

FREQUENTLY ASKED OYAA SOCCER QUESTIONS

1. Is a birth certificate required to register?
A birth certificate is not required to register for recreational soccer.
2. How old does my child need to be to play?
A child must be born on or before July 31, 2002 to play Spring 2007 Soccer.
3. Can my child play up or down an age group? / How are age groups determined?
Children can play up an age group if they are not more than 6 months below the age grouping. Parents may request for their child to play down an age group in cases of a physical or mental impairment. Age groups are determined by birth date, not school grade.
4. How are players assigned to a team?
New teams are created every fall. Attempts are made to consider school and neighborhood but we cannot guarantee that all children on a team will be from the same neighborhood or attend the same school. Where our volunteer coaches live factors into team creation. For example, if a neighborhood has 20 players in an age group and zero head coaches, and another neighborhood has 15 players and 3 head coach volunteers, something has to give.
5. Do teams stay together?
Teams only stay together from fall to spring.
6. Can I request a certain coach?
Coach requests cannot be guaranteed.
7. Can I request for my child to play with other children? / Can siblings play together?
Requests to play with a friend cannot be guaranteed. Parents can request that siblings be on the same team. Younger siblings may not be more than 6 months below the older age grouping. You must indicate your request on both forms.
8. Are teams formed by school or neighborhood?
We attempt to use neighborhood location and schools when creating teams. Where coaches are located and how many children in a neighborhood/school are in each league are factors that affect that attempt.
9. Are there separate boys and girls leagues?
The U5 league is coed. All other age groups are separate girls and boys teams.
10. Does my child need previous soccer experience to play?
No, prior soccer experience is not required; this is a recreational, instructional league.

11. When and where are practices held?
Practice times and locations are determined by the volunteer coaches and are limited to one or two per week depending on age group.
12. When and where are games played?
Teams will play primarily on Saturday all day. Some games may be played on weekday nights or Sunday afternoons in order to complete all of the scheduled games. Games are played at Liberty Park, North Orange Park, and various Olentangy Elementary Schools.
13. What equipment do I need to buy my child?
Your child must have shin guards and wear them at all practices and games. A mouth guard is optional but encouraged if your child has braces. OYAA provides a three piece uniform – jersey, shorts, and socks.
14. Does my child need a soccer ball? What size?
Each child should have a ball to bring to practices and to practice at home. OYAA does not provide a ball for each child. Children in U5, U6, and U7/8 use a size 3 ball. Children in U9/10 and U11/12 use a size 4 ball.
15. Does my child need cleats?
Cleats are not required but as the players grow older and more skilled they can be helpful. They must be rubber or plastic, no toe cleats. Regular tennis shoes can be worn.
16. Can my child wear jewelry during practice or games?
For safety reasons, no jewelry, including pierced earrings and metal hair clips, can be worn during practices or games.
17. How do I know if a game is cancelled? / What determines if a game is cancelled?
If games are cancelled a message will be posted on the OYAA website home page. Games are cancelled if the field conditions are very bad or if the weather is extremely bad. Soccer is played in the rain. If thunder or lightening is seen or heard during a game the game will be stopped and possibly restarted as stated according to the OYAA Guidelines for Lightning and Hazardous Weather Conditions. Coaches and referees have those rules.
18. If my child decides not to participate can I get a refund?
The Spring 2007 refund policy is – before teams are assigned: fee less \$10; after February 3: no refund. If the league is full and we cannot place your child you will receive a 100% refund.
19. If my check that I sent in is cashed does that mean my child got in the program?
Not necessarily. You actually are mailing your registration and payment to a bank lockbox. Your check gets automatically deposited the day they receive it.

The bank then sends us the registration and an accounting of the daily deposits. OYAA then assigns children to teams as space permits.

21. How do I sign up to coach?

On your child's registration form, simply check the head or assistant coach box. You will be contacted at a later date with coach meeting information. We need head coaches every season. Please volunteer.

20. Can coaches request to coach together?

Yes, coaches can request to coach together if their children fit into the same age group. This must be indicated on both registration forms.

21. Does OYAA provide training for coaches?

Yes, OYAA provides optional training for coaches prior to each season.

22. Do I need to have a license to coach for OYAA?

No license is required to coach for OYAA recreational soccer.

23. How do I become a soccer referee?

Referees must be 12 years old. OYAA requires and provides free referee training, but candidates should have a comfortable knowledge of the rules of the game. Referee information will be posted on the OYAA web site prior to training before each soccer season.

24. Can my child play both soccer and football in the fall?

Yes, both soccer and football can be played in the fall, although you will be busy. Most soccer games will be played on Saturday and all football games will be played on Sunday. You may have practice conflicts.

25. Can my child play soccer/lacrosse//baseball/softball in the spring?

There will be multiple conflicts for a child who wants to play both soccer and lacrosse. Soccer and baseball/softball will overlap slightly with soccer games ending and ball practice beginning. Soccer games will take priority.

26. Does OYAA have a multiple children discount for soccer?

No.

27. Does OYAA have a discount for children of coaches?

No.