

Soccer 2024

Frequently Asked Questions

How old does my child need to be?

Participant registration will be for ages K4 – 6th grade. Participants must turn 4 by July 22, 2024, to be eligible to play.

What are evaluations and how do I sign up?

Each player must go through an evaluation to see where they land in their ability with basic soccer skills. **Evaluations will be conducted on Friday, June 14 between 5:30 to 8pm & Saturday, June 15 between 8:30am to 12pm.** You can choose a time using the Sign-Up Genius link. The link & instructions are provided during the online registration process.

When & where are practices held?

Practices are held 1 day a week beginning the week of July 29. They are 1 hour in length and will be held in the fields **behind the Family Life Center**. We offer practice times on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.

When will I find out my child's team/practice night?

Practice schedules will be communicated 1 week prior to the first practice.

We have other commitments in the evenings, can we request a practice time?

When you register online you are given the option to choose one night of the week that **does not** work for your child to practice. We cannot guarantee any other practice night request after that.

When are the games played?

Games will begin Saturday, August 17. They are scheduled between 9:00 am & 2:00 pm. They will be held each Saturday thru September 24.

I noticed that games and practices are at the church, do I need to be a member for my child to play?

No. Biblical truths are shared at every practice and game, but you do not need to attend a church to participate with Upward Sports.

Who will coach my child's team?

Most volunteer coaches are parents of a player on the team. If you as a parent sign up to coach you can pick the night and time you wish to practice. Coaches are given priority when assigning practice nights and times.

How can I coach my child's team?

Please fill out the online, volunteer form using the link on our Upward page. This is located below the registration information. When you register, you can mark the box that indicates you would like to volunteer to coach. You will be put on a list of potential coaches and be contacted by the league director. **A background check is required for all volunteers.**

To help assist you in coaching, we hold training prior to the beginning of the season.

What items will my child need to participate?

All players will need to have their own shin guards and cleats are highly recommended. Your child will receive a reversible team jersey and soccer socks (these are included in our registration fee), shorts can be purchased from Upward for an additional cost. All players will need solid black or navy shorts for game days.

I put in a special request when registering. Is my request guaranteed to be honored?

Special requests include the following: A specific practice night, a specific coach, a team with specific teammates, or a specific practice time. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee these special requests. Siblings in the same division will be placed on the same team. Coaches will have preference for practice nights. Teams will be assembled based on evaluation scores to ensure each team is equal in skill set.

What happens with practices and games if the weather is bad, or we are anticipating bad weather?

Several factors go into deciding if practices and games should be cancelled. The amount of rain, likelihood of storms, and field conditions are considered. When there is lightning, games and practices will end immediately. If there is a cancellation, parents and coaches will be alerted via text message. We will also post on our Facebook page.