



Forest Park Youth Soccer Association (FPYSA)

REGISTRATION & KEY DATES:

Q: What are the registration dates?

A: We offer 3 ways to register:

- 1) Via our PO Box (prior to March 14th)
- 2) In person (March 14th at the Park District Bldg #4)
- 3) Late (until teams are formed) – by March 26th

Q: What is the cost?

A: Costs based on registration dates:

- 1) Early registration via PO Box - \$50.00
- 2) March 14th in person registration - \$55.00
- 3) Late registrations via PO Box - \$65.00

Note: There is a \$5 non-resident surcharge

Q: How old must my child be to play?

A: Your child must have been 5 years old by September 1, 2012 to play in the Spring season. (3 and 4 yr olds eligible for Little Kickers)

Q: What levels do you offer? and what are the anticipated divisions for the Spring 2013 season?

A: While these divisions may change based on the number of registrations received, the anticipated divisions are as follows: We offer 4 divisions broken out by grade level

- Div #1: K and 1st Grade (equivalent to U8)
- Div #2: 3rd & 4th Grade (equivalent to U10)
- Div #3: 5th & 6th Grade (equivalent to U12)
- Div Varsity: 7th & 8th Grade (equivalent to U14)

* Also now offer a "Little Kickers" program for players under 5 (as of Sept 1, 2012)

Q: What is maximum number of roster positions available for each team?

A: No more than ten (10) persons will be placed on a team.

- >Div 1 10 max
- >Div 2 16-18 max
- >Div 3 16-18 max
- >Varsity 16-18 max

Q: What is the game schedule?

A: The game schedule for Spring will be posted on the website prior to the start of the Spring season.

The tentative schedule, subject to change, is as follows:

Game 1: April 12/13th

Game 2: April 19/20th

Game 3: April 26/27th

Game 4: May 3/4th

Game 5: May 10/11th

Game 6: May 17/18th

Game 7: May 31/June 1st

Game 8: June 7/8th

EQUIPMENT

Q: Are uniforms included in registration fee?.

A: No, but we use the same color scheme season over season so you do not need to buy uniforms each season.

Q: What is cost of uniform?

A: Shirt \$25 (Red/White for Pre-k thru 4th grade & Blue/White 5th grade to 8th grade)

Shorts \$15 (Black) // Socks \$5

Q: What equipment does my child need to play?

A: All players are required to have shin guards (must be worn at all practices and games) and a soccer ball. Soccer cleats are not required, but encouraged. If a player wears eyeglasses, then sports safety glasses must be worn during practices and games. All players must remove watches, jewelry, earrings (no starter studs), metal hair bands, etc. for all practices and games.

Q: What size soccer ball does my child need?

A: FPYSA supplies balls for each team to play & practice with, but if you wish to purchase your child a ball these are the recommended sizes.

> Size three (3) soccer ball is used for Pre-K; K; and 1st Grade divisions.

> Size four (4) soccer ball is used for 2, 3rd/ 4th Divisions & the 5th & 6th Grade divisions

> Size four (5) soccer ball is used for the 7th & 8th Grade divisions.

> Size three (3) soccer ball is used for Little Kickers.

Q: When will I be notified as to what team my child is on?

A: All coaches are requested to notify their players/parent no later than March 31st.

Q: How are team roster developed?

A: The primary focus of roster development is to create competitively balanced teams within each division. The evaluations performed by the coaches from the prior season will be used as the basis for balancing the skill levels. Other considerations include neighborhood and school. While every attempt is made to maintain neighborhood teams this is not always feasible for the sake of competitively balanced teams.

Q: Are there friend requests?

A: No, friend requests have been discontinued. If a friend request is made on the registration form, this information will not be used in roster development.

Q: Are there coach requests?

A: No. If a coach request is made on the registration form, this information will not be used in roster development.

REFUNDS:

Q: My child has a conflict with the practice time/day or has a conflict with F.P. Little League, can I get a refund?

A: Yes, while FPYSA will do its best to accommodate conflicts- if conflict is unable to be resolved (prior to start of Week #1) a refund will be issued.

Q: My child has an injury that will not allow him to play, can I get a refund?

A: Refunds due to injury before the mid-point of the season will be honored. The decision to refund is at the sole discretion of the FPYSA board.

GAMES:

Q: When are games played?

A: All Division 1, 2 & 3 games will be scheduled Saturdays, while Div 4-Varsity games will be scheduled Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

Q: Where are games played?

A: All Div 2, 3 & 4 games will be played at the Forest Park Park District main soccer field, while Div 1 may be split between the Circle/16th field and Forest Park Park District, main soccer field. Little Kickers will be played at the Forest Park Park District main soccer field.

Q: How many games are there?

A: The Spring season is comprised of Eight (8) games.

Q: When does the season start & end?

A: The season is anticipated to commence with practices the week of April 8th and run through June 8th.

Q: How do I know if a game has been canceled due to weather?

A: We cancel games only for lightning present in the direct area. Games are called at field at game time. (there is no "hot-line" #)

Q: When are make-up games?

A: If needed, both coaches will work out a acceptable time, usually using a practice time slot.

OTHER:

Q: Will my player receive an award

A: Yes. Participation trophies/medals are given at season's end to all players. FPYSA will also have a pool party for Spring participants (date tbd).

PRACTICE:

Q: When and where are practices?

A: Practice times and locations are determined at the coach's pre-season meeting. Practice times are generally between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The practices are held on the main soccer field of the Forest Park Park District.

Q: What if my child has a conflict and cannot make the practice date and time of his team?

A: Practice conflicts are resolved between coaches at a parent's request. For a conflict to be resolved, a player of equal age and/or skill from each team must be exchanged. If a two-player exchange cannot be worked out, a single player exchange may be approved by the Director at their discretion. Since the coaches set their team's practice day and time, the best way to get a day/time that works for your schedule is to volunteer to be a coach. Coaches decide their team's practice day & time, so if this is of utmost importance to you, then volunteer to coach.

COACHES:

Q: Who can be a coach?

A: Any parent can volunteer to be a coach or assistant coach for their child's team.

Q: Do I need soccer experience to be a coach?

A: No, we will pair coaches and assistants up to afford the best coverage for a team. Also the FPYSA board will offer assistance and support as well as guide books of skills, drills and strategies.

Q: How many coaches are there for each team?

A: Teams will have 1 head coach and 1 assistant coach. Board members will fill in when required.

Q: If I volunteer, am I guaranteed to be a coach?

A: No. While every attempt is made to accommodate all volunteer requests, there are seasons where there are more volunteers than available coaching positions/needs.

VOLUNTEERS

Q: Does FPYSA need volunteers?

A: Yes, there are several opportunities to volunteer within the Community Soccer program. To note a few opportunities: Field marshals, picture day coordinator, registration table volunteers, field lining, etc.

Q: Do I need soccer experience to be a volunteer?

A: No, we are looking for committed and involved parents for all positions.