

Decatur-DeKalb YMCA Soccer

Fall 2009

Frequently Asked Questions

Recreational Soccer

The emphasis is on fun and learning the sport of soccer. Players are assigned to teams randomly (requests are accommodated whenever possible). Coaches are typically parent volunteers. Practices are one to two times a week (varies by age group) from forty-five to ninety minutes (this also varies by age group). Practice schedules (day, time & location) are decided by the coach of each respective team. Games are held locally on Saturdays and Sundays, although some older recreational teams may have occasional Friday evening games as well. Everyone plays at least 50% of each game regardless of ability. Kiddie/Little Kicker cost also includes a t-shirt and matching socks. New players, age 4 and above, must purchase the DDY Uniform Package for an additional \$30 fee. The package includes a reversible jersey, navy shorts, pair of navy socks, water bottle and a nap sack. Uniforms may be purchased at time of registration.

What to bring to Practice/Games

Shin guards, water bottle, ball, and soccer cleats (optional). Sunscreen is also recommended for game days. Be sure to attend practices and games and notify the coach if you will not attend.

Soccer Pictures

Soccer pictures will be held on a Saturday during the season. Pictures are optional and are an additional cost. An outside photography company will take all pictures and will be responsible for distribution. Pictures will be taken at Winnona Park Elementary school, Westchester Elementary School and United Methodist Children's Home field. Day and times will be announced after schedules are complete.

Divisions of Recreational Soccer*

Saturday League:

Kiddie Kickers (3 yr olds) - Practices and games are held together on Saturday mornings for an hour. Teams will practice for 30 minutes then will play a game for 30 minutes. Practices/Games are held at Winnona Park Elementary School. Teams are coed. Games/practice times will vary weekly between 9:00 am-12:30 pm.

Jr. Micro (4 yr olds) - Practice once a week for 45 minutes at Fernbank Elementary School. All games are held at Winnona Park Elementary School on Saturday mornings. Teams are coed. Game times will vary weekly between 9:00 am – 1:30 pm.

Micro (5 yr olds) - Practice once a week for 45 minutes at Fernbank Elementary School. All games are held at Winnona Park Elementary School on Saturday mornings. Teams are coed. Game times will vary weekly between 9:00 am – 1:30 pm.

U7 Boys (6 yr olds) & **U8 Boys** (7 yr olds) - Practice once a week for 45 minutes at Fernbank Elementary School and/or Deepdene Park. All games are held at Westchester Elementary School on Saturday mornings. The boys will now be separated into two age groups for this age. Game times will vary weekly between 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

U8 Girls (6 & 7 yr olds) - Practice once a week for 45 minutes at Fernbank Elementary School and/or Deepdene Park. All games are held at the United Methodist Children's Home on Saturday mornings. Game times will vary weekly between 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

U10 (8 & 9 yr olds) - Practices are twice a week for an hour at Deepdene Park, Columbia Seminary or Pattillo field. Home games are held at Pattillo Park on Saturdays and/or Sunday afternoons. Away games are at various YMCAs throughout Metro Atlanta. Teams are separated by gender.

U12 (10 & 11 yr olds) - Practices are twice a week for an hour at Columbia Seminary or Pattillo field. Home games are held at Pattillo Park on Saturdays and/or Sunday afternoons. Away games are at various YMCAs throughout Metro Atlanta. Teams are separated by gender.**

U14 (12 & 13 yr olds) - Practices are twice a week for an hour and half at Columbia Seminary or Pattillo field. Home games are held at Ebster field on Saturdays and/or Sunday afternoons. Away games are at various venues throughout Metro Atlanta. Teams will be registered and inter-scheduled through GSSA.

Frequently Asked Questions Continued

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Sunday League:

Little Kickers (3 yr olds) - Practices and Games are held together on Sundays for an hour. Teams will practice for 30 minutes then will play a game for 30 minutes. Practices/Games are held at Fernbank Elementary School field. Teams are coed. League runs for 6 weeks. Games/practice times will vary weekly between 2:00 – 5:00 pm.

Mighty Mites (4 & 5 yr olds) - Practices and Games are held together on Sunday afternoons. Teams will practice for 30 minutes then will play a game for 45-60 minutes. Practices/Games are held at Fernbank Elementary School field. Teams are coed. The first two weeks will be practices ONLY. Games/practice times will vary weekly between 1:00-5:00 pm.

U8 Coed (6 & 7 yr olds) - Practices and Games are held together on Sundays afternoons. Teams will practice for 30 minutes then will play a game for 60 minutes. Practices/Games are held at Fernbank Elementary School field. Teams are coed. The first two weeks will be practices ONLY. Games/practice times will vary weekly between 1:00-5:00 pm.

**Age is determined as of Aug. 1st, 2009.*

*** If there are not enough boys and girls to have gender separate teams, co-ed teams will be formed. Per Georgia State Soccer Association (GSSA) rules, Co-ed teams will be placed in the Boys/Co-ed league for inter-scheduled games.*