

Here are some frequently asked questions and answers about registration and the way the club runs. I hope you find them useful.

(Question 1) **What are the age requirements?**

(Answer) The club runs on an annual calendar starting August 1st to July 31st the next year. Each year consist of two seasons, first fall and then spring. The player must be 4 years old and no older than 18 before August 1st to be eligible to play in that fall season. Players that turn 4 after August 1st must wait until the following fall season. They will not be eligible to play in the spring even if they are 4 years old.

(Question 2) **How are the players assigned to teams?**

(Answer) The club organizes the divisions based on **age only**. We currently have the following division but are not limited to them.

Under 6 (co-ed), U8, U10, U12, U15, and U19. U6 is the only co-ed only division. The others offer girls only and co-ed.

Players are placed into these divisions based on their age. If they turn 6 before August 1st then they move up to U8 that fall season. If they turn 8 before August 1st then they move up to our U10 division and so on. Players stay in the same division for the fall and spring. **Players only move up in the fall season.**

(Question 3) **What is included for the fee?**

(Answer) For the registration fee the player receives a uniform that includes a shirt, shorts, and matching sock. The registration also includes excess insurance coverage, referee fees, and equipment (i.e. balls, nets, corner flags...etc.) Players play 10 games per season. The club periodically supplies training for both coaches and players.

(Question 4) **What equipment is the player responsible for?**

(Answer) Players must have shin guards for all practices and games. Soccer cleats are optional but strongly recommended after U6. They must be soccer cleats. Football or baseball cleats are not allowed. Players should also bring a soccer ball. There are different size balls for different age groups: U6 use a size 3, U8, U10, U12 use a size 4, U15 and U19 use a size 5.

(Question 5) **When are the practices?**

(Answer) The club practices on weeknights (Monday through Friday). Teams will practice once or twice a week depending on the coach. U6 and U8 practice for one hour while U10, U12, and U15 will practice for 1-1/2 hours. U19 practices just one night for 1-1/2 hours. Practice times run from 5:00 to 7:30 and is dependent on the coach.

(Question 6) **Where are the practices and games played?**

(Answer) Player will usually practice and play their games on the same field. Field locations are determined by the town's recreation department and the club is usually notified after registration is over. All of the games for the younger divisions are played in town.

(Question 7) **Can a player be placed in an older age division?**

(Answer) **There are three conditions that have to be met in order for a player to be placed in an older age division.**

- 1. The player must be within one year of the age requirement for the older division. (I.e. a 5-year-old can not play in U8).**
- 2. The player must have a sibling playing in the older division.**
- 3. One of the parents must be a *head* coach for that team.**

**All of these conditions must be met. All coaches need to be approved through division managers before the conditions are considered met.**

**No child less than four years old before August 1<sup>st</sup> will be accepted.**

(Question 8) **How will I be contacted after I register my player?**

(Answer) After the registration manager has processed your form it goes to the registrar. The registrar enters the player into our database and secures insurance. The forms and a print out then go to the division manager. This manager is responsible for finding coaches and making teams. The manager's first priority is to make all the teams as even as possible based on age, size, and experience. Other requests are then considered. Coaches are given rosters at the coaches meeting and practice nights and times are determined. Coaches then will call his/her players and give the parents information required for the first practice.

(Question 9) **Can I get a refund if my player decides not to play?**

(Answer) A refund will be given to any player that decides not to play up to one week before the first game. The player or parent must **inform the coach** and return any uniform that they received. The coach will inform the division manager. Refunds will be issued through the treasurer and usually take two weeks.

(Question 10) **Why do I need to provide a copy of my player's birth certificate?**

(Answer) The club is required to maintain a copy of the player's birth certificate on file. This only has to be once for first time players. The club will keep this copy on file until the player reaches the age of 19. Originals are accepted but will not be returned.

(Question 11) **Are there any other cost to the parent?**

(Answer) The club offers pictures to be taken of your player. It is optional. Parents are asked by the coach to bring a snack for the team on their assigned game date. At the end of the season the parents and coach will usually organize a trophy party. At this time, there are no plans for league fund raising.