

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Q: WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

A: Boys and Girls in the Pre-K through 10th Grades.

Q: WHAT ARE THE DATES?

A: From approx. the middle of May to the end of July.

Q: WHAT IS THE COST?

A: \$120 for Pre-K through 2nd Grade and \$140 for 3rd through 10th Grade.
\$25 late registration fee, if registered after February 28th

Q: WHAT EVENTS ARE INCLUDED?

A: Approx. 10 practice sessions and 12 games during the program period.

Q: HOW DO WE REGISTER?

A: Register online at the PSA website (www.plymouthsoccer.com). There is a **"CLICK TO REGISTER"** link under the Summer Recreation Program, in the Recreation area on the PSA website "Home Page".

Q: WHAT ARE THE REGISTRATION DATES?

A: January 1st-February 28th.
Late registrations, after February 28th, will be accepted. **HOWEVER, PLACEMENT ON A TEAM IS ON AN AS-AVAILABLE BASIS AND IS NOT GUARANTEED.**

Q: WHAT AGE CAN CHILDREN BEGIN TO PLAY IN THE PROGRAM?

A: The child must be age 4 by May 1st.

Q: WHAT GRADE SHOULD I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR?

A: For the grade they are **CURRENTLY** in.

Q: CAN I REGISTER MY CHILD TO PLAY FOR A TEAM IN A HIGHER GRADE?

A: Individual requests will be considered. Please contact the Director, Recreation Coaching and he will make the final decision after discussing the player's ability/experience with you.

Q: WHAT SOCCER EQUIPMENT DO WE NEED?

A: Soccer shoes (NO TOE CLEATS) are recommended, but tennis shoes may be worn. It is mandatory that all players wear shin guards, completely covered by their socks. Each player also needs to bring their own properly inflated soccer ball to all games and practices. They must also have enough water/sport drink to drink at all games and practices.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTE:

- A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another player.
- If a child wears glasses, they should be secured with a head-band.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT PLAYERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR ANY JEWELRY/EARRINGS DURING THE SOCCER GAMES.

- **If a player has earrings, including newly-pierced earrings, they must remove them in order to play in the game. Band-Aids or tape over the earrings is not allowed.**
- This is a major liability issue and there can be NO EXCEPTIONS.

Q: HOW ARE TEAMS FORMED?

A: By grade, "play-with" requests, school attended and random assignment.

Q: MY CHILD WOULD LIKE TO PLAY WITH A FRIEND, IS THIS POSSIBLE?

A: Yes. One "play-with" request is allowed at online registration only. Both children must request to "play-with" each other, otherwise the request will not be granted.

ALL REGISTRATIONS THAT HAVE "PLAY-WITH" REQUESTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY FEBRUARY 28th-NO EXCEPTIONS.

Q: MY CHILD WOULD LIKE TO PLAY FOR A SPECIFIC COACH, IS THIS POSSIBLE?

A: Unfortunately, we cannot allow Coach "Play-with" requests.

Q: WHEN ARE THE PRACTICES AND GAMES?

A: Girls: Monday and Wednesday evening.
Boys: Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Q: WHERE ARE THE PRACTICES AND GAMES CONDUCTED?

A: At fields throughout the City of Plymouth and surrounding communities. Look at the "Fields Map" on the PSA website (www.plymouthsoccer.com), under the "Recreation" tab.

Q: WHAT TIMES ARE THE PRACTICES & GAMES HELD?

A: Either 6:00pm or 7:15pm. They may vary between both times according to the schedule.

Q: DOES PSA HONOR REQUESTS FOR A CHILD TO PLAY AT A SPECIFIC FIELD?

A: We are not able to accommodate this request due to the limited number of soccer fields available.

Q: WHAT WEEK WILL THE TEAM PRACTICES START?

A: Approx. the second week of May.

Q: IS THERE A PRACTICE/GAME SCHEDULE FOR THE TEAMS?

A: Yes. The PSA Office will email the schedule to each team member; once the team rosters are finalized. The coach will also have a master schedule of games and practices.

Q: CAN I DROP MY CHILD OFF AT THE FIELD AND GO DO OTHER THINGS DURING THE PRACTICE/GAME?

A: We strongly recommend that a parent/guardian be present with their child during the time they're at the soccer field, in case there are any problems with the child during the event.

Q: I'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO COACH, HOW DO I PROCEED?

A: Thank you. The PSA Recreation Program relies totally on volunteer coaches. Please make your intentions known on the online registration form, or contact the PSA Office (763-450-3099).

Q: IS THERE AN INCENTIVE FOR COACHING A TEAM?

A: Yes, PSA will provide an incentive equivalent to 50% of the standard registration fee.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD'S TEAM DOES NOT HAVE A COACH?

A: Seeing as the program relies totally on volunteer coaches, the parents of the players on the team roster would have to decide who is going to volunteer to coach the team.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF NO PARENTS ON THE TEAM ROSTER VOLUNTEER TO COACH THE TEAM?

A: In that unfortunate situation, we may have to disband the team and assign the players to other teams. Hopefully, that will never happen. PSA has always had a parent(s) step forward to coach the team.

Q: HOW DO I GET A UNIFORM?

A: Uniforms will be distributed by the coach at the first session.
Pre-K-2nd Grade will receive a T-shirt and socks; you should purchase black shorts for your child.
3rd to 10th Grade will receive a full uniform (Shirt, shorts and socks).

Q: ARE THERE ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR THE UNIFORMS OR T-SHIRT?

A: No, the cost for the uniform/T-shirt is included in the price of the program.

Q: WHAT SIZE SOCCER BALL SHOULD MY CHILD HAVE?

A: Pre-K to 2nd Grade = Size 3, 3rd to 6th Grade = Size 4 and 7th to 10th Grade = Size 5.

Q: WHAT IS THE PSA POLICY ON REGISTRATION REFUNDS?

A: **Requests for refunds must be received, in writing, at the PSA Office by March 31st** and will not be considered after April 1st, unless we are unable to place your child on a team. Refunds will be minus \$25 for administrative fees.

Note: For withdrawals as a result of health conditions or relocations, contact the PSA Office.