SOCCER SCRIBBLES

department of PARKS & REC

Spring 2016 Season

Dates to Remember

Jan 22	**$10 discount ENDS** (Fee changes to $60)
Jan 29	**Registration Ends at 5pm** (Refund Deadline)
March 1	Coaches Meeting/NYSCA
March 11	You should hear from your coach.
March 20	Referee Orientation
April 2	**Games Begin / Team Photos**
May 7	Season Games End

What division will my child be in?

The aging date that we will use is 7/31/2015. Your child's age on that day will determine his/her division.

Example: If your child's birthday is 8/15/2005, he/she will play in the U10 (under 10) age group. Although they are 10 when the league starts in the spring, they were not 10 on the cut-off date.

All children must be 4 by 1/31/2016!

(This year 12U & 14U have been combined into 14U)

Challenger British Soccer Camp

This camp program will be held this year June 15-19 and July 13-17. It is available for ages 3-18. For more information or to register please call (800) 878-2167 or visit their website at www.challengersports.com.

Referee Orientation

If you are 14 years of age or older and would like to referee Parks & Rec soccer you must attend an orientation. The orientation session is on March 20 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm at Donner Center (739 22nd St, 47201). The orientation is **MANDATORY**. For more information, please contact Rob Heathcote at (812) 376-9399.

Volunteer Coaching

Each soccer season over 1,100 Columbus youth participate in the Parks & Recreation soccer program. That is over 100 individual teams that need coaches. Although our program has grown, the number of volunteers has not always kept up, so we ask you to **please consider coaching a team!!!**

If you express interest in coaching when registering your child, a division manager may contact you through the email or phone number you have on file with the Parks & Recreation department.

Background Check & Code of Conduct

In a continuing effort to provide a pleasant environment for youth to learn as well as reduce the potential for abuse of children in its programs, the Parks and Rec Dept. will continue to enforce the Code of Conduct adopted in 2004 and require background checks for all department employees and volunteer coaches. Both the Background Check Policy and the Code of Conduct are available on our website-- www.columbusparksandrec.com. **All parents should read the Code of Conduct!!!**

Please feel free to call or email Patrick Senn at (812) 376-2680 or psenn@columbus.in.gov with any questions.

Cancellations

Practice Cancellations

All decisions on whether or not a practice is cancelled are determined by each individual coach. He/she will determine whether the weather will affect practice. If you have any questions regarding the status of your child's practice, please call your coach. The Parks & Rec staff will **NOT** have this information.

Game Cancellations

If the weather is questionable, call the Parks and Recreation Activity Line (812) 376-2682, listen to local radio stations, check the soccer webpage or check out the Parks and Rec Facebook page.

Game Make-up Times

Make up games will be played the next day (Sunday) starting at 1pm. Make sure to call the Activity Line at (812) 376-2682 or visit the youth soccer page on our website

www.columbusparksandrec.com

Columbus Youth Soccer Association

Don't hesitate to call your division manager if a problem arises or if you have any soccer or program related questions.

P&R Sports Coordinator, Patrick Senn (812) 376-2680

Referee Director, Rob Heathcote (812) 376-9399

Division	Division Manager	Phone
U5 Co-Ed	Bill Storkman	(812) 343-9619
U6 Co-Ed	Dave VanValkenburg	(812) 343-2642
U8 Boys	Kari Nusterer	(812) 344-8719
U8 Girls	Tim Larken	(812) 342-9880
U10 Boys	Evan Adams	(812) 378-3967
U10 Girls	Steve Krebs	(812) 372-2518
U12 / U14 Boys	Joe Sawin	(812) 374-2148
U12 / U14 Girls	Joe Sawin	(812) 374-2148
U18 (HS) Co-ed		

Frequently Asked Questions

When are the game played?

Games are played on Saturday mornings at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 am at Blackwell Park behind Parkside School.

When will I hear from my child's coach?

The coaches will receive their rosters on March 1st. You should receive a call / email from your child's coach by March 11th. If you do not hear from them by this time, call Donner Center at

(812) 376- 2680.

How long is the season?

There are six games beginning on April 2nd and ending May 7th.

What about practices?

Teams will be scheduled for 1-2 practices a week. The coach will determine the day / time and contact you with the information.

Can my child change teams if he/she has a schedule conflict?

Unfortunately, no. Due to the size of our soccer program we cannot accommodate everyone. We instead require coaches not to cut a child's playing time simply because they are unable to attend practice.

Does Parks provide uniforms?

Parks and Rec will give each player a uniform t-shirt. All player must provide their own shin guards and long socks (**required**). Cleats are optional and are the player's responsibility.

Is there anything my child cannot wear?

Yes!!! Players cannot have beads or hard objects in their hair as well as no jewelry (earrings included). New piercings ***cannot*** be covered with tape.

What if I have a problem?

Go to your coach first. If that does not help, please contact the division manager for your child's age group.

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