

FAQ's & Answers for VRD Youth Recreational Soccer

Q: When is registration and when are the soccer seasons?

A: *We have 2 soccer seasons:*

Fall Soccer: Late August thru October registration opens in June

Spring Soccer: Late April thru Early June registration opens in February

Q: What league does my child belong in?

A: *The cut off date for soccer is your player's birth date as of 7/31. For the 2010 Fall season and the 2011 Spring*

*Season the date is as of 7/31/010. **Your child's soccer age stays the same from fall thru the spring season.***

Generally micro soccer is pre-school and Kindergarten, U8 is 1st and 2nd grade, U10 is 3rd & 4th Grade and U12 is 5th & 6th grade

Q: Why the focus on small sided soccer?

A: *As stated at www.usyouthsoccer.org, we as soccer coaches, administrators and parents believe the following points are reasons for small-sided games:*

- *Individual Technical Development: We want our young soccer players to touch the soccer ball more often and become more skillful with it.*
- *Tactical Development: We want our young soccer players to make more, but less-complicated decisions during the game.*
- *Reduced Field Size: We want our young soccer players to be more physically efficient in the field space they are playing in.*
- *Making Players Feel Important: We want our young soccer players to have more individual teaching time with the coaches and with less players on the field and less players on a team, we can assure this.*
- *Problem Solving: We want our young soccer players to have more involved playing time in the game.*
- *Exposure to Attacking and Defending: We want our young soccer players to have more opportunity to play on both sides of the ball.*
- *Excitement: We want our young soccer players to have more opportunities to score goals.*

Q: Are exceptions made to the cut off date?

A: *The only exceptions that are generally made. Are for a child who just misses the cut off date to play with his/her classmates*

Q: I have missed the deadline; may I still sign my child up?

A: *Players who have missed the deadline will be placed on a team on a space available basis and will be charged a \$10/late fee*

Q: I need to cancel my child. Is there a refund policy?

A: *If you cancel your child before the first scheduled practice there is a refund less a \$10 handling fee. After the first practice there are no refunds.*

Q: Where do the kids play games?

A: *U8 – U12 players play in in-house leagues throughout the Valley.*

Q: What is micro soccer?

A: *Micro soccer is a program for our youngest players 4 and 5 year olds as of the cut off date. The program is coached by the local high school aged teams and coaches as a fundraiser and is an introduction to the game of soccer.*

Q: How are teams put together?

A: *Teams are put together based on where players go to school, where players reside and a balance in numbers of players on all teams*

Q: May I make a special request? Or I made a special request to be on a certain team with a certain player or coach?

A: *Special Requests will be reviewed but we cannot guarantee that they will be met*

Q: When and how will I be notified of what team my child is on? Who is his coach? Where and when practices will be?

A: *Postcards will be mailed out a few weeks after registration closes, stating who your coach is, his or her phone # and when and where practice is.*

Q: Can my child switch teams?

A: *Generally no, teams are balanced numbers wise and put together based on either where kids reside or go to school*

Q: What should my child bring to practice?

A: Each child should bring a ball (micro & U8 size 3, U10 & U12 Size 4), Water bottle. Shin guards, Athletic Shoes, Appropriate Clothing.

Q: Does my child need soccer cleats?

A: They are not required but highly recommended

Q: When will I get my child's game schedule?

A: Coaches will hand out game schedules at the first practice

Q: Its bad weather on a practice day, whom do I call?

A: It is a coach's decision whether or not to have practices. Please help your coach out by setting up a phone tree.

Q: It is bad weather on a game day, who do I call?

A: I will make a determination early in the morning whether or not field are playable, and contact the coaches I will also leave a message on my voice mail at 479-2280 if fields are unplayable

Q: I would like to coach, what do I do?

A: We are always in need of volunteer coaches, please contact Joel Rabinowitz at 479-2280 or jrabinowitz@vailrec.com.

Q: I would like my company to sponsor youth soccer?

A: Sponsorship packages are available to sponsor a team for Fall or Spring seasons as well as both seasons. Also League-wide sponsorships are available contact Joel Rabinowitz at 970-479-2280 or jrabinowitz@vailrec.com

Q: I would like a more competitive outlet for my child?

A: Competitive soccer is available thru the Vail Valley Soccer Club beginning at U10 or U11. Tryouts are held toward the end of the Spring Season. It is a 2-season commitment. Their phone # is 390-7994 and website is www.vailsoccer.com.