTY?**

#### **A. Kick-Off Party- .**

*All Ages - Saturday April 10 from 11:00-1:00.* Teams are encouraged to bring their banner and run through it on the field before the game. Games will be played on this day.

### **HOW CAN I GET A REFUND/ CREDIT?**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>REFUND/CREDIT</b>
Any time from February 1 until March 14	A full refund will be issued.
From March 15 – 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 10	Refunds or Credits will not be issued.

### **WHEN WILL WE GET SCHEDULES?**

Schedules will be ready April 3 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 10.

**WILL ALL THE GAMES BE AT THE GOLDEN STRIP 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 Greg Humphrey. He can be reached at 963-3605 or email [ghumphrey@ymcagreenville.org](mailto:ghumphrey@ymcagreenville.org). Additionally, all YMCA staff working games will be wearing bright orange shirts for easy identification.

**Check out what's happening at the Golden Strip Family YMCA:**

[http://www.ymcagreenville.org/golden\\_strip.php](http://www.ymcagreenville.org/golden_strip.php)

**Y Cares**

Our goal is to continue to improve the quality of programs and services we provide. Your feedback is important to us. Your comments will remain confidential.

[Ycares@ymcagreenville.org](mailto:Ycares@ymcagreenville.org) <<mailto:Ycares@ymcagreenville.org>>

**864-679-0236**

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**To: YMCA Program Participants**

**As part of our commitment to ensure the safety of your child the YMCA requires all staff to review and sign this Staff Code of Conduct annually. The YMCA feels it is important that you understand the code of conduct that all YMCA staff adhere to.**

**If at anytime you feel there is an infraction of this code of conduct or you need further clarification please contact either YMCA Metropolitan staff members listed below.**

**Shannon Elrod  
Human Resource Director  
864-242-1111 ext. 23**

**Bill Barringer  
V. P. Operations  
864-242-1111 ext. 28**

**Staff And Parent Code of Conduct**

1. In order to protect YMCA staff, volunteers, and program participants, at no time during a YMCA program may a staff person be alone with a single child where he or she cannot be observed by others. As staff supervise children, they should space themselves in such a way that other staff can see them.
2. Staff should never leave a child unsupervised.
3. Restroom supervision: Staff will make sure the restroom is not occupied by suspicious or unknown individuals before allowing children to use the facilities. Staff will stand in the doorway of the restroom while children are using the restroom. This policy allows privacy for the children and protection for the staff (not being alone with the child). If staff are assisting younger children, doors to the facility must remain open. No child, regardless of age, should ever enter a bathroom alone on a field trip. Always send children in pairs, and whenever possible, with staff.
4. Staff should conduct or supervise private activities in pairs - diapering; putting on bathing suits, taking showers, etc. When this is not feasible, staff should be positioned so that they are visible to others.
5. Staff shall not abuse children including:
  - Physical abuse – to strike, spank, shake, slap;
  - Verbal abuse – to humiliate, degrade, threaten;
  - Sexual abuse – to inappropriately touch or speak;
  - Mental abuse – to shame, withhold kindness, be cruel;
  - Neglect abuse – to withhold food, water, basic care, etc.No type of abuse will be tolerated and may cause for immediate dismissal.
6. Staff must use positive techniques of guidance, including redirection, positive reinforcement, and encouragement rather than competition, comparison, and criticism. Staff will have age appropriate expectations and set up guidelines and environments that minimize the need for discipline. Physical restraint is used only in predetermined situations (necessary to protect the child or other children from harm), is only administered in a prescribed manner, and must be documented in writing.
7. Staff will conduct a health check of each child, each day, as they enter the program, noting any fever, bumps, bruises, burns, etc. Questions or comments will be addressed to the parent or child in a nonthreatening way. Any questionable marks or responses will be documented.
8. Staff respond to children with respect and consideration and treat all children equally regardless of sex, race, religion, or culture.
9. Staff will respect children's rights to not be touched in ways that make them feel comfortable, and their right to say no. Other than diapering, children are not to be touched in areas of their bodies that would be covered by a bathing suit.
10. Staff will refrain from intimate displays of affection towards others in the presence of children, parents, and staff.
11. While the YMCA does not discriminate against an individual's life-styles, it does require that in the performance of their job, they will abide by the standards of conduct set forth by the YMCA.

12. Staff must appear clean, neat, and appropriately attired.
13. Using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs during working hours is prohibited.
14. Smoking or use of tobacco in the presence of children or parents during working hours is prohibited.
15. Profanity, inappropriate jokes, sharing intimate details of one's personal life, and any kind of harassment in the presence of children or parents is prohibited.
16. Staff must be free of physical and psychological conditions that might adversely affect the children's physical or mental health. If in doubt, an expert should be consulted.
17. Staff will portray a positive role model for youth by maintaining an attitude of respect, loyalty, patience, courtesy, tact, and maturity.
18. Staff may not be alone with children they meet in YMCA programs outside of the YMCA. This includes baby-sitting, sleep overs, and inviting children home. Any exceptions require a written explanation before the fact and are subject to supervisor approval.
19. Staff are not to transport children in their own vehicles.
20. Staff may not date program participants under the age of 18 years of age.
21. Under no circumstances should staff release children to anyone other than the authorized parent, guardian, or other adult authorized by the parent or guardian (written parent authorization on file with the YMCA).
22. Staff are required to read and sign all policies related to identifying, documenting, and reporting child abuse and attend trainings on the subject, as instructed by a supervisor.
23. Staff will act in a caring, honest, respectful, and responsible manner.

I understand that any violation of this Code of Conduct may result in termination.

Employee/Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

