**SCPR Youth Sports**

**Policies and Procedures**

Age cutoffs

* Age cutoffs for each sport will be the scheduled start date of each season
	+ Example: 8U soccer starts April 1 and your child turns 9 on March 30, they must play up
	+ No exceptions will be made

Communication

* Youth Sports Manager will sort rosters, organize coach meeting.
* Coaches will contact parents RE: practices/games.
* Sports Office is always available to answer league questions.

Equipment

* Equipment needed for league play varies by sport and occasionally by age group.

Officials

* Referees/umpires in our leagues may often be young and learning, just as the players are. Please remember to practice good sportsmanship and set an example for the players.
* Any and all mistreatment of officials in our leagues will be treated as violations of our Sportsmanship Policy and handled accordingly.

Practices

* Practice times/locations will be made available on a case-by-case basis.
* Sports where practices are usually reserved:
	+ Baseball, basketball, futsal, softball, volleyball
* Sports where practices are usually NOT reserved:
	+ Football, kickball, soccer
* Out of season practices are not permitted.
	+ Organized practices may not begin until after the coach meeting.

Registration

* Available for individual and team registrations.
* May be done online, over phone or in person at Sports Office.
* Deadlines may be extended on case-by-case basis, but no such extensions are guaranteed.
* Late registrations/wait list spots are not guaranteed entry into league.
* Late fees may be applied.

Roster placement

* We always do our best to grant reasonable requests when applicable.
* Granting requests is not promised beyond registration deadline.
* Priorities are as follows: Requests > School > District > Location > Roster size/spots remaining

Requests to switch teams

* These will be considered on case-by-case basis.
	+ Parents should understand upon registering that league play is generally two days a week with games on one day and practices on another.
* Will not be done more than 10 days after the scheduled coach meeting.
	+ If an account credit or refund is necessary at that point, the County refund policy would go into effect.

Scheduling

* Game/match locations will vary based on availability.
* Games/matches are usually the same day in-season, but fluctuate based on sport/season.
* Games/matches may be placed on a secondary day if teams match up on practice days.
* Practice days/times/locations will be up to the coach of the team.

Shirts

* League shirts are ordered 3-5 days after the coach meeting.
* 50/50 cotton/poly blend shirts are generally ordered for each sport.
* Reversible jerseys may be ordered for basketball.
* 1-2 extra shirts are ordered for each team. Beyond that, late/extra orders will not be sent.
* If a player does not have a league shirt available due to unforeseen circumstance, they may wear a shirt of a matching color to the team he/she is playing on.
* A team may wear its own jerseys if they prefer – however, if they choose to do so, shirts/jerseys will not be ordered for that team. Alternate uniforms must not have identification of competing organization on them.

Sportsmanship

* SCPR Sportsmanship Policy is always in effect. That can be located at [www.quickscores.com/snco](http://www.quickscores.com/snco) > Downloads > Sportsmanship Policy.
* This applies to all participants – players, coaches, officials, parents and all other spectators.
* This applies to games/matches, as well as practices.

Volunteers

* Youth sports programs rely on volunteer coaches to make league play possible.
* If you are interested in volunteering to coach, please reach out to the SCPR Sports Office.
* Volunteer coaches may have league fee waived for one child on his/her roster.

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