



YOUTH SOCCER

Frequently Asked Questions



Below is a list of questions people ask about our Youth Soccer. If you have a question feel free to email hsiong.marler@cparkdistrict.com.

MICRO SOCCER & LISC SOCCER ACADEMY

QUESTION: Does my child need cleats to play?

ANSWER: Your child does not need to have cleats at this age. For the LISC Soccer Academy I would recommend them however.

QUESTION: Does my child need shin guards?

ANSWER: Yes

QUESTION: My child is already playing somewhere else. Can my child still sign up for the LISC Soccer Academy?

ANSWER: Yes. The Academy is specifically designed to accommodate players already playing in the Champaign Park District Youth Soccer Leagues or on a LISC team.

QUESTION: My child has never played before. Is this program right for them?

ANSWER: Micro Soccer is designed for beginners or players with some experience. The LISC Soccer Academy is not meant as a beginner level program.

QUESTION: My child is not old enough but is very athletic. Can they register for the program?

ANSWER: No. All Champaign Park District Sports Clinics are designed for specific age groups.

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUES

QUESTION: Who coaches the teams?

ANSWER: Youth Soccer Leagues teams are all coached by volunteer coaches.

QUESTION: I'm interested in coaching but I don't know a lot about soccer.

ANSWER: Coaches training is offered to volunteer coaches through the ASEP Youth Soccer Coaching Course. At the lower levels a basic understanding of soccer can be enough for success. For more information visit the Champaign Park District Volunteer webpage at <http://www.champaignparkdistrict.com/workvol/volunteer.htm>.

QUESTION: Does my child need cleats to play?

ANSWER: For Atom 1 (first grade) and Atom 2 (second grade) Youth Soccer Leagues shin guards are not necessary but are good to have. For older leagues (third grade and up) cleats are strongly recommended.

QUESTION: Does my child need shin guards?

ANSWER: Yes. Players will not be allowed to play without shin guards.

QUESTION: My child has never played before. Will they be ok?

ANSWER: The Youth Soccer Leagues have a range of talent. Beginning players are welcome.

QUESTION: My child lost their jersey? What can we do?

ANSWER: In the short term your child can play wearing a similar color shirt. Talk to your Park District about a replacement.



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QUESTION: My child just go their ears pierced. Can they play with ear rings?

ANSWER: Jewelry including ear rings, watches, LiveStrong style bracelets, etc are not allowed. This is a safety issue. Medical or religious jewelry is allowed if taped down.

QUESTION: When it's cold can my child play in a hoodie?

ANSWER: Yes. Provided the jersey can be worn over the hoodie.

QUESTION: Can my child wear a hat?

ANSWER: During cold weather stocking caps are permissible. Hard billed caps (such as baseball caps) are never allowed..

QUESTION: Does my child have to wear shorts?

ANSWER: Shorts or sweat pants/warm up pants are ok. Skorts, jeans, jean shorts are not allowed—Players will not be allowed to play while wearing these items.

QUESTION: What is the soccer webpage?

ANSWER: <http://www.champaignparkdistrict.com/sports/soccer/index.html>. The website is full of useful information including, the Youth Soccer Handbook, maps, schedules, survey results, Buddy Forms, various sports articles, sportsmanship issues, etc.

QUESTION: What is the Buddy Form and where can I find it?

ANSWER: You can stop by any of the Champaign Park District Facilities for a copy of the Buddy Form or go online to the Champaign Park District Soccer webpage. The Buddy Form allows to two players to be guaranteed to be placed on the same team together. See below for important guidelines concerning the Buddy Form.

- Coach's children cannot be listed on any buddy form.
- Siblings in the same league will be placed together and cannot be listed on any buddy form.
- This form can be used for 2 participants only.
- Each participant may fill out only one form per sport.
- Both participants must fill out a Buddy Form, listing the other participant as his/her friend.
- All Buddy Forms must be turned in prior to the registration deadline.
- In order to accommodate the requests to play with buddies, there is no guarantee that any participant completing the Buddy Form will play on the same team from the previous season.

QUESTION: Where are the rules for the leagues?

ANSWER: USSF Laws of the Game apply with certain Champaign Park District Youth Soccer League adaptations/"house rules". The Champaign Park District Youth Soccer League rules are on the Champaign Park District Soccer webpage. The USSF Laws of the Game can be found on the United States Soccer Federation website.

QUESTION: Can I request to be on a certain team?

ANSWER: No. Players cannot request teams and coaches may not request certain players. All roster assignments are done by CPD Staff.

QUESTION: I don't understand the Fall and Spring sessions. If my child is registered in the Fall do they need to re-register in the Spring?

ANSWER: No. Players registered for the Fall are automatically included in the Spring.



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QUESTION: I've heard people say that parents **MUST** sit on the side opposite the players, even if that means we're staring into the sun. Is that true and why?

ANSWER: Yes, it is true. With any outdoor sport there is always some element of the weather that makes someone uncomfortable such as wind, sun, temperature, insects, etc. Parents are required to sit on the side opposite on the players because this reduces the chance for ugly sportsmanship issues and better ensures the safety of players, parents, officials and coaches. Also, coaches are held to a different standard than parents and it's important for officials to know that people are a certain side are identified as part of the coaching staff. There are some exceptions: for instance a parent checking on a player injury.

QUESTION: Can I register my child for the Fall only?

ANSWER: Currently we are not set up for that. In order to secure coaches, uniforms, teams, etc the Fall and the Spring is essentially considered one extended season.

QUESTION: Can I register my child for the Spring only?

ANSWER: Yes. We do have a separate registration period during the Spring.

QUESTION: Can you explain how it works from one year to the next. Will my child be kept on the same team?

ANSWER: Leagues are set up in to various cycles. During that cycle the size of the ball, size of the field, number of players, etc are essentially the same. Within that cycle teams are kept together—provided everyone returns (registers by the deadline), no Buddy Forms with kids on other teams, etc. When moving up from one cycle to another teams are reset. Please see table below:

<u>This Year</u>	<u>Next Year</u>	<u>Result</u>
Atom 1	Atom 2	same team, returning players will be placed together (with exceptions)
Atom 2	Boys 34	teams reset
Atom 2	Girls 345	teams reset
Boys 34	Boys 34	same team, returning players will be placed together (with exceptions)
Boys 34	Boys 56	teams reset
Girls 345	Girls 345	same team, returning players will be placed together (with exceptions)
Girls 345	Girls 678	teams reset
Boys 56	Boys 56	same team, returning players will be placed together (with exceptions)
Boys 56	Boys 78	teams reset