



Spring Youth Soccer 2024



Parent Packet

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Welcome to Park City Recreation's Spring Youth Soccer League!

Park City Recreation

Policies & Procedures

Philosophy: Our recreation soccer program is designed to teach players soccer skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship in an environment where participation and fun are the focus, not winning at all costs. The purpose of recreational soccer is to provide an opportunity for the participants to learn the sport and develop life skills including a lifelong love of the game.

Registration: Registration will be open January 22- March 11th.

Early bird registration \$70- \$75 January - February 13th

Registration fee \$80-\$85 February 14th - March 11th

DEADLINE TO REGISTER MARCH 11th

Registration after the deadline (if space allows) \$10 late fee

We do not accept requests for specific teams/coaches.

Deadline: The deadline to register for \$80-\$85 is March 11th. After the deadline all players will be placed on the waitlist. Only divisions with space available will allow for registration with the \$10 late fee charge.

Waitlist procedure: For a division that is full after the deadline, participants will be placed on a waitlist. There will be no charge to be placed on the waitlist. Participants will be pulled off the waitlist and added to teams based on the date/time they were added to the waitlist. Once a participant is pulled off the waitlist the registration fee plus the \$10 late fee will be charged.

Dates: Saturday April 13th – June 1st *NO GAMES Saturday May 25th

Coaches: All coaches are volunteers, and we rely heavily on those volunteers to help facilitate the program. Coaches will receive a 50% discount on the program and a 5-punch pass to the PC MARC with the commitment of a head coach position. All coaches must complete and pass a background check through Park City Municipal Corp. before coaching.

If you have not heard from your coach by April 10th, please contact Lauren Wall
Lauren.wall@parkcity.org 435-615-5420

We at Park City Recreation feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to provide a fun and exciting sport atmosphere for your child/children. The understanding of team play, sportsmanship, leadership, and following directions are just a few of the experiences your child/children will be exposed to by participating in organized sports.

There are few items we would like to cover to help with the season your player is enrolled:

1. Parking

a. Please utilize all parking lots at Quinn's junction and walk to the grass fields.

2. Trash

a. Please make sure we are cleaning up after our teams and players! Trash cans will be scattered around the playing field areas.

3. Siblings & Co.

a. We love having brothers and sisters come and watch the games. However, they need to be supervised so we don't have balls rolling onto the field. This could harm both the players in the game and/or the sibling.

b. **Dogs are not allowed on the fields. If you must bring your dog, they MUST be on leash at all times.**

4. Parent behavior

a. Be a role model to other parents and players.

b. Don't be the parent everyone else is talking about after the game.

c. Respect the referees. If you have an issue, please speak with the program supervisor.

Following these guidelines will ensure a great experience for everyone, from the players to the facility providers. Please read the remainder of this packet to help the season run smoothly. If we all pitch in small ways, we can make a big difference.

Thank you & let's have some fun!

Lauren Wall

Recreation Spring Youth Soccer 2024

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting spring season!

Q. How do I know if a game is going to be cancelled?

Call the weather hotline **435-615-5432 by 8am on Saturdays**. We try to play every game and wait as long as possible before making the call in hopes that we will play. If we play on a Wednesday, I will update the hotline by 4pm.

Q. Why isn't my son/daughter on the team I requested?

A. We do not accept teammate or coach requests in youth sports leagues. Teams are developed based on schools. It may be a mix of schools (example some Parleys and some Jeremy), but there should be some kids from your players school on the team...unless you signed up past the deadline.

Q. What days do we play on? What time?

A. Tentative Game and practice days are as follows:

PRE-K (COED) – Saturdays

Kindergarten – Saturdays

***1&2nd Grade –Saturdays & Wednesdays**

***3&4th Grade–Saturdays & Wednesdays**

***Wednesdays will be used as practice days throughout the season.**



Game/practice times will vary each week (scheduled on the hour). Games/practices Saturdays 9am - 1pm

These times are tentative; it all depends on how many kids sign up to play.

FAQ:

Q. Are the days listed the only days the leagues will play?

A. Unless the coach schedules practice on a different day. We only schedule 2 days per week. Pre-K and Kindergarten will only play once per week.

Q. What equipment does my player need?

A. Every player will need to bring their own shin guards & cleats or sneakers. Players will receive a jersey and socks.

Q. Where do we play?

A. Quinn's Junction Sports Complex – Grass fields next to the PC Ice Arena

Any additional Questions please call the PC MARC front desk 435-615-5401 or
Lauren Wall lauren.wall@parkcity.org 435-615-5420



Why Small-Sided Games?

US Youth Soccer has thought long and hard about the answer to the question, "Why Small-Sided Games?"

What does "Small-Sided Games" mean? These are soccer games with fewer players competing on a smaller sized field. These are fun games that involve the players more because fewer players are sharing one ball.

All ages can play "Small Sided Games", but it has a definite developmental impact on our younger soccer players. US Youth Soccer recommendations for "number of players" at the various age groups are as follows:

U6 | 3 against 3 no goal keepers

U8 | 4 against 4 no goal keepers

U10 | 6 against 6 with goal keepers

Here are some of the reasons why we believe, as soccer coaches, administrators and parents must guarantee that our young soccer players play small-sided games:

1. Because we want our young soccer players to touch the soccer ball more often and become **more skillful** with it! (Individual technical development)
2. Because we want our young soccer players to make **more, less-complicated decisions** during the game! (Tactical development)
3. Because we want our young soccer players to be more physically **efficient** in the field space they are playing in! (Reduced field size)
4. Because we want our young soccer players to have more **individual teaching time** with the coach! Less players on the field and less players on the team will guarantee this! (Need to feel worthy and need to feel important)
5. Because we want our young soccer players to have **more, involved playing time** in the game! (More opportunity to solve problems that only the game presents)
6. Because we want our young soccer players to have **more opportunity to play on both sides of the ball!** (More exposure to attacking and defending situations)
7. Because we want our young soccer players to have **more opportunities to score goals!** (Pure excitement)

These are the reasons why we adults must foster "Small-Sided Games" in our youth soccer programs. The "Small-Sided" environment is a **developmentally appropriate environment** for our young soccer players. It's a **FUN** environment that *focuses on the young soccer player.*

PARENT "SELF" CHECKLIST

By registering my child in a Park City Recreation program, I pledge to follow the examples below and exercise my own good judgment regarding my personal conduct during youth games and practices.

Punctuality: I will be on time or early when dropping off my child for a practice or game. I understand that is embarrassing for my child to be late to a game or practice and that I am putting him/her at physical risk by not providing adequate time for warm up. I understand the importance of picking up my child on time for all games and practice. This shows respect for the volunteer coach, who has other time commitments, and it tells my child that he or she is my top priority.

Purpose of Sports: I understand that the top three reasons kids play sports are to have fun, make new friends and learn new skills. I understand that the game is for the kids, and that I will encourage my child to have fun and keep sport in its proper perspective. I understand that athletes do their best when they are emotionally healthy, so I will be positive and supportive.

Encouragement: I will redefine what it is to be a "Winner" in my conversations with my child. A winner is someone who makes maximum effort, continues to learn and improve, and does not let mistakes, or fear of making mistakes, stop them. I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game and that people learn from their mistakes. I understand that all children are born with different abilities and that the true measure is not how my child compares to others but how he/she is doing in comparison to his/her best self. "I LOVE WATCHING YOU PLAY"

Respect: I will "Honor the Game." I understand the importance of setting a good example of sportsmanship to my child. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the game including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, and referees. I understand that officials, coaches, and players make mistakes. If the referee makes a "questionable" call, I will continue to respect the individual and be silent.

Cheering: I understand that games can be exciting times for my child who is trying to deal with the fast-paced action of the game, respond to opponents, referees, teammates and listen to coaches. I will not add confusion by yelling out instructions. During the game, I will limit my comments to encouraging my child and other players for both teams.

Attitude: I will not make negative comments about the game, coaches, referees or teammates in my child's presence. I understand that this plants a seed, which can negatively influence my child's motivation and overall experience. It may even make my kid a whiner, or a wiener, but definitely not a winner.

Refereeing: I agree to help as an official for a future game if I am having a hard time cooperating (yelling at or display any type of unruly behavior) with the officials at a game I am watching.

Why Children Play Sports

1. TO HAVE FUN
2. To learn and improve skills
3. To be with friends and make new ones
4. Excitement
5. To succeed
6. To exercise
7. To be part of a team

By reading this document you and your family will abide by the above statements.