

2021 SPRING SOCCER FAQ's

GEORGE I. THEISEN YMCA

Registration: January 1st-January 31st

Late Registration: February 1st-February 8th

Season is from March 1st- May 1st

All information is subject to change

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING?

AGE	PRACTICE LOCATION	GAME LOCATION	CLEATS	SHIN GUARDS	DRESS	WATER BOTTLE	Soccer Ball
3 Coed	George I. Theisen Y fields	George I. Theisen Y fields	Recommended, but not required	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 3
4-5 Coed	George I. Theisen Y fields	George I. Theisen Y fields	Recommended, but not required	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 3
6-7 Coed	George I. Theisen Y fields	George I. Theisen Y fields	Recommended, but not required	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 4
8-9	George I. Theisen Y fields	GIT Y and other Greenville Y's	Highly recommended	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 4
10-11	George I. Theisen Y fields	GIT Y and other Greenville Y's	Highly recommended	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 5
12-14	George I. Theisen Y fields	GIT Y and other Greenville Y's	Highly recommended	Required	Comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	Preferred. Size 5

WHAT IS PROVIDED IN MY REGISTRATION FEE? MEMBERS- \$65, NON MEMBERS- \$95

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. Fields are maintained and kept in safe and presentable conditions. Additionally, your child will be provided with a team jersey. Every child will receive an end of the year trophy. There are eight games scheduled during the spring season with a guarantee of six games.

DOES THE YMCA GUARANTEE MY REQUESTS?

The YMCA cannot guarantee any requests that are made for practice days, times, coaches, etc.

WHAT AGE GROUP SHOULD MY CHILD BE IN?

Your child should be in an age group based on their age on the first day of practices. Example: If the child is 5 at the time of registration, but turns 6 before the first day of practices, the child would need to play in the 6-7 age group.

WILL THE YMCA COMMUNICATE INFORMATION WITH ME?

Yes, but the primary form of communication is through email and a new program Playerspace. If you do not receive email correspondence by the week before practices start, please email Lindsey Hardin or Russell Webb at gitsports@ymcagreenville.org with your child's name and age group, along with your email to make sure we have the correct email address. The YMCA will communicate practice and, game schedules, and other important information throughout the season, through playerspace.

WHEN SHOULD I HEAR FROM THE COACH?

Coaches are expected to review their rosters and contact their players by the week of February 22nd. Please contact Lindsey Hardin or Russell Webb at gitsports@ymcagreenville.org if you have not heard from your coach by February 25th.

Who are the coaches for the soccer teams?

The YMCA relies on parents and volunteers to serve as coaches for all soccer teams within the organization. If you are anyone you may know may be interested in coaching a soccer team during the spring season. Please contact Russell Webb @

rwebb@ymcagreenville.org and he will provide you with the information you need to complete to become a volunteer coach during the 2021 spring soccer season.

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Practices begin the week of March 1st

- Practices for 3 year olds will be held on Tuesdays at 5:30 or 6:30 during the first two weeks of the season. After the two weeks of practice the 3 year olds will begin playing their games on Tuesdays for the remainder of the season. Start times will be 5:30 or 6:30 pm.
- All practices for ages 4-5 will be on Mondays or Tuesdays at 5:30 or 6:30 pm.
- All practices for ages 6-14 will begin at 5:30 or 6:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. Ages 6-7 will practice once during the week.
- Ages 8-14 will **possibly** have two practices/week. Coaches will choose the practice day/time for the team.

WHEN WILL THE GAMES BE PLAYED?

- **The 2021 spring soccer season will have eight games scheduled during the season.**
- 3 year old's will have games, after completing two weeks of practice. Games will be played at 5:30 or 6:30 pm on Tuesdays. **Games may also be played on Thursdays or Saturdays for picture day, or for a make up game.**
- Ages 4-5 will have games on Thursdays at either 5:30 or 6:30. **Games may also be played on Saturdays for picture day or for make up games.**
- Ages 6-7 will have games on Saturdays from March 13th-May 1st, beginning anywhere from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. One or two week night games will be scheduled during the season as well.
- Ages 8-14 will have games on Saturdays from March 13th-May 1st, beginning anywhere from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. One or two week night games will be scheduled during the season as well. Games will be played at the George I. Theisen Y and/or any of the other YMCA of Greenville branches.
- No soccer practices or games will be scheduled during the dates of April 5th- April 10th. Greenville County Schools will have spring break that week.

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. Please contact the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, or team parent to see if practice is called off.** If the YMCA does call off practices, the decision will be made by 4:45pm. Always check with your coach to see if it's cancelled.
- 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 4:45pm for weekdays and 8:00am 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. Always check with your coach to see if it's cancelled.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PICTURES?

After the game schedule has been created, we will send it to the photographer and he will develop a picture schedule. As soon as we get this, we will pass it along to coaches and parents through email. PortraitEFX is the photography company. After your picture day has passed, they will process all orders and mail them out. Any inquiries regarding problems with picture orders or not receiving your pictures should be sent to Todd Rogers at (864) 616-7999 or trogers@portraitefx.com.

IS THERE AN END OF SEASON PARTY?

Trophies will be given to coaches before the end of the season. It is up to coaches to pass them out after the last game or at a party. If you would like your team to have a party, get with your coach and/or team parent to help set one up.

IS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE?

Yes, please ask the front desk for the paperwork needed to apply for financial assistance. For questions on this process, please call the front desk at (864) 834-2400.

HOW CAN I GET A REFUND/ CREDIT?

Refund Policy-

DATE	REFUND/CREDIT
January 1 st - January 31 st	A full credit or refund will be issued.
February 1 st - February 8 th	Credit or refund minus \$20
February 9 th and after	No refund. (Unless emergency and/or doctor's note)

HAVE A QUESTION NOT LISTED HERE?

Please direct all questions and concerns to:

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